District Oil Activity Covers Wide Area as Field Leads State Production

1400-BARREL WELL BROUGHT IN AT LATEST "HOT-SPOT"

Springing a surprise on oilmen in the local field, Whittier-Santa Fe Spring Oil Syndicate brought in a 1400 barrel-a-day well this week at 237th and Eshelman. The oil tested 26 gravity and after flowing at an estimated 1400 barrel rate for a time settled down to approximately 1200 barrels, which aroused high hopes for the latest Torrance "hot spot."

The well was bottomed at 5158 feet and took in 377 feet of oil sands. It has a gas output of about 650,000 cubic feet.

At the same site, Maldum Petroleum, headed by Felix Mallon, has finished its No. 3 for a 1000-barrel flow of 27 gravity from about the same depth, 5160 feet.

From the valley just below the Palos Verdes Hills to 203rd and Western, oil activity showed signs of revival in this area during the past week.

The Rolling Hills Petroleum company's well, Weston No. 1, is getting some interesting showings in the Palos Verdes area. On a formation test from 5,074 feet, the well showed a strong blow of gas cut mud, it was reported.

The operator then cored another 30 feet of formation and is now testing the newly added hole. The well is located about three miles southwest of the South Torrance field.

Five Wells Staked

Petroleum Holding company is now drilling an exploratory well at the northwest corner of 203rd and Western avenue. The test is expected to go to the basement schist.

Locations for five more projects have been staked in the Eshelman area of the South Torrance field, which still remains the most active production center in California. Anderson Associates are erecting a rig for No. 1 at 237th and Eshelman. Oil Land Projects, Inc., will start drilling soon near the same corner.

Others who are expected to start boring in the near future are Westside Oil, Harry Rilling and associates and the A & T Oil. Fickert Oil has taken over Watson No. 1, No. 2 and No. 4 wells from the Illinois Crude Oil company.

Two Completions

Pacific Western Oil completed its Marble Fee No. 11 this week, pumping 225 barrels of 25.8 gravity, cutting four percent from 4,952 feet. Logan Petroleum has finished its No. 2, flowing 300 barrels of 25.6 gravity cutting six percent from 5,145 feet.

C.C.M.O. has staked location for its Torrance No. 51 and Hart, Hewins and Rilling are erecting a derrick for their No. 1 near 237th and Walnut streets. Kern Petroleum is working on a site for its Neher No. 1 and Pacific Western Oil is active at Marble Fee No. 13.

14 Days Left to Get '39 Licenses Without Penalty

California motorists have just 14 days more in which to renew their automobile registrations and secure new 1939 license plates.

To avoid the customary last-minute rush, local motorists are urged to get their plates at once at the branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles located at 1601 Gramercy, corner of Cabrillo. It is open every day except Sunday from 9 a. m., to 5 p. m.

The renewal period closes at midnight, Saturday, Feb. 4. After that date the law requires a penalty of double the registration fee and a 50 percent increase in the amount of taxes based upon $1.75 per $100 of value.

'March of Dimes' Will Help Local Disease Victims

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money for research and epidemic relief activities looking to eradication of infantile paralysis.

And the 20-30 club is competing with the Kiwanis club in the Torrance button sale.

For Local Cases

Chairman Conner, who launched the "March of Dimes" campaign here last week, reports that the contributions are coming in steadily but there are still several thousand more buttons to be sold to fulfill this city's quota of 5,000.

"Every dime spent for a Fight Infantile Paralysis button here means relief to our local and district sufferers from that dread disease and assurance to those who may be afflicted in the future that they will receive the best of care and treatment," Conner pointed out. "We have two local cases that are in constant need of assistance and under the new set-up of the National Foundation they and others which may come will be amply provided for.

"I would like to emphasize that the generosity of Torrance and Lomita people will be a great help toward control—right here at home!—of a disease which can be controlled like tuberculosis and can ultimately be stamped out. Join the 'March of Dimes' by buying a button for every member of the family and help realize this splendid goal!"

More than two and a half million Frenchmen are members of consumer co-operatives.

WALTERIANS PLAN PRESIDENT'S BALL

In addition to the sale of "Fight Infantile Paralysis" buttons at 10 cents each, Walteria community leaders are planning to hold a President's Birthday Ball Monday night, Jan. 30, to aid the campaign against the dread disease.

They expect to open sale of tickets shortly and will invite all residents of Torrance and vicinity to attend. No President's Ball will be held here.

