

WHY IT'S NICE TO LIVE IN TORRANCE

Total Rainfall from Nov. 1, 1922, to March 31, 1923, 7.52 inches.
Average Temperature, same date, 66.3.
93 clear days, 35 cloudy days, 23 partly cloudy days and only 28 rainy days, same date.

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TRUSTEES HOLD REGULAR MEET TUESDAY

Main Business That of Zoning City; Large Audience Attends

The council meeting Tuesday night brought out a large crowd at the city hall. The trustees disposed of many matters of business in routine order and soon reached the zoning question. A great part of the evening was devoted to this issue, and many interested spectators offered suggestions, which were gladly received by the council.

The Union Tool Company asked for a franchise to use a portion of 213th street, just north of their plant, for railroad trackage, specifying their exact needs for the future with blue prints, and asking the right to use the tracks already laid, also that they be billed for the usual charges.

On a motion by Trustee Stone that the necessary steps be taken toward granting the franchise and being seconded by Trustee Proctor, the motion carried. It was understood that the proposed franchise be let by the city to the highest bidder offering to pay to the city the largest sum for same which will run for 21 years. The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for the franchise.

The application for a building permit by Ernest E. McMaster was referred to the city clerk for action.

A petition for street improvements from property owners along roadway of Manuel avenue from Carson street to 218th street, 218th street from Manuel avenue to Martina avenue and Martina avenue from Carson to 220th street was read by City Clerk Bartlett and was signed by 16 property holders, and another petition signed by 34 property holders in the district lying between the western line of Costa street and the western line of the alley in the west of Amapolita street and extending from the northern line of Carson street to the southern line of Dominguez street, specially requesting street improvements. Both petitions were referred to the city engineer and the city attorney to commence whatever proceedings are necessary to the fulfillment of these requests.

Harry Dolley, of the Dolley Drug Company, asked permission to remove certain trees from the front of his business establishment. This matter was referred to the proper committee for immediate action.

The new business license for laundries outside of the city was taken up and discussed. A complaint had been filed that the new license would be detrimental to this business in Torrance in that it would compel a double linen supply or deliberately take their laundry out of the city limits themselves and that the ordinance would not be upheld in court. On a statement by President Fitzhugh that the board was willing to change anything that was not right the complainant was requested to procure citations in the matter and confer with the city attorney.

The city engineer reported that fire plugs had been placed in Vista Highlands and that others were being erected on Amapolita street, also this week.

Trustee Nash reported the budget was working out satisfactorily except for clerical omissions which could be rectified easily.

Trustee Proctor reported that the sewer farm was not in good working order at this time owing to the septic tank being cleaned and the sludge was being run out on the farm which caused a stench until the work is finished.

City Engineer Jessup reported progress in the trimming of trees, repairing of streets and weeding and grading of the baseball grounds; that work on the fire house was going rapidly ahead under working difficulties that are unavoidable; that the lighting report from the Edison Company has not been received in full to date but a tentative estimate was that the total cost would be \$1 a front foot for single standards, 150 feet apart inside the tree rows.

City Attorney Briney stated that he had asked the Santa Fe Railway Company to inform him if it is their wish to have the city republish notice for bids in regard to the franchise asked by them.

On motion by Trustee Stone a warrant for \$1275 be drawn in favor of the Brewer Construction Company for work done on the fire house was allowed.

The police department was highly complimented on the good work done in stopping the speeders and causing the sum of \$950 to be paid in fines during the month of March.

From the report it appeared that all arrests on Carson street were for offenders making over 42 miles per hour, and on Arlington avenue over 35 miles per hour.

The city attorney read that a contract had been prepared between G. M. King and the city of Torrance for the disposal of garbage, said contract being accepted after a few minor changes by the trustees.

Ordinance No. 61 "for the establishment of..." (Continued on Last Page)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Occupational license fees, affecting business men particularly in the city of Torrance, are now due and payable to the city clerk. Fifty per cent penalty will be added after the tenth of the month on all unpaid licenses.

NEW INDUSTRY RUSHING WORK ON FIRST UNIT

Torrance Gasoline and Refinery Plant Soon to Be in Operation

Work on the first unit of the Torrance Gasoline and Refining Company's plant, the latest of the new industries to enter Torrance, is now being rushed in order to have the plant in operation within the next 30 days. The laying of more than seven miles of pipe to the wells in the Torrance oil field to carry the natural gas to a collection base where the gasoline content will be extracted is now nearly completed. The cost of laying the pipe will exceed that of the first four units of the plant estimated at \$100,000.

