

Beach City Will Erect Fish Pier

REDONDO BEACH.—Recording a unanimous vote, the city trustees of Redondo Beach, at a special meeting held in the city hall last evening resolved to build an extension of 265 feet to the recently completed and accepted municipal pier. The motion was made by Trustee Shea, who was brought to the meeting in a wheel chair following injuries received in an automobile accident last week, and was made following the reading of two written protests by the city clerk, and the hearing of several speakers, both pro and con, from the large audience in the council chamber.

Council Postpones Avalon Widening

WILMINGTON.—The Los Angeles city council postponed consideration of the proposed Avalon boulevard improvement in the city until December 27, 1929. Postponement was effected on recommendation from Councilman Charles J. Colden that the matter be put over one year. Lacking authority to defer the project beyond the present year consideration was ordered on the last meeting date of the council in 1929.

Councilman Colden explained the 32.4 per cent protest from the district affected by the improvement as representing not the property owners' objection to the improvement but their objection to paying for it in view of the heavy burden of assessments they are being called upon to bear for other improvements already approved. He said that within a year the Avalon project probably would receive their endorsement. The project proposes widening of Avalon between S and L streets twenty-four feet to provide for sidewalks.

Key Well Fenced Off as Oil World Excited Over Lawndale

By J. B. DIXON (In Hawthorne-Lennox Advertiser)

Like the proverbial "calm before the storm," the Lawndale oil field has everybody guessing at this moment as to where the big strike will be made first. It is the hour of watchful waiting. With three wells supposedly in the pay sand the period of expectancy should soon pass. Perhaps before the end of another week the expected sensation will appear, but it certainly ought not to be more than thirty days before the question of who will bring in the next producer is settled.

The three wells said to be in the sand are the Smith-Durand No. 1, the Standard-Vance No. 1 and the Superior Ritter No. 1. The latter created considerable of a sensation last Saturday when it went into the sand at a depth of 5115 feet. Crowds have been watching it daily since then but few are getting much authentic information on its progress. It is pretty certain, however, that the drill to date has penetrated about 70 feet of sand. Yesterday the well was practically idle and preparations were apparently being made to set casing. The reports from the Standard-Vance well are decidedly meagre and unofficial. Some of these reports carry various depths of estimated footage, ranging all the way from 5300 feet to 6000 feet. The lot has been fenced off and if anybody gets inside it will be shot for long enough to get thrown out again. The Smith-Durand well came into the limelight very strongly again yesterday afternoon when it appeared to be making preparations for breaking down the six inch stem and setting casing. The only reliable information as to its status is that it has had some "very satisfactory" showings. The estimated depth of the hole is 5400 feet.

The Mohawk well on the Marston lease had reached a depth of 2290 feet in ten days drilling and is said to have penetrated nine feet of oil sand at a depth of 2900 feet. Five wells are past the 5000 foot level, six or seven are only slightly less than that depth and a dozen others are around 4000 feet. There are over 3000 wells in progress of construction and 49 are actually drilling.

Mushroom Growth The Lawndale field is the most sensational in all California in point of quick development. That it is almost a "sure thing" is proven by the number of wells all the larger companies are putting down at one time, some two, some four, and some more than that number. This week the movement seems to be northward and west of Inglewood avenue, with 10 new wells under way in that area, and a number of other locations staked out. The call for additional leases has been intensified since the reports of the sand strike in the Superior Ritter No. 1 have become generally known. However, there is considerable dealing in properties along Center street, between Inglewood avenue and Hawthorne boulevard, and some of these leases have extended east of the latter highway.

New Wells Work was started yesterday morning on another well by the Italo Oil company, the second by this company in three weeks. This one is on the Jack Hokom lease in Tract 2542, southwest corner of lot 158, Buckeye avenue, west of Inglewood avenue, in Plymouth Acres. The Union Oil company has

made excavations and is dumping material for a well on the Johnson lease, at Connecticut and Freeman. This makes the fourth well for the Union in the Lawndale field.

Coast Line, Inc., is making preparations to put up derrick for its second well on the Taylor lease, at the southwest corner of Roscerans and Sixth street. The house that has been used by the company for a field office has been moved off and the No. 1 well will occupy its place. No. 2 is ready to start drilling.

For some unknown reason Richfield Woods No. 1 at Ballona and Inglewood-Redondo has not yet started drilling. Derrick has been set up about two weeks. This well is the northernmost one in the field. One of the speediest jobs of construction work is that of the Sam M. Lewis well on Fifth street, in Lawndale. Actual work on the foundation was not begun until a week ago, but the derrick was finished in the early part of this week and drilling preparations are well under way.

