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For Year... 507,580

The Torrance Herald

NINTH YEAR

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAY 4, 1923

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NO. 18

OIL LEAGUE BALL TEAMS TO PLAY HERE

Union Tool Arranges Schedule With Five Other Companies

Union Tool baseball fans have taken the initiative this season to revive the national pastime sport, and have made such favorable progress as to assure the city of Torrance one of the best ball teams ever turned out by this company.

Preliminary work of organization has been going on for some time and as the result of untiring efforts and much expense the "Oil Belt League" has been formed, consisting of the Union Tool Company, Shell Oil Company, Standard Oil Company, Union Oil Company, General Petroleum Company and the Associated Oil Company.

Everyone remembers the famous Union Tool team of 1922 and the record they made. 1923's team will be far superior to that of 1922, with the result that the fastest semi-pro baseball will be played on our home grounds this season.

Those responsible for the organization this year at the Union Tool have been far-sighted, and did not overlook the advantages to be gained for the home town in the way of advertising. Heretofore the local team was matched against all sorts of teams who had a reasonable reputation.

Seventy-five per cent of the games will be played in Torrance, thus bringing within our gates "oil teams and fans." Thus Torrance will enjoy a sort of a monopoly on oil so far as the recreative influences of the national sport is concerned.

The first game will be played here Sunday, May 13, at 2:30 p. m. The Union Tool Band will assist at the opener and a parade will probably be arranged.

According to Field Manager Floyd Hammond the fastest and snappiest semi-pro baseball in Southern California awaits the fans of Torrance this season.

No difference how good a team is, it will gradually taper off if it does not receive the moral and financial support of its home town. Torrance has always been 100% strong for its ball teams, and no doubt this year's team will prove its worth of meritorious support.

A full account of the schedule for the season and line-up will appear in next week's issue of the Herald.

BIG MEETING AT KEYSTONE SAT NIGHT

First Meeting of Chamber of Commerce in Their New Hall

The next regular meeting of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce will be held in their new hall Saturday night, May 5, at 8:00 o'clock. Members and residents of Keystone are working nights this week laying floors, placing windows and doors in the new hall and early Saturday evening everything will be in readiness for the first meeting in the new quarters.

Refreshments will be served, and there will be dancing. The floors have been scraped, planed and waxed for this gala occasion.

Pass the word along to your neighbors and see that they attend—Saturday night.

Tool Dresser Fatally Injured In Accident

First Fatality in Torrance Oil Fields Last Saturday

The first fatal accident in the Torrance oil fields occurred last Saturday when Louis Toulgoat, thirty-six, of Eshelman street, Lomita, was fatally injured at the Peterson-Barker wildcat well, 213th street and Western avenue, east of the Union Tool Company.

The accident occurred about 4:00 p. m. and he lived only a few hours. When an excessive strain caused the parting of a cable a heavy hook crashed down from the crown block fell upon Toulgoat, crushing one of his legs frightfully.

He was given first aid by Dr. J. S. Lancaster at the scene of the accident and then rushed to Seaside hospital, where Dr. G. H. Galbraith was called to attend him. Amputation of the leg was considered, but it was evident that the injured man, who had suffered greatly from loss of blood, could not survive the shock of an operation.

The body was taken to the Comer & Company parlors, where an inquest was held Tuesday morning.

Toulgoat's wife went to San Francisco three weeks ago, a physician having advised a change of climate in the interest of her health. She was appraised by wire of the tragedy.

Mrs. Toulgoat arrived in Los Angeles Wednesday morning at 9:30 and was met by her sister, Mrs. LaPonte and Supt. Rhoades.

Deceased is survived by a sister and two brothers in New Jersey.

COUNCIL LETS FRANCHISE TO SANTA FE RY.

City Trustees in Busy Session at Regular Meeting

The Santa Fe Railway Company sent in the only bid for the franchise permit as advertised in previous issues of the Herald, the bid being accompanied by a certified check of \$100, also a certified check for \$500 as a guarantee of their good faith.

A letter from the Pacific Electric disclosed the fact that there would be no automatic flag signal placed at Carson and Cabrillo.

Chief of Police Anderson was instructed to obtain tabulation of speed of cars at this crossing. Clerk Bartlett was instructed to grant twelve permits to the Torrance Oil and Development Company for erection of oil derricks south of Plaza del Amo.

The request of Gordon C. Rolls of Los Angeles to operate a lunch wagon in the city was denied. E. Rathbun made a request for permit to conduct a lunch wagon stand south of the curb. Benches and shade will be provided for workmen to enjoy non-day lunches whether they patronize the lunch wagon or not.

The city recorder submitted his monthly report, showing \$505 collected in fines for the month of April.

Building permits for April amounted to \$127,425. Total fees collected by the city clerk for 1922 were \$2400.

Total fees collected since January 1, 1923, \$2844.59.

No specific action was taken regarding sidewalk signs as mentioned by Police Chief Anderson, who also reported several near accidents on Cabrillo street on account of cars being parked at an angle and having to back out close to the P. E. tracks in order to get going.

