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NEW EXTENSION OF TORRANCE OIL FIELD LOOMS

Water Valves Being Stolen from Parks

What appears to be a systematic series of thefts of water valves from the city parks is being investigated by local police. William Gascoigne, street and park superintendent, reported Friday that the valves, whose value was not given, have been taken from El Prado park, Columbia park and the city park on Arlington avenue.

FALL VICTIM IMPROVES

Little Eiko Yamaguchi, three years old, who suffered a fractured skull and concussion when she fell from her father's car in Lomita Feb. 24, is making a good recovery at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Planners Seek Co. Consultant

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quired to perfect a zoning ordinance, which would mean a cost of $250 in contrast with the $3,000 fee asked by private planning experts. However, it is necessary for the city, under the contract to pay for field workers, draftsmen and others needed to prepare the zoning map.

City Councilman Tom McGuire presided as chairman of the meeting Tuesday, which was attended by the following members of the city planning board: Scott R. Ludlow, R. J. Deininger, W. A. Felker, Charles A. Curtiss, Acting City Engineer Leonard Young, and City Attorney John McCall. Members not present were John Salm and J. W. Crowthers.

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Cities Unite to Push Western Extension

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meant to "get busy" right away, the committee met immediately following the general meeting and elected O. R. C. Grow of San Pedro, chairman; E. D. Seward, San Pedro Chamber of Commerce secretary, as secretary of the committee.

Other on the committee include: From San Pedro: C. H. Foote and E. H. Lamb; from Torrance: B. C. Buxton, J. C. Smith and a third member yet to be named; from East Torrance or L. A. Shoestring Strip: Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, R. R. Perry and J. T. Weigand; from Harbor City: A. Ducharme, C. Price and C. F. King; from Lomita: E. M. Mosher, John Holm and Joe Burkhard; from Rolling Hills: A. E. Hanson. Other members will be named from Gardena, Moneta and the George Washington Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles.

Expects Progress Reports

Chairman Ray O. Baldwin emphasized that the Western avenue committee had full power to act but that he expected it to report progress to him at regular intervals.

Baldwin is also chairman of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, but he made it clear that he was not acting for the planning commission in the Western avenue project.

In his talk before the gathering, Supervisor Hauge also referred to his interest in extending Elena avenue and Crenshaw boulevard thru Torrance and he indicated that funds would be made available for these when they were ready to improve.

M.W.D. Group to Meet March 15

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Steel; N. E. Dawson, Soule Steel; R. H. Newell, Rubbercraft; George L. Weiss, Santa Fe; Fred Isaacs, General Petroleum; Mrs. Flora McDonald, National Business and Professional Women; Grover C. Whyte, The Herald; L. J. Gilmeister, Chamber of Commerce; C. T. Rippy, city's M.W.D. director; City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, Mayor William H. Tobson, City Councilmen James Hitchcock, Tom McGuire, John V. Murray and George V. Powell and Leonard Young, acting city engineer.

SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

HITS & MISSES

Only six months after 36 out of the 48 states had kicked over the apple cart, ratified the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment way back in December, 1933, John Butta scraped together a few bottles of beer, a fifth of gin and a demijohn of whiskey and opened the Village Winery & Liquor Store at the corner of Carson and Cabrillo. That was in June 1934. His was the first establishment of its kind in Torrance since the U. S. Secretary of State, on January 16, 1920, declared it unlawful "to engage in the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors."

Since that time John Butta has done well, opened stores in San Pedro, Lomita, Wilmington, Long Beach and Manhattan, now operates only those in Lomita, Manhattan and Torrance. Only recently John plunked down some cash, bought the entire building at Carson & Cabrillo; last week he plunked down some more, painted, cleaned and renovated his Village Winery. Spick & span, John hopes the renovation will help business, offers some hot Remodeling Specials as well as a large stock of all kinds of Giggle Water.

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Doc Mitts, manly muscle manipulator, likes the definition given members of his profession, i.e. and to wit: A chiropractor is a man who works his fingers to your bones.

