

## DEEPEST WELL FLOWING 3,000 BARRELS

### Three Men Hurt in Auto Crash

Three men were injured in an automobile collision at Carson and Vermont about 6 o'clock Tuesday night. They were rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital in Stone and Myers ambulance and sheriff's patrol cars. Claire Zink, 48, of Little Rock, who has been living in Keystone while he was employed at a Wilmington refinery, is still confined here but the other two victims were removed after emergency treatment, one going to a Los Angeles hospital.

Zink is believed to have been the driver of one of the cars involved although he claims to remember nothing of how the accident occurred. He has a fractured rib and minor cuts and bruises. Edwin Wagener, 39, of Los Angeles, suffered a probable fractured hip, a badly lacerated ear and a deep cut on the right side of his head. He is receiving treatment in Los Angeles.

The third victim was Nathaniel Moore, 23, step-son of Wagener, who suffered a cut over his right eye. He was allowed to be taken home.

### Dual Deadline On Taxes Due On April 20

With only five days remaining until the April 20 deadline, tax payments took a spurt this week, according to H. L. Byram, county tax collector. While tax collections in terms of percentage are slightly behind those of the same date last year, in terms of actual dollars the collections are up, the figure being \$76,748,925.45 to date as compared with \$69,342,045.12 last April 9.

The April deadline this year will be marked by the certainty that the ten-payment option which has been used by many taxpayers for the payment of delinquent taxes, will not be in effect when the next Legislature meets, due to the fact that the special session, which closed recently refused to extend the ten-payment plan beyond August 20, 1938, at which time it will expire. After that date it will be necessary for property owners to pay all delinquent taxes in full with interest and costs without any of the exceptions which have distinguished the ten-payment option during recent years.

### Midget Negro to Try for Record

Holding the top spot in track fans' interest this week-end will be the attempt by diminutive Wilbur Miller to set a new world's record in the 300-meter dash Saturday morning at 10:30 at the Compton Junior College track. The 120-pound Negro sprinter, formerly of Jefferson high school, recently broke the record for that race in practice. The world mark is the last one held by Charley Paddock, who set the time of 33.2s in 1921. Miller holds the national junior college record of 47.1s in the 440.

### Lomita School Grounds Improved

Workers at the Lomita Elementary school took advantage of the week's school holiday to start the grading and finishing with decomposed granite of the new playground. The north end, bordering 247th street, is being turfed with a section left for a school garden. Playground apparatus will be installed on the north end of the field. Principal Harriet Michaels said, Contract for the work is held by Nordlock and Miller, according to A. S. Nebecker, board of education business manager.

### New Patients Enter Hospital

Among the new patients received during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital were: Miss Catherine Allred, 17, Redondo Beach, last Wednesday for surgery; Miss Pauline Glavis, Manhattan Beach, a deputy inspector for the Internal Revenue bureau, last Friday for medical care. Mrs. Zella Servinos, Redondo Beach, was received last Friday for surgery, and Mrs. Beatrice Williams, Long Beach, entered Tuesday for surgery.

### Big Essay Contest is Announced

Some local high school students may win an air trip to Washington, D. C., and other honors in the National Air Mail Week essay contest announced here this week by Postmaster Earl Conner. He has presented the contest data to Principal Thomas Elson who agreed to furnish the material to all students attending the local school.

The subject of the essays, "Wings Across America," will deal with ideas, purposes and advantages of air transportation as it affects modern communication. The papers should not exceed 250 words and will be judged on a basis of originality of ideas, continuity and construction, spelling, punctuation and neatness.

Essays must be postmarked not later than midnight, May 1, addressed to State Chairman, National Air Mail Week Essay Contest, in care of Postmaster Conner who will forward the entries promptly. Each essay must be certified by Principal Elson as to the eligibility of the contestant with the identification and location of the school and must show the contestant's address.

