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NEW AND LARGER STORE
TORRANCE

OBSERVATIONS

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per cent. We may not like to think so, but it's true. And as long as ninety-five per cent follow the lead of a psychology-wise, thinking minority, just so long will the affairs of the many remain in the hands of a few.

HENRY FORD is almost a national institution. On the subject of his value to his country, people are divided. His admirers are as ardent in their praise as his enemies are bitter in their denunciation. There is one test that ought to convince many. If you want to know all about a man, consult his employees. In Detroit the vast majority of his thousands of employes swear by him, not at him.

IN THE GREASE

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company is washing out Torrance No. 29, south of Torrance No. 5 on Carson street, and is looking for an excellent producer in a day or so. This well was drilled with the electric automatic driller, being the first well in the world to be put down with the new apparatus.

The Star Petroleum corporation evidently has not "given up the ghost" on Carson street. The company's well just west of the Santa Fe tracks on the north side of the street is being swabbed again, after having been standing idle for several weeks.

The Standard Oil company has pulled all the 8 1/2-inch casing out of Kettler No. 1 and will re-ream the hole.

The Parnell Oil company has set oil string to 3830 feet on the Carter lease at Pine and Walnut streets.

Standard has drilled Dominguez No. 3 to 3850 feet. The well is showing plenty of oil and gas.

The Universal Consolidated Oil company "shot" Jones No. 1, on Narbonne avenue, but the shot failed to bring production.

Chanslor-Canfield has landed oil string in Kettler Nos. 4, 8, 9 and 14.

Torrance 32 of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company has been put on the pump.

The wells which were put down in the vicinity of Midway Northern's discovery well on the old Redondo road are still flowing. The discovery well itself is producing about 150 barrels a day. No. 8 of the Chanslor-Canfield is making about 200 barrels a day, while Superior's two wells on the Steinhilber acre are flowing about 10,000 barrels a month.

E. J. Miley's Torrance No. 2, which

was drilled to 3912 feet and came in wet, has been killed for tests to locate the water trouble. Miley No. 3 has been drilled to 3885 feet and will be on production soon.

The International Oil company is waiting for a water test on its Mirchell No. 1, Acacia and Walnut streets.

Standard's Marble Lease No. 3 has been drilled to 3834 feet.

Good production is anticipated by the Southern California Drilling company from its well at Cherry and Eshelman streets. The company has received an O. K. on the cement job.

The Standard Oil company is washing out Interstate No. 1. The hole was drilled to 3882 feet.

Sentinel's Joughlin No. 3 will be in soon. The bit is rotating in oil sand at about 3775 feet.

**Pauline's Closing
Out Sale to Start
Tomorrow Morning**

On another page in this issue will be seen an announcement calling attention to the special "going out of business" sale of Pauline's ladies' wear shop, sale starting Saturday. Mrs. Ed Kelly, who is now proprietor of this popular shopping place, is selling out because of the fact that Mr. Kelly, her husband, needs the entire space of the room for his men's furnishings business. Another reason and, according to Mr. Kelly, the one that satisfies him most, is that it will give Mrs. Kelly more time for housework, and that means better meals.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordan and daughter Francis, of West Palm street, were week-end guests of friends at Covina. All attended Grauman's Egyptian theatre at Hollywood Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. B. Shriver of Eshelman avenue and Mrs. Frank Jordan of West Palm street were luncheon guests Wednesday of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Clark of West Flower street.

**BOOM IN DWELLING HOUSE
BUILDING CONTINUES HERE**

Building continues brisk in Torrance. March, usually a dull month in the building trades, has been marked here by an unusually steady activity. Building permits for the month so far total almost \$100,000, and only two permits are for over \$10,000, one being for \$10,400 and one for \$18,000.

The feature of the month's permits rests in the fact that the great bulk of them are for dwelling houses.

The biggest permit of the month so far is that issued to the Southern California Gas company for erection of an office building at Cravens and Post avenues. Work on the building is now under way. The structure will cost \$18,000.

