

HOUSING PLAN OF P. E.

"The Housing Plan," adopted by the Pacific Electric Railway for the purpose of providing housing facilities for its employes at Torrance gives mute evidence to the demand which has been made for homes in Southern California.

For the purpose of overcoming existing difficulties, the Company appropriated a revolving fund of \$250,000 for the exclusive use of constructing and purchasing homes at actual cost, for its employes at the Torrance shops.

CASTLE APARTMENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mahon were week-end visitors in Red Canyon above Mojave. Mr. and Mrs. J. Truesdale, with a party of relatives and friends, of Long Beach, left this week for a camping trip near San Francisco.

NOTICE!

The final meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club for the next will be held in Auditorium at 2:30 p. m., June 19, 1922. All members and their friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. Cyrus Crosby passed Tuesday in Los Angeles. Mrs. Harry McManus was a Los Angeles visitor Tuesday.

American Legion Brevities

Watch for the date of the next Legion dance. The Auxiliary ladies are craving another old fashioned good time. It is hard to describe the surprised pleasure of the Legionnaires who have visited their building of late.



NINTH YEAR

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 16, 1922

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New H.S. Building On 17 Acres

Fiesta Queen Contest Exciting

The question of a Fiesta Queen is being discussed on the quiet in all quarters of Torrance. Keen competition will be the result this year for votes to elect the most popular young lady.

Torrance Holding Company Meeting

The Torrance Holding Company, one year old Tuesday, June 13, held their first annual meeting. Several members were absent, but a very enjoyable two hours were spent in reviewing the progress made on their first well on the tract.

Gardena Gets Torrance Boost

In order to lend their help to Gardena for the Chamber of Commerce drive which is now under full blast, and being conducted by J. O. Stevenson, professional organizer, H. D. Pottenger, local chamber of commerce secretary, and J. M. Fitzhugh, president of the city council, and Postmaster Gourdier, met with the executives of the drive last Tuesday night.

Many Inquiries Since Oil Gushes

Attaches of the City Hall report scores of inquiries the past week regarding the possibilities and advantages for factory sites as well as home sites. Things are looking up, since the last issue of the "Herald" chronicling the development of the gusher oil well.

BASE BALL DANCE

The Union Tool base ball team will give a dance at the American Legion Hall Tuesday evening, June 20. Avery's Orchestra will furnish the music and the proceeds will be used to purchase team equipment. Everybody invited. Tickets on sale at Torrance Pharmacy.

Five More Oil Wells To Be Drilled Near Torrance As Result of Good Showing

Del Amo Well No. 1 Continues to Make 900 Barrels Daily Under Pressure, While Excitement Runs Wild On Joining Property Leases.

Interest in the development of the Torrance Oil District has reached a point where men seeking investment are coming from all directions and looking over the field. Leasing of land and lease trading has been more active the past ten days than at any other time during the past year.

Five new oil derricks are under construction in the vicinity of the Chancellor-Canfield-Midway Well No. 1 and the Santa Fe Co. is erecting two derricks in the vicinity of the Standard Well on the Torrance Holding Company property, just inside the city limits.

is presumed that before another three weeks this whole district will be dotted with oil derricks under construction and soon will resemble Signal Hill.

A steady flow of the same high gravity oil continues at the Chancellor-Canfield-Midway Well No. 1 on the Del Amo Ranch, and about 900 barrels a day under pressure gushes into the large reservoirs that had been built for this particular well.

Cementing off in three other wells is now being done and when this phase of the work has passed the inactive stage, these wells will be brought in. Other wells in the district are on the top of the sand waiting completion. So far there is nothing but encouragement from all the wells and no disparaging news has been sent out.

In Torrance Park, the Keystone district and in Vista Heights, comes reports of activity from the different companies that have negotiated leases in these sections and residents are enthused over the news that actual work will be started within a few weeks.

Keep Pay Roll Here Is Slogan

Keeping the pay roll in Torrance is a question that has been intermittently discussed for years. It blazes forth in an exciting appeal, at times, and then apparently is forgotten again for a time. But this time we believe something will be accomplished to "Keep Torrance Money in Torrance."

Vista Highlanders To Have Oil Well

Twenty-one land holders, representing eighteen acres of land, closed a lease to the Hub Petroleum Company of the State of California last Thursday evening. This company is an Oklahoma Corporation, and has large holdings in nearby fields. Drilling will start on the "Vista Highlands Lease" in ninety days.

Farewell Dinner For Mrs. Dolley

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening at a farewell dinner in honor of Mrs. W. H. Dolley, who will leave in a short time to visit friends and relatives in Indiana. A very pleasant evening was spent with cards and music.

Modern Woodmen To L. A. Camp

The Modern Woodmen of America, fifty strong, left here Wednesday evening, for the Los Angeles Camp, where they were guests of honor of that Lodge. Each wore a badge with the inscription, "Torrance, No. 16388," and had the honor of being at the top of the class for membership drive during the month of May for the entire Southern California district.

