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Work Starts In New Glass Factory

Company Will Put 200 Men at Work On All-Year Jobs

Greatly Increased Capacity by Virtue of New Machinery and Patent Rights Calls for Big Payroll

Idle since spring, pending reorganization and installation of modern machinery, the Western Sheet Glass company started work Tuesday night in the newly constructed plant.

Robert Hurst, superintendent of the new company, announced that the machinery in the old factory will be operating in June and that the company, "despite its new machinery, will employ 200 men every month of the year—more than were employed part of the year under the Torrance Window Glass company.

According to Mr. Hurst, the new plant has a capacity of 20,000 square feet of wire glass and rough plate glass a day and will employ about 60 men.

When machinery is installed in the old plant for the manufacture of window glass approximately 150 men will be employed. The capacity of this factory will be 50,000 boxes of glass a day.

In Leading Position

The modern machinery already in operation and to be set up puts the Torrance plant in the lead position among glass manufacturers on the Pacific coast, and there will be no more up-to-date glass factories in the United States.

The company has secured exclusive Pacific coast rights to a patented process for the manufacture of window glass. Machinery for this process is now being manufactured in Belgium and will be in operation here next June, according to present indications. Eight of these Fourcault

machines are being made for the Torrance company. The magnitude of this order and the size of the local glass factory is evidenced by the fact that there are only six of these machines in operation in the United States—all of them in the east.

New equipment for both the wire glass and window glass factories cost the company \$750,000.

The company is considering the purchase of polishing machines for installation in the wire glass factory. If it is decided to buy this equipment the company will make polished plate glass in the local plant.

More Men Needed

When the company was reorganized and it was announced that machinery would be introduced, it was generally thought that the factory would employ fewer men than under the old-fashioned process of manufacture. But the greatly increased output of the company will necessitate the employment of more men than before.

The company has completed six new bungalows for employees and is planning construction of several more.

Robert Raphael of Los Angeles is president of the company. C. L. Bisbee, formerly of the Torrance Window Glass company, is secretary and treasurer and general manager. Other directors are Adolph Sieroty, Eugene Roth, Ben Franks, Arthur Asher and Mr. Weyl.

Robert Hurst, general superintendent, has purchased a lot on Post avenue, where he contemplates the construction of a home.

FREEHOLDERS FAVOR SCHOOL DISTRICT HERE

President Enunciates Policy; League to Seek Lower Water Rates

That there is unanimity among the citizens of Torrance and all civic organizations on the desirability of forming a Torrance school district, independent of the Los Angeles board of education, was again evidenced Wednesday night when Lee R. Taylor, president of the Freeholders' league, declared himself in favor of the proposed movement. Mr. Taylor said he believed the Freeholders' league would lend its support to the cause.

By a unanimous vote of the members present Mr. Taylor was instructed to appoint a committee to investigate local water rates and to seek lower rates before the railroad commission. Mr. Taylor appointed W. T. Klusman and Messrs. Cuffey and Mullen on the committee. At Mr. Klusman's request Mr. Taylor also agreed to act.

Mr. Taylor in an address denied the intimation that he is seeking public office at present.

"I have never and am not now considering it," he said, and added that if public opinion should place confidence in him as a candidate for office, that would be the time to consider it, and not until then.

Mr. Taylor sounded the opening gun in what may be a battle against the paving of Western avenue by general assessment. He declared that "there are courts of justice in this country, and I am licensed to practice before them."

To open the meeting Mr. Klusman repeated his customary speech.

Dedicate Primary Schools Tonight

The new primary school will be formally dedicated to Torrance tonight. Members of the board of education will be present. Supt. Dorsey will speak on behalf of the board of education, and Mayor W. H. Gilbert will respond on behalf of the city of Torrance. A program will be presented by the pupils of the school.

Observations

Higher Prices for Oil—The Peddler Pest in Torrance—Build, Don't Tear Down—Charlie, the Chaste

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

OIL is up 25 cents. All the big companies followed the lead of Standard in boosting listings on the California crude. That's good news for Torrance and Lomita. On the basis of 40,000 barrels a day production in the field here, the increase means an increase in revenue from the local field of approximately \$10,000 a day, \$300,000 a month, or over three and a half million dollars a year.

Taking a fifth as the average royalty paid to landowners, the increase to them amounts to about \$2000 a day, \$60,000 a month, three-quarters of a million a year.

Considered from the standpoint of revenue to local residents, the oil price boost is about the most important business event that ever took place in these parts.

The good news keeps coming thick and fast. Operators believe that the raise is the first of a series to come. It is recalled that prices of midcontinent oils increased 65 cents in three boosts of recent date.

