

## Fiend Runs Over Child; Speeds On

### Contractor Ready To Start Work On Road In Ten Days

H. G. Feraud, President of California Willite Company, Will Begin Work in About Ten Days

H. G. Feraud, president of the California Willite company, Monday night was awarded the contract for the paving of Western avenue. Feraud's bid at \$69,338.02 was low, being about \$3,500 under the second bidder.

Carl Huntington, representative of the successful bidder, informed the board of trustees that work will be started on the new pavement, which will make history for Torrance, just as soon as the contract is signed. Formalities of the law dictate that the contract cannot be signed for about ten days.

Prolonged applause greeted the awarding of the contract.

When the applause subsided Mayor Gilbert said: "The board heartily appreciates the interest the citizens are taking in this important work. It is gratifying to know that so many residents of Torrance are here tonight to express their approval of the action the board has just taken."

Mr. Huntington announced that the county of Los Angeles has advertised for bids on the county's part of the work and that the contract

will be awarded on March 31. It is expected that the county will build the pavement from the Torrance line to the end of the present pavement, including that portion inside the city limits of Los Angeles.

Three bids were submitted for the proposed work. They were as follows: George H. Oswald, grading, per foot, 3 1/2 cents; asphalt pavement, per foot, 3 1/2 cents; curbing and gutter, per lineal foot, \$1.55; total estimated cost, \$72,853.09.

Hall Johnson company, grading, per foot, 4 cents; asphalt pavement, per foot, 3 1/2 cents; curbing and gutter, per lineal foot, \$1.62; total estimated cost, \$75,332.05.

H. G. Feraud, grading, per foot, 3 1/2 cents; asphalt pavement, per foot, 29.9 cents; curbing and gutter, per lineal foot, \$1.64 1/2; total estimated cost, \$69,338.02.

The low bid was under the estimate by City Engineer J. J. Jessup, who figured the job would cost \$70,000.

It was pointed out that the successful bid was lower than prevailing costs on paving jobs in this section of the state.

### Observations

February Building Permits in Torrance Stand Sixteenth in the Entire State and Beat Record of Whole State of Utah

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

DURING the month of February, Torrance stood sixteenth in building permits in the whole state of California. Figures just made public by S. W. Straus and company, showing building operations in most of the cities of the west, reveal the amazing growth of this city as compared with other municipalities.

In February Torrance permits called for construction amounting to \$323,100.

Now get ready for some surprises.

Torrance February permits beat those of Spokane, Wash.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Phoenix, Ariz.; Riverside, San Bernardino.

They were almost as great as the February permits FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF UTAH.

Only fifteen cities in California can boast February permits greater than those of Torrance. These cities are San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Glendale, Pasadena, Beverly Hills, Emeryville, Alhambra, and Berkeley.

Torrance permits were almost three times those of Fresno.

We beat Riverside by 33 per cent.

Other sixth class cities were so far behind Torrance that they aren't worth mentioning.

In point of building activity, which is the best barometer of growth, Torrance in February stood up in a class with Santa Monica, Stockton, Santa Barbara and other cities of several times the population of Torrance.

Figured on a population basis, TORRANCE STANDS FIRST IN THE STATE IN BUILDING.

Following is a table showing building permits taken out in California cities during February 1924 and 1923. It shows that many cities are enjoying less building this year than they boasted last. But look at the gain made by Torrance:

CITY	FEB., 1924	FEB., 1923
Los Angeles	\$16,088,412	\$12,080,310
San Francisco	3,912,186	3,278,874
Oakland	2,250,570	2,041,521
Long Beach	2,156,132	3,045,225
Glendale	805,795	1,019,613
San Diego	721,355	678,350
Sacramento	694,538	595,178
Berkeley	668,380	508,642
Pasadena	654,094	759,817
Beverly Hills	674,090	117,750
Alhambra	637,400	701,550
Santa Barbara	612,945	685,005
Stockton	447,425	371,560
Santa Monica	418,560	318,275
Emeryville	330,554	20,485
<b>TORRANCE</b>	<b>323,100</b>	<b>123,370</b>
Pomona	231,505	38,115
Riverside	229,998	110,135
San Jose	219,380	204,980
San Bernardino	214,275	147,900
Whittier	207,455	471,521
Palo Alto	196,756	131,474
Huntington Park	185,226	196,485
Englewood	172,668	169,877
Fresno	144,040	428,210
Eureka	131,000	39,500
Alameda	128,920	162,424
Burlingame	124,140	118,725
Monrovia	120,600	100,630
Piedmont	119,583	246,060
Southgate	107,444	—
Redwood City	107,051	255,926
Fullerton	104,502	167,080
San Mateo	100,085	—
Santa Cruz	98,135	59,716
San Leandro	81,350	160,140
Compton	77,600	68,510
Ventura	72,142	103,725
San Gabriel	70,982	62,480
Richmond	68,120	87,930
Vernon	67,900	103,000
Bakersfield	65,841	135,590
Orange	59,850	62,050
Culver City	57,814	81,125
Anaheim	49,181	145,795
Redlands	45,830	—
National City	23,190	43,850
San Rafael	25,715	13,425
Modesto	18,687	67,250
Vallejo	13,738	11,313

