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WIN FAST GAME OF BASE BALL

SUBMARINE BASE VS. THE UNION TOOL COMPANY

Saturday, January 8th, 1921
Boom-a-lacka, Boom-a-lacka, Boom.
Boom, Bine,
U-T—U-T—Base ball nine
Pitcher, Ketchum, Knockem out,
We play ball, you'll find out.

Saturday, January 8th, the Union Tool team opened the league season on the new field with the Submarine Base. The game started right away. Raffens, first up, sent a high fly to Newby. Reese was given free transportation to first. Ravey next up, sent a crashing fly to left for four bases, sending Reese on ahead to tell the rest of the family that he was on his way. Schramm struck out and Hageman sent a fly to right field which Wycoff missed about as far as a tramp does payday. Hansen out Sanger to Peppin. That's the first time you heard us speak of Peppin is it? Well, he's the fellow who put "Pep" in pepper and if they had named him "Peppin" why he would have put "Pap" in paprika, he's "hot stuff" no matter how you take it. Wycoff first up for the U. T. struck at one and then stood at attention while Hemming sizzled over two more, when Proctor asked him if he wouldn't kindly step back out of the way, which he did. Mallot hit between first and second. Mallot stole second and went to third on a bad throw through second. Beck was given a pass and to show their appreciation Peppin, Templeton both struck out.

In the Gobs second Lewis picked off a weak plate lick which Sanger handed over to Peppin. Douglass walked and looked at Sanger unappreciatingly that Sanger chased him off first and Peppin run him down between first and second. Hemming went to first on a miff by Sanger and was advanced to second when Raffens sent up a Texas leaguer which did a hula-hula among the telephone wires and got Mallot all fussed up and the ball fell on the wide world. Beck was standing on second base figuring out what a nice rain would mean to the barley crop when Reese sent a grounder to Mallot which he scooped up and tossed to Beck but Beck apparently thought somebody was trying to sell him something so he dropped it. There are three gobs on bases and Home Run Ravey up but don't get excited because he knocks a plate lick which Sanger shoots to Peppin for the third out. It was one, two three for us in the second. In their third Schramm was given a pass and Widener introduced himself by throwing him out at second. The next two were easy outs. In our fourth the big thing started. Peppin sent a base splitter over first and was sacrificed to third by Templeton. Widener was hit by pitcher. Riggs placed a pretty clean hit to right field sending Peppin home and Widener to third. Newby next up was hit by pitcher. Widener and Riggs scored on Wycoffs timely hit making the score three to two. They came from the rear and gained the lead in the sixth. Templeton evened up the score by a home run in the eighth. It was one, two three, for the Gobs in the ninth and tenth. Their only error came in the tenth and cost them the game. Beck sent a grounder to short which Raffens threw past first. Peppin next up landed a mighty wallop for two bases, sending Beck home with the bacon.

NOTES

Everyone who failed to come out, turn to your book of pleasures and walk up one in the column for "good things missed."

Next Saturday, Hammond Lumber Company, and they say that they are "there."

Wycoff struck out once, hit three times, was hit once, stole a base, and drove in a run. What more do you want for your money?

Peppin got two two-baggers.

Templeton—you know the rest.

Widener, behind the bat kept the gobs rattled with his chatter and is the personification of real pep.

Riggs never fails to hit the ball, only sometimes he strikes out, but we won't hold that against you.

FIREMEN ENTERTAIN

Members of the Torrance Fire Department entertained their wives and friends last Monday evening in their hall in the Steffen building, when about sixty arrived to partake of a fine supper prepared under the direction of Joe Stone, official chef for all such functions. After dinner a program was rendered which had been prepared and consisted of addresses, orchestra music, solos, duets, piano rag-time playing, Scotch recitations and dancing. Geo. A. Proctor acted as master of ceremonies and held the crowd until near 10:00 o'clock. B. F. Hannebrink, fire chief, reports the department in excellent shape from all angles and realizes many beneficial results from these monthly social gatherings. There are thirty members of the fire department and a few more applications are wanted, should there be any desirous of joining this worthy organization. A special drill meeting will be the next event in order and every member is asked to listen for the call. You will not be notified before hand, but the chief believes his company is about due for a drill.

