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TORRANCE PERSONS AND PASTIMES

Comings, Goings
and Doings
of
Folks Hereabouts

Mrs. Frank Orem of Salt Lake City spent Monday and Tuesday of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier of Gramercy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Von Hagen of Gramercy avenue were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Blinbury of Alhambra.

G. W. Curran of Los Angeles was a business visitor here Thursday.

Mrs. T. P. Daries of Andree avenue, seriously ill for some time, is reported improving.

Mrs. Ed Curran and her sister, Mrs. J. G. Gay, entertained Mrs. Grete Doughty of San Pedro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Clark of Arlington avenue and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiley of Redondo Beach enjoyed a week-end hiking trip to Fern Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Andrus have returned to their home in Bellingham, Wash., after a pleasant six weeks' visit at the home of their son, W. C. Andrus, of Portola avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pickrell have moved from Marcellina avenue to their new home at Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Briney and Misses Bertha and Ollie Briney, of Santa Ana, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Briney of Post avenue.

Dr. Maude A. Chambers of Arlington avenue entertained at dinner recently in honor of the birth anniversary of her son, Donald Lathrop, of Long Beach.

Mrs. Louise Miller of Post avenue has returned from a visit with relatives in Fullerton.

C. E. Rathburn received a message this week announcing the death of his father at Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray and daughter Dorothy, of Burkhardt courts, spent Sunday with Mr. Ray's aunt, Mrs. Lucy McClain, who is ill at her home in Los Angeles.

Born—February 5, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Moffatt of the El Prado apartments, a daughter.

Miss Helen Padgett of Hermosa Beach was a week-end guest of Miss Alice Andrus of Portola avenue.

Mrs. Phil Huggard of Andree avenue was a guest Monday of friends in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clark of Los Angeles were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Marco Wright.

Mrs. F. H. Currier of Redondo Beach visited friends here this week.

Mrs. H. E. Currier of Gramercy avenue was a recent guest of Mrs. George Loveday of Redondo Beach.

Mrs. J. H. Fess of Arlington avenue was a Los Angeles visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Inman of Arlington avenue spent Sunday with M. C. Bustamante of Sawtelle.

Mrs. Charles F. Myers of Cabrillo avenue entertained at luncheon Wednesday Mrs. George Soule and Mrs. Charles Chandler, of Los Angeles.

NEWS LETTER OFFICE NOW AT 1065 NARBONNE; PHONE 55-W

The new office of The Lomito News Letter is at 1065 Narbonne Ave. on the John Willacy property. A telephone has been installed. The phone number is 55-W.

As soon as the building has been decorated on the inside the office will be open for business.

We take pleasure in announcing that John Willacy is an official representative of The News Letter.

P.-T.A. NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 13. The speaker of the afternoon will be a member of the board of directors of the Juvenile Protective association.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Twelve of the regular members were present at the last meeting of the Friday Afternoon club, held at the

Some men who have open minds let the wrong kind of stuff get in.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

"Prosperity is here," declares Judge Gary, who didn't have any wheat in last season.—Capper's Weekly.

It's time for a party to split when it gets the habit of straddling.—El Paso Herald.

If a man has sunshine in his soul he doesn't need moonshine in his stomach.—Port Arthur News.

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"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

E. J. Miley is drilling three wells in the eastern extension on the forty-acre lease he acquired from the Sentinel Oil company. The lease runs along the old Redondo road. The Miley wells are the most easterly wells along this thoroughfare with the exception of Oakley No. 1, which proved up such a wide area two weeks ago. Two of the Miley wells have been drilled more than 2000 feet

The Shell company has transferred a large office force from Santa Fe Springs and Signal Hill and is erecting a large field office and supply building on the old Redondo road (east), where the Dutch-British company and Standard are engaged in a warm offset contest.

The Star Petroleum company has not given up hope for a producer on Carson street just west of the Santa Fe tracks. The well has been standing idle for several weeks, but is being cleaned out again. Further north the Biltmore company is still cleaning out. Both companies believe it may be possible to bring in small producers on the pump.

Superior's Torrance No. 4 on the Joughlin lease is producing again. Wednesday's yield was 750 barrels. The well sanded up and was off production for several days.

With the price of oil up, the Elgin street district in Lomita looks better than it has for several weeks. Universal's Jones No. 1 at Elgin and Narbonne is steadily producing about 350 barrels a day on the pump, and similar production is being secured at Federal's Gerner No. 1 across the street. Convinced that wells in this district will pay out, Federal is erecting a derrick on the Broom lease on the east side of Narbonne at the corner of Elgin street.

Julian has staked out another out-

post. It is at the corner of Chestnut and Eshelman streets in east Lomita. It will be the most southerly well in this vicinity.

Fortuna is getting ready to drill its second well on the Clarke lease, at Eshelman and Cherry streets, where its Clarke No. 1 came in barefoot last week. Clarke No. 1, still without any perforated in the hole and with casing down only to 3610 feet, is still producing 750 barrels a day in a steady flow.

The following wells are standing cemented: Chanslor-Canfield's Kettler No. 4 and No. 5; Southern California Drilling company's No. 4 on East Elgin street; U. S. Royalties No. 13 on the Martina lease, East Acacia street; Petroleum Midway well on Acacia street west of Narbonne; Van Allen's No. 3 on Fir street.

Fortuna has located a new well on Pine street west of Eshelman on the Hooper acre.

The International Drilling company is erecting a new derrick on Acacia street east of Eshelman.

Split casing has put the Bugent Oil company's well on Narbonne off production.

