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TRANSPORT OIL TO WILMINGTON BY WAY OF PIPE LINE

Santa Fe Oil Well Experiences Hard Luck When Bailor Is Lost

Contrary to all expectations, the Santa Fe well, located just west of Torrance, has not been brought in at the time of going to press. It was necessary to flood the well again last week, and in bailing out the early part of the present week considerable trouble was experienced, as it was reported the workmen "lost" the bailor in the hole.

The result is that the exact time the well will be brought in cannot be stated.

It is reported that surveyors were in Torrance recently seeking information with regard to the laying of a pipe line from the company's property on the Redondo Road to Wilmington. It is expected that the oil will be piped to the docks at Wilmington and thence transported by boat to the refineries.

CARDS AND DANCING

October 1 will be ushered in with a party to be held in Lomita Hall, to which you are cordially invited. A very enjoyable evening is assured those who attend. Cards and dancing, and the music is the best. A noted singer will be present to assist in the program. Coffee and cake will be served.

VISTA HIGHLANDS MEET TO TALK OIL

Saturday evening all the proper owners from Vista Highlands met at the home of Chas Stock to talk over oil property. Mr. Gilbert acted as chairman and the meeting was congenial and agreeable, all present seeming to be of one opinion. After talking over the situation both pro and con it was decided that each block would form a community lease of its own, people living in the different blocks to select their own trustees, and that the blocks could lease as a whole or separately. Several companies have been making inquiries of late for leases. There were twenty-eight property owners present at this enthusiastic meeting.

CHORAL SOCIETY MEET

The Choral Society met with Mrs. H. E. Paige Monday and much interest was shown by all present. The work of re-organization is progressing, and from all indications the society will be better and stronger than ever before.

BAPTIST SOCIAL TONIGHT

There will be a fellowship social held at the Baptist church tonight to be known as "Help the Pastor Evening." A program is planned to consist of music by the choir and speeches from the heads of the different departments. All members of the church and the congregation are invited.

TORRANCE FIREMEN MEET

The firemen held a meeting Monday night in which they initiated two new members, D. Aiken and H. F. Rees. Mr. Aiken was then elected secretary of the organization.

GARDENA O.E.S. MEET TONIGHT

The Gardena Order of the Eastern Star will hold a special anniversary celebration Friday, September 30. Sister Sue Dawson, assisted by the matrons and patrons of Gardena, will entertain. All the members of the Torrance Chapter are cordially invited to attend.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

Mr. and Mrs. Hurum Reeve and D. G. McDonald went to Pasadena Saturday night to attend the Hardware Dealers' Convention. All representatives from Torrance, Harbor City, Lomita, Gardena and San Pedro extended an invitation to the dealers to convene next April in Redondo.

Torrance Theatre Open Oct. 5—

ADVISORY MEETING

An informal meeting of a committee of the whole of the trustees of the city was held Tuesday evening in the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation.

The meeting was called to discuss the ways and means of raising finances to carry on the work in the city. A report of their findings will be given at the next meeting of the Board, which will be held next Tuesday, and will be the regular meeting.

The finances of the city are getting in rather bad shape owing to the indefiniteness of the city obtaining the unexpended balance of the county road fund.

The city treasurer suggested that he might waive his salary this year if the city was terribly "hard up."

Seriously speaking, it will be necessary for the city to raise additional money to carry on their affairs until they receive their next tax money in November, 1922.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

MRS. BENNETT ENTERTAINS

A very pleasant and enjoyable affair was given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. L. F. Bennett of Arlington avenue in honor of her mother, Mrs. Shreve, and sister, Mrs. A. B. Hollis, of Topeka, Kansas. The house was prettily decorated with dahlias, carnations and cosmos. During the afternoon Mrs. Fitzhugh gave several selections on the piano and Mrs. Bennett rendered several vocal solos. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were Mesdames P. F. Brown, W. W. Woodington, Nettie Steinhilber, A. Gourder, Jos. Stone, P. G. Briney, F. L. Parks, J. A. Wolf, Shriner, Marsh, Wm. Neelands, Post, Mary Perkins, Nash, J. H. Fess, A. B. Denny, J. M. Fitzhugh, Miss Fullford, Mrs. Shreve, Mrs. A. B. Hollis and Mrs. L. F. Bennett.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

CALLED AS WITNESSES

Mr. and Mrs. Paige, Mrs. C. N. Curtis, Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh of Torrance and Miss Rowley of Los Angeles were witnesses in the city court recently, when the case was called against a Los Angeles produce man who collided with Mr. Paige's car several weeks ago, with Mrs. Rowley driving. The court ordered the produce man to pay the damages on the Paige car.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. George S. Wheaton of North Arlington entertained Sunday with a dinner in honor of her husband's and son-in-law, Marvin H. Lee's birthday. As their oldest son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wheaton had just returned from New York the day proved to be quite a family reunion.

