

Building Permits
 For Week... \$ 89,600
 For Month... 166,925
 For Year... 687,905

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Construction Crews On Santa Fe Ry. On New Torrance Line

Within Sixty Days Force of Men and Grading Outfits Will Be at Work; Industries Seeking Sites

That the next sixty days will see crews of men at work on the Santa Fe railroad line from El Segundo to the Harbor, was the opinion expressed by officials of the company yesterday. The section of the road between El Segundo and Torrance will be the first to be completed, the officials said.

The industrial development along the right of way will surpass their early expectations, the officials declared. Already, they have received numerous inquiries concerning factory sites along the route of the railroad, and predict that the next few years will see the right of way lined with factories from El Segundo to the harbor.

Torrance, they said, would be the center of this industrial development, particularly because of its central location and because it has laid the foundation for such a development. The facilities provided for the industries already there will draw other, they said.

The capital invested in the Torrance industries up to the present time has reached a total of \$10,000,000 and is being added to constantly. More than 300 acres has been set aside for industries, and of that amount about 200 acres is being used.

The Santa Fe line will give the district between El Segundo and the Harbor its first trans-continental steam road.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR WEEK

The following building permits were issued from May 17 to May 24, at the city clerk's office:
 Vonthrock Building Company, lot ten, block forty-two, dwelling and garage; Root, Rhodes & Dyer, 720C Amapola, dwelling; S. F. Smith, 2215 Redondo boulevard, garage; F. Clark, rear 1731 Andreo, dwelling; H. Black, contractor, lot nine, block fifty-one, dwelling and garage; Torrance Oil & Development Company, tract 3758, twelve oil derricks; O. W. Stone, 1732 Cabrillo, two-story building; Chanslor-Canfield Oil Company, southeast corner of Cedar, derrick, and on north lot forty-one, tract 2675, derrick.

"TOMORROW SURE"

The most perplexing problem that has always confronted the printing trades is for customers to ask next to the impossible things in the way of the delivery of the job. The result is that the printer has had to work most nights and Sundays on jobs that "had to be printed right away."

Even today there are many buyers of printing who do not seem to realize that it takes time to set type, select stock, submit proofs, run a job on the press. They do not seem to grasp the fact that it may be difficult to sidetrack every other job in the shop to give their special job the right of way. They do not consider that it takes time for ink to dry, time for office entries, time for wrapping and delivering. "Get it out quick," sums up their attitude toward the matter of promptness. The photo-engravers make a charge for rush work, the bigger the rush the greater the cost. So far as the printer is concerned, such a charge would be justified, but its greatest value would be in discouraging the practice of ordering always in a hurry.

A rush job is always more expensive to produce. There is the likelihood of a mistake. Correctness means careful proofreading. Correcting and re-reading takes time. Then there is the angle of quality. Real quality work also takes time. The customer has everything to lose by rushing his job through the plant and upsetting the routine and, if he actually knew the conditions he would get away from the habit of waiting until the last moment before ordering.

SYKES ACRE FREE OF LEASE

The acre owned by Mrs. Phoebe Sykes on South Arlington is free of the Sanborn Oil Company lease, the pipe has been removed, and by mutual consent the contract was cancelled.

HUB OIL CO. SMITH NO. 1 FINE SHOWING

Promises to Be One of Best Producers of The Field

A bad fishing job is temporarily holding up the deepening of the Hub Oil Company's Smith No. 1, which is giving promise of being one of the best producers of the field. This well was put on production about 30 days ago, but the water shutoff was not entirely successful making it necessary to run in new casing. While this was being done the Hub officials decided to deepen the well, believing that in the next hundred feet or so bigger production and higher gravity oil would be struck.

Because of the shortage of machinery, it was necessary to take the equipment out of Frier No. 1 to deepen Smith No. 1, so at the present time that well is standing idle, having been put down to about 3200 feet.

It begins to look as though the Hub officials were following the right hunch in deepening Smith No. 1, as Torrance No. 5, the Chanslor Canfield Midway's offset well on the south side of Carson street is only making 230 barrels a day. The big improvement that has been made in all other wells as they have come east make it look as though Torrance No. 5 should be at least an 800-barrel well. At the present time it is making less than half the production of Torrance No. 3, three hundred yards to the west, and is only equal to that of Torrance No. 2, which has been on production for about six months. Torrance No. 5 was completed at 3614 feet.

