



F. D. R., FARLEY AT SEA... President Roosevelt and his right-hand man, Postmaster General James A. Farley, are now traveling to widely separated points in quest of relaxation from cares of state. Farley is shown at top with his daughters, Betty, left, and Anne, right, as they left Seattle for Alaska. President Roosevelt is shown receiving a thunderous ovation from crowds at Los Angeles on his third visit there since 1932 campaign days. He motored from Los Angeles to San Diego, where he boarded the cruiser Houston for a fishing trip in Central American waters.

Water Report Shows Development Here is General Throat City

Is Torrance developing residentially as well as it is industrially in the booming South Torrance oil field? "Yes," declares William H. Stanger, superintendent of the Municipal Water district, and he offers a series of audited figures to support his affirmation. These figures offer interesting comparisons between the city's water business of fiscal 1937-38 which ended June 30 and the previous fiscal 12-month.

"The municipal water district had 57 new water service connections during the last fiscal year which was the best in the three-year history of the department," Stanger said. "The expansion is continuing and this year should break that record because we have added nine more so far this month."

Is "Big Business" There are 1,427 water outlets in Torrance now as compared to 1,265 when Stanger took over the direction of the department March 1, 1937. Total income for 1937-38 was \$57,467.31 as compared to \$52,526.55 the previous year. Water collections last year amounted to \$46,693.97 as against \$49,106.07 for 1936-37.

Those figures show that the water department is "big business" and yet the local water rate is one of the lowest in the county. The consumers—and there were 16,735 of them in 1937-38—are paying the water bond interest charges which amount to \$18,920 a year while the bond redemption fund is being raised by general district taxation. The bonds will start being redeemed in 1941.

Included in the 16,735 consumers served by the municipal system last year were 15,996 domestic, 526 industrial and 213 irrigation outlets. In 1936-37 there were 15,759 domestic, 517 industrial and 246 irrigation consumers for a total of 16,522.

The department sold 47,265,800 (Continued on Page 8)

Masons' Smoker Friday Evening

A large number of Masons, resident, visiting and sojourning, are expected to attend the smoker and card party to be given tomorrow (Friday) night at the Masonic Temple. At that time officers of the newly-organized Torrance Masonic club will be elected. This club plans to institute and sponsor a chapter of the De Molay order for young men in this community this fall.

Lomitan Gulps Poison by Error; Recovers Quickly

When Pat Reeder awoke yesterday morning at his home, 22721 Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, he didn't feel so good. And after he had taken "some medicine" he felt worse. Pat had accidentally quaffed a draught of carbolic acid.

He was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital where prompt action relieved him of the poison and a few hours later he walked out—shaky but feeling better.

Reeder is 30 years old and is employed as a pipe fitter by the Natural Gasoline company of this city.

More Fire Plugs for Oil Field; Men Promoted

Two recommendations by Director John Stroh of the Public Safety (fire and police) department were adopted by the city council in a special session Tuesday night. He proposed the placement of two additional fire plugs in the South Torrance oil field—at Cedar and Sepulveda and at Vine and Sepulveda.

Because they have served the six-months probationary period with credit, J. Bonner and Gordon Northington were advanced to full status as engineers on the fire department.

Stolen Motorcycle Found Near Beach

Notified by Redondo police that a stolen and abandoned motorcycle had been observed on a bluff south of the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse for the past several days, local officers ordered it brought in to W. K. Adolph's garage in Waveria. A check-up revealed it was registered to a Florence motorcycle shop and when informed that the machine had been found, this firm claimed it last Friday.

Road Work in Progress Now in H. C. Area

Grading machines were busy this week transforming the rural aspect of the eastern end of Harbor City into modern development as cowpaths were being widened into roadways to facilitate oil development.

This activity was being received with jubilation by Harbor City residents who have long desired better streets than the bare land and scattered farm sections previously had provided. The graders were operating out of the San Pedro division of the Los Angeles city engineering department.

