

## TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. D. D. Cox of Kern Court visited in Los Angeles, Monday.

Mrs. A. B. Denny of Cota avenue visited in Los Angeles, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner Patridge, have moved into their new home on Gramercy avenue.

Vern Zuver of Portola avenue, has improved his property by adding a lattice fence around the back of his lot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Van Buren of Cota avenue, visited Mr. and Mrs. John G. Seemayer in Los Angeles, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay with Mrs. Gay's mother and sister, Mrs. A. L. Crossett and daughter, Gladys visited at Point Firmin, Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. James and son of Kern Court visited Mrs. R. H. Poole of Long Beach last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rolfe of Los Angeles visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ackley of Kern Court, one day this week.

Mrs. Frenger of Los Angeles was the guest over the week end of her brother, Capt. and Mrs. Frenger of the Redondo Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDonald, Mr. H. McDonald and son, Sunday.

A hiking party is planned for Saturday evening, which will go to Camp Roberts on the Mt. Wilson trail. Mr. and Mrs. Russel Martin, Miss Frenger, Miss Triest, Miss Anna Wescott, Mr. Castell, C. A. McCullum and Warren Webster, will be in the party.

Mrs. J. M. VanBuren of Cota avenue with Mrs. Rathburn and Mrs. Goldberg of Los Angeles attended a matinee given by a musical club in the Women's Club house on South Figueroa street, Los Angeles, Friday. Mrs. VanBuren's daughter, Mrs. Frederick Biebesheimer is a member of the club and was one of the characters of the play.

John Sahns has gone to New York City in the interests of his business.

Mrs. J. Melburry of Andreo avenue, has been ill for several weeks, but is much improved.

Mrs. Lewis Miller of Gramercy avenue entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Lutheran church of Long Beach, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Morgan of the Keystone acres was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stone of Gramercy avenue, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes of Arlington avenue entertained Thursday, Mrs. John W. R. Rennie of Evanston, Wyoming.

M. L. May, general sales manager for the Dominguez Land Corporation was confined to his home the fore part of the week with an attack of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brown of Arlington avenue were entertained at dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kloth of Huntington Park.

Next Sunday morning, January 30th, Holy Communion services of the Episcopal church will be observed in the home of Mrs. Melburn, 1916 Andreo avenue, Torrance.

The Torrance P.-T. A. social for Friday night January 28th has been postponed until some time next month, date to be set later, on account of the evangelist services at both of the churches.

Mrs. N. K. Woods and son of Cota avenue entertained the Rev. Carl Bassett, evangelist, Friday evening at dinner. Rev. Bassett is conducting a series of meetings in the Baptist church and is reported to be very popular, being especially adapted to the tastes of the younger people.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Buther of North Arlington avenue, who have been visiting since before Christmas with their two daughters, Mrs. S. F. Webb and Mrs. R. Smith of Elcentro, have returned to their home. Mrs. Butler remained several weeks after Mr. Butler returned to Torrance, and while there her two daughters entertained very elaborately with a birthday dinner in her honor. A color scheme of blue and gold predominating in the decoration and menu. A large birthday cake formed the center piece. One large blue candle set in a gold holder was placed on the cake beside a large frosted question mark. Bon, Bbon cups of blue and gold marked places for nine. It was a most enjoyable celebration, long to be remembered by all present.

## TORRANCE GAS GUSHER NOW IN

Within four miles of Torrance the oil well on the property of the Standard Oil Company suddenly broke forth.

With a roar that could be heard two miles distant and throwing water and mud 150 feet into the air, well No. 1 in the Standard Oil Company's new field on the El Segundo boulevard, near Bell station "came in" Monday afternoon with one of the largest and most violent flows of natural gas yet struck in this section of the state. A steady increase in pressure was perceptible as the flow continued but up to a late hour last night the well was showing no indication of oil.

A crew of drillers and derrick men narrowly escaped injury when the flow, without warning, and unexpected by the crew, started. Drilling had reached 1100 feet and several men were engaged in balling out the "hole" when an ominous rumbling underground started them running from the derrick.

