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**Great Acreage Under Lease
In The Gardena Oil Field**

(From Gardena Reporter)

The Bodger well has been cemented at 3750 feet. A string of six-inch casing is being installed and drilling will be resumed as soon as possible. Operations were delayed by transfer of the crew to another well at Playa del Rey, a few months ago. Drilling has been very carefully carried forward and a good well is expected.

The first Julian well in Gardena territory is going down with remarkable rapidity on the Mrs. F. Murphy ranch in the Gardena road district, about two miles east of Gardena and a quarter of a mile south of 161st street. The well is down considerably more than 1000 feet after drilling but eight days, and to date, one may surmise the depth that has been reached. The drilling commenced Monday, April 30, and is passing through a hard formation. The sluce boxes are carrying the peculiar dark grey deposit which is noted in all oil fields and the indications for oil easily justify expectations.

Superintendent Graham affably greets all visitors and assures them they are perfectly welcome at all times. There is no darkened and solemn secrecy about the administration for the cards are face up on the table.

The drill is confidently expected to strike oil within 120 days from April 30 and the jubilation may be in order within ninety days.

The Callender well, immediately south of the Julian, is cemented at 3780 feet and that is enough to say that oil is an assured fact. It is named on the map as the Gardena Syndicate, but is now generally spoken of as the Union Oil Company proposition.

The leases in the Gardena district, west of the north and south Central avenue, which separates the Compton from the Gardena territory, are here named and with the acreage and fractions, where they exist: Brownings, 5.7; M. Condren, 15.93; Gardena Syndicate, (Callender) 27.0 and 273.89; also Burnham Exploration Company and Union Oil Company, each marked one-half, presumably of this tract; E. C. Haskins, twenty acres to W. S. Large; Athens Oil Company, 92.2; D. P. Duncan, 10.6; Duncan, 5.85, to the Midway Petroleum; M. E. Morse to Julian Reed, 15.2; J. P. Brodsky heirs, 77.8 to Associated Oil Company; Potter Oil Company, fifty acres; M. F. A. J. and J. P. Amestoy, 41.44 to General Petroleum; D. E. Welcome, 38.8; Potter Oil, 37.6; M. M. McGillan to General Petroleum; E. R. Broadbeck, 37.39 to the Standard Oil Company.

The leases known to be held by C. C. Julian and R. J. Osborne, Harbor boulevard and 157th street, 9.34 acres; J. M. Larrande, 79.96; Murphy, 37.8; Wm. H. Haskin, fifteen acres; the S. A. Stitt, 9.9 acres; and a fraction of over twenty acres between the D. P. Duncan and E. I. Duncan tracts, both under lease to other parties.

There are a number of tracts other than those mentioned and under lease; that of Ben Clark, on Wilmington road, and there is the O. B. Curtis six acres—the Curtis poultry ranch—which is reported having received a \$500 per acre bonus; \$30 per month rent per acre and to receive one-sixth royalty. The Carrell ranch of eighty acres, adjoining and south of Gardena, is under lease to a company not stated to the public. There are a number of tracts south of Palm avenue, on Harbor boulevard, distinctly with Gardena territory; the Chas. Strumer place; the Brown acres, and it is also credibly reported that the Dr. S. O. Barnes tract is under lease.

The second oil drilling outfit to commence work just one week after the C. C. Julian is that of the J. Sandberg interests of Signal Hill, which hauled in the timber Monday, May 7, on the W. W. Moreland place of 15.2 acres, south of and fronting Rosecrans avenue and one-fourth mile west of the north and south Central avenue, east of South Park avenue in Gardena Heights.

Those persons who could see nothing but nonsense in the repeated declarations in this paper, for years, must be agreeably sur-

prised to know that Julian is breaking the speed record within our own territory and that Sandberg, also of go-getter fame, is proving his faith by works. This puts a clincher in the argument that all must realize means several things. It means a progressive epoch is opening and that the old has passed away. Those who from motives, no matter how sincere, and who have held to the past must now turn and face the future.

CANDIDATES WORKING HARD

The candidates who are working to win the bicycle to be given away by Paige's Grocery next month, are going strong and it is expected that a close count will be necessary to determine the winner at the close of the contest.

Mr. Paige and all clerks of the store are helping the candidates by calling the attention of every customer to the list of contestants and asking them, when they buy coffee, who their preference is for the votes.