They were grading roads, some of which had been surveyed and sign-posted but never cut through. Marigold, Petroleum, Broadwell and Doble streets are being improved and widened. Work is also planned on the cross streets from Lomita boulevard to Roosevelt (101) highway.

No surfacing is contemplated at the present time, according to Guy Donald, district road supervisor.

SIX GARBAGE BIDS OPENED

Six bids, whose prices ranged from \$295 to \$400 per month for the collection of garbage and tin cans in the city, were opened at the special city council meeting Tuesday night. After their contents were tabulated, the quotations were referred to the city attorney and the council's garbage committee for checking and report at the next meeting. This will be held Tuesday night, July 26.

The bids were: R. T. Saltonstall, Wilmington, \$295 per month; E. F. Saul, South Arlington avenue, \$300; Floyd Ferguson, 218th street, \$400; Luther W. Andrews, Torrance, who has held the contract for a number of years here, \$400 per month for the first year, \$350 per month for the next two years.

F. D. Foley, Spencer street, \$380 per month or \$420 with a rebate to the city of 50 cents per ton; and Eugene Richards, \$375 per month.

Narbonne to Get Standard Track

Work is scheduled to start at once on redesigning Narbonne high's Griffin Field to provide a full one-quarter mile track, a soundproofed girls' gymnasium and re-arrangement of the tennis courts to allow for two new full-size courts, according to Miss Clementina de Forest Griffin, principal of the Lomita high school.

The new tennis courts will be ready for use soon after the opening of the fall semester in September and the girls' and boys' athletic fences are now being moved to allow for the work in extending the track. This latter job will get under way as soon as funds are provided by the board of education, Miss Griffin said this week.

A sizable excavation will be required for the improved track, it is understood.

In order to take care of an increased enrollment at the school, expected to reach at least 1,100, a fifth bungalow is being moved in and two additional teachers will be assigned to the faculty, Miss Griffin said.

Dicalite Worker Seriously Hurt in Roof Fall

A fall from the roof of the Dicalite company's mill in the Palos Verdes hills near Waveria yesterday morning resulted in a serious injury to Margarito Vareta, 50, one of the maintenance crew. As he landed on the ground he struck a board which flew up and cracked him on the head.

Taken to Torrance Memorial hospital, Vareta was found to be suffering from a possible skull fracture, fractured wrist and a badly wrenched back. His condition is said to be only fair today.

GRANT CAFE PERMIT

A permit to operate a lunch car in the South Torrance oil field was granted A. L. Warden of Lomita and Fred Anderson of Wilmington by the city council in special session Tuesday night.

Corrigan's Solo Flight to Ireland 'By Mistake' Hailed by Local Folk

L. A. Mechanic Newest Hero to Americans

Fresh from marveling at Howard Hughes' globe-girdling flight, seeing President Roosevelt and speculating on the progress of the South Torrance oil boom, local residents had their attention gripped this week by another event—the amazing planeless flight of Douglas Corrigan, Los Angeles airplane mechanic, from New York to Dublin, Ireland, last Sunday and Monday.

Wherever one went this week conversation developed about Corrigan and his "mistake" in landing at the Irish city instead of Los Angeles. And the consensus would be expressed in this statement:

"Whatta guy! Of course his flight may not be of value to aeronautics, it was foolhardy, it invited disaster but—what of it? He flew the Atlantic didn't he? And in a rickety old plane patched together with baling wire! Maybe the old American spirit of doing things in a big way is not dead after all!"

And in far off Dublin, Corrigan—his very name a source of delight to anyone with a drop of Irish or Scotch blood—appears to be enjoying himself to the limit. Government authorities are reported in a quandary about what to do



"IRELAND? . . . MY MISTAKE!" . . . Douglas Corrigan, close-mouthed Los Angeles airplane mechanic, is shown above with his nine-year-old Curtiss Robin plane in which he became the third man (he says "by mistake") to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone. Corrigan, 31, made the hop in 28 hours, 13 minutes without permission of the U. S. government, without passport, radio or navigating equipment.

about his unauthorized flight—but Corrigan is a hero. So very likely he'll be given a royal reception on his return home.

