

# February Sets Construction Record

## Torrance Herald

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## Two Months, 1924 More Than Double Same Period, 1923

February Aggregate Is Almost \$200,000 Greater Than for Second Month of Last Year

1924 TOTAL IS ALMOST HALF A MILLION

Permits for Residences, Business Blocks and New Industries Reveal the Rapid Growth of Torrance

### READ 'EM AND CHEER

The following statistics on building permits reveal the amazing growth of Torrance. Industrial, residential and business construction is booming along in the city at an unprecedented rate. The figures are indisputable:

Dwellings, not apartments	\$ 27,800
Industrial buildings	103,000
Business blocks	65,500
Garages	1,300
Oil derricks	120,000
<b>Total for month</b>	<b>\$317,600</b>
Total exclusive of derricks	197,600
Total for February last year, including oil derricks	123,370
Increase in February 1924, over February, 1923	194,230
Total for 1924 so far	\$419,120
January and February, 1923	192,770
<b>Increase in 1924, so far</b>	<b>\$226,350</b>

How Torrance is steaming along full speed ahead is brought out clearly by a study of building permits.

Last year was a record year for building in the city, but permits for January and February this year call for construction costing almost a quarter of a million dollars more than during the corresponding months of 1923.

During February permits were taken out for construction of 17 residences in Torrance. These are now under construction. Permits for dwellings, not including apartments, totaled \$27,800.

Permits for industrial construction totaled \$103,000, for business blocks \$65,500, for garages \$1,300, and for oil derricks \$120,000.

The grand total for February was \$317,600. The total for February of last year was \$123,370, showing an increase for February, 1924, of \$194,230.

**A Big Increase**

Disregarding the oil derricks, the increase of February, 1924, over February, 1923, was \$74,330.

Permits for the first two months of last year aggregated \$192,770. For the first two months of this year the aggregate reached \$419,120, an increase over the corresponding period last

year of \$226,350—much more than a 100 per cent raise.

Permits for construction of dwellings taken out during February follow: 1016 Amapola, P. E. Land company, 5-room dwelling, \$3000; east of White garage, J. McDowell, 2 bungalows, \$1600; 1738 Manuel, Joe Peterson, 5-room dwelling, \$4000; 1020-1022 Cravens, M. A. Russell, 4-room duplex, \$4500; 709 Sartori, G. Jehn (W. H. Collins, contractor), 4-room bungalow, \$3000; 1028 Arlington, Mrs. F. A. Wright (L. E. Stoner, contractor), 5-room dwelling, \$3000; 741-A Sartori, A. J. Stanger, 3-room bungalow, \$1000; 1968 1/2 Plaza del Amo, garage and apartment, Halverson & Beckham, contractors, \$2200; 311 Cota, Henry Darling, 5-room bungalow, \$3000; 1229 Arlington, G. L. Hansen, 5-room bungalow, \$2500.

**For Business**  
Business permits follow: Sartori and Post, Sumitz & Rabinowitch, eight rooms and 32 rooms, \$50,000; Marcelina street, F. L. Parks (Vonthrocker company, contractors), store and apartments, \$10,000; Carson and Carrillo, Standard Oil company, filling station, \$5500.

Industrial permits follow: Cedar and Carson, Export Refining company, refinery, \$100,000; Lot 5, Tract 6223, Woolbeston Products, factory, \$3000.

## SUPERIOR PLUGS BACK WELL IN INDUSTRIAL TRACT FROM 4685 FEET TO 3860 FOOT LEVEL

The Superior Oil company has plugged Torrance No. 13 back to 3860 feet and will try for production from the upper sand, it was announced Thursday.

This well, located in the Torrance industrial tract, was drilled to 4686 feet and, according to information given out by Superior representatives, encountered no showings below the first sand.

Operators agree that failure of Su-

perior to strike a lower sand in this district will not discourage deep drilling in other parts of the field. The area in which Torrance No. 13 was drilled is edge territory, as indicated by the failure to bring in producers in the Plaza del Amo district, which is almost due west of Torrance No. 13.

The Keck well was plugged back Wednesday night, it is asserted, and six-inch was being run Thursday morning.

## Federal To Drill Wells For C. C. M. O.

The Federal Drilling company has taken contract for three wells for the Santa Fe (C. C. M. O.). Rigs have been built for De Amo No. 10 and Torrance 50 and 51, and the wells are being rigged up.

### DERRICK ACCIDENT

Otto P. Vann, 207 Beryl street, Redondo, employe of U. S. Royalties company, sustained a badly lacerated finger early this morning when his hand was caught between the rotary table and a running pipe. Vann was treated at the emergency hospital on Narbonne avenue.

