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Thanksgiving Letter to City of Torrance

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To the City of Torrance,
Torrance, California.

Gentlemen:

Attention of the Honorable Mayor and Board of Trustees.

We hand you herewith our deed to the City of Torrance, dedicating Streets and Parks for public use as designated therein, in which deed the Security Trust and Savings Bank, as Trustee, has also joined.

We also hand you herewith map prepared by Mr. Leonard, a Licensed Surveyor.

At this time of Thanksgiving we express our thankfulness for all the help and support the good citizens of Torrance have given us, and we wish the City and its Citizens continued Prosperity and Happiness.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) M. R. OSBURN
President.

BOOSTERS, NOT KNOCKERS, ARE NEEDED HERE

Colden, Berry, Beaton
And Others Talk
At Forum

Knockers, Calamity Howlers, Kill-joys, Back Benchers, Reverse Boosters, and all the tribe of obstructionists, including "stay-at-homes" that are forever finding fault with the activities of the chamber of commerce, its officers and directors, but who neither contribute to the finances of the institution or present constructive criticism, were given fair warning Monday night that in the future their mutterings would be disregarded and that the birth of a united chamber of commerce working harmoniously for the good of Torrance, "One for All and All for One," had been accomplished.

The special Forum meeting called by the directors of the chamber of commerce for the double purpose of introducing the organization's new secretary, Harry F. Gadeky, and of getting a line on the wishes of the members as to the methods to be pursued by the chamber, was the most successful, both in point of attendance and cooperative spirit shown, that has ever been held.

Occupying nearly one hundred chairs at Legion Hall, a good-natured audience composed of the most prominent business and professional men of Torrance, listened to and took part in debates that showed clearly that the fog of misunderstanding that has been so noticeable during the past several months had cleared, and that every one

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Torrance Now In Thirteenth Place

Regardless of the fact that building is going ahead as rapidly as contractors and mechanics can be secured, few residents of Torrance realize that this city stood thirteenth on the list of cities in California in volume of building permits for the month of October last.

Exceeding by many thousands of dollars Redondo, Huntington Beach, and Santa Ana, and other towns of a much larger population, the value of building activities of Torrance placed us thirteenth from the top, a position that has never before been attained.

One of the larger structures upon which work will begin Friday is the R. W. Mangum brick block adjoining the new Masonic Temple that will cost, when completed, approximately \$6,000.

The store building when completed, will be occupied by "Hardware" Revee.

Merchants' Party To Be Big Affair

Anyone Present Has a
Chance to Win One
Or More Prizes

In the "Merchants' Party" at the Torrance theatre Tuesday, December 5, reference to which was made in these columns a week ago, the residents of Torrance have a real treat, and one that will probably exceed in attractiveness any ever before attempted here.

As will be seen on another page in this issue nearly fifty merchants of this city will contribute valuable prizes aggregating more than \$200 in value, while the program of the one show of the evening has been selected with the utmost care by Manager McVey, that the screen portion of the evening's entertainment may be one long to be remembered.

The feature of the evening is that delightful actress, Doris May, in "Boy Crazy," a Hunt-Stromberg production of a "twelve o'clock romance in a nine o'clock town"

"Boy Crazy" is an original story hand carved and whittled to fit Doris May by Beatrice Van, one of the best light comedy writers for the screen in the country. Once in a while a writer hits one right over the moon, and this is what Beatrice Van did this time.

And because Beatrice Van is young herself, knows intimately the thoughts, dreams and romantic ideals of the present day young flapper, and has herself lived in a small town, where many of the counterparts of the characters in "Boy Crazy" can always be found, the story is full of that delightful color, reality and charm characteristic of the communities of the beaten track.

Then, too, Miss Van is intimately acquainted with Doris Mays. She knows just the type of characterization best suited to her personality and talents. Perhaps she knows better than any other writer what Miss May does best on the screen, and by virtue of this knowledge, plus a lot of inspiration, she was able to fit her with the best suited and most amusing story Miss May has ever had.

The balance of the excellent McVey program is in keeping with the high-class feature and consists of a Lloyd Hamilton comedy, "Rolling Stones," a sport review, "Trail and Stirrup," and a Bruce Scenic.

Everyone in the city is eligible to one of the valuable prizes that will be given away, and to those who may not be fortunate enough to win a prize, an evening's pleasure will be given, rabely, if ever, exceeded in both quality and quantity in this community.

Dr. Maude R. Lathrop, chiropractor, with offices in the First National Bank building, Torrance, is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Let All Rejoice

LET us give thanks—not for those gifts alone
Of field and garden, tree and fruitful vine,
But for those gifts by which our lives have grown
More nearly like the Infinite design.

Let us give thanks, from fervent hearts, for love;
Pure love toward God, unselfish love toward man;
For tenderness, compassion—gifts above
What human thought could wish to have, or plan.

Let us give thanks for the great gift of prayer
By which we reach the consciousness of peace,
And realize the constant help and care
Of Love divine, that cannot lapse nor cease.

Let us give thanks for true and loyal friends,
For home, and family ties; for work, for play;
For beauty, and the grace that laughter lends
To toil or trial, on our daily way.

Let us give thanks that in this troubled hour,
With skies bedimmed by doubt, by hate, by fear,
We can rejoice that Good alone has power,
Can prove it true, and thus win heaven here.