National Prizes Told State prizes will consist of an air trip to Washington, D. C., and return to the first place winner, and a trophy to second place winner. All state essay winners will be guests at a banquet in the nation's capital, May 15, where grand prizes will be announced and awarded as follows:

First prize: If winner lives east of the Mississippi River, a trip by air to Hollywood and return, with accommodations and meals for five days; if west of the Mississippi River, a trip by air to Miami and return, with hotel accommodations and meals for five days. Second and third prizes, national plaque.

### Coroner Probes Lomita's Death

Further investigation into the death of Luis Romeu, 41, 24001 Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, is being made by the county coroner's office although the funeral was held last Saturday at the A. M. Gamby chapel. First reports that the Lomita, a stonemason employed at Ft. MacArthur, died as the result of a dog bite were held in question. It was learned this week the possibility was advanced that Mr. Romeu may have succumbed from pneumonia which set in after he had undergone all 14 of the Pasteur inoculations since being bitten by a dog later determined to have been rabid.

He was survived by his widow, Harriet Romeu. Rev. David Shank of Lomita was in charge of the funeral service and interment followed at Pacific Crest.

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### Local Operators Watch Kern Hole

Flowing from a depth of almost three miles—15,204 feet to be exact—rich black oil was gushing at a 3,000-barrel daily rate from the world's deepest well in the Wasco field in Kern county. Oilmen say that the production from Continental Oil's KCL A-2, ushers in a new era for the California oil industry and opens up untold possibilities of tapping "black gold" from depths far below the earth's crust.

The well, which has been drilled to a greater depth than the height of Mt. Whitney, has held the interest of oil men throughout the world ever since it was spudded in June 31, 1937. Because of the extensive exploration of the deeper sands underlying the South Torrance field, reports on the progress of the KCL well in Kern county were eagerly scanned by operators interested in the local oil district. None, however, intended as yet to sink holes anywhere near that record depth here but there is still considerable talk about starting a grassroots venture here to drill far deeper than the average 5,000 feet of present deepened or new wells.

Cost a Fortune Tuesday morning the KCL's flow was gauged at 121 barrels per hour of about 36 gravity oil thru only a three-quarter-inch opening. Present production is reported from 167 feet of zone in the interval from 13,092 feet to 13,175 feet. Estimated cost of the drilling job was set at \$300,000 to \$400,000. Extreme difficulty with heat, estimated at upwards of 225 degrees Fahrenheit, was encountered and finally, on April 4, efforts to drill deeper were abandoned and the crew started the work of making tests at upper levels.

Nearest competitor to Continental's well for deep drilling honors is the Ellender No. 1 in Louisiana, from which oil is flowing at 11,620 feet. The deepest well ever to be drilled prior to the KCL was put down 12,786 feet in Upton county, Texas, but it was abandoned after failing to produce. Oil is considered similar to that found in the Rio Bravo oil field a few miles to the southeast which was discovered last year.

Continental holds about 2400 acres of land in the neighborhood of the well, while Standard Oil Co. of California holds about the same amount and Superior Oil Co. holds upwards of 1000 acres.

### Local Resident Loses Parents

Three weeks ago A. W. Buckius, who lives at 712 1/2 Sartori in Sunset Court, lost his father who died at the age of 86. Tuesday morning his mother, who suffered a fall and broke her hip while attending to the aged man, passed away as a result of a paralytic stroke. She was 74 years of age.

Hotel Open for 105 Years PONTIAC, Mich. (U.P.)—Hodges House, a century ago called the "finest hotel west of Buffalo," still serves the public.

### Court Citations For Violators of Dog Quarantine

At a conference late last week, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles county health officer, again issued orders to the county humane officers that the owners of all dogs picked up by the pound wagons must be cited into court for violation of the state quarantine.

Heretofore, the only punishment was the payment of a pound fee by the owner when a dog had been picked up and only in case of unlicensed dogs. The present quarantine order applies to both licensed and unlicensed dogs. The owner can still reclaim his dog by payment of the usual pound fee but will be cited into court and required to pay whatever the court orders for the violation of the quarantine, which is a misdemeanor.

The county health department territory showed 11 rabid dogs during the past week.

