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## 1021 ACRE OIL LEASE IS SIGNED

\$250,000 BONUS REPORTED PAID FOR TORRANCE TRACT; TEST WELL DOWN 3,000 FEET

The Santa Fe Railway yesterday, through its subsidiary oil corporation, the Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Oil Company, signed a twenty-year oil lease on 1021 1/2 acres of land in the city of Torrance. The Chanslor-Canfield-Midway Oil Company has reached a depth of 3,000 feet in a test well close to the leased properties, and it is understood that they paid the "largest cash bonus in their history in connection with yesterday's deal."

While M. R. Osborne, vice-president of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and officials of the oil corporation unconditionally refused to make any comment about the cash bonus involved, experts in the oil business estimated it to have been "in excess of \$250,000."

In addition to the cash bonus, the Dominguez Land Corporation is to receive one-sixth royalty, it is understood, should oil be found. The land company also reserved all gas and water rights.

Drilling of the first well is to commence within sixty days, Mr. Osborne admitted last night, and added that the lease contains provisions governing the number of other holes to be sunk and the rapidity with which they are to go down.

The entire 1021 1/2 acres leased for oil development lies within the incorporated city limits of Torrance. The tract is bounded on the north by the western city limits, on the west by the western city limits, on the southwest corner of the city and boundary lines turn east along Long Beach and Redondo road to Apple avenue, thence on Washington avenue to Plaza Del Amo avenue, thence to Hickory, after which it goes northward on Cedar avenue to the northern boundary.

The oil land leased, while in the city of Torrance, is outside of the improved area, and the lease closed yesterday will in no way interfere with surface improvements.—L. A. Examiner.

## BRIDE AND GROOM HANDCUFFED

Making their return to Torrance a memorable event, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer were the victims of their friends' (?) last Thursday evening. The bride and groom were seized, handcuffed and placed in a machine and driven to Redondo Beach, where the crowd escorted them all over the pike and introduced them to everyone who would listen. Later they visited the dance hall, where introductions were indulged in again. After satisfying themselves with this form of entertainment they returned to the R. T. Tan in Torrance, where more introductions were made to everyone there. From here they visited the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Paxton, of Arlington avenue, where refreshments were served and the balance of the evening spent in real jollifications.

## CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Rev. Otto Spreig, Pastor. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. Rev. Geo. Streib, superintendent. A class and welcome for you. Interesting and helpful discussions on the Life of Paul. Come and bring your friends.

10:45 a. m., morning worship and sermon by the pastor.

7:30 p. m., evening song and praise service. The pastor will preach.

Thursday evening at 7:30 mid-week prayer service in the pastor's study. Mr. Robt. Spencer, class leader.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. Strangers are given a hearty welcome.

A meeting of the Y. Y. A. Society will be held August 9 at the parsonage; social session following. All members are requested to be present.

Geo. Towne of Long sold a lot on Rose street Monday. W. H. Davis of Torrance.

## LEGION DANCE TONIGHT

The Torrance Post of the American Legion are holding a dance this (Friday) evening on the floor of their new building on Border avenue, just below Carson street. Much of the work of the new club house has been completed during the past week, and everything will be in readiness for one of the biggest and best dances the American Legion have ever given. A large number of tickets have been sold, which indicates that the dance will be largely attended. The roof of the building is in place and the siding is up sufficiently to protect the dancers from the wind. Comrade Hyde of the Legion will have his famous jazz orchestra, and with the new floor all smoothed down and plenty of air, a good time is assured. The proceeds of the dance will go towards the finishing of the building, as the funds raised were not enough. If there is anyone who wants to make a donation it will be a fine way to help the Legion by going to the dance as well as having a pleasant evening.

## SAM LEVY MOVES INTO NEW STORE

WORKS AT FEVER HEAT TO OCCUPY NEW STORE BEFORE THE FIRST OF MONTH

Greeting his friends and customers with prices that make one bat an eye as you enter his new store, Sam Levy is wearing a smile that won't come off since occupying his new location. It gives him opportunity to display goods that are priced lower than in Los Angeles. Before he moved Mr. Levy was unable to show these to advantage, but it is quite different now, and many have availed themselves of the opportunity to take advantage of some of the wonderful bargains quoted in his advertisement on another page of this issue.

