

### TORRANCE MAY BECOME OIL LAND OWNER

#### Purchase of Oil Land By City Suggested To Trustees

The city of Torrance may follow the lead of Long Beach in acquiring productive oil land and thereby reducing taxation, was the suggestion to the city trustees by G. A. R. Steiner, of the Dominguez Land Corporation, at the trustees meeting October 17.

Citing Long Beach as one example of farsightedness in securing a tract of oil land from which the royalties assisted in making the city self supporting and greatly reducing the tax burden, Mr. Steiner informed the trustees that in his opinion the same opportunity existed in Torrance, he stated.

Regarding the completion of the paving on Arlington avenue, City Engineer Jessup made the following interesting report that was later adopted:

Gentlemen: I beg to report that the work of paving Arlington avenue from Carson street southerly to the southern boundary line of the city, has been completed with the exception of oiling shoulders south of Long Beach boulevard, and some general trimming up.

The total amount of paving constructed is 207,392 square feet. The cost of one-half of this pavement, or 103,696 square feet, is to be paid for from general bond fund.

The contract price is 19 cents per square foot, 103,696 sq. ft. at 19 cents equals \$19,702.24. This amount is payable upon your order.

The work has been done under my direction and supervision and to my satisfaction and acceptance.

I would recommend that payment as above be made.

Respectfully submitted, (Signed) J. J. Jessup, City Engineer and Supt. of Sts.

Mr. Worden stated that the paving of Carson street would be completed in three weeks.

A letter from the Pacific Electric Co., signed by F. L. Annable, was read. The same acknowledged receipt of a communication from the board relative to operation of trains over the crossing at Carson and Cabrillo; expressing thanks for having called their attention to the matter, and promising immediate investigation.

A petition from residents of Portola avenue concerning the playing of base ball in the street was referred to the Street, Sewer and Park committee for investigation.

Schultz, Peckham & Schultz submitted data and price, by letter, for a Ford one-ton truck. Total price for extra equipment, etc., was \$857.77.

Trustee Nash moved that the matter be referred to the street, sewer and park committee for further consideration.

Fire Chief Hannebrink stated that more fire plugs were needed in Vista Highlands, in the Mexican pueblo, on Amapola street and one or two in the southern part of the city. The same was referred to the Chief and the City Engineer to bring in a report of what was needed at the next meeting.

The matter of the water connection with the big main on Carson street was referred to the City Engineer with instructions to get in touch with the Torrance Water, Light and Power Co., at once, so as to get this connection made before Carson street was paved.

Trustee Stone stated that Mr. Jessup had drawn up some tentative plans for the jail and fire house which might be looked over later; also that the matter of routing the stage line was referred to the Police Chief.

In regard to a patrolman for the Mexican village, Trustee Stone stated that another man had been recommended by Mr. Isenstein, but it appeared that he was not an American citizen, and the younger man was the only one among the eligibles who was a citizen. The matter was again tabled for the present.

As to fire fighting apparatus, Trustee Stone stated that it would be some time before the Gorham Co. could give a demonstration of their Segrave machine; that there would be other companies who could not give a demonstration and as all of the machines were guaranteed to give satisfaction according to their specifications, he thought it was unnecessary to have any more demonstrations, and that the whole matter might be laid over for two or three weeks. In this connection it was suggested that tentative bids be asked for from the different companies together with their allowance on the old apparatus, and that a verbal demonstration could be given by each representative as his bid was tendered.

The Police Chief reported that the Stage line was willing to cooperate with the Board in any way possible in transferring their route to business streets, but that the same would have to be taken up before the railroad commission. At the present time they would like to run as they are on account of detours. The Clerk was instructed to write the railroad commission in conjunction with the stage line in order to show that the city was back of the stage line in wanting a re-routing. Chief Anderson also reported that no prices had been received as yet on jail cells.