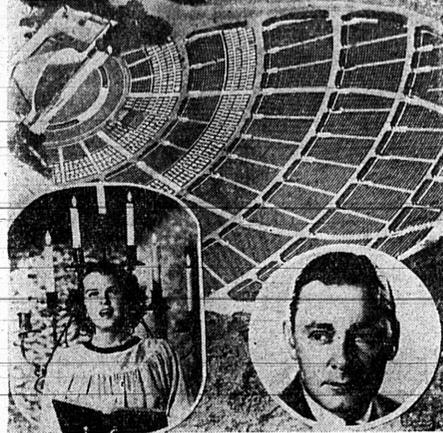
### Five Babies Born at Hospital Here

Five babies were born, one of them as result of a Caesarian section, during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. The Caesarian baby, a boy, was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Davis of Redondo Beach, Tuesday. Davis is employed in the Columbia Steel's rolling mill department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Benton, Redondo Beach, claimed a daughter on Monday; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Briggs, Hermosa Beach, a son last Friday; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Snow, 1958 250th Place, Lomita, a son on Tuesday, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Stalcup, 2127 248th street, Lomita, a daughter last Friday.

BOY IN HOSPITAL Billie Don, nine-year-old son of Don Miller, 2117 Torrance boulevard, underwent an emergency appendectomy at the Los Angeles General hospital early Monday morning. The latest report was that he was doing as well as could be expected.

### Easter Sunrise Service In Hollywood Bowl



Recent air photo above shows sky view of huge amphitheatre which will become shrine for 25,000 devout at annual Easter morning devotional service. Inset at left is Marion Talley, Metropolitan star who will sing solo spot. Inset at right is Herbert Marshall who will read annual feature "Salutation of The Dawn." Service will be broadcast to the nation at 5 a. m.

### LEGION SONS START YEAR

With the initiation of 33 members and installation of new officers Monday night, the Torrance Sons of Legion squadron became the largest unit of this junior American Legion organization in the 19th Legion district. The keen interest shown by the boys in the group indicates that the Torrance unit, supervised by Robert Lovell, will take its place among top-rank junior associations in this area.

More than 150 were present at the Legion hall for the ceremonies, entertainment program and dance to follow. A feature of the entertainment was the appearance of Gene Butler, talented nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler of this city. He sang two numbers which revealed the artistry that has won him high praise in pictures and on the radio. He has been in the movies and appearing before microphones since he was two and now is under a long-term contract to a Hollywood theatrical agent.

Gerald Grubb is Captain. Capt. Bill Luedke of the Harbor City Sons of Legion conducted the initiation rites and officers of the local American Legion post, headed by Commander Grant Barkdull, installed the leaders of the junior

### Firemen Answer Two Alarms; Siren Refuses to Screech

Local firemen were "in hot water" for a few minutes Monday night when two fire alarms were received and the siren failed to do its customary summoning wail. However, no property loss resulted from the fires because one blaze was out on arrival of the department and the other turned out to be either a false alarm or a mistake.

Answering a call to an oil rig at Anderson No. 1 near Sepulveda and Pennsylvania, firemen found a fire which evidently started from welding operations had been quenched a few minutes earlier. The second call of a grass fire in an alley near Arlington and Carson was never located.

Firemen believe an apprehensive housewife had such sparks from a backyard incinerator. Replacement of a blown-out fuse repaired the siren on the fire tower and it is now in "good voice" again.

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### NEW NIGHT STUDIES HERE

With the resumption of the school term next Monday, three new adult education classes will be started by Principal Guy L. Mowry of the Torrance Evening high school. Two of these will meet at the high school every Monday and Wednesday night. They are: Business Law from 6:30 to 8 p. m., and Public Speaking, 8 to 9:30 p. m. The third group will study Poultry Husbandry at the Lomita Elementary school Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Mowry and Principal Thomas Elson of the high school and Miss Clementina De F. Griffin of Narbonne high school in Lomita attended the state convention of secondary school principals in Hollywood this week.

UNDER WAY SOON WPA workers are scheduled to begin clearing the site for the new \$1,000,000 naval armory in Chavez Ravine as soon as the necessary equipment has been obtained.

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