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WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The Woman's club will meet Thursday, May 8, in the music room of the high school. Those who have heard Dr. Marion Tracy Whiting over the radio will have the pleasure of meeting her in person at this time, as she is putting on the program for the club. The meeting starts promptly at 2:30. Be present and bring your prospective members or friends.

It is the aim of the Woman's club to be able to report its membership 100 per cent registered at the biennial. If you are a club woman and have not registered, do so at once. It is every woman's duty to register and vote.

To write a personal note of appreciation to every one who helped make the May dance given by the Woman's club such a wonderful affair would take much time and many sheets of paper, so we are taking this method of expressing our gratitude.

To the Edison Electric company, the Torrance mill, to the men who unstintingly gave their time and labor to the various committees who worked so efficiently, and to everyone who contributed toward making the dance a splendid success, we are most sincerely thankful.

WINIFRED BARNARD, for The Woman's Club of Torrance.

Mrs. C. McCabe of 252d street, who has been confined to her room the past week, is now able to be out again.

Torrance Man Lays Claim To Title As Shingle Tree Champ

J. W. Bursell, 1720 Cabrillo street, lays claim to the distinction of getting more shingles out of one tree than any other individual in a flock of counties.

And there seems to be justice in his claim. Mr. Bursell owns a shingle mill up north of Porterville. On the property is a giant redwood tree. At the foot this great tree measures 18 feet in diameter and tapers gradually up to the limb line for 200 feet. At the limb line it is 10 feet in diameter. Mr. Bursell asserts that he expects to make 2,000,000 shingles out of this tree this season. The tree is expected to yield a total of about 10,000,000 shingles.

Some of the muscle-sore business men who helped shingle the roof of the Evangelical Sunday school building say 10,000,000 shingles aren't many—that they laid that amount one Saturday afternoon.

James Wise of Andros avenue attended a banquet held at the Virginia hotel in Long Beach recently in honor of Charles M. Malcolm, grand commander of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone of Athens and George Proctor of Gramercy avenue enjoyed a week-end trip to Ocean-side, returning home by way of Murietta Hot Springs.

Mrs. Charles Clark of Weston street was a Los Angeles visitor this week.

GREATER L. A. DINNER TONIGHT

Prominent leaders of community activities in Torrance and Lomita will attend a dinner at the First Methodist church in Torrance tonight for the purpose of learning the details of the industrial plan of the Greater Los Angeles association and the Industrial Finance corporation.

Judge Rex B. Goodcell, collector of internal revenue and Walter Thornton of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce will speak.

MANY OUT OF TOWN GUESTS AT WOMAN'S CLUB CHARMING DANCE

Legion hall was transformed into a bower of beauty Saturday evening when the Woman's club held their May dance there.

Overhead was a canopy of asparagus fern which completely hid all the bare roof from sight, and pendent were dozens and dozens of wisteria blossoms and lanterns made of crepe paper in the soft lavenders, pink, blue, green and yellows of springtime. The front of the stage was hidden by fern and wisteria blossoms, while on the stage, standing on a bed of Cecil Bruner roses, were five large dolls dressed in the same soft colors, with ribbons running through their hands from one to another, making one think of children dancing on roses. When the large lights were turned off and only the lights of the lanterns shone, it seemed as if one were in Fairyland. Many of the ladies present wore frocks of light colors, which added much to the beauty of the scene.

The Lomita orchestra of five pieces—piano, two saxophones, banjo and trap drum—furnished the music that made even the lame wish to "trip the light fantastic toe." There was a good attendance, many out-of-town people being present.

The committees having this affair

in charge deserve a lot of credit, especially the committee on decorations, who carried out so faithfully the ideas of Mrs. R. R. Smith, who was in charge.

It is hoped when the clubhouse is built there will be many of these affairs.

Out-of-town guests: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rice, Hermosa; Miss Ellen Young, Los Angeles—guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young. Mrs. F. L. Foley, Mrs. Russell, Redondo. Mr. and Mrs. Jules Atchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Atchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, of Los Angeles—guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Earle of Los Angeles, guests of Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber. Mr. and Mrs. John Holm, Mr. and Mrs. Barron A. Beckham, and Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Powers, Lomita. Mrs. A. A. Hopkins, St. Louis, M' guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Denny. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, of Long Beach—guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bisbee, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gaunt, of Hermosa; Mrs. A. A. Sparks, of Los Angeles—guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hawley.

