



FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW CITY HALL—This was the first meeting of the Torrance City Council in the new City Hall. Left to right: Grover C. Whyte, Torrance Herald; Councilman Thomas F. McGuire and James E. Hitchcock; City Clerk A. H. Bartlett; Mayor William H. Stanger; Mrs. Ellen Blackshere, secretary to the city clerk; Councilmen William H. Tolson and George V. Powell; City Attorney Charles T. Rippey and City Engineer Frank R. Leonard. This picture, credited to "Haig and Haig, photographers," was taken early in June, 1936.

SPECIAL EDITION HAILED OIL DISCOVERY IN CITY

A "Special First Torrance Oil Well Edition" of the Torrance Herald on Aug. 19, 1921, marked the discovery of oil on the old Del Amo Ranch on Torrance-Redondo boulevard.

"5000 BARREL WELL STRUCK" headlined the story, followed by "Proves The Herald's Oft-Repeated Claim That This Valley Is Underlaid With Oil and Factories May Yet Be Pumping Oil From Their Own Back Yards."

"The Torrance Oil Field is no longer a wildcat proposition—it is proven territory," the story continues. "At 12:45 this afternoon the well, known in this city as the Santa Fe well, came in and it is estimated it will have a capacity of 3000 to 5000 barrels per day."

"When oil spurted from the well which the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company has been drilling on the old Del Amo Ranch on Torrance Redondo Boulevard two miles west of town there was much excitement on the street and rumors of all kinds were current . . ."

"The corporation began drilling last March. When the oil sand was struck about two weeks ago, the corporation leased a vast tract of 1021 acres in the neighborhood of the well from the Dominguez Land Corporation for a period of 20 years."

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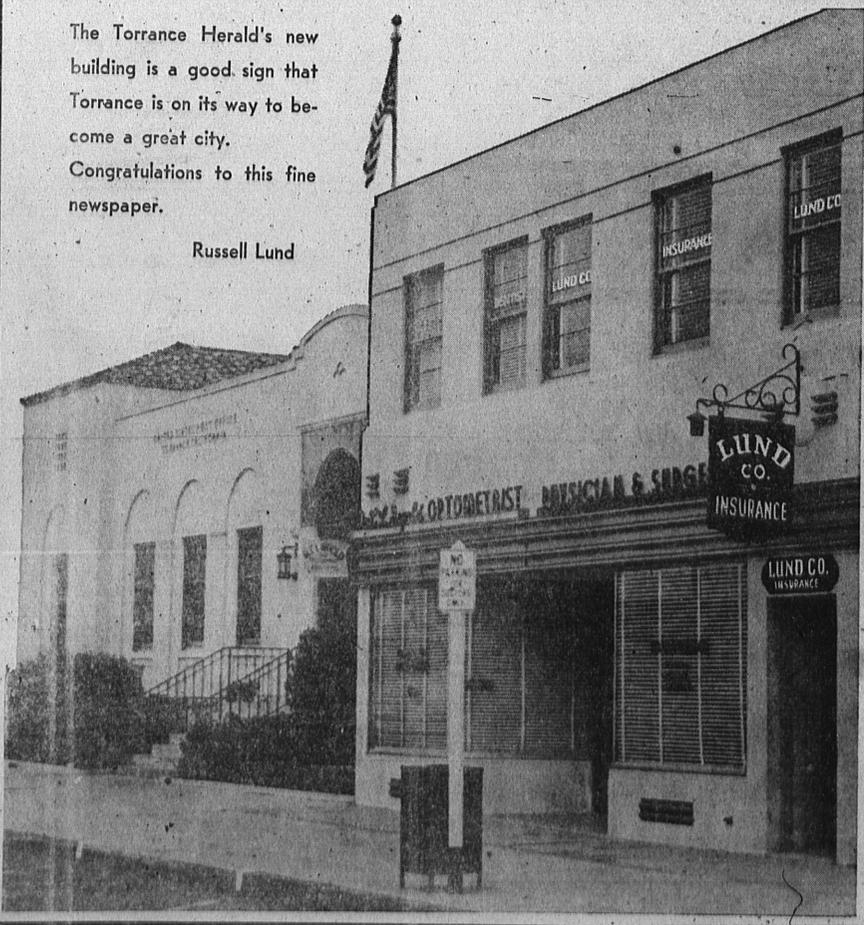
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AT THE SIGN OF GOOD INSURANCE

The Torrance Herald's new building is a good sign that Torrance is on its way to become a great city. Congratulations to this fine newspaper.

