

Building Permits

For Week...\$ 27,800
 For Month... 95,650
 For Year... 470,405

Torrance Herald

NINTH YEAR

Price 5 Cents

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, April 27, 1923

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NO. 17

Oil and Gas Showing In Wildcat Well

Field Improving as Wells Come In Towards This City

Torrance No. 5 of Chanslor-Canfield Midway Lease Throws Oil to Top of Derrick, but Settles Down to 700 Barrels—Still Cleaning Out

Though it came in like a gusher, throwing oil to the top of the derrick, Torrance No. 5, on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease, and the last of the wells to the east to be brought in, has not yet lived up to the expectations of the oil men. The well was counted on to make better than 1000 barrels a day and to produce at least twenty-eight gravity oil. Up to yesterday, the best production of the well was estimated at 700 barrels, while it tested only twenty-one gravity.

The small production and low gravity is believed to be due to the fact that the well has not cleaned itself out entirely.

As soon as it has blown out all the mud in the casing its production is expected to increase considerably and also the gravity.

The showings in Torrance No. 5 are considered much better than Torrance No. 3, three locations to the west, which is making a steady production of 500 barrels a day pinched down as low as possible. The gravity in the latter well is also around twenty-eight. The steady improvement that has been shown in all the wells as they come east is the basis for the belief Torrance No. 5 will eventually come to early expectations. It has a strong gas pressure and was completed at 3614 feet, passing through about 550 feet of oil sand and shale.

The Hub's Smith No. 1, the offset to Torrance No. 5, is also below par, though it is believed due to poor casing and a faulty water shut-off. This well was completed ten days ago and as yet has not been turned into the tanks. It begins to look as though it might be necessary to pull the last few hundred feet of casing and run in some new pipe.

The men at the well are confident that they have a good producer and look for it to make at least 1500 barrels a day when it adjusts itself. It is claimed that for a time after it was brought in the well flowed at the rate of 3000 barrels. The gas pressure on the casing during the past week reached as high as 900 pounds, more than any other well in the field. Because of the big percentage of water in the oil, a satisfactory gravity test has not yet been made, but it is believed to run around twenty-eight, if not more.

An unsuccessful water shut-off was reported yesterday in the Hub's Frier No. 1, just to the east and north of Smith No. 1. This means a delay of a week or ten days more before drilling can be resumed. The well was cemented at 3070 feet and it was planned to go down for deeper production.

There is a growing belief throughout the field that deeper drilling will result in the hitting of a gusher sand. On the west side of the field, the Shell Oil Company is putting down Redondo No. 1 to a deeper sand. This well is now down 4000 feet, having passed up production at 3600 feet. It is offsetting the Amalgamated and Fullerton wells.

About a quarter of a mile farther to the east and little to the north, the Shell is preparing to put Torrance No. 1 on production at about 3600 feet. The well will be a pumper, the drillers believe.

Torrance No. 1, one the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease, is also being given a production test. While there is a fair oil showing in this well, it is not expected to be as good as the other wells on the same lease. A quarter of a mile due north of Torrance No. 1, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Dominguez No. 1 stands out black against the skyline showing that an oil sand has been tapped in this well, which for eighteen months has been surrounded with considerable secrecy. Like all things which are not open for public inspection, this well has been subjected to all manner of rumors, one of the most persist-

Saturday, Apr. 28, Is C. of C. Day at The Mission Play

The directors' meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at 4:30 o'clock with eight members present. The following communications received the attention of the board, and were disposed of as follows:

A communication was read from J. S. McGroarty, author of the Mission Play, calling attention of the board to the fact that Saturday, April 28, was Chamber of Commerce Day.

A letter was read from the California Development Association in regard to the advertising we received at the New York Travel Show, where 300 pieces of Torrance literature were sent for distribution.

A communication from the Southern Pacific Company thanked this chamber for their action in regard to the dismemberment of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific lines. The Interstate Commerce Commission ruled against the dismemberment and in favor of the Southern Pacific control over the Central Pacific.

