

Doheny Stone "Hydril" Press

By "WE"

On various occasions we have been asked for information concerning the plant by many of our employees. For that reason we are giving space in this column to certain facts which may prove of interest to those employed here and to others in the community. We will begin with the location and the general construction.

It may seem that we should be part of Lomita since we are situated just one mile west of the heart of that city. Such is not the case since the plant is located on a strip of ground coming under the jurisdiction of the city of Torrance. This strip of ground runs west to the ocean and separates Redondo Beach from Palos Verdes. We occupy a site of forty-one acres of practically level land which has a frontage of 1240 feet on the south side of the old Wilmington-Salt Works road now known as Weston street. The property runs back a depth of 1400 odd feet toward the low lying Palos Verdes hills. We note that this adobe soil seems admirably adapted to the raising of alfalfa since six fine crops are cut each year whereas the usual amount is three crops. The first unit has been built but ample space has been provided for three more.

The office building, a two story brick and frame structure, 53x125 feet, fronts on the Weston road. Adjacent to and directly south of this structure is the main shop building which is 130 feet wide and 360 feet deep. This dimension permits of three 60 foot bays within the building which allows for unobstructed center aisle space as well as ample space for the machines. This building is of steel construction, all fire proof, and the walls and roof are covered with galvanized corrugated Alcoa iron fastened to the girts and spurlins with galvanized straw nails to resist any possible corrosive action of the air due to the proximity of the ocean. The saw tooth type of roof is used on this building in order to obtain abundant natural light, free from glare and con- flicting shadows. Very little shade wall mesh is used except in the north wall, this being done to make it more effective in keeping out the glare and eliminating conflicting shadows. Standard ventilated monitor steel sash, mechanically operated, is used.

There are three electrically operated cranes, one a ten ton transfer crane for outdoor cranes; one a five ton double girder crane with cab in center of crane at east bay for machine shop use; one ten ton double girder crane with cab at side for the west bay which crane is used for the handling of drilling rigs, assembly work, etc. Addition- ally, facilities are provided by the cranes attached to columns at advantageous points. There is an outside crane way 60 feet wide which runs along east side of building. On account of the adobe character of the soil, particular attention has been paid to obtaining a substantial concrete floor and paving.

Adjacent to and northeast of the shop building is a one story brick building devoted entirely to a change room. This building contains individual steel lockers for each shop employee. There are individual showers with hot and cold water as well as all other modern conveniences which are necessary in such a building.

If it is so desired, we will continue further descriptions of the plant and surroundings taking in the machine equipment, heating system, water supply and other items of general interest. This can be done in future issues.

How many of you are aware that we have one of the best diamond drill settlers on the coast employed here at our plant? Hans Hansen has been in the employ of Mr. Stone on and off for over fourteen years. He was explaining the fine points of the game yesterday and showed us a two inch core bit set with black Brazilian diamonds such as are used in the fields at Johannesburg, Africa for exploration work. Hans worked there for several years. The diamonds in such a bit value between three and four thousand dollars. In 1907, Hans says that he was drilling a hole 700 feet in depth with such a bit on exploration work while at that time in the states very few holes went deeper than three thousand feet. The formation drilled through is usually of much harder substance than found here or in Mexico or Canada. He has had experience in all those fields. Not so long ago he set a 6 3/4 inch core bit with 75 carats of brilliant which are the type of diamonds used in oil well drilling. In setting the diamonds in the bits it is necessary first to drill a small hole and line it with copper in which the diamond rests. The diamond is then caulked into place and only a small part of it is exposed for drilling surface. However, for oil well drilling in present day usage the bits have the stone on them which is our own process and is not as expensive.

Jean Tytus and Eddie Morford are running neck and neck on the weighing device. Eddie scales 169 while Jean balances at 167. Eddie will have to lay off the Mail Pouch or else Jean will have him bested.