Coupled with the increased revenue in royalties which the new oil price sends flowing into the purses of local landowners is renewed drilling activity by the big companies in the field.

This ought to be welcome news to everyone. Location of the edge of the structure, with its resultant bad news, was only one chapter in the vivid history of the local field.

Many more, equally interesting, remain to be written.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN has demonstrated that all of his endowments are not confined to his imitatively manipulated feet. The great little comedian also has power in his hands. He demonstrated it in a cafe last week when he laid low a pestiferous oil operator, who, according to some members of Charlie's party, was none other than C. C. Julian, the meteoric figure of California oil.

But what interests us most is not the fact that Charlie apparently won the encounter, but what he declared afterward, in explanation of his scrap.

"I neither smoke nor drink," said Chaplin.

For a moving picture star to be able to make that statement is worth more to him than all the concocted publicity in the world. We humans are a funny lot. We revere power and pay daily homage to it—as long as it remains POWER and POSITION.

But we love to see the mighty fall. Our idols are easily shattered. One drunken brawl, a scandal, and Mr. Chaplin would be through with his career as the funniest man on the screen.

Apparently the little comedian isn't going to let that brawl or scandal take place.

To be able to say "I neither smoke nor drink" is good business for the man who has made millions.

THERE are too many peddlers in Torrance. They infest the residence district like flies. They interrupt the daily routine of housework. They wake up babies with their loud ringing and knocking. They are no respecters of privacy.

BUT—they are citizens, with rights as such.

Now one of the rights of a citizen is the right of paying taxes and license fees.

So we insist that these peddlers deserve their rights as citizens. Many of them sell goods without taking out a license.

The police department should start a clean-up campaign under the ordinance provided.

Citizens should co-operate with the police.

To housewives: Ask the canvassers to produce their licenses. If they can't do it call the police.

To the trustees: You will please many of the citizens of Torrance if you increase the license fee for house-to-house canvassers so that only the more reputable will be able to do business here.

To the husbands: If you think the peddlers do not constitute a nuisance, stay at home all day some time and answer the door every time someone rings or raps.

THESE are rollicking days for Torrance. The city is saved from oil deliriums by Mother Nature. Yet the oil field is undergoing unprecedented development by the great companies of the industry. Building is booming. Several downtown business blocks are being projected. Construction of homes breaks all previous January records. The civic associations enter the new year with programs based on progress and the upbuilding of the city. The industries of the city are looking forward to a good year. Business is better for all of them. Taxes are lower here than in any city of its size in California. The bonded indebtedness of Torrance is only \$50,000. The assessed valuation is almost six millions. Western avenue is about to be paved from the mountains to the sea. Slowly but surely Torrance is becoming the trade area for the peninsula district.

Fortune is smiling. Let us forget trivial personalities and go seriously about our work of building here a city of which we and the entire state can be proud.

Bury hatchets. Take up trowels. Build. Don't tear down. Torrance has a construction job to do. Conditions are favorable. Let's DO the job.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Petroleum Midway has located Stock Community No. 3, south of Carson street, near Iris. Chanslor-Canfield has offset with Torrance No. 42.

Standard has located three more wells on the Interstate lease in the eastern extension.

The merry game of offset continues along the old Redondo road, with Chanslor-Canfield locating Torrance Nos. 37, 39, 40, and 41 to offset Standard's Marble ranch wells.

C.-C. M. O. also located two more wells in the area south of Carson on the Torrance lease. They are Torrance 38 and 43.

The swab was lost Wednesday on Universal's Moore No. 6.

Sentinel is setting oil string on its well on the Hunter lease.

Indications are that Standard will plug back Felker No. 1, its deep test wildcard, and seek production from the upper sands. Field reports have it that interstratified oil sands were encountered at several low levels. The drill is now down—5175 feet. Operators believe that Standard drilled this well for geological data. An accurate log of the well from 4100 to 4700 feet was published some time ago in this paper, showing that interstratified sands exist between those levels.

Producer Proves Up Wide Acreage; Julian No. 2 Good

Oakley No. 1 Flows 500 Barrels on Old Redondo Road, Mile East of Previous Producers

Proving up a wide acreage consisting of almost 100 separate leases and extending the field a full mile, Oakley No. 1 of the Southland Petroleum company was placed on production Wednesday. Its successful completion marks another step in the development of the Torrance-Lomita-Keystone proven area, which now measures almost exactly five and a half miles in length from the northeastern outpost to the new producer in the southeastern extension.

Oakley No. 1 is located south of the old Redondo road, a mile due east of Superior's Joughlin well which went on production last week.

