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4-STORY HOTEL PLANNED

ANDREO ST. IMPROVEMENT MAY COME

Residents Ask For A Method of Securing Improvement

Street improvements occupied the attention of the city council for several hours Tuesday evening when the matter of paving Andreo, Gramercy and Cabrillo south of Carson was argued pro and con by spectators and members of the board, respectively.

Requests by residents on Andreo that the street be paved for a distance of at least two blocks from Carson, brought forth an opinion by City Engineer Jessup that he feared the adobe foundation on that street was of such an unreliable nature, especially when coming in contact with water, that the repaving of the street, unless it was graded and the objectionable soil removed would not warrant the expenditure.

Many of the residents on that street contended that the cause of the breaking up of the pavement was the heavy trucking on that thoroughfare, and the fact that heavily loaded trucks, the drivers of which lived in the neighborhood, allowed the trucks and trailers to remain parked by the roadside during the night.

Those interested in the matter of having each of the streets resurfaced were asked to have petitions from property owners prepared when action by the city council would be taken.

Verbal protests by residents along Carson street were made regarding the non-removal of soil near the property lines. The city engineer accepted the responsibility for the apparent oversight and stated that the water pipes along that thoroughfare were in places above grade, and that rather than have them exposed to the sun and weather he had allowed them to be covered with earth when the street was graded, and that he would see that the earth was removed if the residents along the boulevard so desired.

The city clerk was instructed to communicate with the Torrance Water company regarding the installation of a fire plug at the corner of 210th and Cota.

Councilman Stone announced that the engineers of the Southern California Edison company would arrive in Torrance soon to assist the city in a survey of the municipality for the purpose of increasing its street lighting system. Following the survey the engineers will prepare an estimate of the probable cost. The maps of two subdivisions about to be placed on the market were recommended for approval by the city engineer to whom they had previously been submitted.

Following the reading of the various rates of compensation insurance by Councilman Nash it was voted to insure every city employee at an aggregate expense of approximately \$325.

A communication from the city clerk of Los Angeles asking the endorsement of certain legislative bills about to be presented the assembly and senate at Sacramento, the matter was handed the city attorney for investigation and report. This action was also taken in the bill regarding reapportionment.

Reporting on the advisability of purchasing a fire alarm siren Councilman Stone suggested that the city purchase for the sum of \$295 a Sterling siren, and for the sum of \$30 a base for the machine, the price being F. O. B. Rochester, N. Y. The representative of the manufacturing company who was present stated that the apparatus would be shipped from the East in from two to three weeks, and carries a thirty-day free trial clause in the contract, and a liberal guarantee.

The matter of the playground and the further improvement for that purpose of the El Prado site was deferred, pending a conference of the chamber of commerce playground committee with Mrs. Torrance, as reported in another column.

Mayor Fitzhugh asked that the ordinance committee report on the drafting of a sign board ordinance at the next meeting.

INCOME TAX COLLECTOR COMING
The income tax collector, who will make his headquarters at the Torrance postoffice for the purpose of assisting residents of this city in making their reports will be on duty from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. February 26-27, according to Postmaster Gourdier.

The latter has been requested to ask those paying this tax to fill in, so far as possible, the forms already supplied before the above dates, thus avoiding confusion and delay when they are presented.

STAND BACK AN' GIVE 'EM AIR

Emporia (Kan.), Feb. 14.—The city commissioners thought the millennium had come yesterday when J. O. Graham, coal dealer, demanded that his paving taxes be doubled. Graham argued that his delivery teams used the pavement twice as much as other firms and he should pay more. His demand was granted.

WEST END TORRANCE OIL FIELD NOTES

New Derricks Going Up With Many Past the Spudding-In Stage

Activity in the west end of the Torrance oil field has been worthy of note the past ten days, as shown by the number of new derricks that are going up. Four new derricks have recently been completed.

The Emma Craven Well No. 1, joining the city limits of Redondo, leased to the Petroleum Midway Co., Ltd., spudded in February 5. They are using a two-foot bit and are down 600 feet. The process of drilling has been slow, as the formation so far has been hard rock and boulders.

The Shell Oil Co. has just erected a derrick on the Frenger lease, and spudded in February 11. The time limit had almost expired on this lease, and fifty men were at work to get the well going.

The Santa Fe has just erected a derrick known as Del Amo No. 5, across the boulevard and offsetting the Shell well on the Frenger lease. They are also making roads and hauling material for a new well to offset the Emma Craven Well No. 1, and Redondo No. 1, near the city limits of Redondo. This well will be known as Del Amo Well No. 6. All machinery will be driven by electric power.

Redondo No. 1, just inside the city limits, brought their well in at 3100 feet with a flow of 250 barrels. Preparations are now being made to drill to a depth of 3400 feet. It has been cemented off, and within a few days drilling through will begin.

Redondo No. 1, Shell lease, reports a depth of 3728 feet, with good showing of oil. They are drilling for deeper sand.