A list of February permits of several cities outside the state follows, in order to provide comparative figures to Torrance permits:

PLACE	FEB., 1924	FEB., 1923
Phoenix, Ariz.	\$308,250	\$ 63,225
Salt Lake City, Utah	251,980	204,980
Spokane	273,108	139,165
Tacoma	404,615	466,495
Entire State of Utah	382,680	324,560

In the face of these figures there are individuals who seek to block civic improvements which are positively necessary if this city is to keep abreast of its rapid development.

### Standard Brings In 1700 Bbl. Well On Marble Ranch

Marble Fee No. 1 And New P.-S. Gusher Will Usher In New Development Boom On West Side

Flowing 1675 barrels during its first 24 hours of life as a producing oil well, Marble Fee No. 1 of the Standard Oil company, located on the old Redondo road (west side) on the northeast corner of the company's fee property, is by far the best well in the entire oil field. It proves the north-south axis line drawn by geologists from the most productive area on Carson street to a point almost due south. The gravity on the new Standard producer tested 27.3 Monday. The company's official production report for Monday morning showed the well's yield to be exactly 1674 barrels. Cemented at 3252 feet, Marble Fee No. 1 was drilled to 3697 feet. The gauge on the tubing shows 300 pounds of gas pressure. Production is through a 3/4-inch bean.

That the new producer will usher in a new rush of development by the Fullerton Oil company, with large fee holdings west, and that development by Fullerton will call for many offsets by Standard, Chanslor-Canfield and still other companies, now seems assured. Standard and Chanslor-Canfield already have a location each a mile west of the new producer, and it now appears probable that all the territory lying between production and these two new outposts will be subjected to intensive development.

In proving the high productivity of this new area Standard shared honors with the Petroleum Securities company (Doheny), whose offset to Marble Fee No. 1 is also on production. This well, Torrance No. 28, situated just east of Standard's new well, its yield is recorded at 1200 barrels. The Petroleum Securities well was completed at 3717 feet, 20 feet deeper than Marble Fee No. 1. Gauges on Torrance 28 show tubing pressure of 200 pounds and casing pressure of 50 pounds. The well is flowing through a half-inch bean.

C. C. M. O. Well Ready Across the street Chanslor-Canfield is ready to bring in Torrance 35, and another splendid producer is expected. The importance of these three wells cannot be overestimated. They are certain to write the first chapter in a story of prolonged development in the southwest section of the field, with its resultant benefit to the district.

While Standard and Petroleum Securities were providing a new thrill on the west side, the east side contributed its share of new production. The Shell company brought in an extremely important well on the March lease, which is certain to alter all east side drilling operations of the future. The well was March 3, which the company drilled to 3852 feet, more than 50 feet deeper than any other east side producer. The company reported that no water was encountered and the well flowed 835 barrels of clean oil in 16 hours, which puts it in the 1200-barrel class. It was cemented off at 3650 feet. Tubing pressure is 250 pounds, with 375 pounds on the casing. Production is through a 1/2-inch nipple.

New Superior Well On the east side Superior completed Torrance No. 15 on the Jouhlin lease for a yield of 550 barrels. It is cleaning out gradually and is expected to make close to 1000 barrels a day. The gauges register 310 pounds of gas pressure on the tubing and 64 pounds on the casing. The well is flowing through a 1 1/2-inch nipple. Three other wells were placed on production over the week-end. The Jamieson Oil company brought in its East Palm street well in Lomita for 800-barrel production. It is an offset to Bush and Voorhis Fee No. 1. It was completed at 3765 feet. The Didier Oil company surprised the field with a 450-barrel well in the closed drilled area at the corner of Palm and Pennsylvania streets in west Lomita. The well is flowing with 150 pounds of gas pressure on the tubing. It was completed at 3775 feet. U. S. Royalties brought in No. 21 at Pepper and Narbonne for 250 barrels a day.