RAPPAPORT'S SALE SUCCESS

"Far better than I expected." This is the verdict given by Sam Rappaport when asked how the sale was going. "Taking my losses all in a bunch and at one time, has appealed to the buying public of high-grade merchandise at rock-bottom prices and the response to my advertising of this sale has been very satisfactory, indeed."

Another page advertisement appears in this issue which quotes some big savings. These big price reductions will continue until January 20, when the sale closes.

FIRST EXCURSION SATURDAY

The first excursion from the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation will leave Los Angeles, 605 Figueroa street, at 10:45 Saturday, arriving in Torrance about 12 o'clock. Visitors will be brought down in sight-seeing busses and will partake of a dainty luncheon prepared for them when they arrive at the tract office in Torrance. M. L. May, general sales manager for the Land Company will deliver a lecture at 1:00 o'clock, and after an afternoon of pleasantries the crowd will return to Los Angeles. Special excursions of this character will be conducted every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, as explained in their large advertisement in this issue.

John Philip Sousa Hanaeschka and his band was there all the way. They were either playing or rooting all the time.

Much favorable comment was heard about the band, everybody enjoyed it. In behalf of myself and other free music hounds, I thank you.

All those who were passed up when the hat was handed around please call around, we still have the hat.

Mallot never fails to connect and someday he is going to straighten one out.

The Gobs play a pretty game of ball and all credit is due them, but some of them have a habit of exercising their wind pipes on the umpire which could be dispensed with.

It was a game full of exciting moments and close decisions, a hard one for any umpire.

Our boys are charged up with many errors but we must overlook the fact that we are just beginning while the subs have been at it a long time. A little more practice and all is well.

We outbatted them two to one but there are several reasons for this, one of them stands in our pitchers box.

It was a great day for Torrance, a regular county fair with everything right down to the Peanuts and Popcorn and even some one half of one.

BY INNINGS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
U. T. Co. --0 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 1
Sub Base --2 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0
Union Tool Co.—5 Runs, 9 Hits, 8 Errors. Sub Base 4 Runs, 5 Hits, 1 Error.

WHY WE SHOULD INCORPORATE "OUR CITY OF TORRANCE"

(By E. X. ANDEM)

President of Torrance Chamber of Commerce

We should VOTE TO INCORPORATE, if for no other reason, to minimize the DANGER OF BEING ANNEXED TO LOS ANGELES. I believe the public sentiment is, that we should not annex and be under the management and dictation of the city of Los Angeles; therefore vote to incorporate.

We should VOTE TO INCORPORATE, because there are enough good sensible people in Torrance to maintain a SELF GOVERNMENT and derive the many benefits and increase in value of property, that will come if we manage our own municipal government; therefore vote to incorporate and make this, OUR CITY, AN INDUSTRIAL CITY, A CITY BEAUTIFUL one that we will be proud of, a city that will be an honor to Southern California and a good example for all other cities in the state.

We should VOTE TO INCORPORATE, in order that we may KEEP TAXES LOW, and get "value received" for the taxes we do pay. This will attract industries to our city and encourage people to build and live here. The taxes can be kept low, under proper management, and high tax rate avoided, such as is paid in large cities.

We should VOTE TO INCORPORATE, in order to put Torrance literally on the map, so that it will show up on railroad and other maps and give Torrance a prestige in the United States. I believe that this alone will cause a faster growth of the city. We receive inquiries from men who wish to build a plant, who ask what kind of government we have, and when they find that we are not a city, they call it a "one man town" and look elsewhere.

We should VOTE TO INCORPORATE, because I believe that, if we are a city and have what goes with it, there are building companies, contractors, and even individuals, who will then have confidence enough to carry on building campaigns to take care of the hundreds who are now living elsewhere but would rather live here. What an opportunity for a healthy growth of a beautiful, modern, industrial city, second to none in the U. S.

