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MILLION AND QUARTER INVESTED IN TORRANCE PROPERTY DUR- ING LAST ELEVEN MONTHS

REAL ESTATE VALUED AT \$1,100,000 SOLD
BY DOMINGUEZ LAND CORPORATION.
ESTIMATE FOR YEAR \$1,750,000

The writing of a check doesn't make the noise that the building of a house would make, though it may mean as much to the community concerned. It is for that reason that the thousands of checks that have been left in Torrance in payment for Torrance property have not attracted the attention they warrant. A survey of the real estate transactions since January 1 1922, reveals the fact that approximately \$1,250,000 has been invested here.

Of that amount about \$1,100,000 has been placed in property owned by the Dominguez Land Corporation and private parties, it is safe to say that the total for the year will be approximately \$1,750,000. This tremendous investment forecasts a great era of prosperity and growth for Torrance, and brings here several thousand boosters who will bring more money and more business to the city. Though a man may not live here, if he is an investor, he is bound to be a booster because he believes in the city or he would not have put his money here.

G. A. R. Steifer, broker in the office of the Dominguez Land Corporation, reports that the demand for Torrance property is growing steadily and that the city is attracting both oil men and subdivision men, several of whom during the past week began figuring on tracts from five acres to more than a hundred acres.

Ground Broken For New Bldg.

Ground was broken yesterday for the new Reeve-Mangum brick store building, that will soon be erected north of the new Masonic Temple, near the First National Bank.

Plans and specifications for the structure are being prepared and the owners were yesterday in consultation with the Los Angeles architects regarding the specifications. On the completion of the latter bids for the construction of the building will be let and work begun. It is thought from sixty to ninety days will be required to prepare the building for occupancy.

TRIAL POSTPONED

The trial of H. L. Wilson, druggist, scheduled for 10:00 o'clock Wednesday, November 15, was postponed until Tuesday, November 28. Attorney Wallace of Long Beach will represent the defendant, and has asked for a jury trial.

According to the complaint issued in Judge Hunter's office and signed by George Contreras of the District Attorney's office, defendant is charged with selling intoxicating liquors on or about November 9.

A complaint signed by Gus Harris of the District Attorney's office charges Jules Faure of Pennsylvania street with having property in his possession designed for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. Faure's trial was scheduled for 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, November 15, but was postponed until December 6. Attorney Carter of Wilmington has been retained by defendant.

BONE DRY LAW

California has gone "dry" after ten years of voting down prohibition measures.

Prohibition enforcement will become part of the law of California when the official returns from the election are canvassed and certified by the secretary of state. This procedure usually takes about a month, so between Thanksgiving and Christmas the new law will become effective.

The law makes the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead act part of the law of California, which prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, grand juries, magistrates, and all peace officers must enforce.

Laying of Corner Stone Postponed

The ceremonies attendant on the laying of the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple in Torrance that were to have taken place on Saturday, November 18, have been postponed until Saturday, November 25.

On the latter date prominent state officers of the organization will be in Torrance and the impressive ritual ceremonies will be held.

Club's New Owner Boosts Torrance

H. H. Courtney, formerly a real estate broker in San Francisco, recently paid a visit to his brother in Los Angeles, who is superintendent of a large construction company, and in touring the South passed through Torrance a week ago.

Becoming so impressed with the Torrance air of prosperity, its climate and the up-to-date appearance of its business houses, Mr. Courtney decided that he had found the spot that suited him and purchased the Union Club, conducted by Charles Vanderah, on Carson street near Cabrillo.

"A payroll town has always appealed to me," said Mr. Courtney, "and when you combine this advantage with climate, excellent working conditions, and the demand for homes you have found the logical place to make money."

"While I have purchased the club to keep me out of mischief, I shall give it the same care that it has received at the hands of its former owner, and solicit the patronage of those who enjoy a gentleman's club, where an hour at pool or billiards, or a chat with a friend can be spent. Ultimately, I intend to get into the real estate game, and build homes for sale on small installments."

CARD PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. I. Gerulf of Vista Highlands entertained a number of friends at a five hundred card party Saturday evening. The home was very artistically decorated with Japanese lanterns and parasols. Noodle and chicken contortion was served by the hostess. The novel amusement for the evening was the musical health exercises. These were heartily enjoyed by all. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Stanger, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. May McKinley entertained a few friends Saturday evening, in honor of Mrs. Rubidoux's birthday anniversary. Games and cards were the amusement for the evening and a birthday cake with other dainty refreshments was enjoyed. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Meizner and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lamont and son, Russell Hern, Perrin Johnson, Mrs. McKinley and son Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. Rubidoux and children.

