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## HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY AT THEATRE

### Business Men's Show at Local Theatre Draws 1400 People

Equalling if not far surpassing the crowd on the opening night of the Torrance theatre, eighteen months ago, the immense gathering that stormed the local playhouse Tuesday night in response to the Business Men's Association advertising that the show and \$200 in prizes were under their supervision, showed the interest people have in special entertainments. Shortly after six o'clock a line outside the theater began to form and by seven o'clock it reached from the box office around the front and side, back to the Parks Plumbing Company (Continued on Last Page)

## BOY SCOUTS OF TORRANCE TO GET HELP

### Chamber of Commerce To Organize Needed Assistance

Questions of future policy ranging from endorsement of the Boy Scouts activities, sewage disposal, improvement of Western avenue, to whether or not it was the proper thing to open the meetings with prayer, were freely and exhaustively discussed Monday night by approximately fifty business men and club women at the chamber of commerce Forum, held in American Legion Hall.

Owing to the lack of sufficient notice the Monday night attendance showed considerable falling off from that of the special Forum held a week previously, but the interest in all matters brought to the attention of those present showed conclusively that the Forums are thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to by those who take an interest in the doings of the chamber of commerce.

Following the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors of November 29, Rev. Mitchell rather surprised those present by suggesting and later making a formal motion that hereafter the Forum meetings be opened with prayer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lancaster, but opposed by the ensuing argument by "Bill" Klusman, and was finally submitted to a written vote, when it was defeated, the vote standing seven for and fifteen against.

Rev. Mitchell's suggestion that the motion made by himself and defeated be stricken from the minutes, (Continued on Page 15)

## Coker's Store Attracts Women

One of the most attractive spots in Torrance and one that no woman seems able to resist, is the store and window display of Coker's art store on the west side of the Brighton block.

Here may be seen, displayed in a most artistic manner, nearly everything a woman would wish her husband, sweetheart, or children to buy her for Christmas, or that she desires to send as a remembrance to some dear woman friend.

Boudoir caps in profusion, silk underwear, sheer and delicate both in tone and quality; hose, both full fashioned and ribbon backed, that would delight any woman, no matter how fastidious, are shown in a bewildering variety that gives as large a choice as would be found in many Los Angeles stores.

While Coker's stock is being daily augmented by large shipments from the east, the crowd of women that are attracted to this store make it a wise move to "shop early" while the stock is at its best.

## Herald To Issue Christmas Edition

The Torrance Herald is preparing a special Holiday number for the Christmas Edition which will appear on the 22nd inst. No expense has been spared to make this the largest and most beautiful issue ever printed in this valley. The cover has been specially designed, printed in six colors and its appearance will be entirely in keeping with the Yuletide season. There will be special articles devoted to the history and growth of Torrance, its rapid development and its future. This issue will be representative in every way of the community, its merchants, its people, and the wonderful wealth of this city. Be sure and reserve a place in the paper, either for news or advertising space. This issue will be mailed to the four corners of the earth, only enough copies being printed to cover orders previously received for mailing purposes.

Copies will be wrapped, all ready for mailing, at this office. Get your orders in now, as only sufficient copies will be printed to cover the demand, as the expense to the publisher will be heavy. Copies will be sold ready for mailing at 10c each. Get your orders in now.

## Legion Football Team to Play Llewellyn I. W.

Twenty-one men on a dead man's neck, yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of ice water (we fooled the hooch inspector that time, eh?). We say twenty-one men, and maybe readers will think it odd that there should be but twenty-one men in a football match, and that's all there is who are really enjoying themselves. The twenty-second man is the poor goof upon whom the other twenty-one are taking such an enjoyment out of the game.

The Legionaires and the Indians are going to try to tear each other's clothes off next Saturday, December 16, on the Union Tool grounds, and both teams have made threats that the need for doctors and undertakers will be acute, both during and after the game.

The Legionaires, most of whom have heard the whistle of shot and shell and the sweet smell of mus-tard, say they are not bothered a little bit because the Indians have conspired to use their cleats and heels, because little things like that are not going to stand in the way of the vets exploiting some of the tactical and strategical knowledge gleaned during the big fracas over there.

Great interest is manifested in this match, the first of the season here, and a record gathering of the morbidly inclined will be on hand to see the massacre.

## Large Variety of Stetson's Arrive

Sam Levy says that now is the time to discard the old lid and buy yourself a new Stetson for Christmas, for he has just received a large stock direct from old John B. himself, and is fully prepared to supply the wants of the young and fastidious, as well as the man of mature years who has been wearing the noted hat for a lot these many years, and will have nothing else. The display of hats, as well as typical Christmas presents for men—handsome and serviceable suspenders in gift boxes, monogrammed handkerchiefs, also in fancy boxes, and hose, with ties to match, ready for the Christmas tree—are shown by Mr. Levy in a bewildering variety.