Directors To Be Elected Dec. 14

Under the chamber of commerce rules only those who have paid their dues in full for the year ending January 1, 1923, such payment to be made by December 7, next, will be eligible to participate in the final election of eight directors, December 14.

These eight directors will be selected from a list of sixteen nominees, in the primary, which ends on December 7.

Every member whose dues are paid in full will receive instructions regarding the coming election on next Friday.

PRAISE IS DUE

Due appreciation is cordially extended members of the Redondo Beach Elks band who, assisted by members of the P. E. Shops and Union Tool company, rendered several stirring selections preceding the ceremonies of the laying of the Masonic Temple corner stone Saturday. The band music not only drew a crowd, but added greatly in conducting the ceremonies by playing several selections.

Dom. Land Corp. Deed Streets to City

In a deed covering ten pages of closely typewritten matter, virtually all the streets, parks, alleys, and so-called parking places in this city were Wednesday turned over to the city of Torrance by the Dominguez Land Corporation, Engineers and draftsmen in the employ of the land corporation worked at top speed for weeks to have the data for the deed completed in time to hand to the city of Torrance by Thanksgiving.

The drafting of the deed was completed Tuesday night under the direction of M. R. Osburn, president of the corporation. The deed was immediately placed in the hands of the officers of the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, for the city of Torrance, where the officials of the bank joined in the effort to have it ready for Thanksgiving.

It is suggested now that the next step in the development of Torrance will be for the city to own its own water.

While heavy clouds hovered over this vicinity Tuesday and Wednesday little rain fell during those two days. A general "soaking" is predicted before the clouds clear away, however. The storm was general up state as far north as Ventura.

TORRANCE DUE TO HAVE REAL OIL BOOM

Edens Leases 100 Acres
East of Union Tool
Plant

Opening the way for the speedy development of the Torrance oil field, the Orange County Drilling company, headed by R. W. Edens, this week closed a deal with the Dominguez Land corporation and private parties for the lease of one hundred and six acres lying just north of 213th street and east of Western avenue. Under the terms of the lease, drilling must be started within the next sixty days, and one well put down to every five acres. However, Mr. Edens declared yesterday that preparations were being made to drill immediately and intimated that lumber would be on the ground to erect the first derrick within a week's time.

The most important phase of the Orange County Drilling company's entrance into the field is the development of the east side, which has been the subject of considerable speculation. So far the big companies have confined all their operations to the west side of the field, where they have a proven area. The production of the wells brought in up to date, however, has been small. The further east the wells have been drilled the bigger the wells have been, which appears to indicate that field extends to the east.

The entrance of the Orange County Drilling Company into the field will pull the throttle wide open and start Torrance toward a real oil boom. For the past few weeks oil syndicates have been quietly looking over the Torrance field and casting about for suitable locations, particularly on the east side. With the Orange county men on the ground they are expected to close leases they are speculating on and begin operations within a short period of time.

The Orange County Drilling company is the first independent company to come into the field with the intention to begin drilling at once. The Hub Oil Company holds four leases along Carson street, but is not expected to start drilling before the first of the year. What Torrance has needed to open up the field in a big way has been the independent companies, and they are now on the ground. These companies must get oil as quickly as possible, and therefore will not take their time in putting down wells, as the big companies are able to do.

The Standard Oil Company holds a lease of 137 acres just south of the Edens lease, but the Standard has not indicated its intention to drill until after the first of the year. If a big producer is brought

LOCAL FIELD RECOGNIZED BY OIL WRITER

Due To Efforts of Pres.
Osburn "Torrance"
Is Official Name

Redondo has lost an oil field and Torrance has come into its own. The errors committed in the past by newspapers of neighboring cities in referring to Torrance's oil field as the "Redondo field," will not be committed again. Torrance's claims have at last been recognized by Ellwood J. Munger, one of the leading oil writers of Southern California, and head of the Munger Oil Information Service, which reaches more than 800 companies and private parties throughout the state. Mr. Munger writes for the Times and the Examiner, as well as for a number of smaller papers in this part of the state, and his articles are regarded as the last word in authenticity.

Heretofore, Mr. Munger has referred to the field in his newspaper articles and his information service under the heading, "Redondo"; but this week he speaks of it only as the "Torrance field." His action follows on the heels of the orders issued by F. C. Ripley, manager of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company to change the designation of the field from Redondo to Torrance. In addition, Mr. Ripley has taken up the changing of the name of the field with the other big companies now operating here.

The recognition of Torrance's claims to the field has been brought about by M. R. Osburn, president of the Dominguez Land Corporation, who has been devoting his personal attention to this matter for several weeks.

Along this same line, the Dominguez Land Corporation, under the personal direction of Mr. Osburn is carrying on an extensive publicity campaign in which the name of Torrance is being kept constantly before the residents of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and neighboring cities. As a result Torrance is being closely watched and hundreds interested in Torrance investments. Through this publicity campaign Torrance has attracted so much attention that the Los Angeles Express has selected this city as the most progressive industrial center in this district and is preparing to feature it in the paper's annual edition.

in by the Orange County drillers, who have a reputation for bringing in big wells, the rush for oil land will become a stampede. It is impossible to predict with any accuracy how big the Torrance field will be, but there is no reason to believe that it will be confined to small wells. Huntington Beach started out with less promise than the Torrance district.