A few seconds later the air was filled with mud, gas and bits of the partly demolished derrick. Within a few minutes after the flow started the roadways in the vicinity of the well were blocked with automobiles of spectators, some of whom lingered for hours in hope of seeing the gas bring in oil. Employees of the company were stationed along the road near the well warning motorists not to stop for fear of ignition of the well from exhausts.

No attempts can be made to cap the well until the present pressure has diminished. While officials of the oil company do not believe that drilling had reached a point deep enough to strike oil, they say that it is possible for the gas flow to be followed by one of oil, even at the present depth, and everything is in readiness in the event that this happens.

The greatest activity in oil properties is being developed in the El Segundo district as well as that of Manhattan, where 55 prospective oil wells are being contemplated. The Standard Oil Company, it is understood, have taken additional leases on 400 acres with the intent of developing oil wells; The Union Oil Company has leased 350 acres, and the General Petroleum Company has secured leases on another 80 acres, all not far distant from Torrance.

A large load of lumber was dumped on the Carson estate on the boulevard leading to Redondo Beach, Beach, and while one well derrick is erected and operating, it may be that startling news will be coming our way most any day.

## WATCHING TORRANCE GROW

If there is anything you want to know about Torrance, its possibilities, factories, real estate or climatic conditions, you are invited to write M. L. May, general sales manager for the Dominguez Land Corporation, and complete information will be supplied. Questions of general interest will be answered from time to time through the columns of the Torrance "Enterprise" and the advertisements of the Dominguez Land Corporation, but replies will also be made by mail to those who desire additional information.

Some of the greatest bargain possibilities are now being offered through the closing out of lots west of the High School on Carson street in this well established and high class residential subdivision.

Closer-in property with a central location are offered at astonishingly low prices for lots of convenient size and are located in the most beautiful residential section of Torrance. In other sections of Torrance acres, half acres and large lots may be had at equally low prices and terms are arranged so that no one will be deprived of the benefits of paying rent to themselves.

## EIGHT MILLIONS IN BONUSES

## TO FORD CO. EMPLOYEES

For eight hours today, three paymasters are working at top speed paying out to Ford Motor Company employees their share of the eight million dollars bonus money which the company is handing out. Each man received between \$100 and \$125 according to his length of service. It is estimated that about three thousand men can be paid off each day, and on this basis five weeks of steady work will be required to distribute the huge sum. About \$250,000 was handed out today.

Everybody criticizes the citizen who spends his money freely, but everybody is willing to get busy and help him spend it.

## SCENIC ROAD IS PROBABLE

The Palos Verdes Syndicate, owners of the big 16,000 acres Palos Verdes ranch South of Lomita and Torrance are very willing to co-operate in extending Western avenue from Lomita to the ocean and give a scenic route into San Pedro over the mesa according to C. J. Golden of the City Planning Commission.

Mr. Colden had an interview with Jay Lawyer, Los Angeles manager of the ranch a few days ago and found that Lawyer was much interested in the extension. Originally the syndicate planned to construct a net work of private roads through the ranch all of which have been surveyed. Lawyer stated however that he would be glad to dedicate a public road for the extension of Western avenue if the county would improve it and San Pedro provide a connecting link through the Averill Weymouth tract or other suitable outlets.

Lawyer also desires the co-operation of San Pedro in getting the state highway commission to make the extension of the coast line road between San Pedro and Redondo and wanted to know what San Pedro was doing about it. The Palos Verdes syndicate has offered to underwrite the bonds for this piece of road but it is said that certain interests in Los Angeles are using their influence to block the road and prevent the state from building it because it might divert traffic now going through Los Angeles to the coast resorts.

## SPRAYING TIME IS HERE

Now is the time to spray your trees and vineyards. Advertisements in this issue will tell you just what to use.

## IT'S THE WAY

Whenever you begin doing something for your community—then it is that you suddenly develop into a crook and a vagabond, and are the mark for many a scurrious tongue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnett of Albuquerque, aunt and uncle of Mrs. L. J. Acree of Gramercy avenue, who have been visiting here for some time, sailed on the 25th from San Francisco for Honolulu on a pleasure trip.

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