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DOHENY LEASES AREA NEAR WILDCAT ASK OPENING OF NEW HOME DISTRICT

TEST HOLE SPURS ON ACTION

\$1200 Bonus Per Acre Paid on One Lease Signed

This Week

OPERATORS ARE ACTIVE

Land Near Boulevard Attracts Oil Men; Well Showings Secret

That the Petroleum Securities Company (Doheny subsidiary) is confident of the oil-producing possibilities of the Western avenue district in the Palos Verdes Hills was strongly indicated this week by a spirited campaign of leasing in the territory near the Doheny wildcat, which is now drilling around the 1600-foot level.

The Doheny organization this week leased eight acres near the wildcat from the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company. The tract is about 2500 feet west of the Petroleum Securities test hole.

Other companies were brisly endeavoring to secure leases. Owners of property in the Redondo boulevard section of Lomita have been approached by numerous company representatives with propositions.

One lease which is now in escrow provided for a bonus of \$1200 an acre and 20 percent of the oil.

An offer of \$8000 an acre was made to the owner, who did not sell.

No authentic data on the showings encountered at the Petroleum Securities wildcat were available this week. The company has closed its avenues of information. That the Doheny field men, however, are enthusiastic over the prospects is indicated by the activity of the organization's leasing department.

Sullivan Truck Team Will Play Local Oil Nine

Hawthorne Game Is Postponed Week; Wallace Will Pitch

Hawthorne having had a game already billed for the benefit of one of their players who was injured recently, the team will be unable to continue their series with C.-C. M. O. next Sunday, but will be over in full force the following Sunday, Sept. 27, determined to gain a decision over the Oilers and even up the series.

In the absence of Hawthorne, Secretary Charlie Hill of the Managers' Association is sending one of the strongest clubs in his repertoire, in the Sullivan Truck team. Bob Wallace, who pitched for Redondo last year, will twirl for the truck outfit.

The game will be called at 2:30.

Rummage Sale Is Success; Nets \$60

Members of the Torrance Relief Society announce that the rummage sale held last Friday and Saturday was unusually successful. The proceeds were \$60. Officers of the organization wish to thank the First National Bank for donating the use of the store on Sartori avenue, and the many persons who donated clothing.

Oil Worker Wound in Cable and Spun Around Drum on Rig Dies In Hospital From Severe Shock

Caught in the cable and wound about the cable drum on an oil derrick Sunday afternoon, Elmer William Freely, aged 46, died several hours later at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Freely was working on a derrick in Lomita for the South Basin Oil Company of Long Beach. The crew was pulling six-inch pipe when the cable broke under the strain of 50,000 pounds weight.

Freely was caught by a piece of cable and carried at terrific speed to the drum. His body was literally spun around and wrapped in the cable as the drum revolved. Several bones were broken and his whole body was severely bruised.

Freely was rushed to the hospital, where he died at 7:30 p. m. His death was due to shock.

The victim of the accident resided in Downey, where he left a widow and one child.

Head of Derrick Company With New Plant Near Completion In Torrance Grateful to Chamber

That new industries locating in Torrance appreciate the services offered by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is indicated by the letter received by Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber, from Harry M. Runkle, president of the International Derrick and Equipment Company of Columbus, O., whose new plant on Carson street is rapidly becoming ready for occupancy. The letter follows:

"Mr. Carl L. Hyde, Secretary, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Torrance, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Hyde:

"Your very kind communication of Aug. 25 is received with sincere appreciation.

"We are looking forward with interest and enthusiasm to the establishment of our industry in your city and will doubtless upon numerous occasions avail ourselves of the facilities offered by your organization.

"Again permit me to express to you and to your board of directors my appreciation of the spirit which prompted your letter of the 25th.

Yours very truly,

"HARRY M. RUNKLE, President."

Mr. Hyde's letter to Mr. Runkle detailed the services offered by the local Chamber and placed them at the disposal of the company.

Torrance Merchants Lose Warm Pitchers' Duel Here on Sunday; 35 Strikeouts Are Registered

A red hot ball game was staged here Sunday afternoon when the Black and White Taxi outfit of Los Angeles, playing errorless ball behind superb pitching by Portman, won from the Torrance Merchants by a score of 3 to 0.

The tilt was a pitchers' duel, with Mills of the Merchants striking out 14 men, while Portman fanned 21.

The visitors scored once in the first inning and twice in the second. After that neither side succeeded in shoving a tally across the plate.