Russell Lund



Colossal !!

First Issue Told Facts About City

(Reprinted from first issue)

Torrance is in the heart of a 3500-acre tract, about 700 acres of which have been subdivided and improved.

Torrance has approximately 20 miles of paved oil macadam streets.

Water for domestic and industrial purposes is supplied by the Dominguez Water company, and the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company. Their combined capital is \$1,250,000. One of their reservoirs located on the property has a capacity of 24,000,000 gallons.

Six crude oil storage tanks with a capacity of 55,000 barrels each have been erected by the General Pipe Lines Company of California.

Street work and public improvements have cost more than \$800,000.

The First National Bank of Torrance has an authorized capital of \$200,000.

The Torrance Civic Center covers 25 acres. The Torrance Athletic Association's grounds cover 15 acres.

More than 100,000 ornamental shade trees have been planted. Over 150,000 flowering shrubs are now being planted in parks and parking spaces.

The Torrance Nursery contains approximately 100,000 costly shade trees of many varieties, and 150,000 flowering shrubs all to be planted.

Torrance is seven miles from San Pedro and 17 miles from Los Angeles.

Torrance has terminal rates, cheap fuel and power and abundance of raw materials on hand.

Torrance has a world-wide market with a great exclusive territory which is rapidly growing.

Its laborers are 15 to 20 per cent more efficient than in the East and have an exceptionally high morale.

Western avenue will be improved as a main artery between Pacific Coast highway and Torrance boulevard by the early part of 1949.

Gas is supplied to the city of Torrance by the Southern California Gas Company.

'Herald' Told Weston Ranch Oil Discovery!

(Reprinted from the Torrance Herald of Jan. 8, 1914)

Oil has been struck in large quantities on the Weston Ranch just south of Redondo Beach. The value of this fact cannot be overestimated. An oil well was sunk on the Weston Ranch more as an experimental idea than anything else and the quality and quantity obtained has exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine.

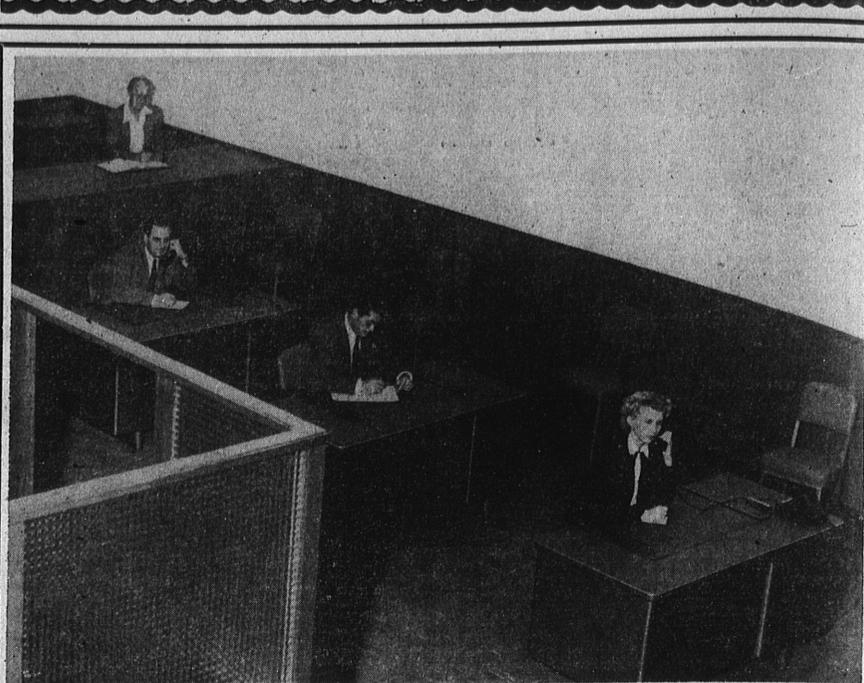
Fine, gravilly oil shale was struck at 2900 feet and then they drilled 200 feet deeper. The first strata was struck at 1800 feet and it was estimated that at this depth even, it would pump 100 barrels a day, but at the bottom strata of 2900 feet it is not yet known what the yield will be.

Third College to Open Soon

Two junior colleges — and a third soon to be opened—are available to local young people upon graduation from high school.

Junior colleges now in operation are El Camino, just across the northerly city boundary line, and Palos Verdes College, a private school on the crest of Palos Verdes Hills.

Los Angeles city residents immediately east of Torrance will be able to attend Harbor Technical Junior College when it is completed early next year.



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