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GARDENA NINE LOSE TO MERCHANTS

Game Develops Into Spirited Pitcher's Battle All Through Game

SUNDAY, March 6.—Gardena, the home of the Big Red Strawberry, is a thriving little agricultural town situated between Hermosillo and Strawberry Park on the P. E. Ry., about thirteen miles southwest of Los Angeles. Our readers will need no more to tell them where this town is located; in fact, most of them will remember having heard its name called out by the conductor when riding through. At any rate, Gardena supports a baseball team. Supports, we said, we don't mean she has one. And said her team—we call it that for convenience—journeyed to Torrance to do battle with our beloved Merchants.

The Gardena Merchants showed their baseball knowledge in the first inning when a man tried to steal home with the ball in the pitcher's hand. Of course, he didn't succeed. Gomes, chucking for Torrance, was a little wild at first, walking three men in the first two innings, but he made up for that by striking out four.

In the third, Gardena made her one and only score when Gomes hit Concannon, Gardena's hurler, allowed two passes and a hit all of which summed up in a score. After that both teams settled down to regular playing. In the sixth, though, Torrance suffered a narrow squeak when Gomes permitted another walk, and one of their huskies laid a fast one for two bases. He got it in the wrong spot, though, because McDonnell, in center, quickly recovered and relayed the pill via Bouett home catching the runner for the third out. In Torrance's half of the sixth, Leake hit two for two sacks and scored when Bouett got a pretty single.

Both pitchers then tightened up. Gomes allowing not another single hit, and those off Concannon were so scattered that it was impossible to get another run across. The eighth, ninth, and tenth all went the same way, both teams battling for all there was in it, each side determined to put across that one badly needed run. Concannon slackened in the last half of the eleventh, though, and Leake smacked out a single. Bouett flew out to right. Then Demon Gomes stepped to the plate. He evidently had made up his mind that he didn't want to play any more that day, and met the first fast one that came anywhere near the plate sending it fast and far to the right garden, then galloping around for three easy bases, incidentally scoring Leake with the winning batter.

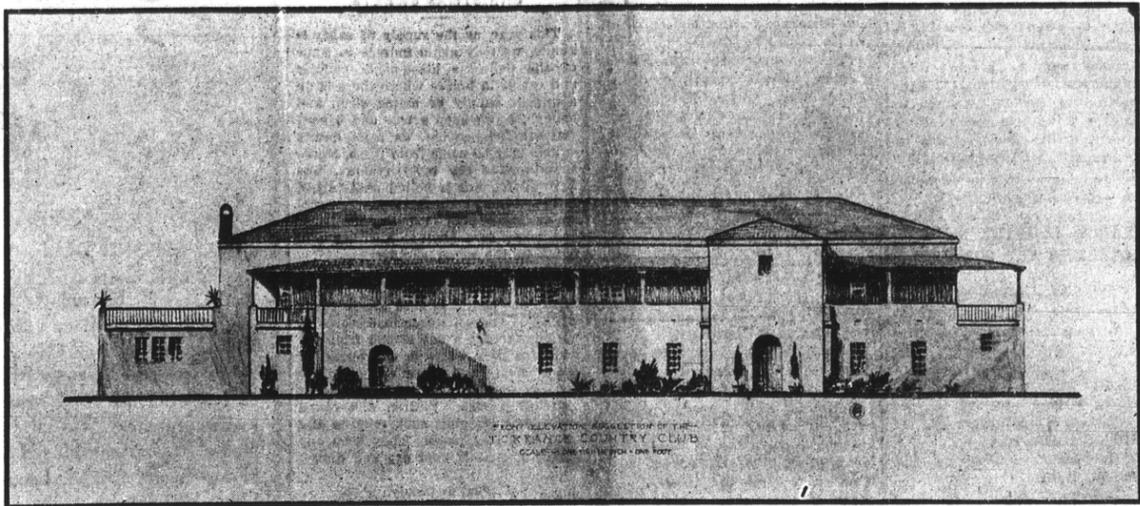
Gomes whiffed sixteen batters, Concannon nine. Torrance got 8 safeties, Gardena 2. Which goes to show that it was not an easy victory, and, after it was over, all came to the conclusion that Gardena did support a regular ball team. We were glad to change our opinion and are only anxiously waiting to see Torrance cross bats with them on their own diamond, which, by the way, will take place next Sunday, March 13. We anticipate a good crowd of rooters will accompany the team, and we believe the journey will not be in vain.