Three thousand feet of casing is the "fish" that is keeping the crew busy on the Four-O Drilling company's well on the Houston lease on Acacia street, east of Narbonne avenue. The crew was setting casing when the threads cut and the pipe fell into the hole.

The Southland Petroleum corporation has a new location at the corner of Pine and Eshelman streets. This new derrick was erroneously announced in these columns as owned by the Beaver State Oil company.

J. C. SMITH HIRES OWN CREW TO REPAIR WESTERN AVENUE; AND HE SURE GETS RESULTS

J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment company is a man of determination and initiative.

Of all the bumpy length of the unpaved portion of Western avenue, that section which is under the jurisdiction of the county of Los Angeles is the most bumpy.

And Mr. Smith's qualities of determination and initiative bear a distinct relation to this stretch of miniature hills and dales of the unpaved highway.

Now Mr. Smith is the sort who goes straight after a thing that he wants. His determination is qualified by an unusual willingness to be patient.

But a score of trips to the bustling temple of county activities, known as the Hall of Records, taxed his patience sorely. But the determination remained.

Makes Many Pledges
The Torrance realtor implored road commissioners, supervisors, engineers repeatedly to scrape, fill in, level off Western avenue so that a motor car might traverse its unpaved length without danger of vibratory disintegration.

So often did he implore county officers, so frequently did he explore the jungles of the county building that his figure became almost a legend in the echoing corridors of that structure.

But he failed of his mission.

But, as remarked before, J. C. Smith is a determined man.

He bounced angrily over the mountain ranges of Western avenue with fire in his eye and with determined soul.

Hires Own Help
Arrived here, he hired a flock of

MRS. BALE ENTERTAINS
Old friends from Seattle, Wash., were guests of honor at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bale of Carson street. Covers were laid for Dr. and Mrs. Swick and Chester Waldon of Seattle, Miss Lee of Long Beach, Miss Irene Straub of Los Angeles, Miss Mabel Conkel, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crowell, Walter Crowell, Homer Bale, and the host and hostess.

Dr. Swick is delivering a course of health lectures in Long Beach.

BETTER BABIES DAY

Increasing interest is manifested in the Mothers' Educational Center. At the last Better Babies day 27 babies were scored.

Torrance is fortunate in having obtained a branch center, once each month. In some places a meeting is held but once in three months, and the mothers go in to Los Angeles between times for instruction.

Thirty-five mothers heard Dr. Maude Wilde's lecture on "The Story of Life, and How to Tell It." At the close a number asked Dr. Wilde to repeat the lecture, not only to the daughters but the sons as well.

WILL DANCE AFTER CARDS

Mrs. Joe Bruessinger and Mrs. William Dietlin will be the hostesses at the card party in Catholic hall next Monday evening. Play will start promptly at 8 o'clock. From 10:30 until 12 dancing will be indulged in to the music of a local jazz orchestra.

Mexican laborers and engaged his own road superintendent. He led the gang out to Western avenue. He directed them to go to work with shovels and picks, leveling Western avenue, doing the county's work. He piled a shovel himself—and a mean one it was, too.

The dirt was flying thick and fast. Suddenly above the roar of the flying picks and shovels sounded the stentorian voice of William Dow, district road superintendent, resident of Moneta: "What do you birds think you're doing, filling those holes with dirt?"

Smith looked up from his work with dirt. Gravel or stone should be used. You see, I'm road superintendent here and I know," said Dow, or words to that effect.

"Dirt is better than nothing," replied Smith, "so dirt it is."

And the crew hired by Smith kept at it.

Then Dow agreed to order ten or twelve loads of gravel to put the road in shape. He agreed to take the matter up with the county road commissioners, bring them down to see the highways for themselves.

And the result is that the road will be temporarily repaired by the county. All of which establishes the fact that the shovel is mightier than the spoken word.

PROMISE BIG
TIME AT BALL
ON FEB. 14th

Legion and Auxiliary
Plan Special
Features

Anticipatory grins appear when one mentions the Valentine ball to be given by the American Legion and Auxiliary Thursday evening, Feb. 14, in American Legion hall.

Each dance given by these organizations is better than the last, and this one is to beat them all. You know McVea's Howdy Band, you know the floor, but you don't know the surprise features being planned by the committee.

Don't miss it! If you don't dance you may play cards, and if you neither play cards nor dance you'll have a jolly time just looking on.

MANY JOIN MOOSE

Deputy Geo. R. Hall of the Loyal Order of Moose lodge reports that a great many of the Torrance people are signing up as members of the new lodge of Moose to be started here.

He hopes that Torrance lodge will be able to show some good baseball players, as plans are already under way for a Moose baseball league in Los Angeles county. San Pedro, Long Beach, Venice, Los Angeles, Huntington Beach and Compton lodges will all have teams in the league.

AND LINCOLN'S WORDS SHALL GUIDE US ONWARD!



Guided by a code imparted to him by his mother, Abraham Lincoln throughout his public and private career carried the name of "Honest Abe." Unusual and many were the problems which befell the great emancipator in the course of his existence, but always guided by the cardinal principles of fair play towards all men, the backwoods lawyer emerged on the upper level.

This Bank will close all day Tuesday, Feb. 12, in honor of Lincoln's Birthday.

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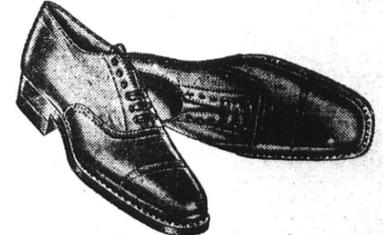
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