In addition to the smaller items of wearing apparel Mr. Levy has recently received a large and up-to-the-minute stock direct from the factory of Styleplus clothes for men and young men, and the popular clothing reports that his pre-holiday business exceeds that of any former year.

## Big Gusher Flows In Torrance Field

Throwing oil to the top of the derrick and drenching the ground around it, Torrance No. 2, on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease, came in at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning better than 1000 barrels, and has kept up a steady production of 1000 barrels since then. The first test taken showed the oil to be of .19 gravity, and as the well clears up it is expected to go above .20. The well was brought in at about 3600 feet.

Early Wednesday morning when the stream of oil was diverted into the sump hole it was shooting to the far side under a gas pressure said to have been about 800 pounds. By 11 o'clock it was turned into a tank.

Torrance No. 2 is the biggest well of the

field, and the first well to show the field's future possibilities. It lies just to the left of Carson street, where the road bends north; and just inside the western limits of the city of Torrance. It is an offset well to Standard's Torrance Community No. 1, and bears out the prediction often made by oil experts and geologists that the field would improve as the drilling progressed toward the east.

About three hundred yards east of Torrance No. 2, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway drillers are pushing down Torrance No. 3, with only about 250 feet to go before it reaches production. The prediction was made before Torrance No. 2 came in that it would flow between 1000 and 1200 barrels. Torrance No. 3 is said to show up as well, if not better than Torrance No. 2. Just across Carson street, the standard oil drillers are racing to bring in Torrance Community No. 2.

On the same day that the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 2 came in to establish Torrance firmly on the oil map, R. W. Edens, head of the Orange County Drilling company, who has leased 106 acres lying just east of Western avenue and north of 213th street, arrived on the property and staked out the location of the first well to be drilled in the east side of the field. While Mr. Edens was staking out the location of his first well, a representative of the Hub Oil Company was looking over the five Hub leases out on Carson street, and declared that lumber would be on the ground for the derrick of the first well within a week's time. Mr. Edens went the Hub representative one better and announced that the lumber for his first derrick would be on the ground this week. Both companies are expected to start drilling before the first of the year.

Last week, the Hub Oil company completed its fifth lease on Carson, and gave the owners of a block, of a trifle more than five acres, a bonus of \$1000 an acre and agreed to pay \$400 more an acre the day oil appeared in the pipes. As a result of the showing of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 2 it appears that the Hub people have acquired a valuable group of leases. Property in that neighborhood, which, during the past two or three weeks has gone up four or five times its original purchase price, is now off the market entirely. It looks like the first step toward a general advance through the Torrance field.

When the Hub company drillers get under way it will make it necessary for the Petroleum Midway and Great Western Investment companies, which have leases adjacent to the Hub leases to commence drilling in order to protect their properties. The Chanslor-Canfield Midway and Standard Oil companies may also be forced to drill offset wells. The situation now points to a rush of drilling activities by the first of the year. The Standard Oil company is putting in a steam power plant on its community lease just outside the city limits of Torrance in anticipation of the activities dur-

## Jackie Coogan "In Trouble"

A special treat is in store for the Saturday matinee and evening performance at the Torrance Theatre, December 8, when Miss Bernice Elman, daughter of Charles Elman, local furniture dealer, will appear in a prologue as Jackie Coogan "In Trouble." Miss Bernice will be dressed as "Jackie" appears, even the color scheme being carried out in his clothes, and she will sing "On the Sidewalks of New York" together with other songs that fit the picture.

Bernice is popular among her wide acquaintance of associates and surely can act the part. Her appearance will give additional thrills to the famous picture, and no doubt a large attendance will be present.

Don't miss Jackie Coogan "In Trouble" tomorrow, Saturday, at the Torrance Theatre.

## PICTURE SHOW AT THE LEGION HALL TONIGHT

### Manufacture of Doble Steam Auto To Be Shown

One of the most important matters brought to the attention of the Forum audience last Monday night and one that may lead to the erection in this city in the near future of an enormous manufacturing plant, was the address made by L. C. Kelley, Southern California representative of the Doble Steam Motors Corporation.

Mr. Kelley, who has been in Torrance for several days perfecting plans for the display of the "wonder" car, informed the Forum audience that plans were under way by his company to establish a manufacturing or assembling plant in Southern California, and while he could give no assurance that Torrance would be selected, he felt that no city in California held forth better inducements for the plant than Torrance.

Describing the merits of steam over internal combustion engines for motive power and the wonders of the Doble car over that of any automobile manufactured, Mr. Kelley urged the chamber of commerce to use every effort to have the contemplated plant located here, thereby adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Torrance payroll and several hundred residents to its population.