Important permits taken out since March 10 are as follows: Rear, 1633

Cota avenue, H. D. Peebles, 4-garage and 2-apartment building, \$4000; 1315 Cabrillo, Shell Company of California, oil station, \$4500; 1609 Cota avenue, B. E. Dye, 5-room dwelling, \$3200; 2015 1/2 Andree, K. M. Claypool, 3-room dwelling, \$1200; 1635 Border avenue, H. G. Day, corrugated iron building, \$3500; 1304 Portola avenue, John Holm, 5-room dwelling, \$3000; 904 Amapola, P. E. Land Co. (L. E. Stoner, contractor), 4-room dwelling, \$2555; 2264 Maricopa avenue, Royal Tyler, two 3-room dwellings, \$1300 each; Lot 9, Block 69, L. J. Howard, 4-room house, \$2000; Lot 6, Block 3, Tract 3757, Apelson Machine Co., corrugated iron building, \$3900; 1405 Cravens avenue, Southern California Gas company (L. R. Armstrong, contractor), reinforced concrete office building, \$18,000.

**PETITION FOR
WESTERN AVE.
IS CIRCULATED**

**Would Change Survey,
Sending the Street
Through Hills**

A petition is being circulated to have the survey of Western avenue corrected from a point at the southern extremity of Narbonne avenue through the Palos Verdes hills to the beginning of the Weymouth-Ayerill holdings in San Pedro. The reasons are obvious.

SCOUT NEWS

By THE OLD SCOUT

SCOUT RATES

TORRANCE TROOP No. 2
The troop's basketball team is planning two games this week. On Friday evening they play at Redondo a team from Moneta Troop No. 1. On Saturday evening they play at San Pedro a team from San Pedro Troop No. 7. The troop meetings are held in the American Legion hall on Friday evenings.

TORRANCE TROOP No. 3
This troop, organized for younger boys, under the leadership of James H. Scott as scoutmaster, meets in the Methodist church on Thursday evenings at 7:30. The troop has taken over the raising and lowering of the American flag at the grammar school on school days.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH TROOP
A troop of Scouts is being organized in the Evangelical church, under the leadership of W. E. Bowen. Membership in the troop is open to all boys, irrespective of church affiliation.

BOY RANGERS

A second meeting of Torrance Lodge No. 1 was held at the grammar school. Badges are to be presented and the lodge regularly organized next Thursday. An overnight camp for Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16, Easter vacation week, was announced.

**Reeve Store Will
Be Women's Mecca
During next Week**

A domestic science expert will be in Torrance next week for the purpose of advising with present and future housewives on proper cooking methods. Mrs. Mary Hall is the expert's name, and she will be at the "Hardware" Reeve store starting Monday morning, March 31, and will give daily lessons in cooking until closing time Saturday night, April 5.

The Wedgwood gas range manufacturers are sending Mrs. Hall here, and of course she will demonstrate her cooking on one of these high-class ranges. Mr. Reeve has the exclusive sale of these stoves in Torrance, and in order to make the cooking school a further success he has arranged to give away free a set of dishes to everyone purchasing a gas range during the week's demonstration.

**Voters May Still
Be Registered For
Primary Election**

Voters who wish to vote at the presidential primary may still do so. The registration books for the city election to be held on April 14 have closed, but any who have not yet registered may still get their names on the list for the preferential primaries. Registrations are being taken at the Chamber of Commerce, where the books will be open until April 5. Those who have registered for the city election need not re-register.

**Usual Good Time
Anticipated For
Union Tool Dance**

Of course YOU will attend the dance at Redondo Beach next Monday night. And of course you'll want your "gang" there, so if you're not certain they all know about it—call 'em up.

The Union Tool Girls' club will turn the proceeds over to the Children's hospital.

Next Monday, March 31; Herb Wiedoeft's orchestra; Redondo Beach dance pavilion.
Go to it!!!

**Eight Candidates
Run for Trustees**

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is spelled "Stedman," while at the bottom the signature of the candidate to the oath that he will accept the office, if elected, is spelled "Steadman."

The question arose as to which name should be printed on the ballot. The city attorney declined to give an opinion until he had consulted the law thoroughly. He made it clear, however, that it is his intention to avoid throwing out the petition on a technicality, if possible.

"It is evident," said Mr. Briney, "that those who circulated the petition intended to nominate George R. Steadman and not 'George R. Stedman,' as the name is written."

The case is unusual. It is pointed out that if the name "Stedman" were printed on the ballot, Steadman, if elected, could not take office. On the other hand, by strict interpretation of the election laws, no such man as George R. Steadman has ever been nominated.

Will Not Object

In case the city attorney rules that the name George R. Steadman appear on the ballot, the ruling would stand unless someone made official objection and contested Steadman's election. Members of the campaign committee of the Torrance Progress club stated today that they would not contest the placing of Steadman's name on the ballot.