Choral Group Practice Set

Another rehearsal of the large choral group of local singers that will participate in the high school baccalaureate service Sunday night, Jan. 29, will be held next Monday night, Jan. 23, at the new assembly hall.

Under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke, the group includes the high school Madrigal singers and other school choral units, members of several local church choirs and a large number of high school graduates who have sung under her direction in the past.

Lake Superior is the largest fresh water lake in the world.

SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

TORRANCE TRIPE & TWADDLE TREMENDOUSLY TRIVIAL

It's true—of all the country sausage that has slid down this ageing old esophagus of mine there's none can compare with the sausage (you thought we were going to say My Wild Irish Rose, didn't you) that young, yet capable, Delaine Crook can conjure up from a fistful of pork and a wee pinch of spices. Young Crook (who certainly doesn't look like one and isn't) is Chief Butch out at Doan's Market on Torrance Blvd. If you like country sausage with your eggs on Sunday morning buy a pound off this young man. Believe you Shop Talk, it's delicious, delovely!

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It's true—that the world's shortest mystery story is credited to Dashiel Hammett . . . in it every living thing in the world has perished except a little old woman who lives in an old fashioned house . . . Suddenly her door bell rings!

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It's true—that not only my wife but divers & sundry well meaning friends have called attention to the battered old hat I wear and kindly suggested that a new chapeau would be in order. Battered or not, I like that old bonnet. It covers my dome, it sheds water, it's easy on my brow and I don't worry if some careless person sits on it during the fifth glass of beer. Sure and I've become quite attached to it. Only six years ago I met with it, liked it, kept on wearing it. If, some day it really wears out, I'll discard it for a more charming style . . . but until that day, so help me, my hat and I will be inseparable.

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It's true—that Furniture Man Allen, of the Home Furniture Mart, was the only Torrance resident who was interested in Shop Talk's suggestion that the name Sartori Ave. be changed to some label people can pronounce. Allen wrote the Herald, favored the change, said he thought Sartori should be changed to some "American" name symbolic of a progressive American city.

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It's true—that piano instructor Kathryne Buffington is plugging for a home town chorus of mixed voices just for the fun of singing. Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke, high school musical director, is willing to take charge, give her time to the project. At first meeting female sopranos out-numbered all other voices with males being badly needed. If any of youse guys like to chirp a bit please spray throat, limber up the lungs and be present next Monday nite at 7:30 at the new high school auditorium. At least you will get to inspect the new hud.

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It's true—that Kenney, the Shoe Repair Man, has painted & slicked up his shop until you'd hardly recognize it. Kenney's uncle is a carpenter by trade and helped him with the job. In his spare time the uncle is a traveling evangelist, is now appearing nightly in the little church on Carson, tother side of Western.

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It's true—that Shop Talk wishes that Shop Talk wouldn't be so careless when extinguishing cigarettes in his desk ash tray because every time he runs out of Chesterfields, the butts he has to smoke are in such a frightfully mutilated condition.

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It's true—that the following popped up on Shop Talk's desk the other day:

MY DEAR CONTEMPORARY:

Will yah please re-print this in your pillar? Walt Mendenhall, ye ed of the Van Nuys News, used it this week and it hits the w. k. nail on the w. k head.

—Mike Straszer.

BEING AN EDITOR

Being an editor is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we print feature stories, we are ignoring important events in world affairs.

If we don't, we have no eyes for the human interest things of life.

If we reprint things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't, we are too fond of our own stuff.

If we don't print contributions, and bits of poetry, we don't appreciate true genius.

If we do, the paper is filled with junk.

If we print murders and kidnappings, people say we are a victim of sensationalism.

If we don't, they say the paper has no news in it.

If we inadvertently fail to report club meetings it is because we are mean or jealous.

If we do, we are playing favorites.

And now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other paper.

Well, we did!

New County Health Rules Are Adopted

Drastic changes in county health regulations which will affect persons in many walks of life are included in an ordinance adopted by the board of supervisors late last week and which will go into effect Feb. 10. It covers all unincorporated areas of the county.

All persons handling food in public eating houses are to be required to undergo health examinations, and anyone with a contagious disease will not be issued a permit. Operators of eating places are to be required to employ only persons who have these health certificates, which will be issued for a fee of $1.

Instructions will be given all registered employes at least once a year in hygiene, sanitation and sterilization of utensils.