Torrance No. 4, between Torrance No. 5 and No. 3, is down 3608 feet and is about to be put on production. It is not believed that this well will be put down much deeper and should be decorating the crown block with oil by the first of next week.

With the prospects brighter this week for the side-tracking job in the Peterson-Barker Syndicate's well to be carried out successfully, attention is again being turned to this wildcat, that gives promise of proving up a large territory to the east of Torrance and all the land between it and the producing wells on the west. A fish-tail bit is being used in an attempt to force the drill stem, broken off in the hole about six weeks ago, into the well, making it possible to get the casing by it. Good progress was made during the past three days.

If the side-tracking fails, the rig will be skidded and the hole redrilled. The showings in the well up to the present time have satisfied the men financing the drilling if they complete the hole.

TRACK MEET

The boys of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades went to San Pedro yesterday to the district track meet. The Torrance boys made a very good showing among the several hundred boys who were entered in the meet. The boys winning points for Torrance were: Daniel Bernard, standing broad jump; Arthur Carlson, thirty-five yard dash; Thomas McNeil, fifty-yard dash; Alex Mason, 100-yard dash.

Of the five relay teams entered from Torrance, four won points. The boys in the teams were: Primaries, Henry Scott, Thomas McNeil, Orlonzo Reeder, Leonard Lock, Juniors, Eugene Dougherty, Oliver Long, Claude Mills, Ralph Sach, Intermediates, Clifford Stoner, Eugene Stoner, Claude Grant, Alfred Pennington, Senior Elementary, Alex Mason, Robert Denivit, Peary Quigley, Frank Case.

CASTLE APARTMENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen and Mr. S. K. Noland and daughter Gretchen had a delightful motor trip Sunday through Pasadena, lunched in Anaheim, visited the Japanese Gardens near Hollywood and dined in the evening at the new Gypsyland Cafe in Hollywood. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brody and baby, Jean, were guests of friends in Los Angeles Sunday.

BIG SHOW COMING

The next big show scheduled at the Torrance Theatre will be given by the Business Men's Association of Torrance for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. Further announcements will appear in the Herald before the big time is put on.

STANDARD OIL COMMUNITY NO. 4 TO DEEP SAND

Believe Big Production and High Gravity Floats Below

The Standard Oil Company in announcing the location of Torrance Community No. 4 on its thirty-acre lease on the west edge of Torrance, promises to test the Torrance field for a deeper sand. This is one of the most important announcements of the past six months.

It is now the firm belief of a large number of oil experts that a deeper sand, carrying big production and high gravity oil exists in the Torrance field, and it is possible that Torrance Community No. 4 will change the aspects of the entire field.

Half way between Torrance and Redondo, the Shell Oil Company is putting down Redondo No. 1 to a deeper sand. This well is now about 4300 feet deep and will be put down to 5000 feet. Even if this well does not strike a deeper sand, it is not expected to halt deep drilling farther to the east.

EXPANSION IN BUSINESS OF REALTY FIRM

Through the continued growth of their business on account of the phenomenal development of Torrance during the past year, the firm of Babcock & Jones, realtors, have found it necessary to take over the entire corner in the Auditorium building, formerly occupied by the "House of Parr Values."

This real estate and insurance firm, which has been in business in Torrance for well over a year, had its inception in the desire of L. V. Babcock and James W. Jones, to have a share in the growth and development of this city. Beginning in a comparatively modest way, they have by constant effort and their desire to be one of the leaders, kept pace with the activity of Torrance.

Their office is thoroughly equipped to be of service to the people of the community, in fact they specialize on that type of service, as well as being able to properly take care of outside investors. The real estate department, in charge of James W. Jones, is fully abreast at all times of the latest developments in property in Torrance and vicinity. The insurance department, which is qualified to write all forms of insurance, is in charge of Don Rader. For the further convenience of the public Mrs. Marguerite Rees has been appointed a notary public and she is also qualified to render all assistance in the making of loans to prospective home builders.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

The Girls' Glee Club, composed of sixteen members, are celebrating "Music Week." Monday afternoon the Woman's Club enjoyed several songs, and at the Torrance Theatre Tuesday evening groups of four and five songs, and "part songs" were beautifully rendered by the young songsters. This evening they will sing during the intermission in the play, "Stop Thief," at the American Legion Hall.

