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Oil Restrictions Off On Industrial Tract

Prospects Good For Two More Wells During This Month

Sentinel Oil Company's Derrick Up On Date Street Between Carson and 216th Streets

Prospects of two more producers on Carson street within the next fifteen days looked bright yesterday, with the Chancellor-Canfield Midway drillers testing for a water shutoff in Torrance No. 4 and the Gilmore Petroleum's No. 1 well standing cemented. The fifth cement job in the C. C. M. O. well is believed to have been successful, while the Gilmore drillers are confident that they have cemented deep enough on their first attempt to shut off the water in their No. 1 well.

A change in the structure a short distance east of the bend in the road on Carson street has given the oil companies considerable trouble, particularly in finding the right point to cement off the water. The Standard's Torrance Community No. 3 had to be cemented twice; the C. C. M. O.'s Torrance No. 5, three times; Torrance No. 4, five times, and the Hub's Frier No. 1, three times. The shut off in the Hub's Smith No. 1 was not entirely successful and preparations are now being made to drill the hole deeper and re-cement.

It is beginning to look now as though the companies were not going deep enough at first to shut off the water, which apparently lies below the first oil sand. The Gilmore well which was cemented this week went down to 3150 feet before running in the ten-inch string. The two Hub wells and the Chancellor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 5, cemented at about 3070, apparently hesitating to shut off the first hundred feet of oil sand along with the water strata. The upper sand carries the heavier oil and its loss is not considered serious.

The cement in Frier No. 1 on the Hub lease was drilled out last Sunday but the shut-off was found to be unsuccessful and the well was re-cemented.

It now begins to look as though the Hub's Smith No. 1 will get a settled production of thirty gravity oil. The well is now testing twenty-nine gravity and for a few days the gravity is reported to have gone as high as thirty-four.

The Chancellor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 8, offsetting the Midway Northern's well on the old Long Beach-Redondo Road, was spudded in with electrical machinery yesterday. Torrance No. 9, offsetting the Hub's Smith No. 2, was also reported to be about ready to spud in. The Midway Northern well is still rigging up.

The work of installing the machinery in the Sentinel Oil Company's well on Date street between Carson and 216th street was begun this week. The rig for this well is 120 feet tall, being fourteen feet higher than any other rig in the field. The rig was built for deep drilling should the company decide to go on down for a deeper sand, it was announced yesterday.

This is the company's second well in Southern California, the only other one having been drilled near Inglewood. The latter well was put down 5,000 feet without getting a favorable showing.

The Shell Oil Company, the first company to tap the deeper sand on Signal Hill, may establish the same record in the Torrance field. It now has two wells on the way to the lower sand, Redondo No. 1, on the lease adjoining the Amalgamated and Fullerton wells, and Torrance No. 1, about a quarter of a mile to the northeast. Redondo No. 1, after encountering considerable salt water trouble around 3,700 feet, is now down about 4,400 feet and still drilling, having passed up the production at 3,600 feet.

The production at 3600 feet is also being passed up in the Torrance well, though a good oil showing was encountered at that depth. The well is now drilling at about 3,800 feet. Cable tools are being used in both wells.

UNION TOOL PICNIC

The annual picnic of Union Tool employes and their families will be held at Redondo Beach, Saturday, June 9.

Marathon Trip Won By Mrs. Steinhilber



MRS. NETTIE STEINHILBER

Who won the Marathon trip to attend the Marathon Meet of the Woman's Benefit Association in Los Angeles, May 28 to June 1. She will be one of a party of 1500 who will travel to Los Angeles and other points on special Marathon trains as a reward for their work in the Pacific Coast Marathon.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, a member of Torrance Review, No. 37, Woman's Benefit Association, has won the title of Victor and a free trip to Los Angeles offered to members who secured \$23,000 in new members in the Pacific Coast Marathon. She will be one of a party of 1500 women who will meet in Los Angeles as guests of the Association.

The Pacific Coast Marathon clubs were organized by Miss Bina M. West, Supreme Commander, to enable the members of the association to "see America first" and attend the Marathon Meet and the 1923 international convention without expense. It has been running for four years, and 1,000 members, representing every state in the union and province of Canada, have won the trip. During this period the association made a net increase in membership of 52,000, the largest in its history.

On May 29 10,000 members of the order will gather at Patterson Field, Los Angeles, for a mammoth celebration in honor of the order's thirtieth anniversary. The history of the order, the sixteen nationalities represented in its membership, and its various fields of activity will be portrayed in pageant form. One thousand well trained Marathon Guards will give a massed display drill and the junior department will be represented by the "Revels of the Joys" in which 1,000 little girls, children of Los Angeles members, will take part. The climax of the program will be the crowning of the victors, an impressive ceremony in which the women who have won the trip will pass in review before the Supreme Officers of the association and receive the crown of Victory from Miss West, the founder and president.