"TURN TO THE RIGHT"

"Turn to the Right," the most popular comedy-drama of the stage, whose appeal was testified to by millions of theatre-goers, has been transferred to the screen and will be seen at the Torrance Theatre Sunday and Monday, November 26 and 27.

"Turn to the Right" tells the story of a country boy who, while serving a prison term unjustly, becomes acquainted with two crooks. Returning home he finds the mortgage about to be foreclosed by the village skinflint. With the aid of his two crook pals a way is found to beat out the miser while the influence of the aged mother leads the two crooks into love and a better life.

It is presented by a notable cast headed by Alice Terry, who won an enviable reputation in "The Four Horsemen" and "The Conquering Power." A strong cast supports Miss Terry.

E. P. MOORE HERE

District Executive E. P. Moore of the Boy Scouts was a visitor in the Herald Office yesterday in connection with the school of instruction he is holding in this city for the local troop.

GENERAL PIPE LINE COMPANY LAYS LINE

Connects Torrance Oil
Field With Huge
Reservoirs

Recognizing the future of the Torrance oil field, the General Pipe Line company this week acquired a right-of-way through Torrance property from the Dominguez Land Corporation and immediately began preparation to lay the pipe line. It will connect the Torrance field with the huge storage tanks and reservoirs just west of the Harbor boulevard two miles below Torrance. From this storage center the crude oil is pumped to the refinery of the General Petroleum at Vernon.

Representatives of the Pipe Line company after acquiring the right-of-way, announced that negotiations were being made with the Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil company for a storage site near the city limits of Torrance on the west. The pipe line will serve all the Chanslor Canfield Midway wells, which number seven; the Fullerton Oil company's well and the wells of the General Petroleum Corporation. The oil from these wells is now being shipped from the field over the Pacific Electric.

As announced in these columns last week, one of the largest oil storage centers in the state is being created by the General Petroleum Corporation on its site just below Torrance. Two new reservoirs are now under construction which have a combined capacity of 2,250,000 barrels. The larger of the two reservoirs will hold 1,750,000 barrels when completed. Two 500,000-barrel reservoirs have just recently been completed. On this same property there are six 55,000-barrel tanks. The combined storage facilities, when the two new reservoirs are finished, will be 3,500,000 barrels, sufficient to store the production of the entire Long Beach field for more than thirty days.

MACABEE NOTES

The Macabee bazaar will be held at Legion Hall Tuesday, all day, December 5. Here you will find all kinds of fancy work and numerous articles that will be appropriate for Christmas presents. There is to be a candy booth with choice homemade candies, and various other articles will be on sale at this time. The cedar chest that is on display at Pharmacy, the drawing is set for Friday evening, December 8, at 8 o'clock, at the Pharmacy. Mrs. George Watson, Mrs. Goulic, Mrs. J. Guyan, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, and Mrs. J. G. Gay attended the Commanders' and Past Commanders' meeting in San Pedro, Friday. Mrs. J. G. Gay attended the officers' meeting in Los Angeles, Monday.

The next regular meeting night of the W. B. A. will be Tuesday evening, November 21. Initiation.

WAR VETERANS' LOAN ACT

In speaking of state amendments 1 and 3, both of which were carried by substantial majorities, it will simplify matters if they are called war veterans' loan measures. It will also be more accurate because in them there is nothing in the nature of a bonus, gift or gratuity.

Something is being done for the war veterans, but, though the motive is patriotic recognition of services rendered, the method is strictly on a business basis. The state will give nothing. It will merely lend its credit to the veteran in helping him to buy a farm or a home or a homestead, but even this it will do on the best possible security.

The purpose of the two measures—they are to be taken as practically one because the second is merely the enabling measure for carrying out the first—is to assist veterans of wars in which the United States has taken part, to acquire farms, homes, and homesteads for a small initial payment, on the basis of long-time payments at a low rate of interest.

At any and every stage the state will have ample security for its loan, for the full title will not be issued until the last payment has been made.

The benefits of the plan are open to all war veterans except those dishonorably discharged, those that were conscientious objectors and refused to perform service, and any alien discharged on account of his alienage.

A preference will be given to disabled veterans.