Mrs. J. S. Tolson of Huntington Park was a dinner guest Monday of Mrs. George Woodside of Susana street.

A fishing trip over the week-end with lots of fishing and no fish, was enjoyed at Sespri by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Young.

Mr. Coffman of Lynwood purchased Lot Ten in Block Fifty-nine, this week, through the Torrance Investment office, and will at once begin the construction of a modern home.

Louis Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Murray, 1912 Andreo avenue, who has been seriously ill with heart trouble, is much improved, but is still confined to his bed.

Oil Development Increasing Rapidly In Torrance Fields

Locations Being Made In Widely Separated Parts of Field As Seven Rigs Go Up

While operations in other Southern California oil fields are being slowed down, the development work in the Torrance fields is on the increase. During the past ten days locations have been made in widely separate parts of the field for seven new rigs, some of which have already been built.

Rigging Up On 4070 Tract North of Carson

Leasing and Sales of Property Mark Week's Activity in Section

Lumber was put on the ground this week for the first well in the 4070 Tract, which is one block north of Carson street, west of Cedar, south of Redondo boulevard and east of Hickory street. There has been considerable leasing activity in this tract during the past few weeks, as well as a large number of sales of property.

The well is located on Block 11, on which a lease was closed by W. M. Keck, head of the Superior Oil Company, a few weeks ago. Keck paid a bonus of about \$2600 an acre for the block, which is approximately five acres. The Hub's Smith No. 1 was the nearest well to be put on production. However, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 6, now about ready to cement in the oil sand, is only 200 yards to the west. The Chanslor-Canfield Midway's well is down 3200 feet.

"Stop Thief"

"Open in the name of the law! I have a search warrant and I'm going to search everything and everybody in this town," to search for twenty or fifty cents from everyone—the price of a ticket to "Stop Thief," the high school play. The students have been working for weeks to make this play a thing of which Torrance may be proud. The cast of seventeen is representative of Torrance and the school.

Most plays offer only one romance, but this gives you three romances and three weddings, and all for one admission. While through it all, two crooks, an absent-minded father, and a nervous bridegroom complicate matters until the police are called in to bring everything to a happy conclusion.

Those in the play are: Joan Carr, a flapper; Helen Tiffany Carr, her mother; Loretta Condey, the older sister; Lora Barnett, a nervous bride; Clara Totten, a mysterious maid; Lillian Elman, Albert Isenstein, busy but friendly friend; Clarence Mills, a broker.

George Montzer, Frank Higgins, Jack Doogan, crooked and clever; George Hannan, the best detective in Rhode Island; Frank Perkins, Sergeant of Police; Walter Eason, Policeman; Zachariah Booth, Policeman; O'Brien, Lex Briney, Policeman; Robert Lessing, a Chauffeur; Robert Lessing, a Chauffeur. Lillian Elman will play between the acts and the Girls' Glee Club of the high school will sing.

The date, May 25, was made available through the courtesy of the Torrance Woman's Club. These ladies kindly postponed their dance to accommodate the high school students, until Friday evening, June first.

Don't fail to come, May 25, Legion Hall, Curtain at 8:15.

ATTENTION, BISBEEITES!

All former Bisbee, Arizona, folks are asked to bring their lunch baskets to Bixby Park, Long Beach, Sunday, May 27, at 1:00 p. m. Let's have a good old-fashioned reunion and picnic dinner.

Mrs. Fanny King has opened a real estate office in the Good Eats lunch room, Erwin Hotel building.

O. D. KNIGHT, LONG BEACH, GETS LEASE

Blocks 90 and 62, Torrance Tract, Near Cedar and Red. Blvd.

Closing of a lease involving Blocks Ninety and Sixty-two of the Torrance Tract, just east of Cedar street and south of Redondo boulevard, was announced yesterday. The lease is held by O. D. Knight of Long Beach.

Negotiations for the lease were started about nine months ago, but because some of the owners of property in these blocks were living outside the state it took a long time to close the transaction. A bonus of \$1750 an acre was paid by Knight; the owners getting one-sixth of the oil. The first well must be spudded in by October 26, 1923.

W. M. Keck just recently put over a lease on the north half of Block Ninety-one, which borders Block Ninety on the south. In Block Fifty-five, just south of Block Sixty-two, Trimble & Rhea are preparing to spud in their first well on a two-lot lease.