Many Will Attend Smoker Tonight

Several of the Chamber of Commerce boosters of Torrance will attend the smoker at Glendale tonight. J. O. Stevenson, professional organizer of chamber of commerce is sure to have an excellent program. Redondo Beach and Long Beach will be represented also.

Monrovia Sees Torrance Film

The Torrance Film was shown in Monrovia Monday night when H. D. Pottenger explained the different features as they were flashed on the screen. A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested by business men of Monrovia as they saw the different industries working.

Money! Money! Money!

The city treasurer, city attorney and two councilmen went in to Los Angeles and escorted the \$54,000.00 of street improvement coin to Torrance. The city dads wore some very broad smiles as they gathered around the official board and made definite plans for immediate commencement of work on our street paving.

Torrance P. T. A. held its final meeting of the year in the High School Study room. This meeting which was for members and their husbands only was well attended; A good program had been prepared, consisting of "The Flag Salute," selection by the High School Orchestra, a vocal duet by Misses Katherlyn Burnmaster and Jassamine Coker, accompanied by Miss Trotman. A story of the P. T. A. from its organization until the present time was read by the historian for the coming year, Mrs. Milburn. Mrs. Kite then gave a group of two songs accompanied by Mrs. Fitzhugh. This was followed by a couple of selections by the orchestra, after which voting for the fern took place. Miss Green's room having the most present won the fern. This voting is always a source of much fun and friendly rivalry between the rooms. Professor Barnett then made some announcements that brought great joy to all of those interested in the school.

Maccabees Meet Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the Maccabee Review was held Tuesday evening with a full attendance of members. Two new members were initiated. A social hour was passed after which refreshments were served.

BANQUET FOR GRADUATES

The Philathea Class of the Baptist Church entertained at a banquet last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amel Anderson on Andreo street for the young people of the church who will graduate from the high school this month. The honor guests were Miss Virgil Pratt, who will graduate from the Torrance High School, and Mr. Melvin Kern, who will graduate from the Gardena High School. Mrs. A. J. Solomon, the teacher of the class, was assisted by Mrs. Anderson, Miss Vivian Pratt and Miss Martha Kirkpatrick. The house was prettily decorated with fern and streamers. There were about 25 guests who enjoyed the evening.

Union Tool Picnic Huge Success

Saturday, June 10, was gala day for employees of the Union Tool Company. All roads led to Brookside Park, where a pleasant and smiling sun shown down on that beautiful place, seemingly for the express benefit of the merry makers. Two sections of the park were barely enough to accommodate the assemblage, but there was plenty of room to take care of the overflow and nowhere did the crowd become too dense.

The U. T. Glee Club made a hit with all hands, especially those who had never heard it before, when they sang a few well chosen songs, and the clever fancy dancing of two youngsters, whose homes we have mislaid, was an innovation not expected by the crowd.

Of course, our own George Proctor, was Master of Ceremonies, but it remained for Mr. Partridge to deliver the address of welcome in only that manner and those words and with that feeling that has endeared him to all the employees of the first shop in Torrance.

Among those present were Mr. J. A. Glass, manager of the Toledo plant, and Mr. F. M. Berry, the new manager of the Torrance plant. The ball game with the Pacific Electric in the Industrial League, might have better been termed a parade: Of course, it was a walk-away for the local boys.

One fellow drove a bicycle from Torrance. Another started from Torrance at eight a. m. and did not arrive until almost time to come home. Others drove all over Los Angeles, Glendale, Tropic, and other portions of Southern California, and as yet haven't found Brookside Park. We overheard one lady remark that she was simply crazy to take off her shoes and wade in the brook, and no one had the heart to tell her the truth.

There were games and races for young and old, which held the attention of the major portion of the picnickers until about eleven o'clock, when a few surreptitiously handed out sandwiches, starting a stampede for the barbecued beef, chill beans, coffee and ice cream. The original plan to serve luncheon at high noon was upset right there. People were unanimous in expressing their delight at the dinner and to Messrs. W. E. B. Partridge and J. F. Stone, and their lunch-working committee should give the credit for the efficient arrangements and grand spread.

Seven special P. E. cars were required to carry the merry-makers to and from the park and they were filled to overflowing. Every youngster was overjoyed at being presented with a squaking balloon immediately on arrival—some of the grown-ups, too—and great was the din until the last moaning squawk had died in a bursted balloon.

A New Athletic Association

About fifty citizens of Torrance met in Legion Hall last Monday for the purpose of organizing the Torrance Athletic Association.

The constitution and by-laws of the organization had been prepared by the Legion and a copy given to each person present. The meeting was adjourned until Monday, June 19, at 8 p. m., when the committee reports will be read and the organization formed. If you are interested, be there.

Moves Into New Torrance Home

M. L. May moved his family to Torrance yesterday. The new seven room house is just completed for the reception of Mrs. May, daughter and son. Mr. May is sales manager for the Dominguez Land Corporation.

Torrance Film in South Pasadena

The Torrance Film was shown in South Pasadena last night to a large and enthusiastic audience.

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