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"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps
Around Proven Territory

The offset battle in which the big operators are engaged is so intense that it sometimes brings ludicrous results. Witness the location of Torrance No. 55 by the C.-C. M. O. On the south side of the old Redondo road the Standard Oil company had staked out an extension for a road on the Marble ranch. Chanslor-Canfield scouts reported the activity. The C.-C. M. O., scenting a location for a new Standard well, rushed lumber to the ground on the north side of the street and started building a derrick. Standard representatives, noting the activity, got busy with the result that Standard now has lumber on the ground for an offset to the C.-C. M. O.'s Torrance No. 55. Thus the C.-C. M. O. placed an offset for a well that was not contemplated and the result is two wells, neither of which would have been drilled had not the offset war been so intense.

The Shell company has received an O. K. on the water shutoff in Kettler 1, which is being drilled ahead. Kettler 2 has been drilled to 3454 feet.

The local office of the Shell is directing the company's operations in the Compton field, where the company brought in Reyes No. 1 Sunday for a yield of 1875 barrels of 32 gravity oil.

E. J. Miley will land water string on Torrance No. 2 Friday afternoon.

Standard is drilling Dominguez No. 2 at 3000 feet in blue shale. No. 3 is down 3273 feet.

Shell will cement March 1-A at 3630 feet. The crew is running casing now.

The cement job on March 3 of the Shell company was O. K.ed Thursday. The well was cemented off at 3650 feet. The company is building a rig for March No. 5.

The C.-C. M. O. has just completed an unsatisfactory pump test on Torrance No. 20, near the corner of Plaza del Amo and Arlington street. The well made more salt water than oil.

Standard is ready to drill out Interstate No. 1 and No. 2. Shutoff tests will be made late this week.

Standard has located its seventh well on the Marble lease. It is the "funny" offset referred to above.

Four wells on the Chanslor-Canfield's Kettler lease are nearing the production stage. Kettler 5 is being washed out. Kettler 4 is being cemented. No. 6 is standing cemented, and casing is being run in No. 9.

Bush and Voorhis have Fee No. 1 at Palm and Cherry streets down 3500 feet.

Washburn No. 1 of Bush and Voorhis is standing cemented at 3200 feet. The first job was unsuccessful.

Selby and Root have located their No. 6 well on East Palm street near Cherry.

The Gilmore Oil company is drilling its well near the corner of the old Redondo road and Arlington with cable tools between 3600 and 3700 feet. This method, new to this field, is being carefully watched by all operators, as it is thought that the use of cable tools in the oil formation may increase production.

Van Allen No. 3 was brought in Tuesday on the pump for 150 barrels. It is on Fir street near Cypress street.

Superior is preparing to drill through the cement on Torrance No. 15 on the Joughlin lease. Water string was landed at 3609 feet on No. 16 Thursday.

Standard is drilling Marble Fee No. 1 ahead at 3425 feet. The well was cemented high at 3300 feet and a good job was obtained. Marble Fee 2 and 3 are about ready to be drilled out, and No. 4 is down 3299 feet.

The following wells are standing cemented: U. S. Royalties No. 22, east Pine street, 3610 feet; McIntyre Brothers No. 1, Eshelman street, between Cherry and Elgin, 3580 feet; McKeon Drilling company, Pine and Eshelman streets, 3575 feet.

The following wells have received water shutoff O. K.s: Jamieson Oil company, east Palm street; Didier Oil company, Pepper and Pennsylvania; U. S. Royalties No. 21, Pepper and Narbonne.

On the Torrance lease the Santa Fe is ready to drill out Torrance 30 and 32. Water shutoff tests were being made Thursday on Torrance 33 and 35.

**I. W. W. ACTIVE
IN OIL FIELD;
PLAN STRIKE**

**California Oil World
Evidence Substantiates
Local Information**

(That the I. W. W. is becoming particularly active in Torrance and Lomita is definitely known by operators in the field. As a result the following excerpt from the California Oil World is particularly interesting.—Editor.)

"LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—Slowly but surely the net of evidence that is being gathered by reason of the 'mystery' oil well fires at Huntington Beach some ten days ago is indicating that the fires were not mere accidents. On every hand there is resemblance to the work of organized firebugs.

"Equally certain is the evidence of a concerted effort on the part of the I. W. W. element in the oil fields to bring about a strike at as early a date as possible. Early indications were that the strike, so far as the oil fields are concerned, was to have been called on May 1. The publication of that fact in the California Oil World several weeks ago has completely disconcerted those who were behind the plans, and the matter of actual date of the strike is now undecided, with delegates from various branches disagreeing.

Strike Effort Not Local

"That the oil field activity centering in Southern California is not just the effort of purely local organizations is further indicated by official taken at a recent meeting of O. W. I. U. No. 230, which is the I. W. W. union.

"On February 19 at 8 p. m. a meeting was held at San Pedro in a hall at the corner of Twelfth and Center streets, attended by delegates to the General Industrial Union district council. E. Johnson, who presided at the opening of the session, was later made the permanent chairman of the council, and is now serving in this capacity.

"Upon motion the delegates voted in favor of maintaining a permanent strike committee in Chicago, and upon a second motion the question of the actual date for the general strike in this section was referred back to each of the industrial unions, with a call for immediate action.

Meeting for March 5

"The result of the individual union votes for the general strike are to be received at a mass meeting of the district council which has been called to meet in Los Angeles on March 5 in room 501 at 224 South Spring street.