Operators of beer parlors and so-called cocktail lounges are to be required to have a strong germ-killer in their wash water to thoroughly clean all utensils. Dishes must remain in a chlorine rinse for a sufficient time to kill remaining germs.

No domestic animals shall be kept within 25 feet of any dwelling, school, church or hospital. Each sleeping room shall have a minimum of 500 cubic feet of air for each person. No privies are to be permitted within 500 feet of any other dwelling or commercial building, after next Sept. 10.

Mothers' Tea Starts Series of Pre-Graduation Events Here

Pre-graduation events began for about 30 Torrance high school seniors yesterday afternoon when the annual Mothers' tea was held in the foyer of the new assembly hall. A musical program by student groups was presented and mothers of graduating seniors and the faculty were guests.

The class, which will receive its diplomas Thursday evening, Feb. 2, is the smallest in years. The usual order of term-end events has been reversed this year in order to give the high school graduates the honor of being the first to hold commencement exercises in the new school building. The Junior high school advancement program will be held the following Friday morning, Principal Thomas Elson said yesterday.

Baccalaureate service, with Rev. Thomas Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, giving the sermon, will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 29. This will be open to the public but admission to the graduation ceremonies will be by ticket only. The annual Senior Breakfast will be held on graduation morning in the high school cafeteria.

This Welcome to Greet 1939 Visitors

Pretty All-Year Club Welcomette Margaret Young exhibits design of 1939 California automobile guest sticker which will be placed by the California Department of Motor Vehicles on half a million out-of-state automobiles next year. The sticker, done in colors, broadens the welcome by telling the visitor of Southern California's official Visitors' Bureau, maintained by the All-Year Club at 505 West Sixth Street, in downtown Los Angeles.

Seek Extension of Figueroa St. Improvement

Condemnation proceedings for the right of way necessary for the widening and improvement if Figueroa street southerly from Lomita boulevard to Wilmington - San Pedro road were filed in superior court late last week by the city of Los Angeles.

The action in eminent domain calls for a 100 foot right-of-way. The additional width required in the present alignment will be taken off the east or west side, as necessary to provide a straight alignment.

Bids for the improvement were taken recently by the state department of public works, and award of the contract has been ordered.

Culvert Caves in On Torrance Blvd.

Immediate replacement of about 150 feet of a large culvert under Torrance boulevard west of Western avenue and the Pacific Electric rightof-way, which caved in last week, was ordered by the city council Tuesday night. New drainage pipe must be installed at once to afford protection from flood waters, Leonard Young, acting city engineer, told the council.

Because the cost of the culvert runs about $5.40 per foot and because it runs under P. E. property, the traction company will be asked to pay its share of the expense. If the pipe were not replaced immediately there would be danger of washing out the P. E. tracks at that point, Young stated.

The engineer said the water, washing down from the Columbia Steel plant evidently carried acid with it because the culvert had been "eaten almost paper-thin in places."

Theft Becomes Good Deed

PEABODY, Mass. (U.P.)—Mrs. Nicholas Shumack bemoaned her luck when thieves stole $500 in jewels from her home. But when the gems were returned mysteriously four days later, she was jubilant to discover in the loot several jewels which had been missing for years.

ANTIPODES FLOWERS—AND ICE, IN BOND!

Rare native flowers from "down under"—Melbourne, Australia, to be exact—encased in 400 pounds of ice traveled 8600 nautical miles only to encounter a customs technicality which placed them in a San Francisco cold storage warehouse in bond! Consigned to the California State Commission for the Golden Gate International Exposition for purposes of study and as a test shipment to prove the merit of this mode of transportation for rare flowers from other continents, the frozen blossoms and the frigid containers must be exported within a period of six months, according to official decree. The Floricultural Palace on Treasure Island in 1939, 250 feet in length, will show these and countless other exotic blossoms.

Local Resident Claims 26 Years of Motoring Without a Scratch

Ask for these at the Library

THE GENERAL'S LADY by Esther Forbes: The author is a real artist in recreating history as life and has duplicated the success she won with Paradise, that picture of our Colonial past. In her new story she has brought to life one of the most thrilling and harrowing romances any history could produce, the love affair of the beautiful Tory wife of a Rebel General and a young British officer.

