

Gas Company To Build Here Soon

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Progress Club Names City Ticket

Smith, Deininger, Torrance, Brooks To Be Candidates

W. H. Gilbert, George Proctor and F. A. Zeller Decline to Run for Trusteeship at April Election

CLUB PLEDGES SUPPORT TO FOUR MEN

Resolution Declares That Members Will Stand Behind Men Chosen by Ballot From List of Sixteen

R. R. Smith, present trustee; Robert J. Deininger, commander of the Bert S. Crossland post of the American Legion; J. S. Torrance, employe of the Union Tool company, and Willis M. Brooks, of the Pacific Electric shops, will be candidates for the board of trustees at the April elections.

The Torrance Progress club Monday night selected these four men by ballot from a list of sixteen, recommended by a nomination committee from the floor.

All of the members of the retiring board of trustees, except R. R. Smith, declared at the meeting that they would under no consideration be candidates for re-election.

Mayor W. H. Gilbert, George Proctor and Rev. F. A. Zeller, whose names were recommended along with eight others by the committee, asked that their names be taken from the list. "I have served three years," said Mr. Gilbert, "and do not wish to be a candidate this year. This decision is one that I have repeatedly announced."

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"Whereas, the Torrance Progress club has chosen by ballot from a list of possible candidates four men whom we believe to possess the above-named qualifications, and

"Whereas, the four men so chosen are R. R. Smith, Robert J. Deininger, J. S. Torrance, and Willis M. Brooks;

"Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Torrance Progress club pledge itself to the support of these four candidates for office, and that the board of directors appoint a campaign committee to represent this organization in active support of the candidacies of R. R. Smith, Robert J. Deininger, J. S. Torrance, and Willis M. Brooks."

Three trustees will be elected to serve four years, and one to serve two years. Which of the above named candidates will run for the short term has not been announced.

THREE WELLS ON EAST SIDE DRILL INTO OIL SAND HEAVY GAS PRESSURE ENCOUNTERED

Within a week or ten days the contention of operators that the most productive section of the Torrance-Lomita field is in the eastern extension will be substantiated or disproven. Today three wells in the far eastern area have drilled through into the oil sand and four more are standing cemented.

The production obtained by these seven will add much to the promising but inadequate data on the eastern extension.

At present the most interesting of the seven wells near production is Shell's March No. 2, in which 6 1/2-inch combination water and oil string was landed Monday. The depth of the hole is 3790 feet.

E. J. Miley's Torrance No. 2, south of the old Redondo road, has been drilled to 3819 feet and 6 1/2-inch casing is being run.

Sentinel's Joughlin No. 2, on the Joughlin lease, is being drilled through for a water shut-off test and a heavy gas pressure is being encountered.

Deininger, Mr. Torrance and Mr. Brooks.

Candidates Speak

In response to demands for speeches the candidates spoke briefly.

"If I am elected I will do my duty," said Mr. Deininger.

"I am a native son of California," said Mr. Torrance. "I am proud of that. My name is Torrance, pronounced the same as the name of this splendid city. I am proud of that, too. I can only say that, if I am elected, I will do as well as I can. I wish it to be understood that in becoming a candidate I am asking nothing, I want nothing, and I fear nothing."

Mr. Brooks eulogized the present board of trustees. "The city has had a clean, businesslike, efficient administration," he said. "If the newly elected board does as well as the old, the city will be well governed."

The Progress club by a unanimous vote pledged its support to Messrs. Smith, Deininger, Torrance and Brooks.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, the city of Torrance will on April 14 select four members of the board of city trustees to represent the citizens of the community, and

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Observations

U. S. Chamber Cannot Teach Patriotism To Veterans Of The War—Both Old Parties Are Skeletons

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

FOLLOWING is a statement made in an anti-adjusted compensation brochure distributed broadcast over the country by the United States Chamber of Commerce:

"To give the war veterans who returned unharmed gifts of money from the national treasury is contrary to American practice, and to the spirit of a democracy. Citizenship in a democracy entails obligations, including that of military service. The willing performance of the obligations of military service is the essence of patriotism."

"That statement opens up vast realms of thought. We agree that 'citizenship in a democracy entails obligations, including that of military service.' The men who fought and won the war, whether they enlisted or were drafted, recognized that fact when they put on the olive drab of the army, the blue of the navy, or the forest green of the marine corps. Of course they were obligated. And how gloriously they took that obligation constitutes the most thrilling chapter in American history."

BUT does obligation to a democracy stop with military service in time of national danger? Are dollars more precious than men? If men of military age are obligated to offer their blood and bones, are not the nation's material resources also obligated for service?

We drafted men. They went to war by the million. But we did not draft money, nor industry. While the soldiers and sailors who lived up to their obligations to the democracy fought the war, American industry profited by making war materials and selling them to the government.

Now the spirit of the country is that the nation owes a material obligation to those soldiers, sailors and marines. But the individuals who profited most materially as a result of the war are the most outspoken in their antagonism to the adjusted compensation, incorrectly called a bonus.

WHAT sudden patriotism these men display! How zealous they are in guarding American principles and traditions! One cannot but wonder what their reaction would be to a bill in congress providing that in the "next war" money and materials as well as men be drafted into the service.

If one citizen is obligated to offer his life to the democracy, why isn't another citizen obligated to offer his dollars? Or is blood to be held less valuable than gold?

I BELIEVE in the rights of private property and the common advantage of private enterprise—in time of peace. But when the republic is in danger I believe that every weapon available belongs to the government—able-bodied men, needed materials, and necessary dollars.