## "DICK" MALONE NEW PRESIDENT OF C. OF C.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce was held in the Sterren Block on Monday night.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Briney, who acted in the absence of a president.

Secretary Bartlett read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. Other regular routine work was then disposed of and various communications, among which were the following: Communication from the Automobile Club stating that they were working on the matter of posting the name of Torrance on the sign posts in other cities so that motorists would have little difficulty in locating Torrance. It took just twenty-four hours for Mr. Bartlett's letter to the Auto Club on the above matter and the return of the answer.

Letters were read from various merchants and manufacturers requesting that they be supplied with statistical information regarding Torrance. The most important or significant letter was one from the Secretary of State requesting information and statistics regarding Torrance. This tends to show that other cities and state officials are taking notice of the fact that Torrance is a city.

There was much discussion on the selection of a president. An attempt was made by Mr. Geo. Brown to nominate Vice-President Briney to fill the president's chair, but Mr. Briney insisted that he could not give the proper amount of time, as he spent the greater part of his time in Los Angeles. Mr. Fess was then proposed, but he also had reasons for declining the nomination and it then rested for the nomination of A. W. Malone, the druggist. Under a slight protest Mr. Malone declined, but this was overridden, and on the ballot he was elected by almost a unanimous vote of the seventeen members present.

Mrs. Perry G. Briney was elected to fill the vacancy on the publicity board caused by the dropping out of W. T. Casteel.

The secretary of the road fund, Mr. A. Goudier, submitted a written report that the road fund committee had collected the sum of \$230.00 and hoped to make it more. This money is to be expended for the repair of the road to Harbor Boulevard, especially at the crossing of the P. E. tracks. This land lies outside of the city limits of Torrance and within the city limits of Los Angeles. It will be a blessing to every motorist who uses this road to have it repaired and put in a passable condition, and it is to be hoped that the committee will find no trouble in raising the money.

There being no further business before the members, the meeting adjourned.

The attendance at the meeting was unusually low, but it is believed that this was caused by the rehearsal of the chorus for the Fiesta, and it is hoped that there will be a much larger turn out at the next meeting.

## CLEVER PROGRAM AT WOMAN'S CLUB

CLASSIC DANCING BY CHILDREN OF ART SCHOOL WAS A RARE TREAT

The large attendance of the Torrance Woman's Club was given a rare treat Monday when they met at the usual time and place. The program of classical dancing, under the direction of Miss Porter of the San Pedro School of Arts, was a great success. Six children, students of the Art School, assisted in the program. Each child performed her part wonderfully well and showed that much care and thought had been spent in their training. The program follows:

Purette—Gladys Stevens. The Flower Dance—Betty Bladger. Oriental Dance—Lone McAteer. The Butterfly Dance—Marve Barnes.

The Visit Soap (a rearing)—Mary Johnston. Duet (a dance)—Marvel Barnes and Gladys Stevens.

Japanese Dance—Betty Bladger. Invitation to the dance—Gladys Stevens.

The Nymph—Marvel Barnes. The Wiggle-Tail (reading)—Talleyha Lippman.

The Hunter—Lone McAteer. At the recent meeting of the advisory board of the club the following chairmen were appointed, same to take office the first meeting in September:

Program—Mrs. Fitzhugh. Child Welfare—Mrs. Lancaster. Civics—Mrs. Sammons.

Legislative—Mrs. Gilbert. Music—Mrs. Paige. Membership—Mrs. Barnard.

Hospitality—Mrs. Lease. House—Mrs. Sasch. Sick and Flower—Mrs. Beckwith.

Ways and Means—Advisory Board Home Economics and Philanthropy—To be chosen later.

## A FALSE ALARM

There was much excitement around the First National Bank on Wednesday morning when it was thought that some one had been tampering with the large safe where the money is kept.