Amendment 1 provides for the purchase of land and properties to be resold to veterans, and Amendment 3 provides constitutional authorization for issuing bonds to the value of \$10,000,000 to finance the real estate transactions involved.

Any person or corporation within the state may list any real estate

CITY TRUSTEES PROVIDE PLAY GROUND HERE

Action Taken to Keep
Children Off the
Streets

The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance have made arrangements with Prof. Barnett to open the school playgrounds after school hours and Saturdays and holidays, beginning Nov. 1, 1922.

The grounds will be under the supervision of Mr. Guy L. Mowry at all times. This action was taken by the board to provide a suitable place for the children to play, and keep them off the streets, and parents are earnestly requested to cooperate, as all realize the danger from constantly increasing traffic.

Following is the time schedule, subject to change:

School days: From 3 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Saturdays and holidays: Grounds will be opened at 10 a. m.

A. H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk.

Merchants' Party In Local Theatre

Sometime within the next ten days or two weeks the merchants of Torrance are going to give a big "blow out" to the residents of this city section in appreciation of the latter's patronage.

While the details of the "Merchants' Party" are not all settled, nor even the date set, it is known that they intend taking over the Torrance theatre on the night selected and of staging, in addition to a splendid screen performance of a five-reel feature and an excellent comedy, a musical program both vocal and instrumental that has never been exceeded in quality in Torrance.

It is understood that following the screen and musical portion of the evening there are to be one or two "spellbinders" who will address the audience on the objects and advantages to the community of the recently organized Business Men's Association.

Plans are also being made to conclude the evening's program with the distribution of scores of the most valuable prizes, contributed by the various merchants, ever offered in this section.

Although the evening is to be a truly "Red Letter Day" in the commercial and social life of the community.

Triple City Lodge No. 333 will visit the Redondo Lodge Friday night, November 17, when a number of candidates will be initiated.

The District meeting will be held at Lodge No. 390, I. O. O. F., in Long Beach next Thursday evening, November 23.

EIGHT MORE PRODUCING WELLS FOR TORRANCE, IS OPINION OF OIL EXPERTS, GEOLOGISTS

NEW WELLS LOCATED IN SAME ANTI-
CLINE AS THOSE NOW PRODUCING.
ALL DOWN TO OIL SAND

Within the next thirty days Torrance will have eight more producing wells, unless an unexpected delay is encountered, a survey of the field shows this week. Five of these wells are in or immediately adjacent to the city limits of Torrance. The other three are about midway between Torrance and Redondo.

First Banquet of Business Men

"Over the top with lots of pep," might well be applied to the Business Men's meeting last Monday night, held in the R. D. Smith Cafe, Steffen Block, when at their first banquet, fifty-three merchants made merry. Promptly at 7 the guests were seated and enjoyed an elegant supper prepared by the Smith Cafe. Each one received a colored cap, which he wore during the evening. Some cap-was that. Singing of popular parodies led by Reeve, Fitzhugh and Proctor added life to the meeting, and after the first courses were served each was given a horn with the inscription, "If you believe in Torrance, Blow." And they did blow.

The meeting was representative of the business men of Torrance, but some were not there. The city council and directors of the Chamber of Commerce were guests and they were enthusiastic.

After the repast President Peckham called upon Sam Rappaport to explain the objects of the association, which were concisely put by the speaker. He said the primary object of the association was to promote harmony among business men, to better serve the public, and to work harmoniously with the Chamber of Commerce on all matters pertaining to the advancement and betterment of Torrance. Like all other towns, many questions come up that can better be handled through a business men's association than in the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was declared a great success, and finally David M. Roth, nationally known as the "wonder memory test man," whose advertisements have been seen in all national magazines for the Roth Memory Course, was introduced, and to the astonishment of those present he called them all by name. Never having seen the Torrance business men before, he had each one pointed out as they sat down to the table early in the evening. An hour and a half later he called each one by name in rotation. A full account of this remarkable feat is found in another column of this issue.

Mr. Harry Cooke, a magician, and personally appointed "scout" by President Lincoln, was asked to feature his famous ring-tricks, which he did with cleverness. The evening broke up with all going to the Torrance Theatre, where Mr. and Mrs. McVey and the audience were serenaded with the horns supplied at the dinner. From the theatre they journeyed to the El Prado Cafe, Bartlett's Sweet Shop, Mickle-son's Cafe, Murray's, and thence to the home of Mrs. Frank Sammons, where 500 was being played. The ladies were serenaded, and horns looted. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable affairs of the Business Men's Association of Torrance.