Just about everyone with any connection to aeronautics, government air regulations or giving statements to the press about his solo flight. But Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, America's No. 1 ocean-hopper,

has yet to be quoted. Perhaps, to himself, he's said this: "That's the America I miss—most here in lonely exile. My flight over the Atlantic more than 10 years ago was no great boon to aviation as such but it became an incentive to better flying conditions everywhere. Corrigan—he's a man after my own heart. I only hope they—press, radio, people—don't bring him tragedy like they did me and my family."

Young Wedding Guest is Wounded by 5 Boys Here

H. S. Assembly Half-Finished

With the first half of the contract for the construction of the \$100,700 high school assembly hall practically completed, Los Angeles school authorities are now awaiting the time for the opening of bids on the remainder of the work, according to Principal Thomas Elson Tuesday.

"I have learned that it will take about 100 days to finish the building after the bids for the rest of the job are awarded," the high school principal said. "That means we won't have the use of our assembly hall until some time after school starts."

Included in the bids for the completion of the building, which will seat about 700, will be quotations for an extension of the present heating plant in order to accommodate the assembly hall. A new boiler is to be added, together with other equipment, Elson said.

NEW FIRE CALL PLAN

Recommended by Director John Stroh of the Public Safety department, the city council approved the installation of a \$60 fire alarm system to serve the Waveria district Tuesday night at a special meeting.

The Waveria fire station has been placed on a "call" basis, Stroh said, two phones having been installed. During the day W. K. Adolph will answer fire calls from his Hawthorne avenue garage while at night Lyle Sage—one of seven Waveria volunteers—will attend at the station house to receive alarms there.

WALTERMANS PROTEST CHANGE IN SYSTEM

A petition bearing the names of some 248 Waveria residents and property owners asking return of the Waveria fire station to full time duty was received by Clerk H. Bartlett this week and will be considered by the city council next Tuesday night.

Transfer of firemen from the Waveria station to duty at the central fire headquarters here, announced July 1, was carried out Saturday morning by Director John Stroh of the public safety department.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED? Registration of voters for the primary election Aug. 30 will close at midnight tonight.

Two blasts from a shotgun, the leaden pellets from one shell flying into a crowd of wedding guests and injuring a 14-year-old boy, were an unscheduled and nearly tragic addition to the festivities attending the departure Saturday night of newly-married Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson at 1225 Cota avenue.

As result of the shots and injury to Charles Pullman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pullman, whose daughter Doris had become a bride only a few minutes before, five well-known local boys, four of them 17 and one 16 years old, were arrested by police here.

They have been turned over to Juvenile Court authorities who are conducting a thorough investigation of the gun-play.

The injured boy was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital where it was found his leg was pitted with five lead shots. One was extricated from his ankle bone but the others have been allowed to remain in his leg which is now healing.

Other shot, ripped thru Mrs. Courtney Caldwell's dress but she was unhurt, according to police.

Director John Stroh of the Public Safety department, who investigated the shooting, said that the five boys were playing across the street from the Pullman home, where the guests was being held. As the guests emerged to give the bride and groom a traditional send-off with rice and firecrackers, one of the boys "thought it would be a good idea" to get his father's shotgun and add further noise to the festivities.

"The boys say that the first shot was fired into the air," Stroh said. "They then fired a second time and claim the gun was aimed into the ground. If that is true then the shot ricocheted off the sidewalk or pavement and into the crowd of wedding guests."

Mrs. Caldwell, a Los Angeles resident, was a guest at the Pullman home. Her dress was badly damaged by the flying shot but she was not scratched. At the hospital young Charles Pullman was given anti-tetanus injections to prevent lockjaw infection and then his leg and ankle were probed for the shot which struck him down.