Geo. Goudier found one of the knobs of the safe on the floor and one of the threads was torn off the lock. There was also some of the nickel-plating lying on the floor.

It was thought at first that some one had attempted to take the large bolt off that serves as a hinge to the door, but on close examination by Marshal Olsen it was found that the doors and windows were all securely locked and there were no signs of anyone having disturbed them, as there is quite a coat of dust and cobwebs on the outside.

The safe that the money is kept in is of the burglar-proof type and one that has never, so far, been blown. Many of the best yeggs in the country have tried to crack safes of this type, but have never succeeded.

With the memory of the attempt to rob the Rappaport store and the fact that men were found around the post office the night before gave rise at once to the idea that some one had attempted to make a haul at the bank, but, as was said, Marshal Olsen and the night officer went over the ground and examined all the surroundings thoroughly and found nothing out of the ordinary. It is now thought that the knob must have worked itself loose and dropped off with the vibration of the passing street cars, which are switching on the street by the bank most of the night. The nickel-plated knob is only an ornament and affects no part of the door.

## ROBBERS AGAIN ACTIVE

An attempt to rob the post office was frustrated Tuesday night at ten o'clock by the timely arrival of Night Officer Anderson, who in making his rounds found two men in the rear of the post office. The men fled in the direction of the Union Tool Works and Anderson fired two shots to intimidate the men, but the shots had no effect and the suspects escaped.

Night Officer Anderson, with John Connell of the Dominguez Land Corporation, examined the ground in the rear of the Tool Works and also combed the city, but could find no trace of the men or a machine which they might have had to make their getaway.

One suspicious-looking character was picked up by Marshal Olsen and Officer Anderson at Cabrillo and Carson street, but after questioning was released.

No clues have been found up to this time which will give any light to the robbery.

Mrs. C. J. Dexter of Breckenridge, Texas, arrived today to visit her mother, Mrs. J. L. Acree, of Torrance. Her brother, and Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins.

## NEW QUARTERS FOR PLUMBING SHOP

F. L. PARKS NOW OCCUPIES FINE NEW QUARTERS IN BURKHARDT BUILDING

Showing a marvelous growth in his plumbing and fixture business, the Torrance Plumbing Company was compelled to seek larger and more desirable quarters for display of plumbing fixtures and manufacture of tinware. One of the largest stock of fittings, accessories and desirable hot water attachments carried in this part of the country will be found in Mr. Parks' store from now on. A large and complete line of bath tubs have been added, as well as a tin shop fitted in the rear where all kinds of tinware goods will be manufactured and turned out according to the customers' demands.

The front windows will be attractively decorated and display of plumbing fixtures will be placed in view of the passersby. Mr. Parks enjoys the confidence of the people of Torrance as being thoroughly competent and up-to-date with all his designs in fitting up bath rooms and showers.

## TRUSTEES MEET

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city was held on Tuesday evening, with two members of the Board absent. Trustee Smith and Stone are on their vacation. President Proctor was back from his vacation with his attitude broader than ever, so it is understood that he enjoyed his vacation greatly.

Regular routine business of the minutes of the previous meeting and the reading of written communications were disposed of.

Sam Rappaport and Si Rappaport were present and the former told of the attempted robbery of his store Sunday night, and stated that he thought he was covered on burglary insurance, but found out after the attempt had been made to get into his store that no insurance company which is a member of the Board of Underwriters would write burglary insurance in Torrance on account of the inadequate police protection. He also wanted to know how far the trustees felt they could go in the matter of enlarging the night police force with the limited resources which they had at hand.

Mr. Rappaport then stated that he thought he could get a majority of the merchants in Torrance to agree to pay a occupational tax of three dollars a month instead of one which was levied by the Board if the Board would pay the balance and use the money for the hiring of another officer.

Trustee Fitzhugh stated that he was sorry that the conditions which are now prevalent had not been so at the time that the trustees were working on the tax levy, as that the need for the revenue would have been more apparent and the merchants would not have been so much against the rate as they were first proposed.