A letter was read from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in regard to the American Historical Review and Motion Picture Exposition, endorsing the same.

The following applications for membership were presented and accepted: J. U. Hemmi, attorney; Mrs. Frank Sammons, Mrs. G. H. Sapp, and Jenney Realty Company.

A report was made on the advertising campaign now being carried on to raise a fund of \$7,500 for four-months' advertising. The amount subscribed at present is over \$7,600, and every effort is being made to increase the fund to \$8,000. Advertisements are to be published in the Los Angeles and Long Beach papers.

It was also called to the attention of the board that the next Forum meeting would be held in the Legion Hall, Monday, May 7, and that the Southern California Edison Company would put on an electrical show and entertainment, and that it was very important that all members of the board and all of our citizens attend this meeting. Matters of vital importance will be presented and discussed at this meeting.

It was also requested that the directors and members of the chamber give their aid in helping

ent being that it can be put on production at any time the holders of the lease care to open it up. In the meantime, preparations are being made to drill Dominguez No. 2, 400 feet east of No. 1.

Torrance No. 4, on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's lease south of Carson street, is reported to be drilling in the oil sand at a depth of 3200 feet. This well offsets the Standard's Torrance Community No. 3, which made an initial production of 1000 barrels a day. It is expected that the Chanslor-Canfield Midway well will be put on production at 3600 feet.

FOUR-FAMILY FLAT BUILDING ON 18th. ST.

Distinctive Features Predominate In Every Detail Throughout

Finishing carpenters and decorators of the Brewer Construction Company are busily engaged in completing the four-family flat on Eighteenth street, near Cabrillo avenue, for Mr. and Mrs. Melville Roberts. Wall beds, buffets, and other modern built-in fixtures are incorporated in these well arranged flats. The distinctive features, however, are the large, well lighted rooms. Another pleasing feature, one that is much desired, is the glassed-in porch for the flats of the second story. The electrical fixtures to be installed are new designs, to be used in Torrance for the first time. The outside of the building, including window facings, is being painted a pure white, which with the rustic pressed brick columns and trim to the concrete porch gives the building a pleasing appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been property owners in Torrance for over ten years, and have always had faith in the destiny of the city. About five years ago they erected the store building now occupied by the Torrance Food and Fuel Company, and the City Cash Market.

National Drilling And Development Co. Now at Work

Those interested in the National Drilling and Development Company, which is now operating in Ventura, were pleased with the report of G. A. R. Steiner, president of the company, after his four days' trip to the well. Mr. Steiner says operations are progressing satisfactorily and that drilling is going ahead at a rapid rate. Many local investors are interested in this well.

MANY ATTEND OPENING

Tom's Cafe Place, in the new Mosk building held its formal opening last Saturday and many new customers, as well as old, attended. Special music was furnished and a bowl of chili was given each visitor, as a welcome to the place. Mr. Bartlett announces that he has employed C. B. Willets, well-known as a chef in Northern California cities, and he will have charge of the kitchen.

A FREE BICYCLE

H. E. Paige, of Paige's Grocery, announces that he will give a bicycle away free of charge to the boys and girls of Torrance, next month. He asks those interested to see him at the store for full particulars.

WANTS TO GET ACQUAINTED

Charles Lapping, proprietor of the Charles Lapping Paint & Decorating Company, located in the Mosk building, Sartori street, has a way all of his own to get acquainted with the trade of this community. Mr. Lapping will give a can of paint, absolutely free, to those calling at his store the remainder of this week and next. The only conditions are that you meet Mr. Lapping and tell him you live in Torrance and community.

Geo. Murray, an engineer of the New York Central railway, expects to reside in Torrance and has sent advance inquiries regarding Torrance property to P. J. Ryan, local real estate dealer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilbert of Cota avenue left last week for a visit with friends in Arizona. They will return with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert.

to build up the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan Association in order that this association could be in better position to help in the building of homes.