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Coming to Torrance this week with better than five years experience in the trinket trade, young, quiet, Charlie Elen (rhymes with nine) took off his coat & hat, sat down in the back room of Alden Smith's Jewelry Emporium, went to work mending jewelry, fixing clocks, polishing silver. Employed to assist Richard "Mainspring" Brunswick, Charlie will take care of odd jobs, take the heat off Richard, make himself generally useful. Charlie is a watchmaker himself, is unmarried, went to Compton J. C., only recently graduated with top honors from a Los Angeles School of Horology (science of watchmaking, to you! Shop Talk didn't know either.) Charlie will prove a big help to both Alden and Richard, take some of the load off their shoulders.

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The Eighth Anniversary last week of Alcorn's Drug, on Torrance Blvd., saw prop. Harry Alcorn, usually so affable & good natured, sick a-bed. Starting several months ago when he alone attempted to lift a monstrous show case, Harry has been ailing ever since. Shop Talk wishes him a speedy recovery.

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Boasting a name that is sorely needed in these disquieting times is Joe Faith (who has **NO** sisters named Hope & Charity). Joe only this week took over active management of Kenny Ruffell's Carson St. Shoe Repair Shop, will operate it on a "Share the Wealth" plan. Nebraska born and raised, Joe Faith has been in Torrance but a year and a half, but has saved soles since he... in his own words... "was knee high to a Nebraska grasshopper." As a get-together-and-let's-become-friends special Joe, this week-end, is offering half soles as low as 59c. Kenny, too, on Sartori Ave. is making the same offer.

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Stretched out in bed to his full six feet plus, and propped up with pillows is T. (for Tom) S. Lovelady, genial owner-operator of the Torrance Feed Store. Tom, feeling sprightly as a spring chick this week, grabbed a sack of feed, hoisted it to his shoulder, started out to the street. On the sidewalk Tom stepped on a small rock, twisted his ankle, fell kerplunk. Now he's in bed with a swollen joint while his oldest son is doing a bang-up job of running the store. (Shop Talk must get a son who can write this blasted thing if & when Shop Talk ever twists a brain cell!)

Area Around 241st and Walnut Due for Extensive Exploration

Many oil operators who have held up work on new projects pending the outcome of Ray Wilson's No. 3 at 241st and Walnut, are now expected to go ahead with their plans as result of the showing of oil sand at the Wilson well at 4,976 feet.

The Wilson hole is reported to have encountered oil sand somewhat higher on the structure than other wells in the Eshelman area. Near the southwest corner of 242nd and Walnut, R. M. Harris has staked location for a well.

Saxon Petroleum has started foundations for a well northwest of 242nd and Eshelman.

Three more new operators have entered the Eshelman "hot spot." Lone Star Drilling has spudded a well at 238th and Eshelman; C. W. Hammack and associates have staked location southwest of 237th and Eshelman and Main Oil will start a test at 240th and Eshelman.

Drilling activity, held up on several proposed projects until several key extension wells were completed, is expected to resume rush proportions next week. In the northern part of the field Campeet Oil's Kleinmyer No. 17A is being watched with interest.

Cuba Oil is preparing to complete its No. 2 well from 5,100 feet on 237th between Eshelman and Walnut, offsetting J. E. Pettijohn's Adele No. 1 completion. Century Oil has spudded in its H. F. Smith No. 1.

FIGHTS CLOSURE . . . Robert Stewart Odell, president of the Pacific States Savings and Loan company, which was temporarily closed and taken over by the California building and loan commission. Stewart, who in five years rose to the head of the $50,000,000 firm from a hotel clerk, charged in San Francisco the closure was a "political confiscation."

Uncle of Local Woman Succumbs

Charles T. Prewett, 75, uncle of the Misses Hattie Prewett and Bivin Mills Prewett of this city, died at his home in Fort Worth, Texas, last Friday night. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon and burial was in Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Prewett was also survived by a daughter-in-law, three nephews, and three other nieces.

GAUCHOS BEING "SHOT"

Pictures are being taken at Narbonne high school now for publication in the school's annual which will have a "ship" theme this year.

Federal Worker Buys Home Here

After renting a house in Torrance for a year, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chambers found the house they wanted at 1423 Amapola avenue, which they bought thru the office of B. C. Buxton, 1960 Torrance boulevard. Chambers is with the Customs Office in San Pedro.

PORT MAN ACCUSED

Asserted erratic driving on Highway 101 near Pennsylvania avenue Sunday night resulted in placing of drunk driving charges against Leo Osborne of Wilmington street by California Highway Patrol officers.