Those who enjoyed the repast were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hovey, Kenneth Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Burley of San Pedro and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wheaton.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

DANCING CLASSES

The dancing classes under the direction of Miss Porter of the San Pedro School of Arts are being formed. The work will be in charge of Miss Carolyn Gillilan of Los Angeles, and the first lesson class and private, is given Saturday, October 1, at the Legion Hall. The class in interpretive dancing will be at 2 o'clock and ball room dancing at 4 o'clock. The work has been well demonstrated in Torrance both before the Women's Club and at the Fiesta, when a number of the younger children of the school appeared. Miss Porter will be glad to interview any who are interested Saturday afternoon between one and two o'clock at the Legion Hall.

Florence Has Reduced!

NOTICE TO PARENTS

ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES OF 3 AND 18 YEARS MUST BE REGISTERED

Extract From California Law:

"It shall be the duty of every parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of any minor under age of eighteen years, and over the age of three years, to cause such minor to be registered at the public elementary schoolhouse in the school district in which he resides."

—Political Code No. 1662.

This registration must be made during the week beginning October 3 and ending October 8, 1921.

MRS. SUSAN M. DORSEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

Four new class rooms are now being occupied. The new seats have not come as yet, so folding chairs, tables and other appliances are being used until the regular desks arrive.

For the first time in three years the school has a mechanical drawing shop, and agriculture teacher. During the past three years shop men have been receiving such high wages that they would not leave their trade to teach. Torrance is fortunate, indeed, to get Albert Cruzan, who comes here from Colorado Springs.

For a number of years complaints have been coming in from patrons of the school in regard to the faded pink color which the building was originally painted. These complaints were passed on to the business manager and architect, with the result that the building is getting two coats of best cream paint. It is now a structure that the entire city will look on with pride.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

The Torrance Women's Club held its regular meeting Monday afternoon, September 28, in the American Legion Hall. There was a good attendance, and a most interesting and beneficial program. After the business meeting, at which Mrs. Lancaster presided, owing to the first vice-president, Mrs. Steinhilber, very interesting current events were given by Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Steinhilber, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Fitzhugh. Little Miss Louise played a delightful piano solo, followed by a splendid instructive talk on common sense, dress and proper development of the muscles, more especially for our young people, but applicable as well to everyone present.

The women of the club will not soon forget the graciousness and kindness of Dr. Wood-Comstock in coming from her many duties in Los Angeles to give them so much pleasure and instruction. Much regret was expressed that Mrs. Curtis was ill and could not sing, but that is something to look forward to in the future.

At the next regular club meeting on Monday, October 10, the P. T. A. will join the Women's Club to hear a most worth while speech by Miss Burton, a representative of the Near East Relief Association, which will appeal to all hearers. There will also be a special musical program. All members of both organizations are earnestly requested to attend.

Mrs. R. F. McDonald of San Francisco is spending a week with her cousin, Mrs. Neelands.

Torrance Theatre Open Oct. 5—

LEGION DANCE

The regular weekly dance of the American Legion will be held at their hall on Border avenue Friday evening, September 30.

The music at the dance last week was excellent and a large number of people were in attendance. The dance this week is expected to draw even more people, as a number of men who were working in the shops on the night shift last week will be able to attend.

It is reported that there were one or two persons who attempted to act in a rowdyish manner, and the boys of the Legion wish to state that this will not be tolerated, as they intend to hold their dances every week and want the patronage of everyone in Torrance, and will conduct their dances so that everyone may enjoy them.

Everyone is invited to attend, even if they do not care to dance. Seats are available for spectators who wish to look on, and may be found on the balcony.

Torrance Theatre Opens Oct. 5—

SCANT SUPPORT

The entertainment given under the auspices of the Torrance Post in the American Legion Hall last Thursday evening was very poorly attended. The interpretation of the play, "Experience," by Mrs. Daisy Kimball Adams, was beautifully rendered, as were the pianologues and sketches of Mrs. Lois Gates Poor.