### Motorist Runs Down 13-Year-Old Girl, Injures Man And Speeds On Leaving His Victims On Pavement

Speeding westward on Carson street near the intersection of Ivy Sunday morning, an unidentified motorist in a Buick ran down 13-year-old Frances Wilson of Vista Highlands, injuring her severely, crashed into a Ford touring car with such an impact that Frank Murphy of Torrance Park was thrown from his car and dangerously injured, and with unspendable cruelty left the victims of his recklessness lying in the road and sped away before anyone could take the number of his car.

The little Wilson girl sustained a broken leg and a broken arm, in addition to dangerously severe shock. Murphy was stunned and may have sustained internal injuries. The accident occurred when the speeding driver of the Buick passed a Chevrolet driven by Thomas O. Waggoner of the Roltan hotel, Torrance. Waggoner says the Buick passed him at a rapid rate and immediately swerved to the left. In order to avoid striking two men on the side of the road Waggoner steered his car into the Buick. After passing the Chevrolet the Buick ran down the girls and then crashed into the Ford.

The victims of the accident were taken to the home of Dr. J. S. Lancaster, where they were treated. In addition to the fracture of a leg and an arm, physicians fear that the little girl's hip bone is broken. For several hours the child lingered near death's door. It was reported this morning that she will live, but it may be necessary to amputate the leg. Mrs. Eugenia Wilson, widowed mother of the injured child, is employed at the Pacific Electric shops. She lives at the corner of Sonoma and Cedar streets.

### Shure, Auxiliary Will Commemorate Old Saint Patrick

Sure, Mike, the American Legion Auxiliary will celebrate the memory of old man St. Pat by giving a dance Saturday night, March 15. Everybody knows what the Auxiliary dances are; we don't have to tell you about their merits. This one will be as good as any previous dance, so make up your minds to turn out and have a good time. Don't forget that St. Patrick must have been a pretty good old scout.

### CORRECTION

Through a typographical error, the price given in J. W. Barnes Department Store advertising of the three-piece Baker Velour living room suite was incorrectly given as \$13.75. It should have read \$187.50.

Class initiation of Modern Woodmen Thursday evening at Catholic hall, Torrance. Officers and Long Beach drill team will put on work.

American Legion Auxiliary St. Patrick dance, March 15.

### P. E. CHORUS TO SING AT M. E. CHURCH

Thirty Voices Will Be Heard Sunday Night

The Pacific Electric chorus from Los Angeles, composed of some thirty voices, will sing at the Methodist church of Torrance next Sunday evening. Mr. Warmley of the company is director.

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### POLICE WILL HOLD ANNUAL BALL APRIL 5

Jazzy Orchestra Of S. S. Avolon Will Furnish Music

Torrance policemen will hold their first annual ball at Legion hall Saturday night, April 5. There will be dancing from 9:30 until 12. The jazz orchestra of the S. S. Avolon will furnish the music. Tickets will be on sale by policemen, firemen, and at the Torrance Pharmacy, Dolley's Drug Store, the Ferncroft Cafe, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rock Bottom Market.

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### 'HARDWARE' REEVE, BOOSTER

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



Some itinerant writers, with brazen insincerity, pour out volumes of palaver on a good citizenry and a worthy place. To land a town and its people, in the highest terms, seems to be the chief aim of these eulogists. Happily, this writer owns no such mission.

But to write of Hurum Reeve in truth and in fact, is, indeed, to praise the man and his achievements. Torrance owes much of its splendid public spirit to this tireless adherent. He came here twelve years ago "to hunt jack-rabbits." But the same Hurum Reeve was then looking for bigger game than rabbits. Mr. Reeve had perceived the future importance of this place, and so he discontinued his building operations in Los Angeles and came to Torrance to make this city his hobby and his life's work. He has done well, and the town has fared the better for his having come here.

Today Mr. Reeve conducts a business establishment in Sartori street that in many respects is the superior to similar stores in great cities. It is a store of handsome appearances, presenting an exhibit of wares that lends charm to the well planned scheme. The Torrance Hardware Co. is entirely in keeping with the charming city which it so ably serves.

The subject of our present review was born in the state of Illinois. A man of big proportions, physically and mentally, Mr. Reeve is known for his gay exercise of good humor and for the unflinching interest he evinces in Torrance. No man is more familiar with the history and evolution of this remarkable industrial city. He is able to expatiate on every phase of our growth and industrial expansion, from the conception of things down to the reality of production. Turning rapidly from the proposed Torrance canal to the present shortage of homes, this business man is a veritable bureau of information on the past and present history of the city.

Reeve is a man of action and a man of service. There has been no oversight nor omission in the arrangement of his fine stocks. His patrons will find that his store unfolds to them a most diversified assortment of hardware—anything and everything that is an inseparable part of the well regulated and modern hardware establishment.

"IT TAKES YOU THERE"

A new Ford coupe affords transportation for Walter A. Renn during business hours.

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