

# Torrance Herald

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## Police Probe Carson St. Accident

### Daily Production Of Field Boosted By 6000 Barrels

'Dead' Oil Field, Whose Dirges Outside Papers Have Sung So Often, Is Alive and Kicking, as Increased Yield Shows

#### C.-C. M. O. GETS LIVELY 1400-BBL. WELL

Southwest Extension Shows Three New Producers, While Two Good Ones Are Secured in East Lomita

The "dead" oil field, whose obituary has been published so many times by the Los Angeles Examiner, came to life three weeks ago and is still very much alive, as is indicated again today with the announcement that seven new oil wells are pouring 6050 barrels of oil a day into the tanks.

Heading the list is Chancellor-Canfield's Torrance 25, on the Torrance lease, offsetting Petroleum Securities Marble 28. The new Santa Fe gusher has every indication of being a splendid well. Its flush production was 1400 barrels and increasing rapidly. The pressure gauges Thursday showed 450 pounds on the tubing and 900 on the casing. Cemented at 3240 feet, the well was drilled to 3715 feet. The gravity of the oil is slightly better than 27 degrees.

Further east Chancellor-Canfield brought in Torrance 33 for 800 barrels. No. 33 is an offset to Marble 11 of the Petroleum Securities, which was flowing into the sulphur Thurs-

day at an estimated rate of 800 barrels. Torrance 33 was completed at 3710 feet, while the Doheny company drilled Marble 11 to 3752 feet.

Marble No. 10 of the Petroleum Securities is also on production, with an estimated flow of 600 barrels a day. No. 10 is just south of No. 11. It was completed at 3760 feet.

In East Lomita McIntyre Brothers brought in a nice well on the Autry lease, Elgin and Eshelman streets. The flow of this new producer is estimated at about 1200 barrels. It was drilled to 3790 feet and offsets Julian's Cook No. 2 and Fortuna's Clark No. 1.

In the same district the Gildner Oil company completed a well for a 700-barrel yield, having drilled hole to 3797 feet.

The Ring Petroleum corporation brought in Lomita No. 2 at Acacia and Pennsylvania streets for 500-barrel production. The well was completed at 3770 feet.

### Observations

Signs on Highways—Taxes and Politics—The World Flight—The California Germ—Hiram's Program—The New 'Bonus'

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE Standard Oil Company of California strikes a popular chord in its decision to tear down all of its signs along the main highways of the Pacific coast. In announcing this policy, the company declares that the scenic beauties along the highways are marred by commercial signs. The company will place signs only in commercial locations.

What a splendid thing it would be if all other commercial concerns would confine their outdoor advertising to commercial locations. Unless the example set by the Standard Oil company is followed by other advertisers, the great highways of the country soon will be flanked on each side by signs urging one to use this or buy that. The use of our highways for commercial purposes brands us as a people who think entirely in terms of dollars and cents, of buying and selling.

Everyone who loves the natural beauties of the Pacific coast (and who does not!) will welcome the decision of the Standard and will hope that more companies will follow suit.

IT appears that politics and not economics is dictating congressional consideration of the tax reduction program. History records that it always has been next to impossible to put needed legislation through congress during the few months just preceding a national election. Representatives and senators prefer to pussyfoot through the early months of presidential year, regardless of the needs of the country.

The poll taken by the Literary Digest indicates that most of the people of the country believe in the Mellon reduction program, although we believe it is jumping at a premature conclusion to assume that this poll indicates a widespread opposition to adjusted compensation for veterans.

It is an economic fact that high taxes divert wealth from industry to the detriment of every person in the country. Despite Secretary Mellon's somewhat contradictory statements regarding the adjusted compensation, he sounds a true economic principle when he asserts that reduction of surtaxes will reduce government income but little, because the reduction will attract millions away from tax-exempt securities and back into the channels of trade and industry.

High taxes defeat their own ends. Congress knows this, or else congress is more ignorant than we would care to charge. Yet politics is dictating consideration of the tax program. The country is fed up on congressional preference for politics, and these gentlemen who are blocking the tax reduction program may possibly be surprised when they find their activities prove a boomerang to their own political fortunes.

HISTORY will be in the making next Monday morning when four American army planes take the air at Santa Monica on the first leg of the first attempted flight around the world. The best wishes of millions of their patriotic countrymen will go with the party of intrepid aviators. That much for the nationalistic aspects of the flight.

The importance of the flight, from a scientific standpoint cannot be overestimated. If the planes succeed in circumnavigating the globe, the science of aviation will have advanced tremendously. The experiences of the aviators under the varied weather conditions which they are certain to encounter will provide the army air service with data not now available.

Not many years hence trips around the world in comfortable passenger planes will be almost commonplace.

HIRAM JOHNSON has been conspicuously absent during consideration in the United States senate of highly important legislation and equally important investigations. The presidential belt which has been buzzing in Hiram's bonnet for a number of years apparently has deadened the mind of the senior senator from California to the fact that senators are elected to represent the people and not to provide stepping stones to higher offices. Hiram is campaigning over the country, telling the voters what he thinks of this and that question. It is just possible that his constituents would appreciate his presence on the floor of the senate performing those duties which he is paid to perform.