Trustee Nash reported the depleted condition of the general fund and also that the option held by the city on lots 20, 21, 22 block 15 would expire on the 22nd of October, and moved that a warrant be drawn for the amount of the purchase price less amount deposited for the option, or \$7800 in full

### FIRE FIGHTERS OFFER WARES TO TRUSTEES

#### Stutz, Seagrave, and American-La France File Bids

At an adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance held last Tuesday evening, representatives of the Stutz, Seagrave and American-La France Fire Apparatus companies appeared before the Board in the order mentioned above and gave graphic accounts of the work their engines and pumps had done in the past and of what could be expected of them in the future, elaborating their explanations with photographs. Each representative filed his bid and the specifications for his machine with the Clerk which were opened and read publicly.

The Stutz Fire Engine Company of Indianapolis, Ind., made the following bid or proposal:

"One Stutz 140 H. P. 6 Cyl. 750 gallon Triple Combination hose, Chemical and Pumping Engine, for the sum of \$11,250, or one Stutz 95 H. P. 4 Cyl. 600 gal. Triple Combination Hose, Chemical and Pumping Engine for the sum of \$11,000, delivered at Torrance.

The Seagrave Company's offer was as follows:

"One Seagrave Model 66, six Cyl. Combination Chemical Engine and Hose Car, (as per our specifications attached hereto) for the sum \$11,750. One Seagrave Model 660, six Cyl. Triple Combination 600 gal. pumping engine, hose car and chemical engine for the sum of \$12,250. One Seagrave model 75, six cyl. Combination chemical engine and hose car for the sum of \$12,500. One Seagrave model 750 six cylinder triple combination 750 gal. pumping engine, hose car and chemical engine for the sum \$13,000.

The American-La France Fire Engine Company bid as follows:

"One or more 6 cyl. 600 gal. type 3803 triple combination pumping engine, chemical engine and hose wagon, for the sum of \$10,750 each. One or more 6 cyl. 750-gallon, type 75, triple combination pumping engine, chemical engine and hose wagon, for the sum of \$13,000 each. One cyl. type 75, 750 gallon Triple combination Pumping Engine chemical engine and hose wagon, recently shown at the international fire chief's convention at San Francisco and used for show purposes, for the sum of \$11,500 f.o.b. Torrance.

These bids were taken under advisement until the informal meeting called for 5 o'clock this afternoon.

payment of lots described above. This will be done.

The playgrounds at the school house might be used after school hours and on Saturdays by furnishing wages for a caretaker; that one and one-half hours each day and four hours on Saturday, for a total of 1 1/4 hours at 85c per hour would cost \$9.78 per week. After explaining the situation to the board Trustee Proctor moved that a letter be written to Mr. Barnett accepting this proposition.

Arlington avenue having been paved anew, the question of weight limits for trucks was taken up and the Police Chief instructed to enforce the state law covering this matter.

The City Engineer reported that the fixing of Madrona avenue north from the intersection of the Redondo road would be quite a costly piece of work especially through the wash near the north limits of the city; that it was just a question of drift sand and about all that could be done, without paving, was to fix it the same as the south end had been fixed where the laying off of Carson street, was being used; that it would have to be oiled and rolled down several times and thus make it comparatively passable.

The Engineer also stated that the motor power at the septic tank was inadequate; that the motor was running almost continuously and, even then, the tank was running over; that a large pump should be installed and the present equipment kept for a standby, and that the sludge would have to be cleaned out again before long.

Farming of the sewer farm was discussed pro and con, it being pointed out that feed for the City animals and some besides might be raised, besides helping the sewage the whole area would not be feasible the first year, but a good deal of levelling could be accomplished and the ground put in very good shape eventually.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Street Foreman be instructed to commence operations along these lines.

As to paving different sections of the city such as 220th and Amapola, Gramercy, Carson, etc., President Fitzhugh suggested that the City Engineer make a tentative survey of the different streets needing such improvements as residents did not know just how to go about it to get such work done; that the approximate cost together with the 10 year contract under assessment proceedings be put into a letter form and broadcasted through the City so as to give each citizen a chance to educate themselves along these lines and be able to procure such improvements if desirous of so doing.

Mr. Gascoigne was instructed to make a survey of the trees of the City as they were again in distress on account of bugs, scale, etc., and to take proper measures to relieve them.