OBSERVATIONS

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widows of veterans who are needy already are receiving the amount which the pension bill would have provided for all.

That the President will veto the bill providing for insurance policies for World war veterans is the belief of many observers of Washington affairs, who draw the conclusion from the tone of the Executive's message on the pension bill.

Such a veto will not be popular. Since the Mexican war the United States has paid veterans of three wars upwards of six billion dollars. Veterans of the World war have so far received nothing.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

No confirmation of the report of a deep test well on the Petroleum Securities Marble property has been forthcoming. Field representatives of the company deny emphatically that such a deep test is being or has been made on the property.

Chanslor-Canfield is making ready to bring in Del Amo No. 12, west end wildcat, which, if a producer, will pump up so much gas on the Del Amo lease. The well was drilled to 3650 feet and will make about 150 barrels a day, it is believed.

Francis No. 1, Western avenue wildcat of the Santa Fe, is down 2250 feet.

Standard's Weston No. 1, southern outpost of the field, on Weston street in Lomita, is drilling ahead at 2000 feet in "sticky brown shale."

Chanslor-Canfield is swabbing Kettler No. 16.

Standard's Lease No. 6, an important key well, is flowing at the rate of 275 barrels a day.

Sentinel's Joughin No. 4 will be in soon. It is standing cemented at 3588 feet.

Shell has eight wells drilling or going up on the Beumle lease. No. 1 is down 3400 feet.

Chanslor-Canfield has put Kettler No. 9 on the pump.

Shell's Dolores No. 1, east of Harbor boulevard, is down 2400 feet.

Black's Keystone Syndicate No. 1 is again receiving attention. The operator has overcome financial difficulties and is still confident of bringing in a producer.

The White Star's Empire No. 1, half a mile southeast of Oakley No. 1, the field's most easterly producer, looks like a dud. A test Monday morning showed salt water, which operators declare is edge water. The well is too far south for commercial production, field experts think.

The Shell company reports that Kettler No. 2, deep test, is again making water, after having been cemented for the third time. Despite this fact the well is also making more oil and gas than ever, it is authentically reported. The hole was drilled to 3395 feet, and bridged back to 3336, where casing was cemented. Many operators believe that if Shell can shove the casing through the cement and land it lower, a real producer will result.

Superior will soon bring in No. 23 and No. 25 on the Joughin lease. Both are down below 3320 feet.

Shell's March No. 5 is down 3550 feet and will be swabbed for production this week.

SANTA FE'S KETTLER NO. 8 IS DESTROYED BY PERILOUS BLAZE

Forty men fought for twelve hours to quell the flames which destroyed the rig of Kettler No. 8 of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company early Monday morning and which roared skyward until noon.

The rig blaze, fed by spouting gas and oil, broke out shortly after midnight Sunday. It was not quelled until 11:30 Monday morning.

Torrance firemen answered the alarm and succeeded in preventing the spread of the flames to other derricks along the old Redondo road, east of Arlington street.

So spirited was the blaze that it was useless to direct streams of water at the open mouth of the well.

The Chanslor-Canfield outfit quickly called together an emergency crew. Three steam lines, hooked up to nearby boilers, were turned on the blaze near the mouth of the hole.

Two streams of rotary mud were directed at pipe and casing in the neighborhood to keep them cool.

The emergency crew battled the flames for almost twelve hours, when the steam lines and mud finally quenched the blaze.

The well had been off production for several days after sanding up, and the crew was swabbing for production when gas and oil, spouting out of the hole, were ignited by friction and a great column of fire roared heavenward.

While the blaze was at its height the gas pressure forced the swab out of the hole with terrific force, at the same time shooting great tongues of fire in all directions from the rig.

Motorcycle Officer Clarke narrowly escaped being enveloped in the flames when the swab blew out. Several others had close calls.