"The intention of the citizens who signed the Steadman petition is clear," said one of the committee, "and certainly this committee would not seek to take advantage of a technicality."

Send Out Letter

The Progress club opened the campaign this week with a letter to the registered voters of the city. The letter follows:

"For the Upbuilding and Progress of the City of Torrance"

"TORRANCE PROGRESS CLUB"
Torrance, California.

"The City of Torrance is a business corporation of which you and all other residents of the city are stockholders. The City Trustees are your board of directors. Therefore you are naturally interested in the personnel of the next 'board of directors,' who will be chosen at the election Monday, April 14, when four new Trustees will be elected—three to serve for four years and one to serve for two years.

"May we commend to your consideration four who have been urged by their fellow-citizens to become candidates?"

"R. R. SMITH was among the first residents of Torrance. He has assisted in the progress of this community since the days when the Union Tool factory and a few houses comprised all the buildings in town. He is a man of sterling character, wide business and executive experience, cool judgment, and knows the needs of the city thoroughly.

"WILLIS M. BROOKS became a candidate at the request of his many friends who believe that the city needs such a public-spirited and able citizen on the Board of Trustees. He is a man of fine character and unusual executive ability.

"ROBERT J. DEININGER, commander of The Bert S. Crossland Post of The American Legion, is the choice of the ex-service men of the city. Former city clerk, he is thoroughly acquainted with civic affairs and would bring to the Board of Trustees an expert knowledge of business methods. MR. DEININGER IS RUNNING FOR THE TWO-YEAR TERM.

"JOHN S. TORRENCE is, without doubt, one of the most capable and public-spirited men in the city. During his residence here he has demonstrated time and again a deep insight into public matters and a willingness to devote his time to civic affairs.

"All four of these men are pledged to exercise the utmost economy in the conduct of the city's affairs and to represent the people of Torrance without fear or favor. They stand FOR SQUARE for the best interests of the entire community.

"We believe that the City of Torrance is particularly fortunate in being able to induce men of such high character and ability to accept office as your board of directors as City Trustees.

"Very Truly Yours,
"TORRANCE PROGRESS CLUB
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE."
P. S.—Messrs. Smith, Brooks, Deininger and Torrance have been endorsed by The Torrance District Realty Board, The Torrance Progress Club and The Torrance Business Men's Association."

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Hannebrink of Andree avenue were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Hannebrink's sister, Mrs. William Boehlert, of Gardena.

Watch Our Want Ads Grow.

**IF YOU
SUCCEED**

Your success is cumulative. You cannot progress alone in business and every forward step of yours carries along other people on the same road. In this way, your city becomes prosperous and great. In exact ratio to your success or failure your city succeeds or fails.

That's why we, as bankers, desire to see you succeed. That's why we make a point of rendering service to depositors and endeavor to safeguard them from financial reverses.

Come In Any Day. We'll Welcome You.

State Exchange Bank
"THE COMMUNITY BANK"
—WE PAY 4% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS—
TORRANCE CALIF.

**WOMAN'S CLUB ENJOYS TALK
ON FLOWERS AND WILD LIFE**

"Wild Flowers and Wild Birds and Their Preservation" was the subject on which Harriet Williams Myers, vice-president of the Audubon Society of California and author of "Western Birds" and "The Birds' Convention," spoke before the Woman's club Thursday.

The club is indebted to Mrs. W. C. Dolley, our conservation chairman, for this speaker. Mrs. Myers, a very busy woman, gave three talks in Torrance on Thursday: in the morning to the high school pupils, and in the afternoon to the pupils of the elementary schools, and the Woman's club. In all she has made thirty talks this month.

Mrs. Myers stated that she had worked for twenty years for the preservation of the wild birds and that six years ago she began working for the preservation of the beautiful wild flowers that are so rapidly disappearing. The New England Society for the Preservation of Wild Flowers and the Wild Flower Preservation Society of America at Washington, D. C., are two eastern societies that are doing good work.

There is some talk of having a law to prohibit the sale of wild flowers. Some states have laws that wild flowers must not be picked along the highway. This law is in force in Oregon.

A resolution will be presented at the district convention in April asking for a law to prohibit the picking of wild flowers for 35 feet back from the highway.

Under a state law the California holly and the snowflower are protected, but only these two.