Three errors by Torrance men accounted for the first run, and a brace of hits and an error accounted for the two in the second inning. In this frame Brady doubled with two on and they both raced home.

The Merchants touched up Portman for eight hits, which were well scattered, while Mills let down the Taxi men with four bingles.

The Merchants will meet Santa Rita here Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The game will take place at the High School grounds, pending improvement of the Border avenue park.

Hundred Nobles Attend Torrance Party on Monday

Visiting Shriners Enjoy Rightem Club Dinner and Dance

Nearly 100 members of the El Rightem Shrine Club, representing almost every city and community in the harbor district, enjoyed a chicken dinner and dance in Torrance Monday night.

The dinner at the Ferncroft cafe was presided over by Lee Kuker of Inglewood, president of the club.

After the dinner Shriners and their wives danced in the Masonic Temple to music furnished by the Packard Six of Radio Station KFI.

Visiting Shriners complimented the Torrance nobles highly on the success of the affair.

The party in Torrance was arranged by the following committee: Charles Mueller, chairman; John Fess, F. B. Dilley, Roy Winters, and W. R. Page.

Lawrence Kolb Is Promoted By Bank of America

Local Man Becomes Acting Assistant Manager of Torrance Office

The Bank of America, Torrance office, announces the promotion of Lawrence H. Kolb to the position of acting assistant manager, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of G. Jehu, who has left to enter business in Long Beach. Mr. Kolb has been with the institution here for two years and before that was with the Bank of Italy in Los Angeles for two years.

Alfred Reinertson is the new teller at the bank. He comes to Torrance after several years of experience in Los Angeles banks.

Miss Grace Biggs is a new stenographer at the bank. She was engaged by banks in San Diego and Los Angeles for six years before coming here.

J. W. Leach, manager of the Bank of America here, announces that all of the persons affiliated with the organization now reside in Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thomas have again taken up their residence at the Castle.

Observations

Rodgers a Hard Man to Kill—The Navy Executes a Coup d'Etat, but Fails to Discredit Mitchell; The Churches' Prohibition Survey

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WE were somewhat hasty last week in writing of Commander John Rodgers in the past tense. We should have known that Rodgers is a hard man to kill. We should have known, as he has demonstrated, that given a stick and a rag a man of his resourcefulness will navigate himself into port.

In upholding the traditions of his own family, Rodgers exemplified the highest traditions of the American navy. He is made of the stuff that sent the daring sailors forth to brave the terrors of the unknown seas that this continent might be discovered. He is made of the stuff that made this country when stout hearts drove forward into the tangled regions of the ever-shifting western frontier.

TO Rodgers and his gallant men the experiences on the plane that heaved and tossed on the endless bosom of the Pacific were all part of the day's work in the navy, all in line of duty. To you and to me they constitute the basis for a great American epic. Whose heart did not thrill as he read how Rodgers made potable water out of brine, by burning small pieces of wood under a still which his mother had made him take along on the plane? Whose spine did not shiver with sheer exultation as he read that Rodgers would have sailed that plane, right into harbor had he not been sighted by the keen eye of the submarine watch?

Rodgers and his men not only upheld tradition. They made new tradition.

All honor to their gallant souls.

THE navy department executed a coup d'etat when Rodgers was appointed second in command of the nation's naval air forces. The Mitchell charges were still sizzling when Rodgers and his men were rescued. And scarcely had the news of the rescue spread through the ether and over the cables when the announcement of Rodgers' new appointment came out of Washington.

Mitchell's chief contention has been that flying men should be in charge of fliers. Rodgers' record on the sea-tossed plane proved that a sea-aviator should also be a navigator, that the two are co-related. So the navy ordered Rodgers to Washington.

FOR WHICH the nation owes its thanks to Mitchell. Like all staunch opponents of things as they are, Mitchell's constant hammering forced the navy to select a man as an air force executive who has proven himself a flier of high capacity. Hence the selection of Rodgers. However, it is possible that Rodgers never would have been selected had it not been for Mitchell.

But the naming of Rodgers does not settle the controversy over the control of army and navy air forces. It still seems logical that a new and independent branch be instituted. And there is no doubt that time and circumstances will bring about such an innovation.

ARE you reading the reports of the Research Department of the Federal Council of Churches? They have to do with the social and economic results of prohibition. They are not conclusive. But they constitute the first comprehensive record of facts, based on a scientific nationwide survey of conditions.

The reports are being released daily to the public press. As this is written two reports have been published. They are pregnant with interest and uniquely unbiased.