The P. E. Restaurant located near the P. E. Shops changed hands Monday morning, when Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Curler leased their luncheon room to Mr. Booth and W. J. Thomas who have taken charge. It will be run along the same lines as Mr. and Mrs. Curler had conducted the eating house for a year past.

"FOOLS OF FORTUNE"

"Fools of Fortune," which comes to the Torrance Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 21 and 22 is one of the few photoplays really produced under the supervision of the author. In preparing the scenario it was decided to adapt here strictly to the story material as published and to use the text for the screen captions. Every detail in producing the story was likewise faithfully followed, the author being present at the filming of every scene.

The story is one of freshness and originality, a tribute to the skill of the author, widely known for his contributions to the better magazines. The situations throughout are full of rollicking fun and pleasing detail, and the star parts are interpolated by Marguerite De La Motte and the likeable Jack Dill, supported by an exceptionally clever cast.

The greatest interest is centered in the five wells nearer Torrance, as it is believed their performance will be a fair indication of what can be expected in the future. If their production is as great or greater than Del Amo No. 1 and No. 2 and Torrance No. 1, the biggest producers in the district, it will bear out the belief of geologists that the biggest and best wells are to be drilled toward the east.

One well of the five that is perhaps being followed closer by oil men than any of the others is Dominguez No. 1, north of Torrance No. 1, on the Chanslor Canfield Midway lease. This well was originally put down 4267 feet, and while there was an excellent oil showing in the well when first completed, the drillers were unable to get the water shut off. The well has been redrilled and is now down about 4257 feet. The drillers report that they are preparing to cement and that they have succeeded in shutting off the water. Most of the wells so far have been brought in at about 3500 feet, after going through 500 feet of oil sand, and it is the belief of many oil men that the deeper wells will get the bigger production. If this is proven by Dominguez No. 1 it may result in new wells being drilled deeper.

Torrance No. 1 on the Chanslor Canfield Midway lease which was on production for a time, but which encountered sand trouble, is being redrilled and is expected to rival either Del Amo No. 2 or the Standard Oil Company's Torrance No. 1. Torrance No. 2 and No. 3, both C. C. M. wells, and offsets to the Standard's Torrance No. 1 and No. 2, are standing cemented slightly below 3000 feet. The cement will be drilled out in Torrance No. 2 about November 20 and Torrance No. 3 about the 28th.

The Standard's Kirk No. 1 was cemented this week at 2886 feet and preparations were being made to cement Torrance No. 2 at 2900 feet. This is a shallower depth than most of the wells have been cemented off at. The Standard drillers are pushing Torrance No. 2 in an effort to bring it in ahead of the Chanslor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 3 which offsets it. "We'll beat 'em yet," declare the Standard men. Torrance No. 3 had the start on their well.

The Shell Oil Company began drilling through the cement in its well adjoining the Amalgamated Oil Company's Waddel No. 1 this week. Drilling was also resumed in the Fullerton Company's Lens No. 1, which was recemented two weeks ago to shut off the water.

The Fullerton company also spudded in its new well, Waddel No. 2, and the Shell company marked the site for its Torrance No. 1 well near Lens No. 1. The General Petroleum joined in the activity of the week, and began construction of a new derrick near Redondo.

I. O. O. F. NOTES

Nomination of officers will be held next Tuesday night, November 21, also Tuesday, November 28. All members please note, and attend these meetings.

NOTICE TO KEYSTONEITES

You and your families are cordially invited to a "Farmers' Box Social" to be given by the Carson School P.-T. A., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winston at Bangle Station, corner Alameda and Wilmington streets, Friday evening, November 17, at 7 o'clock. Ladies bring a box supper to be auctioned off. Little girls bring a box for you and a little boy. Everyday clothes are in order. Money to be used for children's lunch expenses at Carson street school.

The Carson street school P.-T. A. meeting was held in Miss Howe's room Tuesday afternoon. There was a good attendance. The serving of hot lunches to school children are proving a success. Mrs. Borch was hired to continue the work throughout the remainder of the school term. A new Florence oil stove and cooking utensils have been purchased by the P.-T. A. for that purpose.

The crochet club met at the home of Mrs. Wilson on Amelia street Wednesday afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served. This club meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month.