REXALL CONVENTION

Druggists and clerks who handle the Rexall products were guests of the Los Angeles Convention of Rexall dealers this week, held on Wednesday and Thursday.

DON'T FORGET

The Forum Meeting Next Monday Night, May 7, in Legion Hall at 7:30 o'clock. The Edison Electric Company will give an "Electrical Entertainment" that promises to be exceedingly interesting and extraordinary.

Dominguez No. 1 Proves Territory North Oil Bearing

PETERSON-BARKER DRILLERS ARE STILL FISHING FOR DRILL STEM IN WILDCAT WELL EAST OF UNION TOOL CO.

Proving the territory north of Torrance to be oil bearing, Dominguez No. 1 on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Dominguez estate lease, was put on production Tuesday at a depth of 4257 feet.

While Dominguez No. 1 proves up the district to the north of Torrance it does not make it appear very attractive. Like the General Petroleum's Van Lew Well, lying about as far north, Dominguez No. 1 looks to be on the edge of the structure.

Drilling on Carson street took another spurt this week with rigs being completed for three new wells, one of these being on Sentinel Oil Company's lease at Carson and Cedar streets.

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Community No. 3, and the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Torrance No. 9, offsetting Smith No. 2.

The Hub drillers yesterday started drilling through the cement in Frier No. 1, offsetting the Gilmore well which is now standing cemented below 3000 feet.

Smith No. 1, brought in three weeks ago, is holding up around 800 barrels a day, but is not yet entirely free of water.

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Masons Meet In New Temple

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Fern Croft Cafe Locates In Masonic Temple

A. W. Meinzer to Open With Four Distinct Departments

One of the finest cafes to be found this side of Los Angeles is now in the formation, it was learned yesterday when A. W. Meinzer of the El Prado Cafe announced that he had leased the east room in the Masonic Temple.

Complete details of the arrangement of the fixtures and various departments are not available at this time but a general review of what patrons may expect at the opening of the "Fern Croft Cafe" will be a pleasant surprise.

In the front a magnificent soda fountain and ice cream parlor has been provided for light lunches. Directly following will be a delicatessen and bakery departments, where pastries, salads, hot and cold roasts and other delicacies may be purchased in any quantity.

Following the delicatessen and bakery will be a row of booths, tables in the center with a lunch counter on the opposite side.

According to Mr. Meinzer, the kitchen is to be one of the most modern and sanitary throughout, conveniently arranged for quick service with as little effort as possible.

As a special, Mr. Meinzer has arranged to serve a dinner every evening at seventy-five cents during the week.

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Fight Card May 9th Is a Winner

All Navy heavyweight champion of the U. S. S. Mississippi

The next fight card to be held at the Legion Hall, Torrance, May 9, is one that should pack the house.

The main event arranged by Matchmaker Murphy between "Sailor" Ted Snyder, the Navy heavyweight, and George Lamson of Redondo, undisputed champion heavyweight of the coast, promises to be one of the best fights seen here this year.

Others who will be on the program are: Joe Keame vs. Bob Kelly, at 133 pounds; Jabble O'Neil vs. "Sailor" Akol, at 112 pounds; Eddie West vs. "Red" Mathews, at 135 pounds; Joe Kelly vs. Mike Gibbons, at 128 pounds, and "K. O." King vs. "Sailor" Lebars, at 126 pounds.

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BRICK BLDG. 40x100 FEET STARTS MON.

First National Bank To Build Addition on Joining Lot

The First National Bank of Torrance needs more room, and next Monday morning contractors will start work between the bank and Masonic Temple, building a two-story structure on the forty-foot lot. There will be two rooms, the one occupied by the bank, 16x109 feet, with a separate entrance. The second room will be for rent, 24x100 feet, with one of the finest fronts in late buildings here.

One of the principal reasons for building the addition is to take care of the escrow department, which will be conveniently located and isolated from all other departments.

The front section of the new addition will be partitioned off for the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association and directly back of this an escrow department has been arranged with entrance from the main lobby of the bank.

In order to care for increased business in the bank, additional cages have been provided by the architect on the west side of the bank with three windows for tellers.

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LEASING IN KEYSTONE TO DRILL 30 DAYS

Five Acres at 216th St. and Dolores to Be Scene of Activity

Leasing in the neighborhood of Keystone has become a reality. Late news from the district states that J. J. Nieto, contractor and builder of Los Angeles, has leased five acres at the corner of 216th street and Dolores avenue to the Goodcheer Oil Company, now active drillers in the Santa Fe Springs district, and in Oklahoma.

A bonus of \$300 per acre was paid with \$40 per acre per month rent. The lease calls for thirty-day drilling. Rigs will go up the coming week and active work will begin in June.

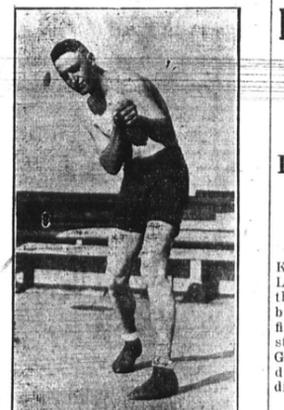
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Training Wild Animals in South Africa—Torrance Theatre, Saturday matinee and night.



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