Having just completed arrangements with the American Legion for use of its hall, Mr. Kelley stated that a moving picture machine would be installed and a picture of the process used in making the Doble car would be shown, accompanied by a lecture tonight, and also on December 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21 and 22. He stated that the hall would be comfortably heated and that several assistants would be on hand each evening to assist in answering the hundreds of questions that would naturally be asked.

Help make Christmas happy for the patients at Compton Sanatorium. Attend the American Legion Auxiliary benefit ball, Legion Hall, Dec. 9.—Advertisement.

## Haberdasher Gets Holiday Surprise

In years to come few merchants in Torrance will remember with more pleasure the holiday season of 1922 than Si Rappaport of the Toggery.

First and foremost in the good things that the Christmas season has brought the popular haberdasher is the arrival last Monday of a son and heir.

This in itself is joy enough, but added to this the Toggery's business has exceeded any previous year and to fill Rappaport's cup of happiness to overflowing a large stock of Christmas goods for men, that he feared a short time ago would be delayed, have arrived safely, and are on display in the Toggery's show windows.

With as wide a variety as would be found in the shops of a city the size of Los Angeles, and at prices that compare favorably with those of the big city, the display of neckwear, silk shirts, hose supporters and arm bands, suspenders in gift boxes, ties, and an Eveready metal pencil in holiday boxes, as well as the latest in Walk-Over shoes, clothing and robes, is one that any men's store might be proud of, and that will attract the attention and the Christmas shopping of every resident of Torrance.

## VOTE OF THANKS TO PRES. OSBURN

Acting under instructions from the chamber of commerce Forum, held last Monday night, when a motion was unanimously carried that the chamber forward to the Dominguez Land corporation a vote of thanks of that organization for the deed to the city of Torrance of all streets, alleys, and parks, Secretary Gadeky today forwarded to President Osburn the following letter:

December 5, 1922.  
Mr. M. R. Osburn, President,  
Dominguez Land Corporation,  
Torrance, California.  
My Dear Sir: The members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at

their Forum meeting held Monday night, December 4th, in the American Legion Hall, by a unanimous vote, instructed me to extend to you and your Corporation their sincere thanks for the dedication of the Streets, Alleys and Parks to this City. This gift is thoroughly appreciated by the citizens of this City, who are duly grateful to you for your action in this matter.

Thanking you most cordially, and with very best wishes, I beg to remain,  
Yours very truly,  
H. F. GADEKY,  
Secretary The Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

## MARVEL OF CENTURY IS DOBLE CAR

### Famous Car Will Be Demonstrated Before Mechanics Here

(From Torrance Herald)

The Doble family is a family of inventors. W. A. Doble, Sr., now vice-president and a director of the Union Tool company, together with his brother, invented and perfected the famous Doble water wheel, a device so revolutionary that their names have been given a place in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. There are three boys in the Doble family, all of whom have invented the same inventive genius. The oldest of the boys is Abner Doble, who is president of the Doble Steam Motors Corporation.

Abner Doble realized as far back as 1907 that steam was the ideal motive power and that if he could overcome certain objections to the then existing steam automobile he would revolutionize the automobile industry. The three reasons that have kept steam automobiles from becoming a commercial success are as follows:

It took too long to start up in the morning.

It required too many frequent stops for water.

Boiler scale soon impaired the efficiency of the power plant.

In 1916 Abner Doble had per-

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## So. Cal. Decorator Employed Here

"Hal" Hawkins is in town. To the average resident of Torrance this means little or nothing, but to furniture dealers, home decorators and musicians, it signifies that Torrance has attracted to it one of the best known decorators, furniture salesmen and musicians in Southern California.

At the earnest solicitation of Mr. Charles Elman, well known local furniture man, Mr. Hawkins was induced to come to this city and take entire charge of the arrangement of Mr. Elman's large stock of furniture, pianos and Brunswick phonographs, and in addition assist the women of this city in the arrangement of draperies and the purchase of the most up-to-date furnishings for their homes.

A young man in years but old at the furniture game, a recognized authority on the art of making a home attractive with a minimum of expenditure, Mr. Hawkins is also a talented musician, and the Elman store is sure to become the center of music in Torrance.

Since Monday Mr. Hawkins has worked wonders in the artistic arrangement of the store and visitors can now see replicas of living room, dining room, bedroom and kitchen, from which to choose their many Christmas needs in the furniture line, as well as replenish their homes with needed articles.

"SKIN DEEP"  
One of the really great pictures of the year is "Skin Deep." It must be seen to be appreciated, as it brings to all a message of deep import. You spend an evening in a good cause by viewing this picture. It will be here Thursday and Friday, December 28-29, under the auspices of the American Legion.

## Rappaport's Window Has Electric Train

Every boy in this vicinity, as well as many older people, have been attracted to the display window of Sam Rappaport, where he is featuring an electric train, engine, cars, and circular track. Everything is electrical and a "race through the clouds" will interest the laddies. Special trips are "personally conducted" by the genial Sam.