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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 Ac- quire East of Tor- rance

Spurred by the erection of an oil derrick and the announced drilling program of James O'Donnell in Julian City east of Harbor boulevard, oil men brought a new oil land buying and leasing activity in the territory between Torrance and Main street this week.

O'Donnell, a successful operator in Long Beach, will spud in his test well in Julian City within a few days. Long Beach oil men and several substantial companies are leasing land in the vicinity. The O'Donnell group has about 100 acres under lease on the land where the test will be bored.

According to reports in local real estate circles few bonuses are being paid, but a number of sales of acreage and Hamerton Tract lots have been made to operators and oil speculators.

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.

Mr. Doty said that 12 women will be employed at the outset, and that the force will be doubled and trebled as rapidly as workers can be trained.

The new plant will have a capacity of 125,000 dozen pairs of gloves a year, all of which will be taken by companies which already have placed orders. The firm will specialize on leather-faced work gloves.

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 Gutfenfelder, Art Flaster 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.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

Some people make you feel at home others make you wish you were.

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 hurled 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.

EAGERLY accepting, Foch ordered the veteran American First Division, Regular, into the thick of the German offensive on the Cantigny-Neoyon 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. The news of their success was the one bright spot 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.

Those who know, including men like Frederick Palmer, George Patton, Gen. James W. 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 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.

A GREAT AMERICAN went to his reward when Albert J. Beveridge, former senator and famous biographer, died last week in Indiana.

Elected to the United States Senate at the age of 34, Beveridge became a national figure by virtue of his brains and the force of his eloquence. Always restless in his politics, personally a patriot but politically a champion of the people's rights, he deserted his party to join the Progressives with Roosevelt. He came back into the Republican fold with Harding and stayed there until his death.

THERE are many who declare that Beveridge's life of John Marshall is the greatest American biography ever written. Certainly it ranks among the best.

I HAD the good fortune once to spend a night in company with Beveridge. It was among the most engaging few hours I ever spent at social intercourse and when the session broke up at dawn that of us agreed that Beveridge was the most entertaining conversationalist on two feet.

He told us at that time that he wanted to do one truly great work before he died, and said that he had selected the task of writing the life of Lincoln. When he died last week he left the work undone. He had worked on it for six years and was just getting it well under way. As in his preparation of the Life of Marshall, Beveridge was not satisfied with anything short of perfection in detail and spent months in research in order to write one short chapter.

IN gathering data for the Life of Marshall, Beveridge pored for years over old records. He studied Congressional reports minutely and went into every phase of politics in Marshall's time with a care that seldom is given to biographical research.

It will be remembered that Marshall was among the first to champion the judiciary in its ever-recurring combat with the legislative branch, a controversy that La Follette brought again to the fore during his Presidency.

This controversy raged during the first few sessions of Congress, when John Jay was first chief justice of the great tribunal and John Marshall the second.

IN going over the Supreme Court records of those early days of the Republic Beveridge discovered many interesting facts and anecdotes. During his night of conversation with us he related many of them, not the least entertaining of which was something like this, as told by Beveridge:

"ANYONE who studies carefully the daily habits of the fathers of the Republic is struck by the fact that few of these stalwarts were teetotalers. The customs of the times included the pouring of numerous libations each day.

"This custom prevailed among members of the Supreme Court and during the heated controversy between Congress and the court, enemies of the tribunal, aware of the habits of the justices, sent them over the head to the statesmen that the court's decisions were those of men under the influence of strong drink.

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 house 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 sherbet glasses, a cut glass creamer, and an arm bouquet of red roses and maidenhair ferns.

Visitors were present from Gardena, Inglewood, and other chapters, both of this and other jurisdictions.

Before the meeting of the chapter a four-course baked ham dinner was served. The table decorations and favors were of green and yellow. Baskets of lavender sweet peas formed the centerpiece.

P. E. Letter Solves Riddle of Zoning

Settlement of the problem of zoning the district bounded by Carson and 220th streets, Western and Artesano avenues, was believed to have been reached Tuesday night when a letter from the Pacific Electric Railway Company was read before the trustees. The letter stated that the company would construct a spur track on its right of way from Plaza del Amo to Carson street at any time the owners require it.

The trustees several times have refused to zone the district for residence purposes. Industries adjacent objected to such zoning. The P. E. statement will enable the owners to develop the property for light industries.

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 \$2348, or 14 cents per square foot for sidewalks and 45 cents per lineal foot for curbs.

Flood Money Asked

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 Goudier	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.

Twenty-five Torrance young folks were there, among their number being the county president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen. Lomita Intermediate Society also sent 20 delegates. Torrance and Lomita sent one-fourth of the entire number of delegates from Redondo district. This district, being one of 18 in the county, was matched with Santa Monica district for the greatest convention registration. Redondo won with a total of 205 delegates. The prize was a beautiful enlargement from an actual photograph taken in Palestine, a companion to the picture won a year ago from the same rival.

At all the sessions W. E. Bowen, well known to the residents of Torrance and Lomita, was quietly being the county president and due for the success of the huge convention and the smoothness with which the programs were enacted. Redondo district is proud to claim W. E. Bowen and his wife as members of their district. The county reports new societies organized under Mr. Bowen's term.

CHORAL CLUB

The Torrance Choral Club will meet at the elementary school tonight at 7:40 p. m.

All who may be interested are cordially invited to attend.

MOTHERS' DAY



SUNDAY is Mothers' Day. It is set aside as a special occasion on which sons and daughters may bring offerings to the holy shrine of motherhood. It is a day for reverence, for the expression of that divine love which every person in the world bears toward the woman who bore him.

It was unnecessary to adjure men and women, boys and girls, to express their love to their mothers on this designated day. All that is required is the reminder that the day is Sunday. For Mothers are sacred to the race, held in a reverence that touches the stars.

Trustees Turn Down Requests For Pay Boosts

Inman Recommends Salary Increase in Fire Dept. Be Denied

The Board of Trustees Tuesday night silently approved the recommendation of Police and Fire Committee Chairman Charles Inman that no salary increases be granted in the departments.

Requests for raises for Ollie Stevenson and Leslie Paxton, fire department engineers, had been requested officially, and informal requests for increases by police officers had been made. "Trustee Inman said: 'This com-

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 employees a bonus?
- 9—What is the name of the "Willard battery man" in Torrance?
- 10—What are the names of physicians practicing in Torrance?

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 records by more than \$750,000, building permits issued here during April reached an aggregate of \$1,080,390. This sum fell 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 \$120,390, 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	62,750
March	324,388
April	1,080,390

Total for 4 months \$1,318,803

Permits issued during the past week were as follows: L. P. Steepleson, 1107 Portola, two apartments and five garages, \$4650; Mrs. McCarthy, 4012 Andree, garage, \$600; Roy McCray, five-room stucco, \$2500; Hazel Schaper, 1008-1020 Acacia, four five-room stucco, \$2700 each; H. N. Rigney, 824 Madrid, five-room stucco, \$2800;

Swanson, five-room frame, \$2000; John Dennis, 1617 Amalpia, five-room stucco, \$2250; 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 1543 Post avenue.

Mr. Curtiss had been a resident of Torrance for seven years, and was a member of the Masonic Knights Templar and Shrine organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Clara L. Curtiss; a daughter, Adele C. Shinn, and a son, Charles A. Curtiss, all of 1543 Post avenue.

Rev. F. A. Zeller will conduct services at the home Friday, May 6, at 2 o'clock. Cremation will take place at Inglewood, under the direction of Stone and Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington of Arlington avenue were Sunday guests of Mrs. A. J. McKenna.