Many persons stated that they did not know the performance was to be given. In reply to this, the members of the Legion wish to state that five hundred handbills announcing the performances were distributed in Torrance, and also placards placed in the windows of all the leading merchants of Torrance.

The few who attended the performance praised Mesdames Adams and Poor, as their work was of high class and was very instructive to the younger people in particular.

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P. T. A. EXECUTIVE MEETING

There was a meeting of the executive board of the P. T. A. Wednesday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. F. H. Clark. There were eight members present, and the business plans formed for the coming year. The regular meeting will be held October 12.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. William Neelands gave a party Friday afternoon in honor of her little daughter Mildred's third birthday. Six small friends helped Mildred to enjoy the afternoon with games and refreshments of ice cream and cake.

MRS. GARTON RESIGNS POSITION IN POST OFFICE

Mrs. Rose Garton, who has so ably filled the position as postmaster in the Torrance post office for many months, resigned this week. The public will indeed miss the service which she has so cheerfully given. Mrs. Elsie Woodward has been appointed to fill the vacancy. The disappointment of the Torrance people in losing Mrs. Garton will be overcome by having Miss Woodward reinstated. It will be remembered that she filled this position at a previous time.

ANNOUNCEMENT

An announcement of particular interest to men who prefer fine and "natty" shoes comes this week from Sam Rappaport, who has just received the agency for Douglas Dress Shoes, and has unpacked a full line of different sizes, lasts and assortment of leathers. Mr. Rappaport will take pleasure in showing you these.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roy and sons of San Bernardino and Ed. and Henry Sinnard from Taft were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amel Anderson.

Torrance Theatre Open Oct. 5—

TORRANCE THEATRE TO OPEN OCTOBER 5. TWO SHOWS

Tickets For 863 Seats On Sale Monday; Two Shows, 7:00 and 9:00 o'clock P. M.

After a delay of many months, the people of Torrance and vicinity will again enjoy moving pictures when on next Wednesday night, October 5, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey, who own the Grand Theatre in San Diego, will throw open the doors of the new "Torrance Theatre" and invite the multitude in.

The initial performance will be given at 7:00 o'clock and followed by another show at 9:00. There will be two colors of tickets on sale, one for the 7:00 o'clock show and one for the 9:00 o'clock performance. These tickets are good only for the performance as specified on the ticket, and those holding tickets for the 7:00 o'clock show cannot use these tickets at the 9:00 o'clock performance. This is done to assure everyone a seat and to avoid congestion. There are no reserved seats and the early bird will have the pick.

Mr. and Mrs. McVey are very enthusiastic over Torrance and its future and are quite proud of their new playhouse, which represents the very latest in modern picture theatres. For instance, the lighting and ventilation are worthy of special mention. There can be 60,000 cubic feet of air circulated in the room per minute, thus assuring everyone of correct ventilation. The operating room is the very latest known in pictures, the equipment having been rushed through from New York City by express to be here in time for the opening. This equipment is exactly the same as that being placed in Grauman's Million Dollar Theatre, Los Angeles, and while connections are made with the Edison Company, a powerful generator has been installed for the manufacture of their own juice, which guarantees a white, soft and steady light for production of fine pictures.

The equipment for this grand playhouse runs near to \$23,000, \$13,000 of which is represented in a Robert Morton Organ. No other city the size of Torrance in the state boasts of such a theatre, and his fine organ will be an inspiration, with Mr. Geo. W. King at the console.

Everyone should come forward next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and see that every seat in the house is sold out rapidly and get behind Mr. and Mrs. McVey in their new venture here, and preserve this form of amusement which has been so badly needed in Torrance for so long.

Temporarily Mrs. McVey will be in charge of the theatre, while her husband will spend much of his time between here and San Diego, where they conduct another theatre.

WEDDING AT CENTRAL PARSONAGE

Julius Strauch, a prominent rancher near Gardena, and Miss Malvina Lehman of Moneta were united in marriage at the Central church parsonage by Rev. Francis A. Zeller Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. After the ceremony they were taken to Los Angeles, where they boarded a train for San Diego. They will return in two or three weeks and will be at home to their many friends on Mr. Strauch's ranch at Gardena.

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THIMBLE CLUB MEET WITH MRS. KITE

The Afternoon Thimble Club met at the home of Mrs. R. C. Kite of Arlington avenue Wednesday afternoon. A surprise shower was given during the afternoon for Mrs. Merline Kersey, one of the members. Refreshments were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lembke of Harbor City and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paxman attended the Pacific Chapter of the O. E. S. in Los Angeles Saturday night.