Work will be started at once on Smith Development Peck Nos. 7 and 8. Foundation is in for a well at the southwest corner of Fifth and Lawn, for Royal T. White.

Location has been staked and material is being delivered for a well for M. J. Pettijohn, on Fifth street, between Clogston and Center. Mr. Pettijohn has about one and a half acres, consisting of lots 5, 6, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in block 75, Lawndale Acres.

Foundations are in for Shell's two new wells on Roscerans avenue, in Tract 2542. Material is being delivered for the two derricks.

Jameson and Estelle are putting in foundation for their well at the southeast corner of Inglewood and Roscerans avenue, on the Ballinger lease. Foundation is in for the Max Pray well on Roscerans, west of Inglewood avenue.

Hall Petroleum No. 9 is rigging up and will probably start in tonight. This well has been staked by a large number of prospective stockholders during the past week, many of whom are taking the only opportunity in the field to invest in a well that looks like a fine prospect. Hall No. 9 is located about 500 feet southeast of the Smith-Durand No. 1.

People Ask Ocean Avenue Extension

LONG BEACH.—Property owners of Ocean Avenue, at a meeting at the city hall, last night discussed elaborate plans for extending Ocean boulevard to the east and west. The west extension to connect with Palos Verdes hills. Construction of two tunnels, one under the channel of Los Angeles harbor between Terminal Island and San Pedro and the other to run beneath the channel in Long Beach harbor. West extension would necessitate construction of a bridge over Alamitos Bay entrance. It is expected that county and state aid could be secured to put this project over. Permission from the government would be necessary to build the bridge.

It is of interest to Keystoners that Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings have sold their property on Geneva street, Glendale and bought a home on Patterson avenue.

Burglars Busy in Harbor Area

Loot Wilmington Homes; Get Mattress in Harbor City

WILMINGTON.—Jewelry, watches, musical instruments and radio equipment valued at more than \$250 were taken by burglars last night from the home of Mrs. James Bonarth at 1242 Roman Avenue after they had thoroughly ransacked the place. When Mrs. Bonarth and children returned from a visit with the neighbors she found the front door open and all the contents of bureau drawers scattered about. She reported the matter to the police.

Investigation led to the discovery that the burglars had entered by means of a pass key secreted in a water heater on the front porch. Finger prints and other clues were left on which the officers are at work.

WILMINGTON.—The home of Hubert Nead, 1603 Gulf Avenue, was entered at 9:30 last evening by a bold burglar who made a getaway with about \$40 in money and a fur neck piece valued at about \$125. A good description of the man was secured by Mr. Carter, a neighbor, who saw the man fleeing from the place.

Entrance was made by breaking the glass in a rear door and turning the latch. Attempts to make a thorough house cleaning were foiled, according to indications. The man had set out the family clock, a violin and the family radio.

WILMINGTON.—Money, jewelry and valuable papers including a property deed, were stolen from the home of Claude Finicum, 1516 McDonald Avenue, last night while members of the family were away. A screen ripped off a side window showed how the burglars entered. When they left they used the front door which they left open. The loss is estimated at more than \$20.

HARBOR CITY.—Comfortable rest for the wicked was the object of bold burglars partial to mattresses when they entered the home of Mrs. C. B. Evinger, 2545 Jefferson street, Davidson City, early yesterday morning and made away with a full-size mattress from Mrs. Evinger's bed. The visitors used a pass key for the front door.

The mattress is described as full size silk floss in mixed colors. Mrs. Evinger places its value at \$10.

Deaf Man in Toils at Hermosa Beach

HERMOSA BEACH.—Chief of Police E. L. Messinger and Ser. Cassel and Officer Funk rounded up a deaf mute Monday night that had been "loitering girls on the pier between five and six o'clock in the evening, later trying to force his way into the library, and one or more private Hermosa Beach homes.

He was detected trying to crawl into a window on the south side of the library on the pier and jumped over the railing to the sands below where his tracks were plainly seen. When arrested the mute had a carpenter's chisel which he is supposed to have used in forcing windows open, which he had thrown away as the officers approached him, and also a flashlight.

People of Inglewood Heights Favor Drilling Lots for Oil

INGLEWOOD.—More than 300 people crowded into the Centinela Athletic club to give a practically unanimous rising vote in favor of opening up the Fairview Heights district for oil drilling, providing the oil rights can be secured from the Los Angeles Investment company. According to the report of the committee which interviewed President Harrison of that company, those in favor of oil drilling are up against the problem of securing a 100 per cent petition before the company will listen to their pleas, however. Their only other recourse, it was pointed out, and several property owners of the district indicated that they would confer with their lawyers immediately to determine what steps they might take.

