

# OILS STRUCK

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Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Bring In Giant Gusher No. 1 Just West of Torrance  
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## PAY BIG DIVIDENDS

A short time ago a mayor of one of our Western cities said:  
"All that is necessary for our welfare and prosperity is co-operation. The time has come when all good people should come together for the common good."

Applying these two thoughts together and paraphrasing them to apply to our Chamber of Commerce would it be responsible more than any other one thing for its success. It is the co-operation of each individual supporter that counts. All the organizations in the world would be out of existence in a week if it were not for the co-operation of its members. This spirit of co-operation is so manifest in this city that it has and is attracting the attention of the outside world and is being held up and pointed to as an example of what can be accomplished when a group of people get together and think along constructive lines for the good of all.

It is the duty and privilege of every member of this organization to tell the good that is being accomplished by it and to enlist the support of every one who is not now a supporter to the end that this will be a 100% Chamber of Commerce city.

Don't take time to think of an excuse for not working, but rather take the time to plan ways and means for helping the organization grow physically and financially to the end that our city will grow and attract population and capital for investment and when this is brought about we will all profit thereby.

The Chamber of Commerce is the one organization that can do for you what you would like to do, but can't, as an individual. And every constituent member of the organization is just as vitally interested in its successful operations as every other member, so let us think, talk, and act, and at all times co-operate.

## LET'S OWN OUR WATER SYSTEM

The rates which have just gone into effect for the supplying of water by the Torrance Power, Water & Light Company has aroused considerable complaint from the users and a number of them who are members of the Chamber of Commerce have asked this organization through its Board of Directors to endeavor to get the city trustees to acquire the system and make it a municipal plant.

This matter was acted on at the Board of Directors meeting this week and unanimously endorsed by them and presented to the city trustees at their meeting, where it was received with a great deal of pleasure and referred to the proper committee.

It seems to us that if the Board of Trustees recommended the purchase by the city of the water system that every voter in the city should vote for it because it has been proven in innumerable cases and wherever tried to be highly successful from the financial and operating standpoint.

## A FINE IDEA

Several business men have advanced the idea that the best possible way to advertise Torrance at small cost is for everyone to subscribe for the Torrance Herald and then subscribe again and send the second one to a friend who lives elsewhere. Fine! This would materially increase our circulation but from an advertising talking point, would not necessarily be an asset to us, for advertisers want local circulation and do not particularly care for a big foreign subscription list. We are all proud of the home newspaper, and while on that subject, just compare the "Herald" with other newspapers printed in towns the size of Torrance. Well, you do not often see twelve pages a week full of live news—not even in the Redondo Beach papers, or at Gardena—both towns being much larger than Torrance. The "Herald" is better printed. It's bigger, better, and you won't hesitate to send it away to a friend or prospective settler.

Two business men have stated their willingness to subscribe for ten yearly subscriptions each to send away to their friends, believing that in this way they are doing something for their home town that will represent many, many dollars in return. This same idea was carried out at another town nearby a year ago when 300 year subscriptions were taken. These were sent everywhere throughout the United States and Canada to free reading rooms, libraries and cham-

# Torrance Herald



NINTH YEAR

Friday Morning, June 9, 1922

NO. 23

## School Bond Vote Unanimous

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Board of Education to Purchase Torrance Acreage Is Report  
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**TORRANCE VOTES "YES."**  
The school bonds went over the top here without a dissenting vote. A city with this class of people is safe.  
**THE VOTE**  
L. A. High District.....YES 152  
(4 ballots spoiled)  
L. A. School Dist.....YES 150  
(6 ballots spoiled)  
The same number of ballots were cast last year, and the vote for the bonds was unanimous.

The following letter was received  
Mr. J. M. Fitzhugh,  
Mr. P. J. Briney,  
Torrance, California.

Gentlemen:—Referring to the purchase of land as an addition to the Torrance School site:

Please be advised that, at a meeting on May 25, the Board of Education adopted the following recommendation of the Building Committee, to-wit:

"We recommend that the Board offer to purchase the above-mentioned land (Blocks 47 and 48, Torrance Tract, as per map recorded in Book 22, Pages 94 and 95 of Maps, Records, of Los Angeles County, California), for the sum of \$27,000.00; provided, that a good and sufficient deed and a new unlimited guarantee of title from a title company satisfactory to the Board of Education are furnished showing title to said property in "Los Angeles City High School District of Los Angeles County," free and clear of all incumbrances except the taxes for the fiscal year 1922-23; it being understood that the conveyance shall be made with the understanding that the property may be used for public school purposes, and that any and all restrictions relating to the title of said lands which may in any way operate to restrict said use, shall be waived by the grantor.