Most of the data on the results of prohibition, up to this time, have been tinged with the unmistakable hues of inspired propaganda. Most figures and facts on the subject heretofore have proved the statement that while figures don't lie, liars do figure.

The reports from the nationwide survey are strikingly unbiased. The council proceeds on the assumption that prohibition is still on trial. It is only with such an assumption as a starting point that anyone can consider the problem fairly.

It is this fairness that commends the church survey to the earnest seeker after truth.

THE survey finds many conditions that indicate prohibition is a failure and many more which indicate it is a success. It remains for the individual to balance these facts for himself, for, as the report of the churches asserts, the ultimate success or failure of prohibition, like the ultimate success or failure of any other law, depends entirely on the verdict of public opinion.

The churches' reports will not be conclusive. But they are a step in the right direction, an approach to the subject without bias and wholly in the interests of truth.

One who reads them with open mind, regardless of his own leanings on the question of prohibition, will be rewarded by the absorption of considerable food for thought.

BERNARD M. BARUCH of New York, formerly chairman of the War Industries Board and head of the economic section of the American Mission to the Versailles Peace Conference, in a recent address warns against the present tendency of "restriction through legislative enactment."

In the course of his address, the theme of which was paternalism, Mr. Baruch said:

"With the growth of wealth and of the great industrial combinations necessary for production and distribution in our modern life, there developed corporations and interests which at times seemed ready to crush the personal liberty, initiative and opportunity of an individual or a community. Then it was necessary for government to interfere."

WHILE I do not wish to be in the position of saying that the government should not intervene in our activities, I am convinced it should only do so where it is clear that the intervention is for the purpose only of keeping the door of opportunity equally open to all. Laws should not be made to shackle personal initiative or to be catpaws to serve envy directed toward those who are willing to subdue their emotions and appetites and use their time and activities rigorously to achieve success.

"This tendency to make new laws is accentuated by the bitterness of those who, because of faults largely their own, think it is some sinister power which aids others and militates against them. They

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High School To Stress 3 "R's" As Fundamental

Vocational Training Will Be Emphasized Under New Principal's Plan

The High School has now settled down to its regular routine of classes, and students are receiving regular instruction in their various lines of study. There are many details of administration connected with the opening of a High School that must be worked out before the machinery is running smoothly.

There are always conflicts between classes to be eradicated, advice to students about which subjects should be taken, and in finding rooms for the many classes that have been found necessary.

33 New Faces

The enrollment is gradually increasing and is now past the 300 mark, with good prospects of exceeding that number before the week is past.

An interesting feature of the enrollment is the fact that there are 33 new students who have not attended any Torrance school before. This would indicate that a number of new families have moved to Torrance during the summer.

In the judgment of Mr. Wood, the principal, the High School has rather a unique position in educational opportunities, due to the industrial nature of the community.

Mr. Wood has been an electrician and an electrical engineer, has taught electricity as a vocation, and will give considerable attention to vocational training for boys, particularly along the line of the machine trades. It is expected that vocational education will become an important phase of the high school work.

The girls will not be neglected, for they already have a very fine sewing and cooking department and the artcraft work will be developed into a popular phase of hand work for girls. The three R's still remain the most important part of school work and much stress will be put upon the teaching of these fundamentals.

Briney to Speak

This week is being observed throughout the country as Constitution Week, during which the attention of students in all schools is directed toward our national constitution. The High School student body will have the pleasure of listening to Perry G. Briney, city attorney, who will address an assembly Friday morning at 12:30.

Winter League Is Planned Here By Bowling Men

Enthusiasts Also Hope to Enter Teams in Southern California Circuits

Local bowlers are making plans for a new Winter pin league with eight teams in the contest. With the close of the Summer Circuit the alleys at the American were sanded and put in A-1 condition.

Enthusiasts of the game here have decided to enter at least eight Torrance teams in the Junior Commercial and Southern California traveling leagues, which bowl on all the leading alleys of the Southland.

The members of the Torrance City Bowling League wish to express, through The Herald, their appreciation of the support which they received from Torrance merchants, some of whom entered teams in the league and others who donated prizes for the bowlers.

Chief Hannebrink Goes to Conclave At Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hannebrink of Andree avenue left Wednesday for Seattle, Wash., where Chief Hannebrink will attend a convention of fire chiefs.

Legion To Stage Amateur Play on September 29-30

'It Pays to Advertise' Being Directed by Miss Fishback

Rehearsals for the annual play of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, started this week under the direction of Miss Pearl Fishback, who directed last year's cast in the showing of "It Pays to Advertise."