"Definite plans for extending I. W. W. organization work in the oil fields is scheduled to be taken up at a conference of union members to be held with O. W. I. U. No. 230 in San Pedro on the evening of March 17 at the Center and Twelfth street hall.

"M. R. Tinning, who holds general credentials in the national organization of the I. W. W. under the designation of 'No. TR-247' and whose 1924 credentials are numbered 'T4-41,' is the secretary of the Marine Transport Workers' union No. 510 and is also the secretary of O. W. I. U. No. 230. The latter body meets every Friday evening, the meetings being attended by delegates from Huntington Beach, Santa Fe Springs and Long Beach."

**Edison Officials
Confer On So. Cal.
Water Shortage**

Returning from a meeting of Edison managers held in Los Angeles yesterday to discuss the power situation, W. E. Oliver, district manager in this territory, said that plans are now being made to curtail certain classes of service so that all the power available may be used for essential purposes and the water conserved for the benefit of irrigators.

"This is the driest season on record for 50 years," Mr. Oliver said, "and is by far the driest ever experienced since waterpower has been used for generating electricity. Throughout the winter the company has made the most conservative use of its waterpower plants and has carried the bulk of the load with its steam reserves. During the last month every available steam plant has been brought into service, including many that were considered obsolete but which have proven useful in this emergency. Power is being received by the Edison system through its interconnections from plants in San Diego, Riverside, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Visalia, and also from a number of smaller plants belonging to private concerns which have generously loaned them to the company. A considerable block of power is also being received from San Francisco by way of a connection with the San Joaquin Light and Power corporation."

"Work is being rushed on our new steam plant at Long Beach, which will contribute 110,000 horsepower to our system about next January. The first unit of this plant will be ready in July. Work at Big creek and on the Florence lake tunnel is being crowded ahead of schedule so that the Edison system will be in excellent shape to meet all requirements next year.

"The situation will require the fullest co-operation of all users of power in order to take care of the condition brought about by water shortage. All classes of manufacturers and industrial plants have signified their desire to help out in the emergency.

"Industrial plants are being urged to reduce their consumption of power so that more will be available for ranchers, and the ranchers are being requested to adjust their irrigation so that a minimum amount of water will be used.

"Our patrons may be assured that every effort is being made to supply power for essential purposes, and, through the complete co-operation of all power users, what might develop into a water shortage which would seriously affect agriculture will be so handled that none should suffer," Mr. Oliver concluded.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mendelson of Lomita Happy Guests at
Anniversary Party



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MENDELSON

The Lomita home of Mrs. Julia Maurer was the scene of a happy gathering last Sunday afternoon when 32 guests, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends assembled to celebrate the sixty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Mendelson.

The rooms and tables were beautifully decorated with carnations, sweet peas and smilax. The afternoon was spent in visiting and games.

Before the departure of the guests the large, handsomely decorated wedding cake made by Mrs. L. G. Mendelson was cut and served with punch. Congratulatory messages were received from the absent daughter, Mrs. J. C. Francis, of Kansas, and other friends in the east.

An elaborate chicken dinner was served by Mrs. Maurer to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Mendelson of Strathmore; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mendelson, Mrs. Ethel Mendelson, Mrs. Pease and three friends, of Culver City; Mr. and Mrs. Minton Black and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Robinson, of Ojai; Mr. and Mrs. Brown and son Clinton and friends, of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mendelson and son Lloyd, of Maywood; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Donegan and sons, Paul and Gerald, of Narbonne avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Geist and daughters, LeYonne and Helen, of Redondo boulevard, and the hostess and her family.

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TORRANCE NOTES

Dr. Maude L. Chambers has moved her office from rooms 104-5-6 to rooms 105-6-7 in the First National Bank building.

Mrs. H. M. Tolson and sons were week-end guests of Mrs. Tolson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Silva, of Oxnard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone and sons, of Andreo avenue, were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McLaughlin of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Powell of Spurlin court are driving a new Chevrolet touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Litch were recent guests of friends at Tujunga.

Mrs. R. R. Bell of Redondo boulevard spent Tuesday at Long Beach with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pruitt of Long Beach were Torrance visitors Monday.

EASTERN STAR

The Eastern Star chapters of Gardena, Redondo and Inglewood entertained Wednesday evening in honor of the following grand officers: Maud Bigelow Sibley, G. W. M.; Guy W. Brundage, G. W. P.; Stella M. Samson, A. G. M.; Russell La Fontaine, A. G. P.; Cora S. Holland, G. C.; Hazel Piper, A. G. C.; Anna Hughes, grand chaplain; Lillian Holman, grand organist; Helen Wals, grand Ruth; Elizabeth Wheelan, right worthy grand trustee and past grand matron of California.

Local Eastern Stars who attended the affair were Mrs. Jean Guyan, Mrs. Clezma Watson, Mrs. Loma Turner, Mrs. May McKinley, Mrs. Minnie Brooks, Mrs. Andrus, and Mrs. Johnson.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Briney of Post avenue entertained at cards Thursday evening in honor of their sixth wedding anniversary. Mrs. F. L. Parks and Dr. W. J. Neelands were awarded honors. Consolation honors were awarded Mrs. Schultz and Carl Hyde. The guests claimed that the sixth anniversary is the "sugar" anniversary, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Briney with a bag of sugar.

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