C. OF C. BANQUET

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Friday evening, March 25, in the High School Building, Torrance. Tickets are one dollar per person, proceeds to go toward supporting the disabled soldiers new building fund. The primary object of the gathering is to stimulate a membership drive for the Chamber of Commerce. There will be several prominent speakers present and a musical program given. You are invited to be present.

ACTIVITY ON 16th STREET

Houses are springing up like mushrooms in the vicinity of Sixteenth street, one block north of Carson, and near the new Redondo Boulevard, West Torrance.



TORRANCE COUNTRY CLUB

With the nucleus of a live organization back of him, W. H. Gilbert, chairman of the housing commission of the Pacific Electric Company here, was elected president of The Torrance Country Club organization last Thursday night, when prominent citizens of Torrance numbering twenty-five met to formulate plans to build the new club house.

This action is a new step in the right direction, and, at present, arrangements are nearing completion when definite plans will soon materialize, and it is thought that actual work will be commenced next month. There are many details yet to be considered and passed upon by the various sub-committees, a list of which is given below, as appointed at last week's meeting.

The new club house will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The basement floor of the building is to contain bowling alleys, a gymnasium, exercise room, large enough for boxing and wrestling contests, pool and billiard tables, heating, ventilating and refrigerating plants, besides janitor's quarters.

The main floor of the building will contain large lobbies, reception room, banquet hall, kitchenette, pantries, ladies and gent's lockers, ladies and gent's shower baths, etc.

The second story of the building will contain the "Great Hall," where dancing will take place, stage and scenery, dressing rooms, reception rooms, smoking rooms, a large open balcony the entire length of the South side of the building. There will also be an outside staircase.

The surrounding grounds will be improved and because of the peculiarity of the lay of the land, landscaping artists will have little to add to make this a beautiful spot. There will be an outside swimming pool, tennis courts, children's playgrounds, and Judge Geo. W. Post will be kindly asked to offer suggestions in planning the landscaping of the gardens.

Vista Highlands is fast becoming known as the most beautiful spot in Torrance, and its surroundings are most ideal. The views from here are grand—no difference in which direction one may turn. There are the mountains on either side, the ocean and Los Angeles—all lie before you at this point.

rooms, reception room, lobby and banquet hall and kitchen.

Three suites of offices will be placed in front and will be rented. Reinforced concrete or brick will be used in construction, making one of the most picturesque fronts to be seen in the various buildings of Torrance.

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and will occupy a commanding view from the highest elevation in Torrance in the Vista Highlands, one block north of Carson street, lying between Hickory and Jasmine Avenues and Fourteenth and Sixteenth Sts. There are nine acres in the grounds—two blocks—the present valuation being \$19,000.00. This was donated by J. S. Torrance, founder of the City of Torrance.

It is the plan to build either with brick in stucco, or Hydro-Stone cement blocks, the latter being one of the most modern and beautiful building materials now in use, because of its vari-colored effects and attractiveness.

The club house building will be of two stories and basement, the main facade and entrance facing the south, commanding a magnificent view, as shown in above photograph.

Vista Highlands is ideally located from other view points.

Just one block from Carson street, to the South, and one block from Redondo Blvd., to the North where the Pacific Electric will lay their car line tracks to Redondo Beach, is the site chosen for the new country club.

The inside of the club house will be furnished luxuriously, yet simple. There will be either a rustic effect or one of mahogany finish, ceilings will be handsomely painted, divans will be placed around the walls and over all will be given the appearance of a soft vague light, peculiar to the houses from which the plans are to be drawn. The majority of the rooms will be decorated simply, but there will be a touch of splendor in their white embossed walls and ceilings.

The furniture will consist of numerous divans, large and small ottomans, little rugs, stools, and foot benches, cushions of every description, the whole to be one of softness and most comfortable retreat for those desiring to forget business cares.

Here and there will be mirrors, musical instruments, clocks, and other novelties, with sweet throated birds from canary cages filling the air with melodies that only adds to the comfort of the place.

The officers and various committees, follow:
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BUILDING COMPANY ACTIVE

After having sold over \$70,000 worth of lots on the Hammerton Tract, and interested many people in the Community Building Company, Mr. A. H. Bartlett found the work of handling the two together, too burdensome, and now is devoting all his time to promote the affairs of the Building Company.

There will be a meeting of the trustees and stockholders next Monday night, and all interested are asked to attend, at 8 o'clock, in the post office building. Attorney Galoupe of Los Angeles will be present.