The vehicle selected by Miss Fishback for the Legion this year is "It Pays to Advertise," a three-act comedy especially adapted for presentation by amateurs.

The play will be presented two nights at the High School Auditorium, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 29 and 30.

In the cast this year are several who took part in the Legion's successful play last year.

The members of last year's cast who will appear again this year are Sam Levy, Ralph Satchell, Ted Frenger, Willis Brooks, and W. Harold Kingsley.

Other members of the cast are Lucile Weaver, Dolores McNeil and L. V. Babcock.

Torrance High Football Team Badly Equipped

Only One Squad Out Because of Lack of Supplies

Fifteen aspirants for positions on the Torrance High School football team reported for practice under Coach Robert Mitchell this week and are daily being put through their paces in preparation for the opening game with Excelsior High of Norwalk here on Friday, Oct. 16.

Coach Mitchell regards prospects for Torrance High as unusually good this year, despite the fact that six members of last year's first line of attack and defense were lost by graduation.

Entered in League

The team is entered in the Marine League, which includes Lomita, Wilmington, Gardena, Downey, Excelsior Union High of Norwalk, and Avalon High.

Four members of last year's team who are out in their gripes, Long Beach, again this season are Ray Sloppy, Eugene Risden, Floyd Chandler, and Walter Zuber.

New material includes the following: Robert Bartlett, Ted Reeve, Bryan Hughes, Theodore Rathbun, Marlo Bacon, Forrest McKinley, Earl Hager, Alfred Pennington, Cyril Abels, Robert Reed, and John Reynolds.

Coach Mitchell is worried over the dearth of football equipment available for the team and says that he could put a junior team in the field if enough money were available for the purchase of equipment. Last year business men donated \$150 for football equipment and much of it is still in good condition. There is scarcely enough, however, to equip even the first team properly, and the coach will not allow the boys to scrimmage unless they are properly protected against injury.

It is probable that an effort will be made to raise money for equipment for the team.

Torrance Man Is Named President Of Muncie Society

At the Muncie (Ind.) picnic held last Sunday at Bisby Park, Long Beach, a permanent organization was perfected, with James T. Wise of Torrance, president; Charles Sprangler of Los Angeles, vice-president; and Miss Sara Crispin of Long Beach, secretary.

More than 200 former Muncie residents were present Sunday, and decided to make the picnic an annual affair, to be held the second Sunday in September.

WEST SIDE WORK IS ASKED

Chamber Asks Improvements Between Madrid and Cedar Avenues

SEWERS, WALKS, CURBS Trustees Are Requested to Take Steps for Paved Streets, Too

In anticipation of an increased demand for improved residential property in Torrance, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon passed a resolution requesting the Board of City Trustees to take steps for the improvement with sewers, sidewalks, curbs and gravel streets of a substantial area between Madrid and Cedar avenues.

The action of the board was taken with the knowledge that medium-priced residential lots are in great demand here by builders. This knowledge is based on the fact that four-room and five-room houses are in constant demand here now. Many builders stand ready to supply the need if an area, such as that proposed by the Chamber of Commerce for improvement, is opened up.

Under some of the streets in the area recommended for improvement sewers are already down.

The Chamber directors request the board to institute proceedings for sewers to serve lots on both sides of Cedar street and numerous lots north of Redondo boulevard. The request also asks the board to institute proceedings for sidewalks and curbs in the area, to include both sides of Cedar street.

Contractors here report that scores of dwellings will be constructed in the area if the improvements are assured.

Firemen Quench Columbia Steel Company Blaze

Quick Time Made by Department in Heavy Morning Fog

A small blaze at the plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation at 3:30 Saturday morning was quickly extinguished by the Torrance Volunteer Fire Department.

A large coil of rope on a walk above an open hearth ignited and the blaze got beyond control of workmen, who called the department. Five minutes after the alarm the boys were running hose, a speed which the Columbia Steel executives thoroughly appreciate. The damage was estimated at \$200.

Hundreds of residents were awakened by the repeated blasts of the fire truck siren. The continuous sounding of the siren was necessary owing to the fact that the city was enveloped in a heavy fog at the time of the alarm and the boys on the truck kept the siren busy all the time as a precautionary measure.

New Ford Models On Display Here

The improved model Ford is here. Schultz, Peckham and Schultz announce the arrival of the first new model today, and invite the public to inspect it at their Torrance showroom. The showroom will be open evenings until 9 o'clock.

Read "The Skeleton Finger"—Beginning Next Week