After the first flurry of excitement was over, newly-wed Mr. and Mrs. Watson departed on their wedding journey. In accordance with its editorial policy regarding juvenile cases, The Herald withholds the names of the five boys involved as it was their first offense.

O'Toole Greets Pres. Roosevelt

The only Torrance resident to personally meet President Roosevelt last Saturday was James J. O'Toole, of 1225 Madrid avenue, Democratic candidate for State Assembly from this district.

O'Toole had been invited by Mayor Shaw of Los Angeles to be a member of the reception committee honoring the President on his arrival. After greeting the Chief Executive at the railroad station, the Torrance candidate joined the parade following the Presidential car on its swing to the Harbor District, Long Beach and down the coast to San Diego.

"It was a great honor to meet and talk with Mr. Roosevelt," O'Toole declared. "I have long admired his way of doing things for our country and have been glad to be one of his most ardent supporters. Now, after seeing him in person my admiration of his humanity and foresight has been increased."

NAVY MOVIES SHOWN HERE

A series of exceptionally graphic motion picture reels depicting life in and activities of the U. S. Navy was screened at the American Legion clubhouse Tuesday night before a large crowd. Prior to the motion pictures, the Legion was host at a dinner-meeting. The films were furnished through the courtesy of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station in Los Angeles.

George W. Stiverson, chief yeoman, explained that the purpose in showing the movies was to create interest in the Navy, to present the numerous angles of Navy life and to show what that branch of service offers to young men desiring a career and a future.

Drunk Driving Case Continued

Hearing of F. Y. Watanabe, Torrance truck farmer, on felony charges of driving while drunk, was continued this week until July 28 because of the serious condition of the complaining witness, George Rishmire, of Santa Monica. Watanabe, who is accused of running down Rishmire 10 days ago in the beach city, was to have appeared in Santa Monica police court this week for preliminary hearing.

15 NEW WELLS STAKED; TREND IS SOUTHWARD

With 62 wells producing better than 11,500 barrels of 27-degree gravity oil from the Del Amo zone of 4,900 feet, the South Torrance oil field held its top ranking position this week among all other oil production centers in the state.

Public Bid to 'Factory Frolic' Meeting Tonight

Get any suggestions or ideas about what the three-day program for the Torrance "Factory Frolic" should contain?

Then attend a general meeting of all interested citizens tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. The Coordinating Council, sponsor of the community event which has been definitely set for Oct. 28-29-30, wants the cooperation of all on arranging the program.

July Building Total \$131,904 Here to Date

With new construction valued at \$131,904 completed or under way so far this month, it appears that July will equal or top the March building permit figure of \$154,250 which was the second best month of the record-breaking building year. January's \$1,811,950 is an all-time high monthly total.

During the past week building permits for nine wooden oil derricks (at \$5,000 each) were taken out by operators interested in the South Torrance field. Names of the companies and locations of the new wells are given in the weekly summary of oil news published elsewhere in this edition.

Building permits issued this week for new homes and improvements included: Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles for the repair of termite damage at 1409 Sartori and 1501-11 Cadillac, \$400; C. C. Patterson of 1719 Martina is building a four-room frame house and double garage at 1614 Madrid, \$2,900, and Harry McCulloch for remodeling the front and side window of a house at 2413 Torrance boulevard, \$200.

Fred Rittmiller, 1605 Acacia, is building a four-room frame house at 1621 Madrid, \$1,300; L. D. Nesbitt is erecting a 20x24-foot frame house at 20509 Madrid, \$600, and Jack Lucas of Los Angeles is remodeling a building at 23603 Narbonne avenue for a South Torrance oil field cafe—the work costing \$100.

Joseph Hummel of Los Angeles is building a temporary structure for an oil lease office at 23747 Narbonne, \$100. J. D. and D. H. Mitchell are adding a room to the residence at 24007 Neece street in Waveria for \$200.