The majority of ex-service men do not want a "gift" from the government. NEITHER DO THEY FEEL THAT ANYONE IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE THEM LESSONS IN APPLIED PATRIOTISM, NOT EVEN THE UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

If congress would pass a bill or amend the constitution so that in times of national crisis property as well as persons shall be drafted into government service, most veterans would refuse to support the adjusted compensation bill.

IN a scathing speech Senator James Reed of Missouri, Democratic leader in the senate oil fraud investigation, castigates members of his own party whose names have been more or less connected with oil companies, slams Republicans who have been mixed up in the mess, and sounds the opening gun of what probably is his own campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Reed is against the League of Nations. He is against American entrance into the World Court. Attacking McAdoo and other promising Democratic candidates, Reed drives a wedge into the ranks of his own party.

WHILE the intrepid Missouri solon is uttering his scathing speech, dividing the ranks of his own party, the Republicans, too, find their party split in twain as a result of Attorney General Daugherty's case. Old Republican wheel-horses like Senator Lodge and Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania urged that Daugherty be offered up as a sacrifice to the popular demand that the administration cleanse itself of all odor of crude oil.

But appears Chairman Adams of the Republican national committee tacitly defending Daugherty, attacking the senators. Thus both parties approach the great conventions with their ranks divided.

Gradually there is unfolding before the country the first act of what promises to be one of the most intense political dramas in the history of the country.

BOTH old parties riven, oil on the old guards of each, conservative and progressive wings at each other's throat—truly signs of the early demise of two formerly great political parties.

What does it all mean to that long-suffering little fellow, Mr. John Q. Public? It means that gradually his will is working its way. It means that his disgust with purely partisan politics is the slow poison that is killing a well known large elephant and a certain long-eared donkey. It means that the skeletons which the political leaders have dressed up in remade clothes and paraded before the electorate as national issues are being seen in their true light. It means that the new alignment of parties is gradually taking shape.

NOBLE efforts at resuscitation on the weary bodies of the elephant and the donkey are of no avail. "The boys" that rode them so long and so satisfactorily to themselves must seek new mounts. And these new mounts, the slowly forming new political parties, will be composed on the one hand of the progressives of both old organizations, and on the other by Republican and Democratic conservatives.

P.-T.A. PROGRESSIVE PARTY The Torrance P.-T.A. will hold a progressive party at the high school auditorium March 7 at 7:30 p. m. Progressive games and old-fashioned dances—the Virginia reel and quadrilles—will furnish diversion for the evening. Delicious eats will be served. Everyone is welcome. The proceeds will replenish the P.-T.A. treasury. Admission 25 cents.

CATHOLIC CARD PARTY Mrs. Ted Wertz will be hostess at the card party next Monday night, March 3, in Catholic hall. Play starts at 8 o'clock sharp. Six prizes and a door prize will be awarded. Refreshments will be served at the close of the evening. Admission 50 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson of Andree avenue entertained a number of friends at dinner Saturday evening.

Purchase Property For Structure At Post And Cravens

Southern California Concern Locates Here in Belief Torrance Will Be Center of Great District

THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE IMPOSING

Plans Being Drawn for Edifice, Work on Which Will Start Soon, Says Company Announcement

The Southern California Gas company, like the Southern California Edison company, has reason to believe that Torrance is destined shortly to be the geographical and commercial center of a great industrial district.

The entrance of the Southern California Gas company into Torrance with an office insures the city of first-hand service. It means also that the Torrance offices of the Edison company and the gas company will serve the territory surrounding this city, including Lomita, Moneta, Harbor City, and Keystone.

Construction of a splendid new building for the Torrance home of the Southern California Gas company will start soon on the southwest corner of

Post avenue and Cravens street, according to an announcement made by the company today. The company last week purchased the ground through the agency of Gilbert, Hansen & Page.

The company's announcement declares that "plans are already being drawn and construction will be started in the near future."

"It is intended," continues the announcement, "that this office will be built according to the same type of architecture, and with the same pleasing lines as are to be seen in the offices in the other suburban centers supplied by the Southern California Gas company, such as Downey, Redondo, Glendale, Burbank, and Van Nuys."

A JEWELER OF QUALITY

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY

"HOME OF PARR VALUES" RIGHT-IN NAME AND DEED



BUY TO DAY SOMETHING THAT WILL BE AN HEIRLOOM OF TOMORROW

"Dumb jewels in their silent kind, to its many properties; its color and lustre; its malleability and its indestructibility.

There is a universal demand, therefore, for the skilled craftsmanship of the jeweler. Torrance enters into the scheme with admirable effectiveness—the very work and its dazzling results are no place better exemplified than in the famous "HOUSE OF PARR VALUES"—that little gem within a gem, that quiet, refined workshop and display center that carries on in Cabrillo street. With small stocks, Geo. D. Parr has fulfilled every ramification of his trade. There is no need to look away from home for the jeweler's wares while one can turn to the "HOUSE OF PARR VALUES" and always be sure of procuring what is wanted.

Mr. Parr is a native son, having been born in the region of east central California. He has followed his profession for almost ten years and has piled his trade in remote places. Three years ago he came to Torrance, and the attractive little jewelry shop in Cabrillo street is the result.

Business Men Put Off Annual Dance Until March 6th

Owing to a conflict with several other events which will take place on Friday night, Feb. 29, the Business Men's association of Torrance has postponed its first annual ball until Thursday night, March 6.

THE GIBSONS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gibson entertained at dinner last Thursday evening at their home, 2305 Carson avenue. Covers were laid for Dr. Maude R. Chambers and husband, Mrs. M. J. Baxter of Long Beach, and Mrs. H. S. Waga.

Miss Helma Greenlund was a week-end guest of her sisters at Riverside.