"We further recommend that the Dominguez Land Corporation be informed that the Board desires to purchase the above site for the purpose of erecting a school building thereon, and that, in case the bond elections are carried on June 6, 1922, and money from the sale of said bonds deposited into the county treasury, it is the intention of the Board to erect a school building on said site to meet the needs of that section, and that the Board estimates at this time that such a building will cost approximately \$150,000.00."

Very truly yours,  
WM. A. SHELDON,  
Secretary, Board of Education.

## George Arliss In "The Ruling Passion"

George Arliss, in "The Ruling Passion" is coming to the Torrance Theatre Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23. This is one of the season's great productions and Torrance folks are fortunate to have the picture here at home.

From Earl Derr Biggers' story in "The Saturday Evening Post," Scenario by Forrest Halsey—directed by Harmon Weight, shows that there is something strange about everybody—yourself, your wife, your neighbor—every person has some ruling force, some hobby. The incomparable Geo. Arliss, greatest character actor of the day, in a rollicking comedy drama, pictures his version of a power that rules all men.

It is "A Distinctive Production."  
Don't miss this one.

bers of commerce. Soon after prospective settlers and other interested parties began to arrive with copies of that paper in their pocket. Some came from Illinois, Iowa, New York, and Canada. The returns were even larger than expected. It worked. By getting the paper every week is what counts. They begin to claim Torrance as their home—long before they have even seen this city.

## Council Transacts Much Important Business

Someone remarked that we need a city hall and they said a mouth full. There was scarce room to get a good draw on your cigar down there Tuesday night. If you don't think things are being accomplished by the city Dads, just drop in any Tuesday night and see them in action.

Bids were opened and figured on the street paving job and tentatively awarded to the Los Angeles Paving Co. for \$85,336, this figure saving the city \$5,941.16 over previous bids. Proving again the wisdom of the city council in re-advertising for bids on this improvement.

Formal or legal awarding of the work will take place at a special session of the council Friday evening and as the money is now available it is expected that work will be commenced within two weeks. Mr. Zerdin of the Paving Co. stated that they would begin work immediately. A letter was read from Secretary Sheldon of the Board of Education promising definite action in securing for Torrance an up-to-date High School. President Gourdir, of the Chamber of Commerce, urged the council to get in touch with the Board of Education and co-operate by all possible means in the construction of a modern up-to-date play ground for the children. The council gave hearty approval of this worthy enterprise and promised all aid possible.

It was decided to burn street lights all night as the all-night rate is very little more than the midnight rate. May bills against the city were ordered paid.

Careless burning of rubbish, especially leaving it without supervision, was up for discussion and is apt to end disastrously for offenders, watch your step. It is possible that the council will call for a clean up week and designate a couple of evenings when everyone in town will be expected to turn out and help clean and burn off all vacant lots, thus permanently doing away with the fire menace.

Dick Smith blew in along about 9:00 o'clock and announced that the big Torrance oil well was flowing around 4000 barrels. This injection of oil into the meeting caused the machinery to operate very smoothly until about midnight.

## PLAYGROUND PROJECT PROGRESSING

The work of grading the playgrounds is well under way. A tractor has been at work and considerable volunteer work has been done. If you were ever a kid get in on this. President Gourdir of the Chamber of Commerce and Prof. Barnett are in active charge of the work and are open for suggestions and all the aid the people of Torrance are willing to offer. Nearly \$300 has been raised by popular subscription and you are invited to call at the bank and add to this fund if you feel like giving the kids a boost. It is the intention to have the place in operation by the time vacation days arrive in order that the children may have a place to exercise and enjoy themselves without being on the street and running the risk of being injured in the traffic.