Buck McHale was caught going out of the plant the other evening with company property. It seems that he had picked up a sixty penny spike in his rear tire and it required the eagle eye of the gate- man to detect it. Buck had driven out in the field and the spike had entered the tire on an angle. Looks like he will have to spend a few

pickels and get another. Some of the girls had another shindig the other evening. Hazel Lewis, Vera Doty, Martha Arbuckle and Vega Harper went swimming at Long Beach and after the swim they hurried to Vera's home where they had lunch and played bridge. One of the girls tells us that Vega is a voracious mernard in the water and can compare favorably with some of our leading aquatic stars. Guess we will have to get the boy friend and attend one of these soirees incognito and see if she speaks the truth.

Everyone seems to have gone bowling craz-z-z-y lately. Even the night shift has offered to take all corners at a contest which could be rolled on Sunday morning. There probably won't be any takers since we all love our sleep too much on that day. At Redondo the bronze bowling ball trophy was captured by Mickey, the father of bowling for that alley. The face of the trophy carries the inscription "The Natmore Champ" M. P. Haefel, Ham and Egg League, October 24, 1929, while the opposite side has a clever inscription depicting hearts and flowers. The ball was decorated with baby ribbon which leads us to believe that he must be a ladies' man. The scores for that evening's play were: Repair Team 1814 and the Parrot Ladies 1830. The Tool Room 1999 (sounds like a locomotive number) and the Maintenance 1438.

At Compton, the Hydril League is going great guns. Plenty of low scores and very few high ones. Looks like the folks need practice. The Pirates beat the Heat 2140 to 1851; the Stores defeated the Engineers 1901 to 1771; the Assembly outnumbered the Outlaws 2207 to 2102 and the Ladies' Team went 1506 to 1269. We would like to mention the fact that Mrs. Price had high game with 140 while Mrs. Tytus took high series with 368. The Ladies' Team are also bowling for a trophy which will be presented later on in the season.

On Saturday evening, October 26th, Miss Helen Powers and John Powers entertained thirty-five guests at a Halloween party at their Torrance home. It was a costume party and we understand that Johnny Powers appeared dressed as a ballet dancer. Naturally there was dancing and fun galore. Refreshments were served later on in the evening.

The Inglewood basketball team failed to show as a team of Torrance players acted in their stead. There was a lot of clowning done during the game and Pinkie Snyder kept the audience laughing by his method of tackling the opposing players. It is hoped that the Inglewood team will be on deck to start play at 8:00 p. m. on Friday evening, November 1 at the Torrance gymnasium. The admission is free.

R. R. Roby drove to Palo Alto to see Stanford, his alma mater, go down in defeat. When he returned to work his eyes were filled with tears which can be attributed either to a severe cold in the head or to the fact that he is still pinning over the defeat. You can choose your own version.

Did you ever hear this line "Tomatoes are cold and chole- less. Yet they always have a good word for everyone under them."

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Tanner and family of Hollywood were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Park street Wednesday.

Mrs. R. B. Sage and Mrs. H. D. Kelley of Madison street visited Mrs. Thomas Hay of San Pedro Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thurman of Ward street visited at the home of Mr. Thurman's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Matherson of Hollywood.

Mrs. Frank Malloy of Hawthorne boulevard suffered a badly bruised hand Wednesday when it was caught in the door of an automobile.

Mrs. Ray Sullivan of Ward street entertained the Walteria primary class at her home recently. The pupils were Margy and Dorothy Crowe, Shirley Dean Crowthers, Joyce McKinley, Florence Bryan, Florence Conzel, Lillian and Clara Blingham, Joan Jane and Marguerite Smith, Bettie Young, Dorothy Hamilton and Bettie Sullivan.

Mrs. Jack Ramsey and her mother, Mrs. J. F. Burke of Hawthorne celebrated their birthdays Monday evening at the former's home on North Park street. The only guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burke and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey and son Raymond.

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