Rotary Club to Hear McQuarrie

Speaker at the Torrance Rotary club meeting this evening will be Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie, Democratic candidate to succeed the late Congressman Charles J. Golden in this 17th district. Until the late Congressman's death this spring, Dr. McQuarrie served as his personal representative and Congressional contact man. He was also a National Democratic elector in 1936 when he cast his ballot for President Roosevelt in the National Electoral College.

Los Angeles political leaders hold 46 significant that, during President Roosevelt's visit here last Saturday, the 17th Congressional District was represented in the ceremonies attending the Presidential visit by Dr. McQuarrie. Supporters of McQuarrie are heartened by the cordial reception accorded their candidate by members of the President's official staff, feeling that this gives evidence of how he is regarded in Washington. The Gardenian has pledged himself to active support of the President, particularly in his recovery, relief and foreign relations policies.

JULY ACCIDENT COST

Cost of accidents last July has been estimated at approximately \$350,000,000.

Meanwhile, leasing activity spurred and there were definite signs that the field will enter county territory of North Lomita within a few weeks. There is a street at the present time and the southward drive got well under way this week with agents busy interviewing property owners as far down in Lomita as Lomita boulevard.

The Harbor City development, started with the D and B discovery well at 263rd and Vermont is continuing to attract attention of operators. The latest group to enter that area is the Isco Petroleum company, headed by Emmett H. Jones, which has taken over Freeman E. Fairfield's derrick and leases at the northwest corner of 252nd and Marigold, some 1,200 feet west of the D and B producer.

15 Locations Fenced Best-well-of-the-week in the South Torrance field was brought in Saturday by Kowall Oil which reports its No. 1 at 231st and Pennsylvania is doing better than 700 barrels of 28 degree gravity cutting one percent from 5,011 feet. Kowall is erecting a rig for a second well at 235th and Pennsylvania.

The average water content of all producing wells in the field is reported to be between nine and 10 percent. There are 35 wells pumping and 27 flowing with no observance of curtailment. The smallest production yields 15 barrels per day and the largest completion had an initial of 781 barrels with a cut of 16 percent. The natural decline of the field is said to be about equal to the new production.

Locations for nearly 15 new drilling jobs in the field were staked during the week. At the present rate of development it seems probable to veteran operators in the field that the flush will be off this area by November.

Rolling Hills Active No long term leases are being negotiated, The Herald learned. Bonuses from \$500 up an acre are being offered property owners with some agreements providing for rental basis and a sixth of the production. The Rolling Hills oil development which has been dormant for about two months, took on new activity during the past week and Mrs. Marie Humphreys, owner, said that the well was down to 4,700 feet. She expects to bring in this South Lomita venture at about 5,000 feet. Mrs. Humphreys has declined all offers to sell.

Other wells completed in the South Torrance field this week were: Packard Petroleum's No. 1 at 231st and Pennsylvania, flowing 480 barrels of 27 gravity cutting three percent from 4,982 feet. Hujo Oil's No. 1 at 233rd and Pennsylvania is doing 280 barrels of 26 gravity from 4,977 feet.

Andrews and Mitchell have completed Kirk No. 11 at 233rd and Pennsylvania. Gas production is reported as 260,000 cubic feet. The Allison well on 235th is being drilled thru today. Cal-Oak had its No. 1 on the pump Monday but due to mechanical difficulties will not be able to complete until the end of the week. Depth is 4,205 feet. Walt Hughes is completing his No. 2 from 5,009 feet.

Improvements Noted New locations staked for wells this week were: Moldum Petroleum corporation of Long Beach at 2321st Eshelman; Young and Bryan of Los Angeles at (Continued on Page 8)

Stroh to Get Office Fixtures

To provide a well-equipped office for the city's new director of public safety, John H. Stroh, the city council voted Tuesday night to appropriate \$200 to furnish his headquarters on the second floor of the central fire station.

The office quarters in the front of the building now contain a number of cast-off pieces of furniture. These will be removed and in their place will be equipment desired by Director Stroh.