A proposal for electrical work was submitted by the Torrance Electric Shop for the light to be installed on Carson near the school house. The consideration was \$73.50 with the proviso that the city furnish part of the necessary material and labor.

Trustee Stone moved that the

### INVESTMENT IN B. & L. ASKED OF CITIZENS

#### Savings Being Rapidly Used to Assist Home Building

An appreciable increase in the number of applications for loans for the purpose of building homes in Torrance and Lomita was reported by C. E. Berry of the Torrance Mutual Building & Loan association and it is expected that within the next few days many of these will be passed on and the loan made.

"It takes money to loan money," said Mr. Berry today "and we feel that in view of the crying need for homes in this section and particularly in Torrance that all who have surplus money that is either now drawing a small rate of interest in other securities should place a portion of these savings in the Torrance Building & Loan Association.

"In the first place we are able under the State law and for other reasons to pay a much larger rate of interest with equal security to the investor and in addition the investment in this purely local concern makes the investment a civic matter that will materially add to the prosperity of the community.

"For these reasons we are appealing to the thrifty spirit as well as civic pride of residents of this section to deposit a portion of their savings in the savings department of the Building & Loan Association where it may be used in assisting worthy residents to build their own homes and thus increase the prosperity of the city."

From the reports made this week by the officers of the loan company their appeal has not been in vain and scores are taking advantage of the opportunity to both increase their source of revenue as well as to assist their less fortunate neighbor who owns a lot but is unable to build owing to lack of capital.

The full statement of the presidents of Stanford and the University of California follows:

The principal function of the university is to set educational standards. The University of California and Stanford University have endeavored to maintain their professional schools on a basis that would be recognized throughout the United States and the world. This is particularly true in regard to the schools of medicine.

Since public health is our most precious possession and the study of medicine is difficult and must be based upon a broad knowledge of fundamental science, we are demanding of our medical students training that of any other profession. Even with the seven or eight years of university work required, we are finding it difficult to find time to give the thorough training necessary. The universities are devoting large sums of money to the education of medical students.

We feel that this is imperatively necessary in order to maintain standards and to protect the public health. We feel that any measure that permits men and women with low educational qualifications to enter the field of the practice of medicine is prejudicial to the interests of our own students and alumni and harmful to the public.

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Under the present laws of the State it is possible for any prepared individual who is trained in the fundamental sciences to pass examinations and practice osteopathy, chiropractic or other forms of drugless healing. At the same time practitioners of medicine and surgery must pass a rigid examination.

We feel that the present law gives full scope to the practice of various methods of treatment upon a basis that protects the public.

We consider it our duty as heads

of institutions of higher learning to call to the attention of the citizens of the State the importance of maintaining satisfactory standards in medical education.

DR. RAY LYMAN WILBUR, President of Stanford University. DAVID P. BARROWS, President of University of California.

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### TORRANCE NOW HAS MODERN LAUNDRY

#### Experienced Laundry Men Buy Plant—Install Machinery

With the opening this week of the new and up-to-date Torrance Laundry, by three experienced laundrymen from Los Angeles, Torrance Lomita, Harbor City and vicinity will hereafter be served in a metropolitan manner and at prices for laundry work that have never been attempted here before.

"We have come into this field," said Wm. H. Rojo, general manager of the new laundry, "determined to not only give the residents of this section first class work but at prices that are even lower than any city plant."

G. A. Barlow, who has been associated with Mr. Rojo for more than twenty years in the laundry business, is secretary-treasurer of the company and Mr. John Blumenthal, another experienced member of the firm makes up the trio of laundrymen who intend making Torrance Laundry Company a household word in this section.

A large amount of new machinery, including an up-to-date collar machine is expected to arrive soon and when installed, will make the institution complete in every respect.

#### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hannabrink of Andros, avenue, entertained sixteen children Friday afternoon, celebrating their daughter, Helen Marie's, ninth birthday anniversary.

The home and table were decorated with black and gold, appropriate for the Halloween season.

A beautiful white cake with pink candles made the centerpiece for the table and dainty favors of candied flowers were used for place cards.

