

Mass Meeting to Form Jun. Chamber Of Commerce in Torrance Feb. 2

A mass meeting of all young men living and working in Torrance, between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive, has been called for 7:30 p. m. Friday, Feb. 2, to be held in the directors chamber of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to discuss formation here of a Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This meeting is designed to canvass the opinions and interests of the young men of Torrance, to determine the need for the proposed organization. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is a civic organization for young men of the ages mentioned.

"It augments the work of the senior Chamber of Commerce and does not in any way interfere with the work of the senior organization, but rather aids in its general programs and abets its policies," Executive Secretary H. B. Lewis, of the Torrance chamber, said.

"It is dedicated to two purposes: Improvement and development of the community and the development and improvement of its individual members to train them for business advancement and civic leadership. During the present war emergency, this organization has thoroughly integrated its program with the nation's war effort.

"It may be defined as a supplementary educational organization wherein young men of the community may join together in a friendly spirit to inculcate civic consciousness in its membership by means of active participation in constructive projects which will improve community, state, and nation. In short, a Junior Chamber of Commerce is an organization of young men learning civic consciousness through constructive action.

"This, then, is an organization specifically designed to meet a young man's need. Through the facilities of the organization it is possible to assume leadership in community betterment at an age when such leadership would ordinarily be denied and if you were competing for offices with older and more experienced men. "This called meeting gives all

You Had a Chance Of 100 Years on Tuesday; Take It?

"12345." Did you write the date in numerals on Tuesday? If you didn't, you will never have a chance to do it just that way again, not for a hundred years. It was like this: Jan. 23, 1945—12345. If you're around, you can do it again on Jan. 23, 2045.

Felker Company Has Third Star On 'E' Flag

The Felker Manufacturing Co., 1228 Border ave., Torrance, Jan. 20 was awarded for the fourth time the Army-Navy Production Award. This means that on the original Army-Navy "E" flag, a third star will be added. The original "E" flag was awarded to M. N. Felker and his employees 18 months ago. This was followed six months later by the award of the first "star." The second star was added, one of the first in this area, in July, 1944.

The flag and the stars are awarded for highest achievement in production of war materials. One hundred and twenty-five employees at Felker are engaged in making diamond impregnated abrasive and cutting tools used in all industrial plants for cutting quartz crystals, especially for radio. The firm makes 90 percent of all quartz cutting tools in the nation, it is said. Prior to the war, the firm for 15 years was engaged in making the famous Di-Met tools for use in industry and it has a big post-war program.

STORKatorial

Born *at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were children of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brewster, 2632 So. Penn. Place, a girl, born Jan. 19, 1945, at 10:25 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Odell Fred, 833 Harbor Hills, a boy, born Jan. 23, 1945, at 9:11 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jerould, 1307 Bonnie Brae, Hermosa Beach, a girl, born Jan. 22, at 6:08 p. m. Dr. and Mrs. John Keys, 900 Via Panoram, a boy, Jan. 24, at 1:38 a. m. Mrs. Ollie Lee Redditt, 2335 250th st., a boy, born Jan. 23 at 8:42 p. m. young men in Torrance, between the ages of 21-35 an opportunity to start a Junior Chamber and the privilege of helping to build the city's future." The meeting will be presided over by Lewis.



VISITS PARENTS . . . Gloria Noble, Radio, 1/c, WAVE, arrived last Thursday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kesson, of 2208 Gramercy ave. Miss Noble has just completed a five months' radio course at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and will now be stationed at Point Loma, San Diego.

Considerable Interest in New Oil Project

Considerable interest is being evidenced in Torrance in the application on file with the City Council of Gardena for a permit to drill an oil test well on Western ave., just south of Redondo Beach blvd., and a few hundred feet east of the Torrance city boundary.

The Ohio Oil Co., has asked for the permit, and at the same time Ed Pitts, lease agent of 1491 West 182nd st., announced that on behalf of the company he had secured community leases for approximately 750 acres of land located principally between Normandie ave., and Crenshaw blvd., and Rosecrans and 168th st.

Pitts said that the company, which was one of the original Standard Oil groups, has assets of more than \$120,000,000 and that if the council grants the permit it expects to proceed with its test well within 30 days. He said that it would take between 45 and 60 days to complete the well and that it is planned to go as deep as necessary to provide a true test of the oil potentialities. Only a comparatively few town lots are contained in the lease, he said, the majority of the property being acreage. If the council sees fit to grant the permit to drill on Western ave., the company proposes to remove the rig as soon as the well is completed and in its place, if oil is found, to erect a "Christmas tree" for pumping purposes, which is very low and can be completely hidden by trees and bushes so that no unsightly oil machinery would remain.

In general the leases signed by the company with property owners' call for payments of \$5 per month per acre with six months rental in advance and a one-sixth royalty of all oil produced. There are 27 different community leases in the 750 acres. Pitts said, and should oil be found by the first test well the company would proceed to drill as rapidly as possible on the other leases.

Uniform Scale for Building Permits Urged

Because Torrance is using per valuations as a basis for issuing building permits, the City Council will study a proposal of the Pacific Coast Building Officials' Conference that a uniform value be adopted for use. Referred to the council for study Tuesday night, consideration was continued until the next meeting.

Torrance blvd. asphalt inspection will cost \$375 instead of \$250, it was revealed when the council authorized that \$125 be paid to the state over and above the \$250 already paid for this work.

The Civic Auditorium will be redecorated at a cost of \$732, it was decided Tuesday on recommendation of James Brodie, custodian.

Two Local Boys Reported Wounded In Battle Action

Two men of the Torrance and Lomita district are on casualty lists published this week by the government. First Lieut. Niles F. Uglund, Torrance, is reported as wounded, as is Pvt. Morgan L. Ellis, of Lomita.

Milo E. McGraw Reports for Duty At Carlsbad, N.M.

Flight Officer Milo E. McGraw has reported for duty at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McGraw, 367 1/2 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, Calif. His wife is the former Luella Henderson, 4015 Fourth ave., N. E., Seattle, Wash.

Charles Eicholz Death Verdict 'Unavoidable'

An inquest into the death of Charles Eicholz, chemist at Columbia Steel Co., of 25305 Belvedere, who was killed at 7:50 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 20 on Eshelman and 101 Highway, when he was struck by a car driven by John R. Jones of 25901 Market Place, Lomita, held at the Gamby Mortuary, 25001 Narbonne ave., Tuesday resulted in a verdict of "unavoidable accident," and Jones was exonerated of all blame.

Eicholz had made his home with his sister, Mrs. Lula Myers-cough for many years, and had many friends in Harbor City. He was born at Homestead, Pa., 52 years ago. Besides his sister and her family, he leaves a

brother, John Eicholz, of Cleveland, Ohio. Services will be held Friday, Jan. 26 at 2:00 p. m. at the Gamby Chapel with the Rev. Wendall Miller, formerly of the Harbor City Community church and now of Los Angeles, officiating. Burial will be at Roosevelt Memorial cemetery.

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