Nearly all the southern California counties have a law protecting the yucca, that beautiful flower so appropriately called "the Lord's candle."

At the thirtieth biennial of the Biennial the American laurel was adopted as the national flower.

It was discovered that the mowing of the meadows in Yosemite was destroying the primroses and the mariposa lilies; now the government leaves portions of the meadows unmown in order that these flowers may be seen in their beauty. Many clubs are adopting a bird, a tree and a flower for their own. "If I were to choose a bird for you," said Mrs. Myers, "it would be the meadowlark, and a tree—well, I think it would be the beautiful pepper tree of which you have so many."

Why are birds protected? Because we like to see them about us; (there are 500 or 600 kinds of birds in California). Because they help plant trees by dropping the seeds on the ground; but the most important reason is because they destroy the insect life that destroys vegetation.

Mrs. Myers told the story from

Longfellow's "Tales of the Wayside Inn," "The Birds of Killingsworth." The birds were all banished from Killingsworth and that year there were no crops of any kind on account of the bugs and insects, so the birds were all asked to return. Birds have no eight-hour law. They work sixteen and eighteen hours, seven days a week.

Mrs. Myers spoke of the special work of organizing Junior Audubon societies and asked the mothers' help in organizing one in Torrance.

Quite a little discussion was caused by the butcherbird, as to whether it should be protected or not. Mrs. Collins spoke of its cruel ways, while Mrs. Myers defended it for its work in destroying insects and bugs. The English sparrow, which is a noisy, dirty bird not much seen in Southern California, is not protected because it drives out other birds.

Crows, ravens and blackbirds are protected because of their work of destroying insect pests.

The musical numbers were "The Cuckoo," "The Swallow," and "The Lilac Tree," sung by Mrs. Gordon Lewis Groves of Lomita, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh, and "America the Beautiful," by the club.

Mrs. Young announced for the building committee that \$900 was the amount received for the first installment of the club house stock.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. M. L. May, chairman of history and landmarks, on John Stevens McGroarty's Golden Scroll.

Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh, federation secretary, gave a report on the conference of federation secretaries which she attended.

Mrs. Collins, motion picture chairman, stated that out of eighty pictures reviewed only sixty were accepted. She also mentioned that Torrance was fortunate in getting a majority of the pictures—a great many more than most places.

Mrs. Young read from the call to district federation, which meets April 8, 9 and 10 in Glendale.

Mrs. Briney read a letter from Mrs. Charles Toll, congratulating the club on the start it had made toward its club house.

Several ladies volunteered to help with the cafeteria at the high school the second week in April.

Mrs. Graham of the home economics section will speak April 10 on "Homes of Today and Tomorrow," and on April 24 Mrs. Roger Sterritt, motion picture chairman, will speak.

It was decided to ask the Gardens club and the Torrance P. T. A. to attend the club as guests on April 24.

**Drill Well Straight Down Trunk
Of Age-Old Giant Redwood Tree,
Standing 2400 Feet Under Ground**

Here's one for the scientists to mull over.

It is the talk of the local field office of the Superior Oil company, where the authenticity of the tale is vouched for.

The drill crew of Superior's Brookhurst No. 1, near Anaheim, took a core the other day at 2400 feet. When the core barrel was opened there was revealed the finest specimen of preserved redwood lumber that anyone ever saw.

According to the tool-pusher on the

job the well was drilled for seventy feet straight down the trunk of a giant redwood which was standing on end between the 2400 and 2500-foot levels.

W. M. Keck, president of the Superior Oil company, sent the core to the University of California.

The wood was perfectly preserved. How long the giant tree has sood underground will have to be determined by someone more versed in geological history than a tool-pusher or a newspaper reporter.

**W. C. Brown, Well
Known Here, Dies**

News of the death of W. C. Brown, a prominent fruit grower and shipper of Lodi, was received Thursday by his aunt, Mrs. James Milburn, of Andree avenue.

Mr. Brown was well known by many of the glassworkers of Torrance, who enjoyed his hospitality when he owned and managed the Grand Central hotel in Stockton.

Mr. Brown was 55 years old.

**Have Capital to
Loan for Homes**

With the demand for houses in Torrance still strong, despite the unusual building activity now going on, Charles Vonderahe, of the firm of Vonderahe & Crowell, announces that the company has available a large amount of capital for building loans. Vonderahe & Crowell are Torrance representatives of the Long Beach Building and Loan association.