We should VOTE TO INCORPORATE, because as a city, under SELF GOVERNMENT, we can inaugurate and maintain a more efficient system of "doing things," such as pertain to the fire department, the police department, the lighting system, the city band, the public parks, play grounds for our children. We can have a regular and economic system of keeping the streets and gutters clean and in good order, of having the garbage and rubbish removed regularly. We would be in a stronger position to get a telegraph office we so much need, of having a nice public library and hospital. There are many things we can have to make it a real city.

We should VOTE FOR THE REGULAR TICKET of trustees and officers, because the citizens' committee has given this a great deal of thought and are honestly working for the best interests of Torrance in every way. Let us back them up. Let us make ELECTION DAY, FEBRUARY FIRST, a gala day, an eventful day in the history of Torrance. There should be some "doings" on election night.

Next week I will write, "Relation of the Chamber of Commerce to the City Trustees," and show how the PEOPLE OF TORRANCE, and not the Trustees nor Chamber of Commerce, can govern the city.

GROWTH DEVELOPMENT

The various stages of preparatory growth of Torrance have steadily but surely paved the way for a realization of development into full maturity, a position of pre-eminence in the history of mechanical production that is to be written in the name of "The Modern Industrial City," in this generation and the next.

As the year opens this city is astir with industrial activity, made possible with the announcement that several new industries are coming, and with the heralding of many more which are investigating the field with the hopes of locating in this city.

A new glass factory, a chemical manufacturing syndicate with a forty-acre tract, the development of oil wells, opening of the Hendrie Rubber Co., resumption of the Carbon Products Co., with extensions of various other lines of trade, the extensive building of homes by the Pacific Electric in Torrance the development of the new city of "Hammerton" and last, but not least, the incorporation of Torrance as a city of the sixth class, all these, having been recorded in the first week of the new year he speaks most flatteringly for the prospects of activity for this city for the coming twelve months.

BAND SOCIAL LAST NIGHT

The Torrance Band held a social Thursday evening in the Steffen hall and invited their wives to partake of a fine supper prepared by the boys. Over fifty were present and after the repast a musical was rendered by the different members of the band. There are twenty who come out for rehearsals which are held frequently, two members of which are young ladies, namely, Helen Reeve and Helen McGuire. Howard Brady has charge of the practice and H. E. Reeve is general manager. After two years of practice, some "real" music is being played very creditably.

R. O. DENISON COMING HOME

Manila, P. I., Dec. 5, 1920.

Friend Roberts:

This is to inform you that I will be leaving Manila for the States on or about January 17 next, unless something happens to prevent, which is unlikely, and there will be no use for you to send any more "News Letters," or Torrance Enterprise" as I will "have went" before they would reach me.

I have appreciated your papers very much and have read them all with a great deal of interest.

Both business and political conditions here in these islands at the present time are such that the outlook for the future is not promising, so I decided I had had enough of it, at least for the time being, and have cancelled my contract.

I will probably see you and all the old friends some time in February. My arrangements at this time are to sail on the Pacific Mail steamer "Venezuela" January 17, which goes via Hongkong and Shanghai, China, Kobe and Yokohama, Japan, and Honolulu, arriving San Francisco the latter part of February.

I am sending you by this mail a bundle of Manila papers which may interest you.

With best regards,

R. O. DENISON.

RAPPAPORT ERECTS BACK STOP

Sam Rappaport, genial and progressive drygoods and furnishing merchant of Torrance, is thoroughly interested in sports, especially when a contingent of athletes put up the class of base ball they handed out to fans last Saturday, and in appreciation of the efforts of the boys and management of the local team, donated the back stop on the ball diamond. This, in a way, has been largely responsible for the building of a grand stand which received the unanimous support of others in Torrance, especially the merchants.

HOME BUYING IN TORRANCE

The opening days of the New Year are bringing very encouraging indications of an improvement in home buying conditions in Torrance, according to M. L. May, general representative for the Dominguez Land Corporation and who is preparing for a large influx of visitors to this city within a few days by excursion.

The first week of this year the number of prospective home-buyers in Torrance was much larger than for several weeks previous and several sales resulted in addition to inquiries that will result in sales later on.