Kettler No. 8 had been producing 700 barrels a day before sanding up. The fire was the fifth of its kind in the field.

Miss Hazel Bartlett of 253d street entertained Sunday in honor of her father, C. C. Bartlett, just home from a three months' stay in a San Francisco hospital. Miss Bartlett's guests included Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGraw, Miss Eleanor Hallstrom of Lomita, and Dr. W. C. Dickson of Los Angeles. A radio concert was enjoyed in the evening.

AUDITORIUM IS DEDICATED AND STUDENTS GIVE SPLENDID PLAY

"Toot your horn. Keep out of the rut," said Prof. I. W. Barnett, principal of the Torrance high school, in his introductory remarks at the dedication of the high school auditorium Friday night. "I know you will be glad to learn that the high school has been placed on the accredited list of the University of California."

In introducing Mrs. Dorsey, superintendent of the Los Angeles city school system, Mr. Barnett said: "It is kind of Mrs. Dorsey to leave her work to come here to present this building to us. Mrs. Dorsey has been with the school system of Los Angeles twenty-eight years, beginning as a school teacher; and now, as superintendent, she has 198,000 school children in her care, to provide adequate school room for—Los Angeles being the third largest school system in the United States."

"This is the pleasantest part of my work—to hand over a completed building to the people of a city, as I am doing now in presenting to you this new auditorium and the newly completed additions to the high school building," were Mrs. Dorsey's opening remarks.

"Los Angeles has had the biggest influx of school children this year of any city in the United States. In September the increase was 25,500 over the year before, and now it is 30,000.

"The board of education and the superintendent are glad to turn over to you this building enlarged, and are glad that no serious accident occurred during its erection. In passing over this building to you I must speak a word of praise for the progressive work in Torrance, and I wish to congratulate the school. May many happy children enter in the years to come. May the Torrance high school send forth young people fitted for the battle of life. I believe it is a crime to send forth any young person unfitted to earn a living, and I hope many children will leave here prepared to render service and prepared to appreciate the finer things of life.

"Mr. Mayor, I take pleasure in turning over this building to you."

J. M. Fitzhugh, mayor pro tem., in accepting the building, said: "This is not a gift, but the consummation of an ideal of the school, the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of Torrance, and I wish to thank the educational committee and all who helped bring it to pass. The students will show their appreciation in the program to be rendered and in their work in years to come."

Mr. Gould, first assistant school superintendent, spoke a few words on the coming school bond election, June 3, and gave many reasons why these bonds should carry. He said, in part: "The Los Angeles school district covers 1000 square miles and the pupils have come upon us in a flood. One school room takes care of 35 children, and it will take 817 classrooms, costing over \$6,000,000, to take care of this year's increase. We are using 28 tents as classrooms, dozens and dozens of bungalows, and any number of old houses with the partitions removed. Basement rooms and cloak rooms are being used for classrooms. In Los Angeles there are 750

Harbor City Notes

Mrs. Jim Walters, who has been ill at her home at 1645 Walnut street, Harbor City, is getting along nicely and hopes to be out again in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Aspittle of Weston street were Long Beach visitors Friday.

Clarence and Stanley Aspittle marched with the newsboys in the boys' parade held in Long Beach Friday afternoon.

H. M. Hubbell, our popular pharmacist, attended the Rexall convention in Los Angeles. Mr. Hubbell also visited his parents at Van Nuys.

half-day sessions for 22,000 children. These children are learning all the time—if not in school, then on the street."

The following took part in the play: George Hannan, Arnold Campbell, George Watson, Homer Morgan, Turner McLean, Garnet Cook, Martha Kirkpatrick, Tone Barnett, Alice Moe, Genevieve Holland, Lucile Weaver, Gertrude Miller, Helen Morse, Virginia Brissinger, Bernice Elman.

The following deserve due credit: Dramatic director, Mrs. Morse; music director, Mrs. Eischen; art director, Miss Chase; assistant director of chorus, Kathryn Wheaton; costume committee—Jessie Neilson, Margaret Hannan, Katherine Young, Eleanor Boice, Mildred Richhart.

All furniture and rugs used in the play were loaned by Huddleston Furniture company.

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