LIME COMPANY NOW HAS NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

ANCIENT BED OF DECOMPOSED MARINE SHELLS BEING UTILIZED

Lime Company Adopts "D.M.S. L." As Trade Mark Which Signifies Decomposed Marine Shell Lime

Of historical interest and a scenic drive for auto parties as well as a very important addition to Los Angeles Industrial Activity is the new 8-hour shift, 100-ton Plant of the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company. Their property consists of thirty acres near Lomita or about five-eighths of a mile south of the San Pedro-Redondo highway. The plant is electrically operated getting power from the Southern California Edison Company and is equipped with all modern and up to date conveniences for loading as well as platform scales and bunk house.

A paved highway leads directly to the plant and is kept in first-class condition at the expense of the Company.

The company's lime deposit is on the edge of the fault line, which occurs at the base of the hills from Redondo to San Pedro and is about 250 feet above sea level. The origin of this vast deposit of decomposed marine shell lime is due to an accumulation of organic remains or the collection of shell fragments and foraminiferal cases on the ocean bottom, resulting from a favorable prolific environment during the Miocene period.

LOT PURCHASERS MUCH INTERESTED

\$750 TO BE GIVEN AWAY THIS MONTH TO THOSE WHO PURCHASE LOTS

Special efforts are being made this week to interest prospective home-builders in Torrance, Lomita Harbor City and Redondo Beach, and as the result of the meetings held the fore part of the week by Messrs. Hammerton and Townsend, special sales agent, several lots have been sold, and a great deal of interest manifested in the Co-operative plan and industries of the new town of Hammerton.

A page advertisement in this issue announces the plan whereby \$750 will be distributed in the following manner: Any purchaser of a lot or lots, who will have paid ten per cent of the purchase price of his lot, before the first day of April, will be given a credit memorandum for \$30, redeemable in merchandise at the different business houses in Torrance. Or, if the purchaser does not care for the Thirty Dollars worth of free merchandise, he may have this amount.

UNION TOOL TEAM DEFEAT ALL STARS

Local Team Wins In Eleven Inning Game. Return Game Sunday

SATURDAY, March 5.—One time away back in the early part of the Suburban League session, Old Man Leake's son, Hollis, gathered together a coterie of ball players, who, collectively, he lovingly termed his All-Stars, and one day he brought his Stars to Torrance and played rings around the then embryonic Union Tool Company team, incidentally carrying away with him one perfectly good victory. Since that day, however, the U. T. team has been whipped into shape and has learned just about how hard it is necessary to play to win ball games. Leake looked with good-natured tolerance at the U. T. victories over the mighty Alexander and his nuban Giants and that fast moving bunch who make ready-to-wear bungalows, and concluded that the last two mentioned teams had an off day.

Then there came another day when the above-mentioned old gentleman's prodigy traveled to the gentle neighborhood of the Torrance baseball field, accompanied by his All-Star aggregation, each entirely confident that they again would carry away the honors. The Stars show just as brightly as ever they did, but their brilliancy was dimmed by the reflection of their first victory and the determination of the U. T. Boys to win.

A pitcher's battle all through ensued for nine torturing innings—McDonnell, for Torrance, putting eleven men in the clear, while Manker, for the All-Stars, whiffed five. The Stars grabbed only four scattered hits, Torrance six, one of which was the homer poled out by Sanger and netting the only run made in the game. 'Twas in the seventh—the lucky seventh—when Manker misjudged his adversary and threw one of those waist-high fast ones that a good batter loves to connect with. As soon as Manker had loosed that one he realized he had made a fatal mistake; he could see that smile of triumphant glee spreading over Sanger's countenance, and Dick did his duty, did it well.

The fans let out a mighty roar, second only to that loosed when Gomes, playing center, in the early part of the seventh, had edged an armful of rabid fans out of his path, climbed the back-field fence and appeared what promised to be a home run. What a hand he got, a when he came in to bat he moaned not one bit.

In the eighth McDonnell accented another thrill when he allowed a hit and two free tickets with no one out. Each fan then had a taste of what is sending Mac to the big time circuits. It was one, two, three, then, just like a world series game—and everyone heaved a sigh of relief. It is believed that Torrance will see as good a game but we don't believe she'll ever see a better.

INCORPORATION ELECTION DATE SET FOR APRIL 12

The Board of Supervisors have called an election and set the boundaries for the City of Torrance. This action was taken last Monday when formal application was made by the petitioners for incorporation. Six weeks from last Tuesday was the date decided upon for the election, the boundaries on the South being, approximately 300 feet south of the Redondo Road, or conforming as near as possible to property lines. This line was chosen so that the improvement of Redondo Road could be done by the new city, and not leave half of the road in the county as would be the case should this be the line set. Other boundaries were the same as in former petition.

All barriers now being removed Boulevard, West Torrance. Everyone desiring to see this city under self government, should get behind the boosters and boost for incorporation.