The trustees decided that the offer of Mr. Rappaport was a very liberal one and thanked him for his public spirit, and stated that they would do all they could to increase the police force.

The matter of cans for the disposal of garbage for the people was brought up again, and Trustee Fitzhugh stated that he had arranged with Messrs. Reeve and Paxman to handle the cans at a cost price from the manufacturers for a period of thirty days, and that he had prepared a statement for the press in regard to the matter. The statement will be found in other columns of this paper.

Ordinance number eight, to establish grades in Tract 4076, was given its final reading and approved.

Motion was made to have the fiscal year of the city business end on June 30. Motion was made instructing the city attorney and engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the street work in Tract 4076.

Si Rappaport asked permission to store his empty pop bottles near the door of his establishment, but on suggestion of President Proctor it was deemed more advisable to construct a lock box in the rear of the store for that purpose.

Trustee Gilbert brought up the matter of fire protection and of poor service the booster pump is giving, and stated that in case of a fire there would not be sufficient pressure to do any good. The matter was referred to the president.

All bills properly audited were ordered paid. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

## P. T. A. TO HAVE BOOTH

The committee for the P. T. A. booth met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. H. F. Clark on Andrews avenue. All articles were collected and price-tagged ready for the booth at the Fiesta, August 26-27.

## ENTERTAIN WITH LUNCHEON

Mrs. S. C. Collins of Spurlin Court entertained friends at luncheon on Thursday. Among those present were Miss Florie Vannier, Miss Dithie Blumer, Miss Gertrude Cook, Mrs. Harry Hawthurst, Mrs. Jack Mackerras, Mrs. Stella Pennison, Mrs. Thos. Huensoy of Sierra Madre, Miss Daisy Vannier of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Henderson Childs of Pasadena, Mrs. F. J. Hart of Sierra Madre Villa, Mrs. B. W. Andrews, Mrs. Alfred Ellwood of Los Angeles and Mrs. H. Stair of Torrance.

## IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. S. C. Collins of Spurlin Court visited Mrs. J. A. Campbell at Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, last Friday. Friends will be glad to hear that she is well, sleeps well and is not suffering any pain, but will be there for some time yet.

## PAIGE'S STORE PUBLIC MARKET

INCLUDES GROCERIES, BAKERY, MEAT MARKET, VEGETABLE AND FRUIT STAND

How often you have heard your friend, Mrs. Housewife, or, yes, it may be your own storm-and-strife remark, "I like to buy our food in So-and-So's. It's so nice and clean" (emphasis on the last word).

The housewives of Torrance will shortly have a chance to not only say that, but to add to it another qualifying word—"new." When Harry Paige moves into his new store there will you see a real store. It will be new, it will be clean, and what is more than that, it will be kept clean.

In establishing this new public market, Mr. Paige has been fortunate in being able to bring together four men all adepts in their lines of business.

For instance, Mr. S. L. Groves of the Globe Bakery, Lomita, hears the call of Torrance-of-the-Future and will establish his main bakery business here, while still retaining the Lomita bakery. His equipment will be modern in every respect, with electricity operated revolving ovens, the best made; also electric mixer and mouliders.

Then there is Roney, Lee, so well known in Torrance he needs no introduction, who will install a modern meat market that will satisfy the most fastidious.

Mr. Edw. E. Treffy, who for years studied methods of merchandising in Boston, Andover and other eastern cities, and for years was head man for J. J. Suss of Redlands, will now take charge of the fruit and vegetable department.

And last, but by no means least, Mr. Paige will install a delicatessen department, where the tired housewife, as well as our bachelor men and ladies, too, can buy their meals already cooked.

The grocery department will be managed by Mr. Paige and customers will be assured courtesy, good will, high grade assortments, variety and choice, of pure foods in stock from which to make their selections. The service will be better and quicker. All departments will be run on a strictly cash basis, for only by so doing can attractive prices prevail, and to that end these gentlemen are quietly working.

Watch these columns for next week's advertisements featuring these lower prices.