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**TO CURTAIL
PRODUCTION
SURPLUS OIL**

William Keck, who has several leases in the Torrance oil field and who has been active as a drilling contractor and oil producer for several years, has been selected by the Producers' Executive Committee of the oil producers of Southern California to pass judgment upon the capacity of oil wells. Mr. Keck will be assisted in this work by a corps of helpers, but he will devote all his time to the mechanical questions affecting the production of wells in Southern California.

It is the purpose of the producers' committee to curtail production owing to the surplus of oil, the phenomenal production and development of fields, and the inadequate storage facilities. Despite the huge additions made to storage, the marketing companies are incapable of handling the increased production. Co-operation of big and little producers is sought to cut production until the immense surplus now in storage can be marketed and more adequate provisions be made for meeting needs of the producers. The Union and the Standard are reported to have voluntarily cut their own production as much as thirty per cent in an effort to meet the emergency and co-operate with other producers.

There are 55,250 railroad passenger coaches in use, having a seating capacity of 2,270,000. The 9,500,000 automobiles now in operation have seats for approximately 47,000,000.

If there were a necessity, the motor vehicles registered today could carry every man, woman and child in the country at the same time, according to Firestone statistics.

In 1910 there were but 451,000 motor vehicles in the United States. On July 1, 1922, there were 10,608,127.

According to insurance company statistics, \$9,500,000 was paid out for burned cars in 1922. The great part of this loss was the result of carelessness.

The United States has spent between \$15,000,000,000 and \$20,000,000,000 for automobiles and trucks in the last fifteen years. More than \$6,000,000,000 has been expended for improved roads, say Firestone experts.

If you have been in the habit of using the same oil in summer as in winter, better change the habit as well as the oil.

It is estimated that the railroads carried 1,042,251,000 tons of freight in 1921, while motor trucks hauled 1,430,000,000 tons.

The thirteenth American Good Roads congress was held in Chicago this year. Eighty-five thousand invitations were sent to county and highway commissioners, mayors and others. Uniform state highway traffic regulation was a principal topic of information.

In September, 1922, sixteen and five-tenths persons in every 100,000 of population were killed as a result of automobile accidents.

Only one make of American car has 12 cylinders. Fourteen are made with eight, ninety-four with six and thirty-seven with four.

KEystone ITEMS

Mrs. Chas. LeBouef spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Chambers, in Santa Monica.

Paul Morris and family visited in Santa Ana Sunday.

Chas. LeBouef spent part of his vacation at the Ambassador Hotel. Little Mary Nidever was home from school the past week on account of sickness.

Mrs. S. Jensen gave a dinner to about twelve guests last Saturday. The occasion was a shower for a bride-to-be.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards spent Thursday night at the home of Z. W. Jennings. They were on the way to their home in Missouri.

Miss Bertha Everard spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Harry Roque.

Little John Benson of Los Angeles spent a few days the past week with his grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Vogel.

The Keystone Boosters will meet Saturday night, May 26, at the Chamber of Commerce hall.

Have you noticed Bill Sykes in his new Buick roadster?

The lumber is on the ground for an oil derrick at Wilmington and Dolores. Watch Keystone grow!

The P-T. A. met at the S. Sleppy home for the purpose of electing officers. Those elected were: President, Mrs. E. Stevens; vice-president, Mrs. Carter; secretary, Mrs. Namens; treasurer, Mrs. Sleppy. The parents' meeting afterward did not turn out as expected.

The Wednesday Afternoon Crochet Club met at the home of Mrs. S. Jensen. Refreshments of strawberry shortcake and coffee were served. Everyone had a fine time.

Mrs. S. Sleppy and Mrs. R. Hull spent Monday in Los Angeles.

Bert Nidever is spending the week at Catalina.

Mrs. B. Berry and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings spent Tuesday in Los Angeles.

MOTHER DEAR

I used to think an angel
Was a person who had wings.
And off somewhere in heaven
Played a harp of golden strings.
But now I know that angels
Are the mothers kind and true,
And I think of all the angels,
Mother, dear, there's none like you.

You brought me up with tender care,
And guided me with love.
And trained this happy soul of mine
To see the things above.
Oh! I'm sure before God sent me,
He sought an angel true,
And I know the best one that he found,
Mother, dear—was you.

Through the years of early childhood
You guided me with care,
And even now in manhood,
I have your love to share.
I know 'tis true God gave us friends,
Some wise, some good, some true.
But of all the friends and angels,
Mother, dear, there's none like you.

—HARRY GAMBLICHER.

A number of Torrance folks joined Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tolson of Huntington Park and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemstreet of Huntington Beach at a plunge party at Redondo one evening recently.

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