OLD HAVEN by David C. DeYong: Slow moving, rich in texture and built as solidly as the Dutch towns, "Old Haven" is a remarkable novel and won the Houghton Mifflin fellowship prize. The Saturday Review of Literature adds to that distinction by making it "without any qualification the ablest prize novel published this year." The story concerns mainly, Tjerk Mellema, one of three Dutch brothers, but the canvas includes their lives as well as those of the whole community of Witsum. Here we see provincial Dutch life in illuminating and fascinating detail, portrayed with humor, sympathy and variety of interest and feel real human life.

MY DOUBLE LIFE—The story of a New York Policewoman by Mary Sullivan: The author of this interesting volume is head of the 150 officers who make up the policewomen's bureau of the New York City department. She has learned a lot, made a few mistakes and distinguished herself for ingenuity and bravery since she joined the force in 1911; and gives a clear, completely factual and pleasant account of an eventful life. "She does not harp on it, but it is a fact that Mrs. Sullivan has done more than any other one person to bring police officials of many cities around to the fact that women can make excellent cops," so writes one New York paper.

Constable Mary Feared

NEW LEXINGTON, O. (U.P.)—Constable Mary Saffell, only village officer of Rehobeth, population 127, has never made an arrest.

German silver is not silver at all; it originated in China.

Ex-Railroad Man Lets 'Loose Nuts' Pass for Safety

Twenty-six years (count 'em—26) of driving automobiles without an accident.

Without even scratching a fender!

That's the record claimed by Bert Lindberg, retired railroad worker living at 1318 Portola avenue.

How does he do it?

"I just use hand signals, leave the loose nuts speed by and never have touched liquor or smoked," Lindberg confided.

Has Driven Daily

A native of Sweden (he still has some trouble with his j's), he is 72 years young—he looks more like a man in his early 50s. Next year, he and Mrs. Lindberg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary—"in Yune."

Lindberg, who came to Torrance two years ago from Marinette, Wis., has driven his car every day, in ice and snow back east and in rain and sunshine and "too much traffic" in Southern California.

His first car was a Ford. He is now driving his third Chevrolet. For eight years he manipulated a second-hand Dodge. But not a one bore so much as a dent or a scratch from too-close proximity to another machine all the while Lindberg was at the wheel.

"Drive With Your Head"

The fact that he is an outdoor man—he was bridge and building foreman for the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad — enables him to look at least 20 years younger than he is.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindberg drove to Torrance from their Wisconsin home and located here "because we liked the city." They have made one trip back to the Badger state since coming here.

"If you just drive with your head as well as your hands, you can escape piling up with the other fellow's car—if you give him plenty of room and let the loose nut speeders go by," he says.

Safe Cab Drivers Honored

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—Seven taxicab drivers of this city were presented with gold watches for having driven 700,000 miles in five years without incurring even a scratched fender.

Value of California mineral production in 1937 was $361,515,000.

Report Hits Redondo Court

In an effort to reduce costs, elimination of the Redondo Beach branch of the Inglewood justice court has been recommended to the county board of supervisors by Robert M. Lawson, public accountant. He made his report following an audit of township courts for the 1938 county grand jury.

He charges "that there is the greatest expenditure for salaries and rentals in the Inglewood township of any township in the county for justice court maintenance."

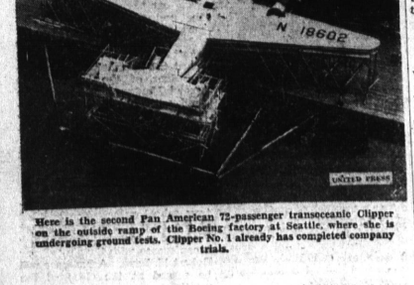
Lawson declares that revenue from the Redondo Beach branch of the court does not justify its existence.

National Bank Stockholders Hold Annual Meeting

Election of J. W. McQuaid as a director of the Torrance National Bank, succeeding the late Dr. J. S. Lancaster, was announced today by James W. Post, president. At the same meeting of the bank's stockholders, Attorney Chas. T. Rippy was chosen vice-president. Other officers are: James W. Post, president; R. J. Deininger, cashier and secretary; Mrs. G. Satchell, assistant-cashier; H. T. Lintott, Chas. E. Conner, directors.

In comparative statements of the bank's operations for the past year as contrasted with the year 1937 (printed elsewhere in this issue) substantial increases in deposits and undivided profits are noted, reflecting a strong financial condition and profitable operation.

Clipper No. 2 Nears Completion



Here is the second Pan American 72-passenger transoceanic Clipper on the outside ramp of the Boeing factory at Seattle, where she is undergoing ground tests. Clipper No. 1 already has completed company trials.

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