## Observations

False Standards of Aristocracy Throughout the History of the World, Republished by Request

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WE have received two requests to republish an editorial from our issue of August 24, 1923. One comes from a reader in Nebraska, who requests several copies of the edition in which the editorial is republished. The other is from a local reader.

The editorial, captioned "False Standards," follows:

SINCE those dim days when the little world that busied itself around the ports of the Mediterranean sat at the feet of Egypt—and long before that—men have set up false standards of aristocracy. Pharaohs, following one another in a long parade of pomp, vied with one another to build vast works of stone, so that their names would go ringing down the years as great.

And all the while, less ostentatious and unknown men were looking at the stars, setting down the fundamental laws of astronomy, building the foundations of geometry.

Some of the piles of stone which the Pharaohs built are standing still—viewed by tourists from the wider world of today. A moment's halt before some age-old temple, and the tourists pass on—most of them without being able to pronounce the name of the pompous gentleman who ordered the temple built.

The Pharaoh is forgotten. The temple stands. We look at the temple and forget the Pharaoh.

But science has not forgotten those pioneers of astronomy and geometry. Their work still lives, to glorify the country of their nativity and time.

The Pharaoh was the aristocrat of his day, sitting on the peak of social position.

The standard of aristocracy of one age is lost in the estimate of the next.

PONTIUS PILATE was the most eminent gentleman in Jerusalem when he lived. His star shone brightly in its little constellation. A lowly carpenter from Nazareth was regarded as a human nuisance then. But where is the name of Pilate now? And that of Jesus Christ?

Name three rulers of ancient Greece. Quick now! Hard to do, isn't it? Now name a Greek poet. A philosopher. A scientist.

Homer. Plato. Archimedes. Easy!

Men with brains that give messages of wisdom and truth to the world live in man's memory eternally.

The glory that was Rome was more the glory of Virgil and Cicero than it was the glory of the Caesars.

There isn't one man in a thousand who can repeat offhand the name of a single Chinese emperor of old.

But most everyone knows who Confucius was.

Ancient Persia means Omar to most of us.

The wonder of India, despite the great line of rajahs who sat in high state while they lived, comes down to us now in the name of that marvelous philosopher, Buddha.

The person who doesn't know a scrap of Near Eastern history can tell you something about Mohamet.

The glory of Queen Elizabeth is outshone by the brilliance of Shakespeare.

The late Czar of Russia will be forgotten long before men and women stop reading the novels of Tolstol.

The ladies and gentlemen who strutted in the courts of the Bourbons are glorified whenever history connects them with the name of Victor Hugo. Yet they scoffed at Hugo.

Men and Women are not great because of the position they hold, but for what they make of their positions. Abraham Lincoln, son of lowly parents, is esteemed as one of the greatest men that ever lived—not because he was President of the United States, but because he was a prophet. He glorified the office he held more than the office glorified him.

Don't put false standards on position or money.

Long after the wealthiest men of today are dead the world will revere the memory of Thomas Edison and Marconi, of James Branch Cabell, Edgar Lee Masters and Thomas Hardy.

Who was the richest man in the United States when Fulton gave the world the steamboat?

Who held the sceptre of state when Gutenberg invented the printing press?

Thoughts and ideas are everlasting. Everything else crumbles.

MEN who use their heads are greater than men who use their money.

Lord Asquith will be remembered in history because he was premier of Great Britain when the great war started, not because he was Asquith. But Rupert Brook's poems will be read oftener than Asquith's speeches.

Yet who in London would have chosen an invitation to dine with Brook ahead of one to sup with Asquith?

All of us cannot be poets, inventors, artists, prophets, or great writers.

But each of us can strive for beauty of thought, speech and other forms of human expression.

The contemporaries of prophets revere fools. Time alone sifts values to their proper sizes and levels.

There is only one aristocracy.

It is the aristocracy of Mind.

## WILL CONSULT ARCHITECTS ON HOSPITAL PLAN

Contributions To Fund Increased At Directors' Meeting Here

Increased contributions to the funds of the Torrance Hospital association were made at a meeting of the board of directors Wednesday afternoon. As a result a committee was appointed to consult architects regarding plans for the proposed building, which is now assured. The committee is as follows: Mrs. J. S. Torrance, George W. Neill, and Dr. J. S. Lancaster.

## E. W. Huddleston Buys Tabor Home On Amapola Street

E. W. Huddleston, local furniture dealer, has purchased the residence formerly owned by Henry Tabor, 516 Amapola street, and expects to occupy the new home with his family on or about March 10.

Mr. Huddleston has been contemplating buying a home for some time, owing to the fact that his fast growing business needs the space now occupied by himself and family in the rear of the store, which they have been using for a home since moving into his present quarters. He not only expects to enlarge his stock of new furniture, but will also stock up on second-hand furniture.