"The people seem to realize that building prices cannot be reduced to any great extent and consequently the prices of homes are not likely to be much lower for some time to come and are acting accordingly."

"Then, too, people are putting their surplus income into homes determined not to be caught napping by the abnormal housing conditions that have prevailed. Another inducement to present buying is that our prices of lots have been and are now held at pre-war figures, giving home-buyers potential increased value in their homes."

MASONIC INSTALLATION

TO BE HELD TONIGHT

The installation of the officers for 1921 will take place tonight (Friday, January 14th) at 8:00 o'clock in the Masonic hall, Lomita and will be for members only.

The following officers will be ushered to their respective stations during the exercises:

Richard Jenkins, Worshipful Master; P. J. Beall, Senior Ward en; J. H. Sprout, Junior Warden; Joe Stone, Treasurer; C. H. Mueller, Secretary; C. W. Northrup, chaplain; O. W. Thistle, senior deacon; J. G. Wilson, junior deacon; C. A. Paxman, marshal; J. H. Fess, senior steward; J. R. Guyan, junior steward; W. H. Stanger, tyler.

TRUSTEES

C. A. Paxman—3 years.
R. R. Smith—2 years.
W. A. Renn—1 year.

TELLS WHY TORRANCE SHOULD INCORPORATE

GIVES REASONS FOR INCORPORATION

(By G. A. PROCTOR)

Chairman Incorporation Committee

For the past three years I have taken active part in the different organizations of the Fourth District, as well as local organizations, all of which conduct their efforts for the promotion of furthering the interests of the various communities. For the past two years in particular it has been my privilege to attend meetings of the Anti-Annexation League, and it was there that matters vital to incorporation of the city of Torrance became so pronounced as a safeguard against the ambition of the City of Los Angeles to annex all desirable communities whose taxes were sufficient to swell the coffers of that city—were we annexed.

Practically everyone in Torrance realizes the benefits to follow incorporation, but for those who may be a little pessimistic, the following reasons are cited, which meet all possible objections that have arisen to date:

On February 1 next, when you go to the polls, you will register your decision as to whether you feel capable of governing yourselves, whether you have the interests of the future Torrance at heart, whether you wish to place Torrance on a par with other incorporated towns of Southern California, who never began to grow until they governed themselves. Every progressive, thriving community is incorporated today. Torrance is not merely a village or trading post, but to the outside is looked upon as a great modern industrial city, yet its possibilities are yet not realized and never will be until we show to the world that we are capable of governing ourselves, and going after the improvements and government the people desire. Incorporation means the assumption of responsibility, and only good will result because it's your government and you get the very thing you want accomplished in Torrance.

Certain tax funds now going to the county will revert to our new government. The school system will remain the same. And you may be assured that taxes will be kept as low as possible in order to make it an inducement for factories and other businesses to locate in Torrance. With street paving, curbing and sidewalks, sewer and other costly improvements already provided in Torrance, there will be no necessity of the present time for special bond elections to pay for these.

The board of trustees are merely the representatives of the people, subject to recall and referendum. They are your neighbors and your friends, and are willing to assume the responsibilities of the burdens without pay. Why?—Merely for the betterment of Torrance.

This is not an appeal for votes from anyone, but is merely published with the idea of enlightenment, so that no one may willfully be led astray as to the real meaning of the issue to be voted upon. You are privileged to vote for anyone you desire.

M. W. A. INSTALLATION HELD

Installation of officers of the Modern Woodmen of America was held Wednesday night in their lodge hall in the Steffen building, when District Deputy A. P. Martin of Pasadena, assisted by the Boosters Association, conferred the work, at a public meeting. Eighteen new members have been enrolled in this lodge since July 1, which record places the local order in seventh place for the district from Santa Barbara south. The order of Royal Neighbors served refreshments after the services. Those who were raised to their respective offices, follow: P. F. Brown, Council; W. T. Walker, Advisor; C. A. Benzel, Banker; J. H. Fess, Clerk; Frank Sharp, Escort; B. M. Anderson, Watchman; Henry Burmaster, Sentry; W. C. VonHagen, Trustee, 3-year term.