### WINTERS WITHDRAWS FROM RACE STEADMAN ENDORSED BY LEAGUE

Three outstanding events in Torrance politics made their bids for attention this week.

1—Roy Winters, endorsed by the Freeholders' league as candidate for city trustee, announced his withdrawal from the race.

2—George R. Steadman, engineer at the Pacific Electric shops, was endorsed by the Freeholders' league as a candidate for trustee.

3—W. T. Klusman flouted the support accorded him by the Freeholders' league and told the organization that he intended to run as an "independent," with the result that the league, thus scorned by Klusman, withdrew the endorsement of his candidacy.

#### AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A company of Boy Rangers will be organized next Thursday evening by District Scout Commissioner Ellis P. Moore of San Pedro. The organization will be composed of boys from 8 to 12 years old.

The teachers of the elementary school realized sufficient cash from the "hot dog" sale held recently to furnish their cupboard with dishes and silverware.

#### WILL LECTURE HERE

Dr. E. L. Swick of Seattle, Wash., food and health expert, will deliver four lectures in Torrance this month. The lectures will be given at the following program: Friday, March 14, "Food and Food Values"; Monday, March 17, "Cancer"; Tuesday, March 18, "Skin Diseases"; Wednesday, March 19, "Stomach Troubles." Chester Waldron, widely known tenor, will sing. The lectures will be accompanied with stereopticon slides.

#### THE FRERENGS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frenker of West Carson street entertained at dinner Wednesday evening. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Anna Kelly of San Diego, Mrs. Marjorie Jones of Los Angeles, Mrs. Welton, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Jones.

### Witnesses Relate Various Versions Of Sunday Crash

Chief Anderson Decides to Grill All Eyewitnesses of Smashup in Which Girl Was Hurt

#### WAS A BUICK CAR REALLY TO BLAME?

Some Say Yes, Others Deny Buick Figured in Accident; Chief Hurries Probe to Find Out Truth

Conflicting stories told by eyewitnesses of the accident on Carson street last Sunday morning when little Frances Wilson was severely injured and Frank Murphy of Torrance Park badly shaken up, have convinced Chief of Police Anderson that a thorough investigation of the entire affair is necessary.

Several witnesses are said to declare that a Buick struck the girl and Murphy and sped on so quickly that nobody could take the number of the car.

Murphy's story is to the effect that no Buick figured in the accident, but that the little girl and Murphy were both struck by the Chevrolet driven by Thomas O. Waggoner of the Raitan hotel here.

Chief Anderson has interviewed numerous witnesses, with the result that the department is in a quandary as to the exact truth of the affair. After interviewing all eyewitnesses

Chief Anderson this morning decided to institute a widespread investigation in which all witnesses will be grilled under oath.

Immediately after the accident police of cities in Southern California were requested to search for a Buick; the front end of which showed signs of a collision. No word has been received by the police here in response to that request.

The chief has names and addresses of all eyewitnesses, who will be called to give their versions of the accident. "We are leaving no stone unturned in an effort to sift the truth out of the various conflicting stories," said the chief this morning.

Reports from the hospital in Los Angeles state that the Wilson child is recovering and that all three fractures which she sustained have been set.

Murphy is up and about, but showing visible signs of his injuries.

### FATHERS WILL BE GUESTS OF P.-T. A. TONIGHT

Tonight is "fathers' night, and the especially fine program that has been prepared by the P.-T. A. will be put on at the new elementary school. The kiddies are all excited, too, because the room that has the most "dads and granddads" present gets a prize.

Mr. Kersey, an assistant superintendent of the Los Angeles city schools, will be the speaker of the evening.

There'll be eats, too; so put on a clean collar, brush up your scanty locks, shine your shoes, and escort ma to the doin's.

It's your party, you know!

#### Ott Buys Torrance Grocery Market

L. Ott, proprietor of the Rock Bottom Market, announces the purchase of the Torrance Grocery Market, and will hereafter supervising the dispensing of meats, lards, etc., at this popular establishment.

Mr. Ott announces that the patrons of the Torrance Grocery can still be served by delivery of meats along with their grocery orders and that by having both markets he can serve the public with much more dispatch and promptness. His business has grown so fast that it was necessary to branch out and, as there was no more available space at his Rock Bottom Market, he was glad of the chance to purchase the Torrance Grocery Market.

#### EVERYBODY HAD A GOOD TIME

The social held at the Central Evangelical church Thursday night was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

A splendid musical program was presented, which included numbers by the Sigma Chi Rho glee club; baritone solos, C. B. Bell; violin solos, F. W. Hadler; duets, Catherine Burmaster and Virginia Watson; quartet, Charles Curtis, Dr. Neelands, C. B. Bell and Fred Lessing; and selections by the Sunday school orchestra.

Mrs. Bath, pianist, accompanied the artists.

