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## NEW OIL BOOM STIRS EAST SIDE

### Three-year Old Girl Succumbs After Eating Rat Poison

#### WILL SPUD TEST AT JULIAN

O'Donnell Group Erect Derrick East of Harbor Boulevard

#### LAND SALES SPIRITED

Oil Men Buy Lots and Acreage East of Torrance

#### Glove Factory To Start Work Within 10 Days

C. W. Doty Announces Early Operation of New Plant Here

C. W. Doty announced today that the plant of the Torrance Glove Company will start operations in about ten days.

Machinery is being moved into the new building on the rear of the Levy property on El Prado and will be set in motion in a little more than a week.

#### To Present Awards At Mother Center

Those mothers who have not yet received their honor certificates or blue ribbons and records should be present Friday, May 6, at the Mothers' Educational Center.

The center will be held as usual at the Women's Clubhouse from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

"Good luck" is the report of Dewey Fix, Harvel Guttenfelder, Art Finster and George Parr, who went on a fishing trip in Weber's Canyon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Haun were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jackson of South Normandie avenue.

Everything in building materials, Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.



#### Observations

Fighting the War Nine Years After—Albert Beveridge, a Great American—An Anecdote From the Early Records of the Supreme Court

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

NINE years ago this spring the world hung in the balance. The great German offensive on the Western front smashed the right wing of the British army and rocked the morale of England and France. In a desperate effort to stem the tide Foch hurried every available division into the breach, including hundreds of untrained labor battalions.

In May General John J. Pershing, aware of the crisis, temporarily withdrew his insistence upon an American army on an American front and offered Foch every available trained American division.

AGERLY accepting, Foch ordered the veteran American First division, Regular, into the thick of the German offensive on the Cantigny-Noyon front.

Trained to the attack, commanded by field officers of the West Point school which teaches that the best defense against an offensive is an attack, the American First not only held its ground, but drove forward against the German assault and captured the important city of Cantigny.

With the retreat proceeding on both sides of them the men of the First wrote the first brilliant chapter in the American participation in the Allied reports of the month of May.

From that first success American troops turned the tide of war. At the time, the Allied statesmen and commanders knew it and admitted it.

TODAY they have a different version. European opinion now relates that the American effort was ineffective; that the Germans were worn out and ready to quit before the Americans arrived; that our men came too late to do any good; that the Allies would have won anyway.

But those who know, including men like Frederick Palmer, George Patullo, Gen. James B. Harbord, Gen. Robert Lee Bullard and Gen. Hunter Liggett, set forth in logical and certain terms that if it had not been for the presence of Americans in force the Allies would have been beaten in the summer of 1918.

TODAY'S European version is easily understood. They minimize our success in order to bolster home opinion that the Allied nations should not pay back what we loaned to them.

How quickly mortals forget! Particularly when lack of memory will save money.

#### KEYSTONE SMASH BUILDING MARK

#### BABY IS VICTIM

Devours Deadly Contents of Can and Dies Next Day

#### PHYSICIAN IS TOO LATE

Child Well for Hours Before Mother Knows of Poisoning

Three-year-old Jean Elizabeth Stegmaier, daughter of Mrs. Anna Stegmaier, Myler and Amelia streets, Keystone, died Tuesday morning from the effects of rat poison which she ate out of a can.

Little Jean was playing in the home Monday with other little tots when one of the older children toppled a can of rat poison from the top of a cupboard.

The older children went about their play and Jean opened the can and devoured considerable of the poison, which "looked like candy." Her mother fed the tot the whites of eggs and milk and the little one showed no signs of illness until late Monday night.

When a physician was called a stomach pump was used, but it was too late to save the little girl's life.

Mr. Stegmaier, rather of the child, died three years ago. The funeral was arranged for this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Stone and Myers chapel, Rev. H. B. Tranchel of Keystone Mission officiating.

#### Eastern Stars Greet Deputy Grand Matron

Chapter Presents Mrs. Angie Munroe With Glassware at Meeting

Mrs. Angie Munroe, deputy grand matron of the forty-ninth district of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, Order of the Eastern Star, paid her official visit to Torrance Chapter Thursday evening.

The work of the chapter was exemplified in a manner which was praised by the deputy grand matron. Mrs. Munroe was presented with a set of cut glass sheet glasses, a cut glass creamer, and an arm bouquet of red rosebuds and maidenhair ferns.

#### Flood Money Asked

#### MOTHERS' DAY



Local Fund Now Over \$220; Send Donations to C. of C.

More men, women and children than live in a city twice the size of Long Beach are destitute in the flooded areas of the Mississippi Valley. Their homes are destroyed, their crops gone, their livestock drowned, their farms and home towns under water.