Mrs. Steinhilber will visit San Francisco and possibly the North.

A week-end guest of Miss Helen Reeves of Post avenue, was Miss Pearl Teter of Gardena.

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MOTHER

Sunday, May 13, is Mothers' Day. Cherish her memory, if she has passed on, by wearing a white carnation, if living, a red carnation is appropriate.

CASTLE ROCK WILL DRILL EAST OF CITY SMART SHOP IS ROBBED OF SILKS AND WEARABLES

Fifty-six Acres, Mile East of Torrance, New Field Burglars Enter From Rear, Forcing Way Through Window

Faith in the eastern portion of the Torrance field grows apace.

The newest comers to obtain holdings in this section are known as the Castle Rock Oil Company, which has headquarters at 513 Fay building, Los Angeles. The company has been incorporated under the state corporation laws and capitalized at \$1,000,000. Its holdings include fifty-six acres located a little more than a mile to the east of Torrance, and directly across the road from the General Petroleum tank farm. In addition to its Torrance lease, the company has 10,000 acres under lease in Kern county.

The Castle Rock interests have announced their intention of starting to drill early in July, and have mapped out a program of twenty-one wells, which would give practically three acres to a well, the stockholders to share in all of the production.

Prominent members of the legal fraternity of Southern California are backing the project, whose officers and directors include: Jonathan S. Dodge, president; James McLachlan, vice-president; Louis Lucker, secretary; E. W. Hopkins, treasurer; Henry W. Wright, John W. Sherk and John B. Harding, together with the officers, who compose the board of directors.

NEW PROCESS FOUND

The long-needed process to repair aluminum utensils has reached Torrance. The Day and Night Garage has installed a new outfit that will mend all kinds of aluminum-ware, making it as good as new. This process has been needed for some time and the housewives of Torrance will be glad that it has headquarters in this city.

Straw Hat Day, Sunday, May 13

Fellows, Beware! Next Sunday, May 13, is Straw Hat Day, and should you appear on the streets or at the ball game with the old reliable felt you may meet disaster.

A great deal of sentiment accompanies the discarding of the hat you have learned to adore and many pleasant memories have been covered by the faithful fedora.

However, the new straws are nifty, moderately priced and varieties galore may be seen on display at the stores here. It's up to you, gents. Go in and pick out your favorite before closing time Saturday night.

The city of Torrance experienced its first robbery for some time early Wednesday morning when the Smart Shop, an exclusive ladies' store, owned by Sam Levy, was entered and between \$800 and \$1000 worth of ladies' wearables were taken.

The robbers entered through a rear window which they forced open and after once gaining entrance it was an easy matter for them to unlatch the rear door and make their get-away.

The wearables taken consisted of the very finest silks, silk hosiery, underwear and dainties which were the costly kind and which amounted to the sum given.

Mr. Levy learned of the robbery when he opened the store for business Wednesday morning. He immediately got in communication with City Marshal Anderson, who is now working on the case, being assisted by county officials.

New developments are near and the officers have hopes of being able to return the goods to Mr. Levy in a few days.

Complicated Fishing Job at Wildcat Well

By twisting off seven and a half lengths of casing in the hole in attempting to land the drill collar lost three weeks ago, the fishing job in the Peterson-Barker wildcat well at Western avenue and 213th street has been considerably complicated. The crew on the well has not yet given up hopes of clearing the hole, however.

Everyone connected with the well is anxious to see the drilling resumed, and oil men are watching developments eagerly. The fact that an oil and gas showing was struck before the fishing job occurred and that the logs of the well were checking up closely with the wells on the west side, makes the well particularly interesting.

REXALL SALE

The Dolley Drug Company announce May 17, 18 and 19 as the dates for the Rexall One-Cent sale this month.

A full page advertisement appears in this issue with a long list of items on sale and their prices, and we would suggest to our readers that they carefully go over the items, check what you need, and take the page to the store with you in order that nothing will be overlooked.

The Rexall One-Cent sale has become a national event over the United States and many people take advantage of buying two articles, getting an exact duplicate of the original purchase for only one cent more.

New Drilling Area Opened By Lifting Oil Restrictions

Approximately 100 Acres Are Affected By Action East and South of Union Tool Company

Removal of restriction against drilling for oil in the industrial district of approximately 100 acres is regarded as the most important development this week for future activities in oil leasing and drilling in Torrance. The district is bounded by East Road on the north, Border avenue on the west, Western avenue on the east and Plaza del Amo on the south.