## TO ORANGE COUNTY PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Goudier of Gramary street and Mrs. Goudier's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Shipley of San Francisco, who have been visiting them for a few days, motored to Orange County Park Sunday.

## LOST THEIR COLLIE

Marvin and Calvin Brown, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brown, are two lonesome little tots these days as their pet Collie dog disappeared before part of the week. It answers to the name of "Peggy" and has a pure brown face. Anyone seeing "Peggy" please telephone 3-1-5 or notify Brown's Repair Shop, next to Torrance Warehouse.—Advertisement.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Royal Neighbors met Wednesday evening, August 3rd, at Steffen Hall. They initiated three new members. Mrs. Hamlin, state supervisor of Los Angeles, was present and instructed them in the work.

## FIESTA CHORUS ATTENTION!

Next rehearsal at school house next Monday evening, August 8, 7:45 sharp.

## NEW EASTERN STAR CHAPTER FORMED

TORRANCE AND LOMITA MEMBERS LIMIT FROM OTHER CHAPTERS TO JOIN HERE

Torrance Chapter Order of Eastern Star was regularly instituted last Saturday evening at Gardena, where Stars from all over Southern California had gathered to see the beautiful ceremonies of forming a new organization. It was necessary to call upon Gardena for use of their hall, as at a late date the Lomita hall used by the Masons was out of commission because of moving.

Mrs. Maud D. Bradley, Grand Worthy Matron of Los Angeles, acted as installing officer, assisted by Mr. Roy Musser, Grand Worthy Patron of Hollywood. Mrs. Roy Musser, Grand Marshal, was also present and assisted in the work. Mrs. Bertha Ingmire, Past Worthy Matron of the San Pedro O. E. S., and the district deputy, and who has had charge of the drill work of the new order for the past two weeks, was there and helped with the ceremonies.

Saturday evening's ceremonies proved to be a very delightful affair and there is every indication that the Torrance Chapter will grow and prosper become a great power for good in this community. There was another meeting held Monday evening last for drill practice, and at this time it was decided to have an O. E. S. booth at the Torrance Fiesta, August 26-27, where refreshments will be served.

The first regular meeting of Torrance Chapter will be held under special dispensation next Thursday evening, August 11.

The officers elected for the new chapter are as follows:

Mrs. J. H. Stanger—Worthy Matron.

C. H. Mueller—Worthy Patron.

Mrs. C. H. Mueller—Associate Matron.

Mrs. Geo. Watson—Conductress.

Mrs. John Guyan—Associate Conductress.

Mrs. E. N. Tomkins—Treasurer.

Mrs. P. F. Brown—Secretary.

Mrs. I. G. Anderson—Chaplain.

Mrs. Effie Hayden—Marshal.

Mrs. J. H. Fess—Warrior.

J. H. Stanger—Sentinel.

Mrs. Joe Stone, Mrs. F. L. Parks, Mrs. Goff, Mrs. D. C. Turner, Mrs. Richards—Star Points.

## NEW LAWN AT POST OFFICE

Work was started on Monday morning by Mr. Gascoigne, the Superintendent of Maintenance, and also employed by the Dominguez Land Corporation, for the cleaning up of the grounds surrounding the post office.

Mr. Gascoigne has dug up the dried grass and will clean the terraces off and wet them down. Undoubtedly later in the summer a lawn will be planted and things made to beautify the grounds. The trees have been trimmed both around the post office building and the Dominguez Land Corporation, offices which have made a wonderful change in the appearance of the street.

The Fiesta will be held in the near future and it would be useless to seed the lawn if the street dance is to be held where it was last year.

The city is looking better every day and the credit belongs to Mr. Fitzhugh, director of streets and parks, and Mr. Gascoigne, who supervises all the work.

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Canal street, Wilmington.

Sunday services—Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.

Litany, Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon topical, "Saints."

Rev. Thos. P. Swift, Rector.

## MR. BUILDER AND PLUMBER

Paving causes home building, as business blocks, increased activity every line. Pave Arlington street.—Advertisement.