According to the committee's report, President Harrison declared that without the 100 per cent petition the company could do nothing and then it could not give away its oil rights. He intimated, however, it was said, that for a consideration the rights might be released. The president pointed out that the oil rights held by his company are not restrictions, but reservations.

President Harrison also discouraged oil operations in the district by pointing out that the Standard Oil company already has drilled on a half million dollar lease north-west of Fairview Heights, and from six wells put down only a few barrels a day were secured.

Nevertheless, property owners remained firm in the belief that they live on another Signal Hill, and as they left the meeting place many were heard to say that they would fight the investment company for their rights.

Indignation against the company was expressed for what many of the property owners consider was "put over" on them when the company which sold them the land did not give them the oil rights in their deeds, it was said.

Individual Action Looms A. G. Sylvester, president of the Inglewood Heights Development club, which sponsored the meeting last night, introduced the various speakers and presided over the meeting.

It was he who called for a rising vote to determine the sentiment of the people in regard to drilling for oil. After a unanimous vote in favor of drilling had been given, Sylvester pointed out that all legal action would have to be in the hands of individuals, since the Inglewood Heights Development club cannot sponsor oil promotions.

W. G. Hart, chairman of the committee appointed to confer with President Harrison, spoke on the other side of the question, the amount of money invested in the district in streets, schools and other improvements, which must be balanced against the possible chance of striking oil. He pointed out that Fairview Heights has \$250,000 worth of sewers, \$250,000 worth of streets and a \$200,000 school, a large investment to jeopardize.

With the loss of all this and the loss of property valuations and population the rest of Inglewood would also suffer a loss, he pointed out. He questioned that there would be enough oil to pay for the property destruction.

Blame Property Owners R. F. Champman, a member of the committee, pointed out to the gathering that drilling in Fairview Heights would hurt the rest of In-

Deininger Presides as Bankers Meet

COMPTON.—Members of the Valley Bankers' association, representing half a dozen nearby towns, met at the offices of the Compton National bank and heard a talk on bond investments given by Mark Davis of the Banks-Huntley company, of Los Angeles. Sixteen were present at the gathering.

Members of the association belong to independent banks at Compton, Gardena, Torrance, Moneta, and Lameta.

R. J. Deininger Here The meeting was presided over by R. J. Deininger of Torrance and Howard Hutten of Moneta, acted as secretary. Representatives from the Compton branch of the Bank of Italy and from the First National bank of Hynes and of the First National at Bellflower were present as guests of the organization.

Mr. Davis, the speaker of the evening, devoted his time to explaining recent bond issues as investments. He also went over the conditions of the bond market and took up several technical points.

Will Drill for Oil in West Compton

COMPTON.—Believing that a tremendous oil field exists within the west part of the city of Compton and the territory lying within a mile or more to the west, a company has been formed here to develop the field, according to D. W. Johnson, local real estate man. Actual drilling on a site within half a mile of this side of Central avenue, will start within the next, sixty days.

Hawthorne Again Is Facing Recalls

HAWTHORNE.—Petitions for the recall of three Hawthorne councilmen were placed in circulation yesterday as a result of the recent decision of the Hawthorne Taxpayers' Protective association.

The petitions ask for the recall of Councilmen Ramage, Fraser and Breen.



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Cartoon titled "THAT LITTLE GAME" - TOO MANY PASTEBOARDS. Shows a group of men playing cards with humorous dialogue: "WAIT, DEALER, WAIT! I CAUGHT AN ELEVEN OF HEARTS. NOTS WRONG?" "PROBABLY IN BY MISTAKE, DRAW ANOTHER ONE! GIMME THREE, DEALER." "HOLD ON, HOLD ON, SUMPIN' IS WRONG. I FILLED MY FOUR FLUSH WITH AN ELEVEN OF SPADES." "HO-HO! THATS MY '500' DECK! WE FORGOT TO TAKE OUT THE 'LEVENS AN' TWELVES" "AND ME WITH A PAT 'QUEEN FULL'." "YOU DUGHNT BE SHOG FOR 'HARBORIN' A DECK LIKE THAT." "YEAH! HERE THEY ARE, TWELVE SPOTS AND THE JOKER HO-HO" "TOSS 'EM OVER, BOYS"

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