Torrance No. 1, Shell lease, after reaching a depth of 3139 feet, cemented off. At present the well is idle, until the cement sets.

1ST NATIONAL BANK TO HAVE AN ANNEX

Building 40x100 To Be Erected Next to Financial Institution

Grading of the lot adjoining the First National bank was begun Monday last preparatory to the erection thereon of a two-story brick building.

According to President James Wallace Post, the building will have a frontage of forty feet and a depth of 100 feet. Fifteen feet of the frontage running the length of the structure will be used by the bank for the Building & Loan association, bookkeepers' rooms and store room, and the remaining twenty-five feet leased for business purposes.

The upper story, which will only extend west approximately 25 feet will be leased for office purposes for which there already exists a large and growing demand.

The building, plans for which are in course of preparation, will conform in every particular with the bank building, and will be so constructed as to have the appearance of one solid building. Work on the project will be rushed to accommodate the overcrowded condition of the bank and satisfy seekers of offices.

NOTICE

The regular meeting of the M. E. Ladies will be held at the home of Mrs. James L. King on South Arlington avenue, Tuesday afternoon February 20. The hostesses are to be Mrs. King, Mrs. Peoples, Mrs. Merila Kersey, and Mrs. Ralphs George. All interested are welcome.

Modern Hostelry to be Built On Sartori Street

A. L. WILSON, ACTING FOR LONG BEACH HOTEL MEN, PURCHASE \$25,000 SITE IN CENTER OF CITY

It has been learned from unquestionable sources that Torrance will soon point with pride to a three or four-story modern hotel, construction of which will begin within the next thirty days.

The hotel, that will be of Class A construction, is to occupy the site sold Wednesday for \$25,000 by the Torrance Development company, at the corner of Sartori, Marcelina, and Cabrillo.

While all the parties to the transaction decline to commit themselves as to the true facts in the case, chasers the true facts in the case have been learned from out-of-town sources.

While the purchaser of the valuable site is A. L. Wilson, a prominent realtor of Los Angeles, it is understood

Negotiations on for Sale of Dom. Land Corp. Office

BURTON & CO., ACTING FOR LOS ANGELES CAPITALISTS, MAKE OFFER TO PRESIDENT OSBURN

The office building of the Dominguez Land corporation at the corner of El Prado and Cabrillo, together with the large lot on which the structure is built, is about to be sold, according to President R. M. Osburn.

While the details of this, one of the largest and most important real estate deals yet consummated in Torrance, are not complete and the interested parties, represented by Burton & Co., realtors of Los Angeles, have only made a deposit on the purchase price, it is thought by President Osburn that the deal will be carried out and that title to the premises will soon pass out of the land company's hands.

Though declining to state the purchase price or the terms of the transaction, President Osburn stated that the company would retain the use of the office building for some time, and that it was his opinion that the lot and building would be purchased as an investment.

It is understood from other sources that Burton & Co. have within the past three days purchased from the land company and individual owners nearly \$100,000 worth of choice business and residence property, and that they are convinced of the great future Torrance has and that an ever-increasing population, establishment of new factories and the oil industry will greatly enhance their holdings.

Playground Is Temporarily Held Up

Plans for the temporary playground on El Prado are to be changed, and possibly abandoned altogether by the chamber of commerce and city council committees, as a result of opposition on the part of Mrs. J. S. Torrance, according to a decision of the chamber of commerce directors at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

In discussing the playground situation, Secretary Gadeky informed the directors that Mrs. Torrance had informed him and others that she was very much opposed to the selection of the park site as a temporary playground, due to the fact that it disrupted the plans of her late husband, and felt that his wishes regarding the park should be respected.

She is said to have informed Mr. Gadeky that rather than see the plot of ground dedicated to the playground project she would furnish another site for this purpose, and that if the El Prado park site was insisted on by the committee in charge, intimated she would abandon the plan of giving to Torrance a public library and hospital, in conformity with the will of her late husband.

Speak for Yourself

All communications not too long (about 200 words) nor abusive will find a place here. Herald readers are invited to write to the Editor on any subject they desire, provided copy is signed, giving address.

WELL IN WEST EDGE OF FIELD COMES IN AT 250

Del Amo No. 3 Proves Theory That Oil Lies Nearer Torrance

The bringing in of Del Amo No. 3 last week with an initial production of approximately 250 barrels and a specific gravity of about 16, proves conclusively what this paper has repeatedly stated that the larger body of high grade oil will be encountered the nearer Torrance the wells are drilled.

Del Amo No. 3 lies about midway between Redondo and Torrance, and is in reality on the western edge of the Torrance field. Other wells drilled east of Del Amo No. 3 have in every instance shown not only a greater initial production but from ten to thirteen degrees higher gravity.

The performance of the newest well will, however, be watched with the greatest interest by producers, as it is believed that upon its results will depend the future disposition of much acreage in the vicinity.