## Taylor, Winters, Elman, Klusman, Are Candidates

Mrs. Mary Price Declines To Run And Furniture Man Is Chosen In Her Place At Tuesday Meeting.

### EIGHT CANDIDATES IN TRUSTEE RACE

Registrations For Voters Close On March 15th And Aspirants Must File Nomination Papers By March 25th

Four candidates for the office of city trustee were selected by members of the Torrance Freeholders' league Tuesday night. They are W. T. Klusman; Lee R. Taylor, attorney; Roy Winters, realtor, and Charles Elman, furniture dealer.

Mrs. Mary Price was selected, but declined to run, and Mr. Elman was chosen.

Lee R. Taylor declared that he had no desire to be a candidate, but he agreed to run when the members selected him.

The selection of the Freeholders' ticket assures the fact that there will be at least eight candidates in the race.

The Torrance Progress club has

selected R. R. Smith, Willis Brooks, R. J. Deisinger and J. S. Torrance. Candidates must file their nomination papers on or before March 25. The election will be held on Monday, April 14.

Electors will vote for four candidates. The four receiving the largest number of votes will be elected. Of the four elected, the one who receives the least number of votes will be elected for the short term.

Voters must register before March 15 in order to be able to vote at the April election. Registrations are being taken by Mrs. Laura Anderson at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

At the April 14 election voters will also pass on a proposal to bond for 100,000 to build a city hall.

## SHELL BRINGS IN GOOD WELL ON EAST SIDE

East Lomita Also Gets Two Splendid Producers

East side development, both in the territory along the old Redondo road and in east Lomita, is beginning to bear fruit in excellent producers. Two splendid wells were placed on production in east Lomita Thursday. The Peyton-Dingee well on East Acacia street, drilled to 3765 feet, was brought in for a yield of 1000 barrels. The well is flowing with a lively gas pressure.

In the same district the Chicksan Oil company completed its well at 3788 feet for a daily yield of about 750 barrels through a small bean.

In the area further east the Shell company brought in its first large producer in the field Thursday, when the oil from March No. 2 was turned into the tanks Thursday night.

The March well is the first producer in this district since Standard proved up the area with Dominguez No. 1, which is located north and a little east of March 2.

Friday morning the yield of the new Shell producer had not been gauged, but unofficial estimates place the yield between 700 and 1000 barrels. It is flowing through a 6 1/4-inch combination string. The well was completed at 3790 feet.

South and about a quarter of a mile east of the March producer E. J. Milley is expecting momentarily to bring in Torrance No. 1 on his Joughlin lease, which he purchased from the Sentinel Oil company.

Displaying a high gas pressure, characteristic of this district, Milley's well flowed the first time the baffle was pulled out of the hole Thursday afternoon. On Wednesday it had blown out and was mudded up. On account of the high gas pressure, operators will not be surprised if Milley gets a 1500-barrel producer. The well, drilled to 3819 feet, has 178 feet of perforated and 2530 feet of 3-inch tubing in the hole.

**CHECK OF APPRECIATION**

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber was pleasantly surprised recently when she received a check from the Macabebes' supreme office in recognition of her splendid work during the Marathon. Mrs. Steinhilber secured \$23,000 worth of insurance during the contest.

This check is in addition to the Marathon trip to San Francisco which Mrs. Steinhilber enjoyed last summer.

## WILL INSTALL MOOSE LODGE ON MARCH 13

Seventy-five Candidates Will Be Chosen Members

Torrance lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, will be installed on Thursday, March 13, at Legion hall. District Deputy George R. Hall, who has been here for three weeks, reports that there will be a class of at least 75 candidates to be installed as charter members at that time.

The supreme dictator of the order will be here, and Andy Warmington, district deputy supreme dictator, will be the installing officer.

It is expected that there will be a large delegation of Moose here from San Pedro, Long Beach, Compton, Venice, and Los Angeles.

The charter will remain open for about sixty days.

## P. T. A. WILL FETE FATHERS ON MARCH 14

The next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held Friday evening, March 14, at the new elementary school. This meeting will be the Fathers' meeting, and a special program is being prepared. Mr. Curry will be the speaker of the evening.

The meeting will be conducted by the husbands of the officers of the organization. All reports will be read by the husbands of the committee chairmen.

A prize will be offered to the room having the most fathers present.

Fathers will have one vote, and grandfathers two.

(The president didn't say so, but any great-grandfathers present will probably have at least six votes.)

**OLD FASHION DANCE**

The K. of C. dance to be held in Catholic hall tonight will be an old fashion affair. You know—quadrilles, the Virginia reel, etc. Come along and enjoy them.

The Palos Verdes Bridge club enjoyed a luncheon at the Victor Hugo cafe in Los Angeles Thursday, and later attended a matinee.