The city dads have gone on record as being willing to aid in providing a care taker just as soon as finances will permit, in the meantime it is thought that some temporary

## MACHINE THROUGH WINDOW

Leaving an automobile, reported to have belonged to Jack Cochran, Torrance, parked in front of the El Prado Apartments with the engine idling, was the cause of the machine suddenly becoming unruly last Saturday night, when it started to back across the street, gaining in speed until it plunged into the doors and windows of the Paige Grocery. The sudden impact caused a terrific crash and people were aroused from their slumbers by the noise. Chief Anderson was on the job in two minutes and made arrangements to have the glass replaced and other damages paid.

## M. W. A. Initiates Big Class Last Night

The Zone Adoption Ceremony of the Modern Woodmen of America was held in Torrance at the American Legion Hall Wednesday night. A class of forty-seven candidates were initiated into Torrance Camp No. 16868, the officers and team of San Pedro Camp being in charge of the ceremony. The Woodmen "goat" was especially groomed for the occasion and several of our local young men will attest to the fact that "it was some goat." Torrance Camp now has a membership of over one hundred and will immediately form a team of Foresters. State Deputy Ben L. Goodheart, of Hollywood; District Deputy A. P. Martin of Pasadena, Col. Joe McCahill, of the First Regiment of Foresters of Foresters, the Belle flower Camp Officers, B. O. Best and several other members of Long Beach Camp were in attendance.

Another large class will be adopted next Wednesday night in Golden State Hall, No. 835 So. Figueroa, Los Angeles, in honor of Head Consul Talbot, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who will be present. Torrance Camp has been invited to visit San Pedro Camp in San Pedro on the night of July 26.

Special praise is due Harry F. Gadeky of San Pedro, special deputy Head Consul Modern Woodmen of America, who with the assistance of Mr. Von Hagen has done splendid work in Torrance in arousing interest in the membership drive. Mr. Gadeky is whole-souled in his efforts to interest young men in securing insurance and his wonderful success may be traced to his honesty of purpose, his winning personality and persistence.

arrangement can be made. The board of education has indicated a willingness to meet us more than half way and we are now assured of not only an up to date play ground, but also a tennis court, ball diamond and all round athletic field where the grownups can extend themselves occasionally.

This is a cooperative project and all are invited to see either of the above gentlemen and make a date to aid with the work. Many hands make the task light. The Legion and the Boy Scouts are already on the job and everyone in town should be.

## I Am "Spooky" "Three Live Ghosts"

I Am "Spooky" one of the "Three Live Ghosts," is coming to the Torrance Theatre Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16. If you believe in Ghosts, see this picture. If you don't believe in ghosts—see it any way and get a thrill.

## 4,000 BARREL WELL STRUCK

Proves Our Oft-Repeated Claim That Valley Is Underlaid With Oil, and Factories May Yet Be Pumping Oil From Own Back Yards

The Torrance Oil Fields Are No Longer an Uncertainty. It Is Proven Territory. Wednesday Evening the Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Co, brought in the Del Amo Well No. 1, just a little ways west of the City Limits of Torrance on the Old Del Amo Ranch. The well came in at the rate of 2,500 barrells, jumped to 4,000 barrells, and then was throttled down to 1,000 barrells, at which pressure it is still flowing

When word came Wednesday evening that the Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Co. had safely brought the Del Amo Well No. 1 safely in, excitement on the streets was at fever heat and all kinds of rumors were heard, but even the most enthusiastic have not exaggerated the truth.

Oil men from all sections of the country jumped into their machines and "burnt up the road" in their mad rush to see the new well which has proven beyond doubt that this section will produce the finest grade of oil in unlimited quantities.

This is just the news that epeople have been so patiently waiting for and everyone is up on their toes in anticipation of what may happen any moment on Standard Well No. 1. This well is on the thirty acres of the Torrance Holding Company, a syndicate owned and controlled by thirty local men. Indications are so favorable at this well that it is thought the time for bringing the well in cannot be delayed more than ten days or two weeks hence. Just as soon as the cement is sufficiently set to permit drilling—then the big doins' will happen.

Work has been in progress on the Del Amo Well No. 1 for over a year. The first well proved to be a gusher, but after spurting over the top of the derirck, sanded up, and the hole was lost. A second drilling was begun at once, several feet away from the first hole, with the results as stated above.

Soon after the first attempt had proved the field, the company immediately leased 1021 acres from the Dominguez Land Corporation within the city limits, for a period of twenty years.