RIG GOING UP NEAR MADRID AND CARSON

Trimble & Rhea Start Work on Smallest Lease in Field

With the rig builders at work on the Trimble-Rhea well in Block fifty-five, north of Carson street, the march of the oil wells into Torrance has been extended to within a block of Madrid avenue, where the barrier has been temporarily raised against further drilling in the residence district. The well is located on the smallest lease in the field, consisting of lots six and seven with a frontage of eighty feet and depth of 140 feet.

Trimble & Rhea are Santa Fe Springs operators and their entrance into the field is regarded as significant. Their property is surrounded by small leases, W. M. Keck controlling the majority of the lots in the block in which they are operating. The result will be a number of offset wells.

Mr. Trimble expresses the belief that the field will get shallower as it comes east and that in the district in which his property is located the wells will have a deeper sand with a higher gravity oil.

He expects the well to be spudded in within ten days and declared yesterday that by the time the well was brought in the oil market would be on the upward trend again.

From the operators' standpoint, he said that the Torrance field was one of the best located fields in the country, being within a short distance of the refineries now in operation and but a few miles from the great refinery center being built up at Watson.

Bergman & Rohring, who have been instrumental in closing a number of leases in the district between Cedar street and Madrid avenue, negotiated the Trimble-Rhea lease. The property is owned by H. J. McArdle.

WEEK'S BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued at the city clerk's office from May 3 to May 10.

Inez F. Smith, 2654 Carson, addition; Root, Rhodes & Dyer, 720 Amapola, dwelling; C. W. Putney, 1632 Acacia, addition; M. L. May, 1535 Marcelina, duplex bungalow; Louis F. Bennett, 1512 Post, dwelling, for a total of \$13,500.

WITH THE BIG ONES

There are only ten weekly newspapers in the State of California and 156 in the United States issuing twelve pages or more every week, according to the Publishers Auxiliary of San Francisco and Chicago.

The Torrance Herald and Lomita News are among the list, only three of which are Southern California publications, as follows: Orlax Record, Inglewood News, Kingsburg News, Lindsay Gazette, Lomita News, Los Gatos Mail-News, Santa Paula Chronicle, Susanville-Lassen Advocate, Torrance Herald, Yuba City-Sutter Independent.

Originally this property was sold by the Dominguez Land Corporation restricting it to industrial purposes. In order to change this restriction to permit oil drilling it was necessary to secure the consent of two-thirds of the property owners within the district. Those living in the section and other property owners realizing the importance of lifting the restriction were eager signers to the petition, the Union Tool Company having been the last to place their signature to the petition. Realizing the desire of the land owners to be able to lease their property, M. R. Osburn took the initiative in the matter of securing signatures so that the Dominguez Land Corporation could alter their declaration binding the first sales. The amendment to the declaration was passed by the directors of the corporation at their meeting held last Thursday, May 3. This opens up approximately 100 acres that have long been considered excellent oil land, and it is expected to result in several big lease deals being closed. It also joins the R. W. Edens lease where the first test well is now being drilled by the Peterson-Barker Syndicate.

ASSOCIATED OIL IN FIRST GAME HERE SUNDAY

Union Tool Will Send Out Strong Line-Up For First Game

Torrance is again to be put on the map as a baseball city, starting Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when the strong Union Tool team will hook up with the Associated Oil team. Both are members of the recently organized Oil League that has been formed with teams represented by the Shell Oil, Associated Oil, Union Oil, General Petroleum and Union Tool. A regular schedule of games is now being arranged so that the competing nines will clash every Sunday afternoon. Regular umpires will be assigned by the head of the league and they will have complete charge of the game and players. In fact, the games will be played under regular league rules and the umpire will have the right to forfeit games and control the players in big league style. This fact will make the games more interesting as the senseless kicking and nagging at the umpire will not be tolerated. Crabbing is tiresome to the spectators who pay to see a ball game and do not think a part of their admission price was given to see objections to the decisions made by the umpire.

The following line-up and batting order will be shown the fans of Torrance next Sunday:

Lackey, lf; Templeton, rf; Atwood, ss; Bouette, 2b; Widener, c; Barber, cf; Wolf, 1b; Aslton, p. The line-up for the Associated Oil team was not obtainable at press time but the local boys are out to win the first game, and they figure with a good crowd to root, it will be a cinch to beat any line-up sent over by their opponents. Newly-elected officers will have charge of the affairs of the Union Tool team and look after all details such as selling season tickets, rebuilding diamond, which will be a large expense to the Union Tool Company; signing of players, three new players being signed this week; and other details that come up from time to time that must (Continued on Last Page)