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5 ACRES East of Del Amo Well No. 1 SOLD FOR \$35,000  
Is Reported To Have Been

# Torrance Herald

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## Community Boosting For Civic Center Here

### STANDARD WELL NEARS GUSHER STAGE

#### Thirty Enthusiastic and Expectant Men Wait Glad News

If the progress made in the past two weeks is any criterion for speed in operations within the next ten days, the Standard Well No. 1, on the thirty acres of the Torrance Holding Company, in the City of Torrance, will be brought in before July 4. Those interested are very enthusiastic over the showing, and it is thought that by tonight drilling will have been completed, the required depth being reached at that time. Every precaution has been taken to bring the well in safely and without mishap, and indications about the well yesterday were most encouraging for a flowing well.

At the Del Amo Well No. 1, on the Del Amo ranch, the steady flow of high grade oil continues.

Yesterday marked the beginning of the fourth week since this gusher came in.

Two wells in the vicinity of Standard No. 1 have recently been started by the Chancellor-Canfield-Midway Oil Co., and each is situated directly across the road from the Standard unit. Farther west there are several more derricks being erected at this time and lumber on the ground sufficient to build twenty-five more.

It is understood that drilling will be started in the Vista Highlands soon and that the Standard will start operations east of Torrance within the month.

In the meantime leasing and lease buying continues good and several resales of acres have been reported this week at fabulous prices compared with the terms of last year.

### Called Home By Father's Death

R. J. Deininger of the Dominguez Land Company, left hurriedly for his old home in Owatoma, Minnesota, after receiving a message of the death of his father.

### Sunday School In Keystone

"Keystone" folk have arranged for an afternoon Sunday school class at the home of Mr. Persons at 3:00 o'clock. The classes are non-denominational and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

#### MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the committee from the various Industrial Plants in regard to the new Athletic Club which was scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 28, has been postponed until sometime next week.

#### VACATION

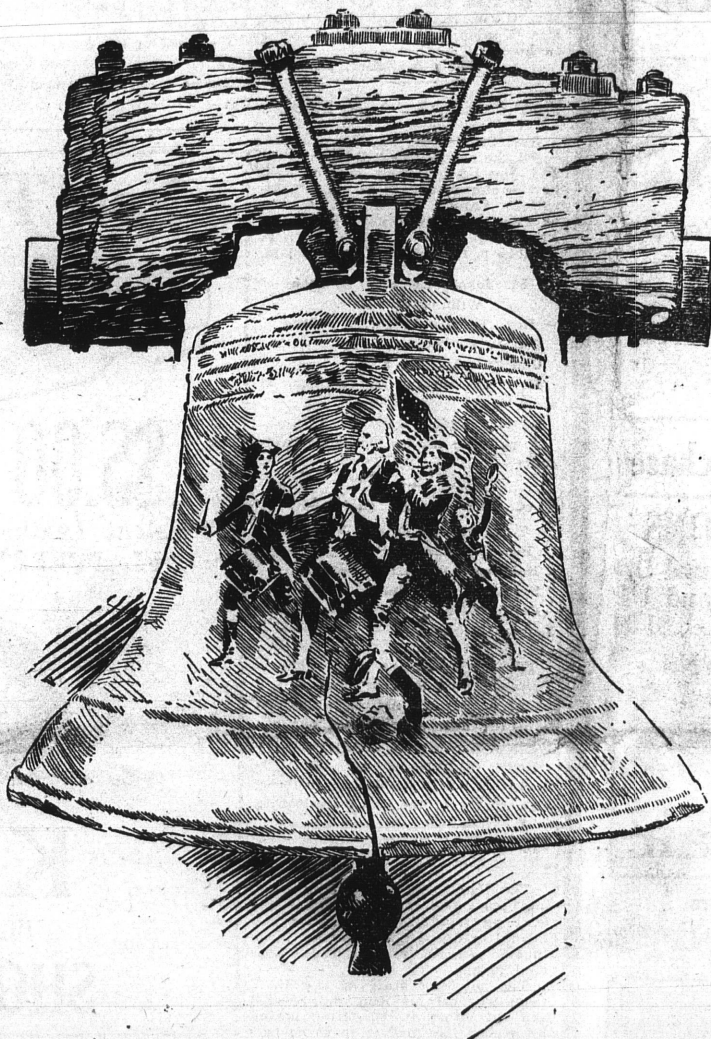
The Rev. Stanley H. Thorpe, pastor of the First Baptist church has been in Los Angeles all this week at the World's Conference on Christian Fundamentals. They will spend the next three weeks at Lake Elsinore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brown in Los Angeles.