For the time being the new company will confine its operations to the wells on the leases owned by the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company which cover approximately 4000 acres.

J. F. Vordermark, president of the Torrance Gasoline and Refining Company, said yesterday that he had selected the Torrance field for the location of his plant over Santa Fe Springs and Signal Hill because he felt it would be a long-lived field than the other two.

The capacity of the refinery will be 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day when the first two units are completed and twice that when the plant is in full operation. It is estimated by Mr. Vordermark that one gallon and a half of gasoline will be taken out of every 1000 cubic feet of gas. He bases this estimate on preliminary tests made from gas taken from Torrance wells.

The industrial activity in Torrance at the present time is regarded as only the beginning of a far greater expansion by M. R. Osburn, president of the Dominguez Land Corporation, which he declares will be greatly augmented by the entrance of the Santa Fe railroad into Torrance.

"All that Torrance has lacked in an industrial way up to the present time," declared Mr. Osburn, "has been a transcontinental steam railroad. With that assured I look for a steady industrial growth in Torrance from now on. Looking to this expansion we are now putting on a subdivision to provide additional space for new factories."

LEGION BOXING PROGRAM

Next Wednesday evening the boxing fans will see the fastest card ever put on at the local arena. The main attraction brings Kid Mende against Alex McDonald. Alex is a representative of the Southern California Athletic Club and is one of the best banties in the country. These two have met twice at Hollywood some months ago. Alex grabbed the first decision only after Mende had both eyes blinded. The second was won by Mende via the K. O. route in the second round. Alex having been knocked through the ropes. His head hit the bare platform, which he claims was responsible for him not being able to finish the fight. This is Mack's chance to even things, so we all know what a job he is undertaking when he climbs through the ropes with his whole idea to K. O. Kid Mende.

The semi-final is real main event stuff. Joe Rooney of San Pedro, who has been traveling a wicked pace at Hollywood and other local arenas, tangles with Alex Balasz. Balasz has quite a reputation, having defeated such boys as Mike Solano, Joe Mandot and other good boys. If he beats Rooney he is a top-notch on anybody's card.

The special event, well there is not to be expected much class, but oh, boy! When Red Murphy, the Redondo cyclone swaps leather with Benny Andrews. Andrews is the boy who made Bob Noble do the hop at the last fight.

Other bouts are as follows: Joe Rickie vs. Bobby Herman, 112 pounds; Red Devine vs. Martenez Mat, 118 pounds; Jack Walsh vs. Soldier Freeman, 150 pounds.

PRESIDENT BOGGS GONE EAST

E. N. Boggs, president and general manager of the Union Tool Company and vice-president and general manager of the National Supply Company, left Tuesday for the East, after spending several days at the Torrance plant.

TO CHICAGO AND NEW YORK

L. J. Smith of the Union Tool Company, Torrance, left Tuesday evening for Chicago and New York to purchase new machinery for the Torrance plant to be used in their extensive additions here.

When a girl says she hasn't a "stitch in her back" she means most of her clothes are pinned on.

Standard Well No. 3 At 3500 Feet Has Best Showing of All

Declared to be Within Two Or Three Days Of Production That Will Rival Other Wells In This 30 Acres

Drilling at a depth of 3500 feet and showing up better than any well yet put down on the 30-acre Standard Oil lease at the west edge of Torrance, Torrance Community No. 3, was yesterday declared to be within two or three days of production. The well is an offset to the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 4 which yesterday was being bailed at 3000 feet for a water shutoff test. If the shutoff is found to be successful, Torrance No. 4 should also be brought in within a few days. The Gilmore Petroleum Company's No. 1 well, and offset to the Hub Smith No. 1, is making good progress and yesterday reported a depth of 2100 feet. The Hub's Frier No. 1 and offset to the Gilmore well and a few hundred feet farther to the north is down about 2600 feet.

The location of Torrance No. 8 on the extreme southern edge of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease just north of the old Redondo-Long Beach road and east of Cedar street to offset the Midway Northern Oil Company's first well, for which lumber for the rig was put on the ground this week, is one of the most important developments of the week in the field. These two wells are approximately a quarter of a mile southeast of those being drilled on Carson street and will prove up an area which many believe will turn out big producers. In addition they will cause other wells to be spudded in in this territory which so far no attempt has been made to prove up.

On the rig builders yesterday commenced work on Dominguez No. 2 on the northern border of the city. The location of this well a few hundred yards east of Dominguez No. 1, which after 18 months of drilling is still not on production, is causing considerable speculation as to the oil possibilities of this northern territory. Many believe that the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company would not go to the expense of drilling another well in this district if the showing in Dominguez No. 1 were not favorable.