STANDING ROOM GREET'S LATE FIGHT FANS

Program Best of Year; Local Post Planning Larger Stadium

The boxing program of the local American Legion Post, held Wednesday night, in the American Legion Hall, was more than pleasing to the large audience that attended. Matchmaker Murphy displayed splendid judgment in selecting his entertainers for this card, and promises even better bouts in the future.

Owing to the large crowds who attend the fights the executive committee of the Post is now formulating plans to finance and erect a new and larger building that will accommodate all with seats. Local people are not only supporting the programs, but automobiles loads of out-of-town lovers of the fight game are attending.

Announcer Joe Capelle of San Pedro amused the crowd Wednesday night with his peppy announcements in introducing the performers. He seemed to enjoy his position very much and seeing that the crowd was with him, added more gestures to each announcement. Just before the main event he announced Benny Andrews of San Pedro; Steve Bias, middleweight, of Los Angeles, and "Young" Ernie, of Salt Lake, who will show the fans of this city what they can do with their fists in the near future.

The first preliminary was between "Sailor" Le Bars, of the U. S. S. Prohemus, and Mike Gibbons, who was substituted for "Sailor" Bosco, of the U. S. S. Texas, who did not appear. Gibbons was put out by the knockout route.

The next event, between "Sailor" Schultz, of the U. S. S. Idaho, and Joe Kelly, who substituted for Micky Rollinson, was declared a draw by Referee Tom Fury.

"Bout No. 3, between "Young" LeRoy and Ted Frenchy was declared a draw, the decision pleasing the crowd.

"Sailor" Telles, of the Submarine Base only got started with "Young" Stanley, who knocked him out in the first round.

The next event, billed as a feature to the main event, was between the old Torrance favorite, Sam Kasper, of Torrance, and Joe Behan, of Long Beach. Both boys did their best and certainly entertained the large audience with real punches. Behan drew the decision on steady and better boxing.

The main event between "Sailor" Peter Jackson, the forty-four-year-old wonder of the U. S. S. Arizona, and George Lampson, of the Grotto Gym, Redondo, was a good bout. Jackson took the count limit during the rounds in order to rest up. He was down at the count of seven in the fourth round, when the gong rang, ending the fight.

The next card will be Wednesday night, May 5.

FIVE-ACRE LEASE

The second five acres north of Carson street on the east side of Vermont avenue were sold the early part of this week to twenty Pasadena investors, who in turn leased to an oil company. A rig will go up in thirty days, according to reports from this section yesterday.

MARCH OIL OUTPUT 20 MILLION
 Total production of crude oil in the state of California for the month of March amounted to 19,608,192 barrels, according to figures given out by the American Petroleum Institute in San Francisco.

Total stocks of oil on hand at the end of the month were 1,781,176 barrels over the same figure for February, refiners now having in their storage tanks a grand total of 66,593,571 barrels.

This increase is accounted for by the tremendous number of new producing wells added during the period. Seventy-one new holes were brought in for an aggregate initial production of 37,420 barrels.

New Possibilities Predicted as Result of Developments

Oil Men Say Present Indications Are Sufficient to Warrant Highest Expectations of Field to The East

An oil and gas showing in the Peterson-Barker Syndicate's wildcat well at 213th street and Western avenue, struck during the drilling of the past few days, is casting a new light on the district east of Torrance and points to new possibilities for the Torrance field. Up to noon yesterday, the well had been drilled to a depth of 2800 feet, indicating that the oil and gas showings are coming from an upper sand, encountered at about the same depth on the west side. So far the logs of the well have been checking closely with the best wells in the proven area.

Electrical Demonstration by Edison Co. At Forum Meeting On Monday Evening May 7

The Southern California Edison Company, for the information of its consumers and the general public, has arranged a very interesting demonstration of high voltage, high frequency electricity, generating and using a million volts of electricity in the room where the exhibition is given. By special apparatus and careful manipulation the operators are enabled to allow this immense voltage to pass through their bodies, thereby performing many interesting experiments.