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### PROF. BARNETT PRAISES CIVIC PRIDE

#### Local Organization Has Done Splendid Work In Past

(By Prof. Barnett)

Sometimes the question arises as to what constitutes the most important thing or things in the history of a place or an institution. Often people in close touch with the passing events disagree upon issues that have really played the most important role in obtaining the desired end.

In discussing the progress of the Torrance High School all agree to one thing that has given the school the impetus and the assistance in placing the school on a definite policy, laying the future foundation of progress and raising the school to a higher standard of efficiency, and that is the proper functioning of Torrance's Chamber of Commerce.

What has the Chamber of Commerce done?

The educational committee met the representatives of the superintendent's office and the board at the McKinley Inn some weeks ago and presented the needs of the community to them. The Board at that time defined its policy with the result that Torrance went over the top at the bond election with 100 per cent vote.

They were also convinced by the chamber of commerce that at least over \$50,000 more would be needed for the new high school than had been previously set aside.

In the lexicon of the Chamber of Commerce there is no such word as procrastination. By their influence the Board was induced to close the contract at once for the seventeen acres of land for the new high school. On Wednesday, June 7, the financial committee of the Board set aside the cash price of the land to be paid over to the Dominguez Land Corporation upon delivery to the Board of Education of a deed.

Two problems are now being worked out by the Chamber of

Commerce. When favorable action is taken upon these issues we who are directly interested in the carrying out of the details of the educational problems of the school will have had all barriers removed that have hampered us so much in bringing the school to an accredited basis.

We heartily commend the Chamber of Commerce, "Thank You."

### Women's Club Yearly Report

The following is the report of Mrs. Chas. Stock, retiring president of the Womens Club, given at the meeting Monday afternoon, June 19, at the Torrance Theatre:

To My Fellow Officers and Friends of the Torrance Womens Club:

This being the last meeting of our club year and the last in which I shall preside as your chairman, I would like to say a few words of thanks and appreciation upon the able support you have given me during the past year.

Coming to you a perfect stranger I feel that you have been more than kind to me, and I hold in my heart the kindest of feelings and love for the ladies of Torrance.

Our progress during the year in establishing a Womens Club in Torrance has been marked by the greatest success.

This success is not due to your president who has been but a meager implement in the upbuilding of the club, but to the capable staff of officers on the advisory board and to the chairman of the different committees and to the members at large, are due the greatest honors.

Our officers have been very faithful in the performing of their duties, for which I wish to thank them sincerely. The vice-presidents for aiding me so splendidly when home duties kept me from attending club meetings, the secretary who at all times has been my right hand, the Federation secretary who has kept us in touch with the great body of fellow-workers, "The Federation." The treasurer who has so faithfully guarded our moneys; the press chairman who has worked so faithfully in placing us in the minds and hearts of the public.

Our program chairman has worked (Continued on Last Page)

### BAND MEN OF TOWN MEET; ORGANIZE

#### Musicians To Meet In City Hall Friday Night at 8

A Municipal Band for Torrance. Do we want one?—I say we do! and if Harry Paige has his way we will have one and that in the very near future too, in fact he is out looking for a place to hold rehearsals right now. What have you to offer in the way of a suitable room in which to hold these rehearsals?

All band men who want to get into this new band should see Mr. Paige at once, as he is anxious to get started. He already has a good lineup of musicians.

A good band will furnish entertainment for all of our citizens and will also be the best advertising feature Torrance can have. So

### LACK OF HOMES KEEPS AWAY FACTORIES

#### Members Local Chamber of Commerce Urged To Help

There is power in everything—the heat of the sun, the light of the stars, the flow of the tide, the kiss of the zephyr. The scientist tells us of the majestic force that rides in the harmonic vibrations. An army breaks step when it crosses a bridge. Were the hoofbeats of the soldiers in sustained unison the structure would be dashed from its moorings. It has been found that the walls of Jericho were blown down when all the priests blew their trumpets in the same key. When roaring guns strike a chord the concussion jars the gates of the besieged city. It may yet be possible to harness the power generated by Sousa's band and cause it to run a rolling mill. The day may come when the nation's jazz will grind the nation's wheat.

These citations and many others could be enumerated to prove the worn-out phrase of "In unity there is strength." "Cooperation," etc., and it is just this sort of thing that is needed here in Torrance, more so now than ever before. We have been informed that payment of chamber of Commerce dues are coming in so slowly that the situation is alarming. Many put forth the excuse that they cannot see what has been done and that there has been no additional factories added to Torrance's quota of industries since the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce.