The children enjoyed fun and games throughout the afternoon, and Helen was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

The guests were: Ruth, Walter and Arthur Schuricht, of Los Angeles; Lois, Bille, Albert, and Anita Bonelert, of Gardena; Ollie McHalsey, Mary McLain, Ruth Anderson, Dorothy Stowe, Dorothy Seyenson, Genevieve and Ethel Guyan, Bennie and Helen Hannabrink.



#### TORRANCE SCHOOL NEWS

Buy a ticket for the disabled soldiers' benefit, is the slogan of the Torrance school this week, with Prof. Barnett at the head of the campaign to sell one thousand tickets for the benefit for disabled veterans, at Loew's State theater, at Los Angeles, presenting the show "Forget-Me-Not."

Everyone in Torrance should buy a ticket, even if it isn't possible for them to attend the performance; just donate your fifty cents.

Inasmuch that they went over the top for us and were disabled, they are being sadly neglected, and are in great need of hospital service and care. We should go over the top for them.

The board of education has authorized the schools to conduct again this year a Scholarship Penny Drive, in aid of the efforts of the Parent-Teacher Association to keep children in school who would otherwise be forced to go to work to help support themselves and families.

This is not compulsory. The contribution is wholly voluntary; a penny from each child, put in preference of buying candy, will put this over very successfully. The date for the drive is October 30 to Nov. 3. The interest of the night school is increasing. The class for English for foreigners is still small; other classes are in a flourishing condition.

The following subjects are taught: Spanish, Bookkeeping, shorthand, typing, shop mechanics, mechanical drawing, dressmaking. The dressmaking class meets two days a week from 3:30 to 5:30, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Miss Margaret McDonough, instructor. Miss Margaret McDonough, teacher of the first grade, has been transferred to the Palo Verde school, as Miss McDonoughy is a specialist for foreign children. She has been assigned to that work entirely.

The Torrance School is still two teachers short, one high and one elementary teacher. They will be assigned as soon as they can get teachers, as there are none available at present.

The idea some persons have of a beneficent Creator is one who will make it hard sledding for their enemies.

Chinese are said to be turning from rice to beef. That may be why they are pawing up the dust in China.

Wonder if there are any of the old-fashioned folks who argued that a man got all his punishment in this world?

#### FORD ITEM

The reduction in Ford prices of \$50 on each model, which was announced on October 17th, has set the motor world agog. According to the local Ford dealers, this radical decrease in prices was totally unexpected at this time by the motoring fraternity. In spite of the record production of the Detroit factory at this season, the number of unfilled orders has been constantly growing. Consequently, the news of the latest effort of Henry Ford to carry out his avowed purpose of furnishing transportation units at the lowest possible cost came as a pleasant surprise to many thousands of prospective Ford buyers.

"The prices of Ford cars and trucks are now at the lowest mark in the history of the Ford Motor Company," says B. L. Graves, Western District Manager for the Ford interests. "The new prices FOB Detroit are as follows: Touring, standard, \$298. Runabout, standard, \$269; Chassis \$235; one ton truck chassis, \$380; Coupe, with electric starter and demountable rims, \$530; Sedan with same equipment, \$595.

"Following out the usual Ford policy, the new prices are based not on what it costs to manufacture at this time, but on what it is expected the costs will be several months from now. In other words, Ford declines always precede rather than follow reduced manufacturing costs, and these reductions are in turn justified by increased efficiency in production. It is expected that the Detroit factory will be kept going at full blast the entire winter, which will mean a considerable saving per car in overhead costs.

"With the many new betterments, including the one-man top and slanting windshield in the touring cars, special upholstery and window controls in the closed cars, and light pistons, improved wiring, and other mechanical features in all models, it is no exaggeration to say that Ford cars were never higher in quality nor lower in price than at the present time," continued Mr. Graves.

Government officials say that ninety-eight per cent of bootleg liquor is dangerous, but every man who buys it likes to think he is getting his from the two per cent that is safe.

Some persons sit down to count the cost and remain so long the opportunities are picked up by others.

Beauty is not absolutely essential, although desirable, in the woman who knows how to cook pork and beans in the best way.

Thanksgiving day is coming, so you'd better start now trying to think of something to be thankful for.