According to an announcement made shortly after the well came in the Maggenheimer Brothers, who are now drilling near Ingleswood, have through the Sentinel Oil company, in which they are extensively interested, obtained leases on some big acreage near Torrance, one of the leases being known as the Joughin lease. It embraces 300 acres and is a mile east of Santa Fe's No. 3 well, one of the newest producers in the Torrance field.

TORRANCE DEV. CO. PUTS OVER BIG DEAL

Sells Lot On Sartori To Los Angeles Firm For \$25,000

In the sale this week of the corner lot bounded by Sartori, Marcelina and Cabrillo, directly opposite the First National bank for \$25,000 or at the rate of \$400 per front foot, the far-sightedness and acumen of the members of the Torrance Development company is conceded by their many friends, who are showering the quartette with congratulations on the termination of the big deal.

The property in question, one of the most slightly ones for an hotel, apartment house, or business block in the city, was sold Wednesday afternoon to A. L. Wilson, a prominent realtor of Los Angeles, who it is understood, is acting for Long Beach clients.

The Torrance Development company's personnel is made up of George W. Neill, president; H. E. Reeve, vice-president; W. E. Shelhart, secretary, and J. W. Post, treasurer, with the same men acting as board of directors.

The company was organized nearly five years ago, and adopted at once the policy of confining their realty and holding operations to Torrance property. That they have not deviated from this course, and have confined their activities to the purchase and sale of local real estate, has resulted in an increase in the value of their shares from \$100 to their present value of \$1200.

Among the company's other holdings, aside from the high priced lot sold Wednesday, are ten houses in the northern portion of the city that have an intrinsic value of \$16,000.

NEW REALTOR IN TOWN

Among the late arrivals in the realty line in Torrance is P. G. Snedecor, who has taken offices in the First National Bank building. Mr. Snedecor has already many listings of property, including the Torrance Annex tract, the general agent of which is "Knapp, the Land Man," of Long Beach.

MONUMENT FOR FOUNDER OF TORRANCE

Appropriate Memorial Suggested for the Late J. S. Torrance

(By H. MEL ROBERTS)
At a special meeting of the city council, Tuesday night, Mr. Proctor mentioned and endorsed a suggestion which had been made previous to this meeting that a fountain be erected in one of the parks by the citizens of the city to the memory of J. S. Torrance.

There was a time when monuments in cities were practically limited to men who had become distinguished in warfare. That time is rapidly passing, and the appreciation of some of the other worthwhile qualities of human nature are to be seen in the monuments and memorials erected to educators, scientists, authors, and other benefactors of humanity.

Every person in the city of Torrance is directly or indirectly benefited by the genius and energy Mr. Torrance expended in planning and building the city that perpetuates his name. It is too much to expect of free-thinking men and women to wish them to all agree that the plan of our city could not be improved. That is a debatable point which does not concern the fact that the city owes its origin to Mr. Torrance. That his motives were so high that a suitable memorial should be erected to fittingly acknowledge our appreciation of the father of our city must be plain to all who give the matter a moment's thought.

The example of Mr. Torrance in using his energy and resources to create an ideal industrial city should be emulated. To the boys and girls of our public schools a memorial to such a man will prove of inestimable value in raising their ideals of the purpose of life.

An appropriate memorial need not be in the form of a fountain. It can be a gateway, an obelisk, bronze tablet, or of other permanent form. The cost need not be great. But it should be a sincere expression of the appreciation of the citizens of Torrance for what Mr. Torrance did and desired to do for our city. That such an appreciation exists, there is not the slightest doubt.

VISIT TORRANCE FACTORIES

Getting first hand information as to how structural steel is manufactured and the process of making window glass, was accomplished by a party of Los Angeles and Long Beach residents who were guests of Mayor and Mrs. Fitzhugh Monday night in a visit to the Llewellyn Iron Works, and the Torrance Window Glass factory.

The party included, in addition to the host and hostess, R. Huber and family, of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Anton Huber, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moser and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huber and family, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kee, and Dr. and Mrs. Davis, of Long Beach.

OIL OPERATORS MOVE HERE

Torrance has already gained in population due to the sale last week by Babcock & Jones of the thirty-five acre tract, reported in last week's Herald, to C. M. Root of the oil producing firm of Selby & Root.

Mr. Root has taken temporary apartments in Torrance, as well as his nephew, Mr. Rhodes, the latter having been appointed manager of the large tract on which the firm will erect from 100 to 500 homes. Others connected with the big deal who will reside in Torrance are Mr. and Mrs. Dyers, the former a well-known oil operator of Texas, who has leased a portion of the new four-flat building near 218th street.

HIS ADDRESS IS TORRANCE

Among the many real estate transfers during the past seven days is the purchase by J. W. Macdowell of Kansas of two lots on the south side of El Prado at the corner of Arlington, through the real estate firm of Babcock & Jones.

The purchaser, who, a few hours previously had known little or nothing of Torrance, became so enthusiastic over the future of the city that when asked his permanent address, replied, "Torrance."