By way of variation in the program one of the employees skilled in the art of legerdemain gives a fifteen-minute exhibition of slight of hand work. He claims to be the possessor of one of the mummified hands of King Tutankhamen. His love of relics and of this hand in particular is so great that he has taught the hand to answer for him, any questions asked.

There is also in connection with the entertainment a short lecture on the industrial growth of Southern California, Los Angeles county in particular, illustrated with lantern slides, and one reel of motion pictures showing the most beautiful scenery in the state and incidentally a number of the power houses of the company.

This entertainment is given in different communities under the auspices of Chambers of Commerce, schools, churches, clubs, etc., without charge and is solely for the information of the people.

Arrangements have been made by W. G. Partridge, greater service representative of the Southern California Edison Company, to have this entertainment in the towns shown below, and under the auspices of the different bodies as shown:

Monday afternoon, April 30, at 2 o'clock, at the grammar school assembly room, Inglewood, for students only, of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Monday evening, April 30, at 7:30 o'clock, at Inglewood grammar school assembly room under auspices of Inglewood Chamber of Commerce.

Tuesday evening, May 1, at the Pavilion in Manhattan Beach, under auspices of Chamber of Commerce of Manhattan Beach.

Wednesday evening, May 2, at 7:30 o'clock, at Redondo Villa Tract, Chamber of Commerce building, under auspices of the Villa Tract Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday evening, May 3, at 7:30 o'clock, in the city hall, Lomita, under auspices of Lomita Business Men's Association.

Friday evening, May 4, at 7:30 o'clock, in the school auditorium at Gardena, under auspices of Gardena Commercial Club.

Monday evening, May 7, at 7:30 o'clock, in the American Legion Hall, Torrance, under auspices of

R. W. Edens, who leased the 100 acres upon which the wildcat well is being drilled, declares that he is confident that the well will hit the pay sand and be a good producer of high gravity oil. He is even attempting to extend his lease holdings as a result of the showings in the well.

The drill stem, twisted off at 2400 feet about two weeks ago, was landed last Friday and since then good progress has been made in the well.

Because of the steady improvement in the gravity of the wells on the west side as they come east, it is believed that any oil that may be struck in the Peterson-Barker well will be high gravity, possibly going higher than thirty. Oil men say that present indications are sufficient to warrant the highest expectations of the Torrance field and the territory to the east. A number of these men are now buying up land in the vicinity of the wildcat and assert that they are intending to put down wells within the very near future.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR WEEK

Building permits for the week from April 19 to April 26, total \$27,800. The following permits were granted: First Methodist Episcopal Church, church building; John Devens, 2015 Andree, bungalow; Torrance Realty Company, lot 300, frame office building; E. Clarkson, 2116 Andree, dwelling; R. R. Barkbeter, 907 Portola, garage; J. G. Wise, 1921 West 218th street, twelve-room house and an addition to property at 1753 Andree; Torrance Investment Company, 812 Anapola, dwelling.

NO MORE CHAUTAUQUAS

Failure on the part of the people of Torrance to sign contracts guaranteeing the expense of the 1924 Chautauqua, H. L. Sweet, traveling manager, informed the Herald there would be no Chautauqua for next season. This season's sale of tickets was somewhat better than last year when guarantors paid a deficit amounting to \$10 each. This year each guarantor was supposed to take four season tickets at \$2.50 each and in this manner put the Chautauqua over the top. Of the 101 signers, seventy-four took tickets, leaving a deficit of an average of about fifty cents to guarantors. This figure may be considerably reduced when all moneys are in.

The cost of the Chautauqua was \$1200 for six nights, and while the attendance was good this year a majority of the people feel the cost is too much, besides bringing in these outside entertainers is an injustice to our own theatre.

The Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday evening, May 8, at 7:30 o'clock, in school assembly room at Hawthorne, under auspices of Business Men's Association of Hawthorne and Hawthorne school.

Wednesday evening, May 9, at 7:30 o'clock, in the school assembly room, El Segundo, under auspices of the El Segundo schools.

Everyone cordially invited to any of these performances, except the one in Inglewood for students only. Admission is free.