A social hour followed, during which refreshments were served.

#### "ARE YOU AN AMERICAN?"

J. W. MORRIS SUBJECT

Rev. J. W. Morris will speak Sunday night on the question, "Are You an American?"

#### BUILDS HOUSE

Fred Hansen, of Gilbert, Hansen & Page, is building another five-room modern house on Amapola avenue near 214th street.

### MOOSE OPEN LODGE HERE AS 62 JOIN

Torrance lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, was installed last night at the Legion hall and, judging from the number of Moose that were in town from other places, anyone would think that they were in the wilds of Canada.

Torrance lodge starts off with 62 charter members, and as the charter will remain open for 60 days at the reduced initiation fee, there is no reason why it should not have a very large membership when the charter closes.

At the last minute a telegram was received from Hon. E. J. Hemming saying that it would be impossible for him to leave Washington until March 17. He had promised that he would attend the installation of this lodge, and a great many were disappointed that they did not get a chance to hear him.

District Supervisor W. Ward Davies of Los Angeles spoke about Mooseheart and Moosehaven. He told how the children were taken care of at Mooseheart, and how each one had to learn a trade in addition to the other educational features. He also spoke about Moosehaven, where the aged members of this order are taken care of when they are unable to take care of themselves.

After the talk by Mr. Davies the San Pedro degree team put on the degree. The drill team and the chair officers received many compliments for their work.

Following the initiation, D. D. S. D. A. Warrington of Los Angeles installed the officers of the lodge, as follows: George Bradford, dictator; Jack Price, vice-dictator; C. Beetham, prelate; Earl Fisher, past dictator; Geo. E. Bailey, trustee; Frank Hughes, secretary; Dale Deane, treasurer; James McDonald, trustee; Geo. Anderson, inside guard; E. J. Rice, outside guard.

Mr. Warrington then spoke of the good work of District Deputy Supervisor Geo. H. Hall in getting such a good class to represent Torrance lodge, and then said that this was the second lodge that Mr. Hall had started in the last six weeks. The other one is at Compton. Nothing was done in regard to a club for the lodge, as there was too much other business, and that will be taken up at the next meeting, which will be held in the Catholic hall on Friday, March 21.

#### MRS. STEADMAN BETTER

In reply to many inquiries, we are glad to report that Mrs. George R. Steadman is at her home on Cota avenue, and is steadily improving in health. Mrs. Steadman recently underwent a serious operation at the White Memorial hospital, Los Angeles.

American Legion Auxiliary St. Patrick dance, March 15.

### "IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

E. J. Miley will have another pair of producers on his Joughlin property soon. No. 2 is being drilled close to 3800 feet, while No. 3 is down 3360 feet, with heavy gas showings reported.

The Shell company has landed water string in Kettler No. 4 at 3576 feet.

March 3 of the Shell company Thursday produced 990 barrels. This well is important on account of the fact that it was drilled to 3552 feet without encountering bottom water. It came in at about 800 barrels and has gradually increased.

March 1-a of the Shell company is nearing completion. It is now being drilled at about 3850 feet. Its neighbor, March 3, was completed at 3852 feet. Shell has been doing much prospecting on the east side and it may be that March 1-a will be drilled somewhat deeper, although no announcement to this effect has been made by the company.

Petroleum Securities Marble 28 produced 1287 barrels Thursday, with 110 pounds of gas pressure on the tubing and 265 on the casing. The well came in at about a 1200-barrel rate last week.

Chancellor-Canfield has cemented Torrance 39, 40 and 41, all located along the old Redondo road (west).

Standard Wednesday landed water string in Dominguez No. 3 at 3666 feet.

Torrance 36 of the Chancellor-Canfield was being tested for a water shutoff Thursday. It is on the old Redondo road (west), offsetting the Petroleum Securities Marble lease.

Shell is testing Kettler No. 2 for a water shutoff, and running 10-inch casing in Kettler No. 5.

Chancellor-Canfield's Kettler No. 14 is standing cemented at 3500 feet.

The Van Allen Syndicate has located No. 8 at Palm and Pennsylvania streets.

The Jameson Oil company is drilling Catalina View No. 1 ahead, having received a shutoff O. K. from the mining bureau.

The mining bureau has O. Ked the cement job on Hackworth and Bruin's McGovern No. 1.

Standard has three wells on the Marble fee property nearing the interesting stage. No. 2 was down 3697

### TRAIN WRECK DELAYS WORK IN AUDITORIUM

There will be a delay of at least forty days in the dedication of the high school auditorium. The date of the shipment of the chairs and other equipment is so uncertain that it is almost impossible to announce a date. A railroad wreck is the cause of the delay, six orders having to be refiled.

#### REGISTER

Tomorrow is the last day on which registrations of voters may be taken. You can register tonight and tomorrow night at the Chamber of Commerce or at the office of Vonderahs & Crowell—and all day tomorrow at the Chamber of Commerce. If you have registered since January, but have moved from your precinct, you must re-register.

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