Completed at 3800 feet, or about the same depth which marks completion further west, the well is producing about 500 barrels a day. It was cemented off at 3500 feet.

Of almost equal importance was the splendid showing made by Julian's No. 2 at Cherry and Eshelman streets in Lomita Wednesday night and Thursday.

Impelled by heavy gas pressure this well shot oil more than a hundred feet above the derrick Wednesday night and Thursday. The stream of petroleum gushed upward after the bailer was pulled out of the hole. There was no tubing in the well, and the company was reluctant to bail any longer without running tubing. There is about 230 feet of perforated

6 1/2-inch casing in the hole, which was drilled to 3810 feet. Tubing will be run this week and the well placed on production. After the bailer was taken out of the hole various estimates of the well's flow were made. They varied from 2000 to 4000 barrels a day. Operators are inclined to believe that the well will make close to 2000 barrels steadily.

Julian's No. 2 is a quarter mile east of production along Narbonne avenue and about the same distance from the nearest producer to the north. Its high gas pressure and good showings lead many to the belief that the best production so far in the field will be obtained from the hill near Cherry and Eshelman, on which Tuck Edens now has a Fortuna Oil company well standing cemented.

Chanslor-Canfield placed Kettler No. 2 on production. This well is on the northwest corner of the lease and is yielding only 300 barrels a day. It was drilled to 3750 feet.

Julian's Splittstoesser No. 1 flowed for a time Wednesday, at a rate estimated at about 100 barrels a day. There is still much mud in the hole and oil is being circulated to clean it out.

The Southern California Drilling company brought in its well at Pennsylvania and Pepper streets for 600-barrel production from 3765 feet.

I. O. O. F. GRAND OFFICERS VISIT TRIPLE CITY 333

Grand Master And Others At Tuesday Evening Meeting

The Grand Master of the I. O. O. F., E. R. Longly of Los Angeles, and other Odd Fellows of distinction paid an official visit to Triple City Lodge No. 333 Tuesday evening.

The business meeting was preceded by a banquet in the old church building, presided over by the Rebekahs. Table decorations were carried out in the lodge colors of white and purple, using lilies, heliotropes and ferns.

Grand Master Longly spoke entertainingly at the table, complimenting the Rebekahs. He compared them to angels, in that they were continually "up in the air" about something.

The Rebekahs presented the grand master with a large cake decorated with his name and the lodge colors. The initiatory degree was conferred and other business of importance transacted.

Death Takes Mrs. Catherine Burns

Mrs. Catherine Burns passed away Wednesday morning at 6 a. m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Probert, 1735 Andro avenue.

Mrs. Burns was a native of Ireland, but had lived most of her life in the United States and had been a resident of Torrance for the past eight years.

She was buried Friday morning in Calvary cemetery, Los Angeles. The funeral services were held at 9 a. m. in the Catholic hall on Cota street.

LADIES' AID DINNER

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will give a dinner in the church next Thursday evening, Jan. 31, serving from 5 to 7 o'clock. These dinners need no recommendation, as the ladies of this organization are known for serving good meals.

TORRANCE RELIEF SOCIETY

The deferred annual meeting of the Torrance Relief society will be held on Friday, Feb. 1.

The election of officers for the coming year will take place. All members are urged to be present.

Local Orchestra To Render Program On Saturday Night

The Torrance Local Jazz orchestra, consisting of Miss Helen Reeve, Miss Dorothy Ray, Jack Reeve, and Bert "the drummer," will make their formal bow to the public Saturday night, when they will render a selected program of the late jazz hits at the "Hardware" Reeve store from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

In making their first public appearance before the Torrance people in order to show that Torrance has first-class musical talent, it is hoped that a large crowd will stop in the store to hear them and lend encouragement to the young folks. They will play for the hardware dealers' convention at the new Biltmore hotel in Los Angeles next month.

LEGION PARTY IS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 14th

Co-operation between the Bert S. Crossland post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary has made possible a splendid social function for Torrance on Thursday night (St. Valentine's evening) at Legion hall. The affair will be a combination card and dancing party. According to plans being made by the committee, the event will be the leading party of the winter season.

REGISTER SATURDAY

All voters who have not registered for the coming year's elections can do so Saturday, from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m., at Johnston's real estate office in the rear of the First National Bank building.

MACCABEE NOTES

The installation of the officers of the local review will take place February 12. Deputy Grand Commander Julia C. Ginn will bring her own installation team.

The next meeting of the Past Commanders' and Commanders' association will be held in Los Angeles February 12 at 10 a. m.

Attend the Legion-Auxiliary Dance and Card Party Feb. 14 at Legion hall.—Adv.