The American Legion

(By H. FRED REES)

The Legion's first object has always been the advancement of the welfare of the disabled—to that it pledged itself on the day of its birth in an embattled and foreign land.

The Legion is fighting now to show the necessity for a law bringing about a universal draft, so that should war come again all men and all things—fighting men, labor, capital and materials—will be conscripted into the service of defense.

The integrity of our institution of government, the basic tenets of our democratic faith demand it.

We have witnessed a condition whereby graft, mismanagement and favoritism in the business conduct of a war lost to the taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars, and so

powerful were those who profited that the very wheels of justice were reached and redress seemed unlikely until extreme measures were invoked.

And must be brought to the attention of a small group of cunning or dishonest men may dishonor the industry they represent and the country they serve by profiting at the expense of the national peril while others endure the sacrifices. There must be a more equitable distribution of the burdens and this means nothing revolutionary. War obliterates the ordinary distinctions and moulds a nation anew into three estates—the fighting class, the working class, the providing class. All serve the state and all should

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Drilling Wells IN TORRANCE FIELD

CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY

- Del Amo No. 4—1000 ft.
- Del Amo No. 5—2500 ft.
- Del Amo No. 6—Rigging up.
- Del Amo No. 7—Building rig.
- Torrance No. 1—Testing for shut off.
- Torrance No. 4—3060 ft.
- Torrance No. 5—Bailing for water test.
- Torrance No. 6—3070 ft., standing cemented.
- Torrance No. 7—1200 ft.
- Dominguez No. 1—3960 ft., standing cemented.
- Dominguez No. 2—Rigging up.

STANDARD OIL

- Kirke No. 3—3005 ft.
- Felkner No. 1—3625 ft., 70 barrels.
- Torrance No. 3—3500 ft., drilling.

HUB OIL

- Smith No. 1—3060 ft., standing cemented.
- Frier No. 1—2200 ft.

GILMORE PETROLEUM

- Gilmore No. 1—1350 ft., hard sand.

GEORGE F. GETTY

- Getty No. 1—Rigging up.
- Frederickson No. 1—3000 ft.

FULLERTON OIL CO.

- Lens No. 1—Plugged back to 3000 ft.

GENERAL PETROLEUM

- Carson No. 2—2500 ft.
- Pettifils No. 2—Rigging up.

SHELL OIL

- Redondo No. 1—3810 ft., drilling.
- Torrance No. 1—3550 ft., testing for water.
- Fringer No. 1—3000 ft., standing cemented.

PETROLEUM MIDWAY

- Craven No. 1—2800 ft.
- Waldron No. 1—1000 ft.
- Casab No. 1—2015 ft.
- Gish No. 1—800 ft.

UNION OIL

- Francis No. 2—3470 ft., brown shale.
- Weston No. 1—3961 ft.

EDISON CO. WILL ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Anderson, assistant to Secretary Gadeky of the Chamber of Commerce, reported Wednesday morning that the Edison Company would furnish an hour or more in entertaining those attending the next Forum meeting. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend this meeting as the entertainment will not only be amusing but educational as well.

BLDG. PERMITS FOR MONTH \$27,700

Many New Buildings to Be Erected Before Month Is Over

The fact that the new zoning ordinance will permit building of bungalow courts, frame structures or brick buildings in districts that restrictions were in force before adoption of the ordinance, the building permits already for the month have reached a total of \$27,700 to date.

Those granted permits on and after April 1, to date are as follows: W. P. Corbett, 2224 Gramercy Place, residence and garage; Mrs. Powers, 2121 Arlington avenue, frame building; M. Speahager, 2307 Portola, frame building; Mabel Taylor, bungalow; C. C. M. Oil Co., oil derrick, on lot 3, tract 639; John Hohn, 1314 Portola, bungalow; C. C. M. Oil Co., oil derrick, on lot 5-b, tract 303, and a permit to the Midway Northern for another derrick.

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PURCHASES NEW FIXTURES

Sam Rappaport, the well-known local merchant of Torrance, made a business trip to Los Angeles, Tuesday and purchased glass fixtures for his new store that will be opened on or about May 15. The new fixtures, when installed, will cost around \$7000.

On another page in this issue appears a tabulation of figures showing the growth of this store since its inception in 1913. At that time 578 square feet of floor space was utilized. The floor space in the new store will cover 4160 square feet, made possible by the patronage of the loyal customers in this city and district. The store was ten years old last Thursday.