As the waters recede it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and the tireless energies of hundreds of doctors and nurses to check the spread of disease.

President Coolidge originally asked the people of the country to raise a relief fund of \$5,000,000. But now the spread of the angry waters and the increasing numbers of homeless persons has made it necessary for him to call for \$10,000,000.

We whose homes are intact and who are living in comfort, should not fail to answer this call. Send your contributions to the Chamber of Commerce.

Contributions during the past week through the Chamber of Commerce were as follows: Rotary Club of Torrance \$200.00

Friend 10.00  
J. W. Bryant 2.00  
W. C. Schumacker 5.00  
Anonymous 2.00  
Alfred Gourdiar 1.50  
Total \$220.50

#### Bowen Presides As 4000 Attend Big Convention

Torrance C. E. Man Given Credit for Success of Gathering

Last weekend was marked off in red on the calendar of every Christian Endeavorer in Los Angeles County. A great Endeavor convention was held in Glendale April 29 to May 1.

This was the thirty-fifth annual convention for Los Angeles County Union, and was perhaps the biggest ever known in the history of this county. Registration and attendance reached the grand total of 4000 delegates, mostly of high school age, who flocked to Glendale town, beginning as early as Friday noon, in anticipation of the opening session at 7:15 that evening, and staying through till the close at 9 o'clock Sunday evening.

#### NEW HIGH MARK IS REACHED

#### Torrance April Permits Pass Million Mark in Big Rush

41 DWELLINGS STARTED

Months Aggregate Almost Equals Best Annual Total Here

Exceeding all previous Torrance monthly building permits issued \$750,000, building permits issued here during April reached an aggregate of \$1,080,890. This sum falls short only a few hundred thousand dollars of the highest record ever made in Torrance for a whole year.

That 1927 will shatter all previous annual records by a tremendous margin is now assured.

During the flush period of the oil boom here in June of 1925 permits were issued to an aggregate of \$351,000, which up to last month constituted a Torrance record.

Forty-one dwellings were started in Torrance during April. Exclusive of the big permit issued to the Petroleum Securities Corporation, the aggregate for April was \$120,350, mostly made up of permits for dwellings and store buildings.

Permits for the year 1926 up to April 30 aggregated \$1,318,803. The following table of monthly permits shows the increase each month since January:

Month	Permits
January	\$ 50,275
February	63,750
March	124,388
April	1,080,890

Total for 4 months \$1,318,803. Permits issued during the past week were as follows: L. P. Stepientson, 1107 Portola, two apartments and five garages, \$4550; Mrs. McCarthy, 2012 Andree, garage, \$600; Hoid McCray, five-room stucco, \$2500; Hazel Schaper, 1008-1020 Acacia, four five-room stuccos, \$2700 each; H. N. Rigney, 824 Madrid, five-room stucco, \$2900; K. Swanson, five-room frame, \$2000; John Dennis, 1617 Amalpa, five-room stucco, \$3250; Joe Pederson contractor.

#### Ill for Years; Charles Curtiss Dies Wednesday

Resident of Torrance for Seven Years Expires at Home

An illness of several years ended Wednesday when death came to Charles N. Curtiss, 68, of 1548 Post avenue.

#### Torrance Quiz

How Much Do You Know About Your City?—Play This New Question and Answer Game in The Herald—Enjoy and Learn

- 1—Approximately how much acreage does the General Petroleum Corporation own in Torrance and what is the announced cost of the development which the company will complete in this city?
- 2—What store in Torrance sells Pied Piper shoes?
- 3—What are the names of the two chief executives of the Ford agency in Torrance?
- 4—Where would you go in Torrance to buy products of the Owl Drug Company; where to buy Rexall products?
- 5—Where is Holeproof hosiery sold in Torrance?
- 6—If you needed repairs made on a baby carriage or bicycle, or a saw sharpened or a key made, where would you go in Torrance?
- 7—What store in Torrance has recently put in a large stock of Munsingwear?
- 8—What is the name of the firm in Torrance that sells gasoline and pays its employes a bonus?
- 9—What is the name of the "Willard battery man" in Torrance?
- 10—What are the names of physicians practicing in Torrance?

AWARD CONTRACT The Board of Trustees Tuesday night awarded to J. J. McNerney the contract for constructing walks and curbs on Madrid avenue. McNerney was lowest bidder. His bid was \$5948, or 14 cents per square foot for sidewalks and 45 cents per lineal foot for curbs.

CHORAL CLUB The Torrance Choral Club will meet at the elementary school tonight at 7:30 p. m. All who may be interested are cordially invited to attend.