That is quite true, but if you stop paying your dues and the organization is cut off from its support, you cannot look for benefits from this source. Secretary Pottenger was informed of these objections yesterday and in reply had this to say: "Since my advent into the business activities of Torrance, many times have I arranged for interviews with heads of corporations that were looking for factory sites, and invariably the first question they would ask is, 'What assurance can Torrance give us that you can house our employees?' There you have it in a nutshell. Every other thing was in our favor to land factory after factory, but in each case I was informed that they could not entertain Torrance as a possible location for their industries because we have no homes for the workmen and their families.

"Just think what a magnificent town Torrance would be if we could only keep the payroll of today here. With the present payroll of the Union Tool Co., the Llewellyn Iron Works, the Pacific Electric, spent in Torrance, this would be the best city of its size in all of Southern California. It seems to me that our problem is one of homes, rather than that of factories.

"Securing of lots, available money for building of homes in Torrance, are two of the preliminary steps to be taken, and for two weeks the Chamber of Commerce has been working out plans along this line. Pay your dues and give us a chance to function and we will aid very materially in building a big city of Torrance."

lets get behind Paige and boost for a band.  
COME ON!—LET'S GO!

Mrs. Charles Sherwin, of Arlington avenue, entertained friends at her home one day last week, in honor of her house guest, Mrs. White.

### RAPID GROWTH IS SEEN IN NEXT SIX MONTHS

#### Build a Civic Center Is Theme Now Being Discussed

The development and growth of Torrance in the next six months seems so certain, so big, so wonderful and at such a rapid gait, that it almost scares one to stop and think of it.

Oil wells coming in, derricks going up on all sides of us, new buildings contemplated, new industries, new building and loan associations, money lenders, promoters of housing solutions for our town, efforts to keep Torrance's pay roll in Torrance—all these things and hundreds of other ventures that we do not claim to know of, are being worked out daily along around us. Oil experts happen along and tell you confidentially that if you own land anywhere near here—to hold onto it for this is going to be the greatest oil district in all California.

What Torrance needs more than anything at the present time is a "Civic Center." This idea has been fathered by many of our farseeing citizens. They advocate a large building for a Home for all of Torrance's citizens. A civic center building should accommodate the City hall attaches, the Chamber of Commerce, Auditorium, pavilion, Club Rooms, Gymnasium, Baths, and Reception Rooms. One enthusiast has suggested that the directors of the Chamber of Commerce pledge themselves as guarantors to buy a large lot in the oil district that lies close in and if oil is struck then the City of Torrance could do all this from its own revenue from the lot. Fine idea, if there was no oil—the lot is still there.

### Commencement Week at T. H. S.

On Friday evening the class presented "A Case of Suspicion," as its class play. The parts were very well taken and the audience was much amused at the clever little comedy. The Virginia quartet gave two very beautiful and melodious selections which were greatly enjoyed, and the Torrance High School orchestra rendered several selections very creditably.

Characters in the play were: Virginia Watson, Helen Mill, Helen Tiffany—Three young ladies in a seminary.

Karl von Hagen, Gerard Fisher, Clifford Simpson—Three young college men.

Kathryn Burmaster—Miss Jenkins George Hannon—Prof. Edgerton Ralph Beall—Jonas Bertha Pix—Kathleen

On Sunday the Senior Class in a body attended the Baccalaureate services held in the Evangelical church when Rev. Zeller delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduates. The church was tastefully decorated, and the beautiful music by the choir added much to the impressiveness of the occasion.

### L. A. Paving Co. Has Office Here

The L. A. Paving Company have moved several carloads of paraphernalia to Torrance as a preliminary step in the paving of Arlington and Carson streets. They will be located in the neighborhood of the Torrance Warehouse and rush the paving of these two main thoroughfares, so badly needed.

### Masons, O. E. S. Picnic Sunday

The members of the Torrance Lodge of Masons and of the Eastern Star will meet Sunday, July 2, at 9 a. m., at the P. E. depot in Torrance, and motor in a party to Covina and visit the Masonic Orphans' Home. Bring your baskets well-filled, and picnic with us.

H. W. Roberts has been quite ill for two weeks, but is reported improving.

### COMING!

Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14

U. T. GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Charley Chaplin in "PAY DAY"

Theatre Leased to Glee Club on These Dates.

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