SPRING DANCE SOON

The American Legion Auxiliary announces the date for their Spring Dance will be on Saturday night, April 14. Mrs. F. H. Rees, who is in charge of arrangements, promises an enjoyable time to the lovers of dancing at this affair and states that the Herman Jazz Orchestra of Los Angeles has been engaged to furnish the latest jazz music.

BUSINESS MEN BANQUET

The Business Men's Association held its monthly banquet at the El Prado Cafe, Thursday night and enjoyed a well planned menu that its proprietor, A. W. Meitzer, had prepared. There were 30 plates served and immediately after the eats were finished the members adjourned to the Chamber of Commerce rooms where regular business of the association was discussed.

WARNING

H. F. Rees, commander of the local American Legion Post, No. 170, of Torrance, sounds a warning to the people of this city not to subscribe to the Disabled Veterans Magazine, etc., that has been offered here the past few days by solicitors from outside, unless these salesmen can show credentials from the local post. One of the "selling talks" is to the effect that a part of the receipts go toward the Disabled Veteran Fund, and after being investigated by the American Legion Weekly was put on the taboo list. These solicitors were asked to leave town by the police department Thursday.

FILES SUIT TO ADJUST SEWER FARM TITLES

Suit has been filed in the superior court, state of California, by the First National Bank of Torrance, against the Dominguez Land Corporation, California Chemical Corporation, and F. C. Carlson, to interplead their respective rights to title of the sewer farm lands, consisting of 55.33 acres adjoining Torrance tract, bounded by West-ern avenue, Ocean avenue and Plaza del Amo.

The action brought by the bank is merely a friendly suit, as a result of complications arising over transfer of title to the property, so that the courts may have possession of the papers and cause the parties claiming the same to interplead their respective rights thereto.

MONSTER CELEBRATION ON APRIL 18

Big Time Planned for American Legion In Los Angeles

Plans were announced today by local American Legion officials of a monster celebration to be given by the Los Angeles County Voiture of the Societe des Forty Hommes et Eight Chevaux. The big time will be held at the Union League Club, Los Angeles, Wednesday night, April 18. The show end of the big blow-out will be staged by Sid Grauman and Alexander Pantages. They promise the Legion boys a top-notch show and the "Folies Begere" in Paris will have nothing on it.

The 40-8 is known as the "play ground society of the American Legion" and this affair planned promises to show that this organization is full of high life, stated Chief of Base "Gandy" Smith, today. Commander H. Fred Rees of the local American Legion Post wishes the information known that every white male member of the Legion in this city is going to the big show as guests of the "box-car gang." A committee on transportation is in charge of R. J. Deinger, adjutant of the local Legion Post. "A Ten-Dollar Show Free to Male Members of the Legion" is the slogan adopted by the 40-8 for the night of April 18. Dr. J. C. Couturier, nationally known Conductor of the famous Voiture 47 Wrecking Crew, is director general of the celebration. The complete program of the affair will be announced by this paper later.

WANT A GYMNASIUM?

Some one asked recently why does our city not have a gymnasium? We have grown from a little country village to a good sized town. We have outgrown our short trousers and are ready for bigger things. Now is a time for some of our local organizations to step in and take the lead and establish a good gymnasium where we can all exercise systematically under a good instructor.

Our business men, our office men and those among us who work hard would all profit by a few evenings spent in gymnastics. Unused muscles become flabby and lose their efficiency. Athletes use great care to train their muscles for a single match or event. We are all playing the great big game of life and should keep fit.

Many of our young fellows are very much interested in starting some kind of a gymnasium, but they need a leader.

DOLLEY'S DOLL UP

We wish to call attention to improvements that have been made at the Dolley Drug Store just recently. New show cases, windows enlarged and furnished with built-in show cases and new paint on all woodwork has been added and gives the store a very neat appearance indeed. The proprietors, W. C. Dolley and H. H. Dolley, are progressive business men and believe in having a store that corresponds with the goods they sell.

MACCABEE DANCE

The Maccabees will give a Hard Time dance Saturday evening, April 7, in Reeve's new store. Avery's orchestra will furnish the music and a good time is assured those who attend.

FOOD SALE

The Ladies' Guild of the Central Evangelical church of Torrance will give a food sale in the basement of the church next Saturday, April 7. The sale will begin at 11 o'clock.

When we see a woman smile and know at the same time that her tight shoes are killing her, we understand how they can endure more pain than a man.

Don't forget the boxing bouts next Wednesday night.