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Long Line Of Fans See First Picture

TORRANCE THEATRE DRAWS A RECORD-BREAKING CROWD ON THE OPENING NIGHT

AT LAST! Torrance has a real motion picture theatre, and one that the city can well be proud of.

The opening of the Torrance Theatre on Wednesday evening was another chapter in the progressiveness of Torrance, and was witnessed by more people than has ever turned out before in the history of this city.

Long before 7:00 o'clock, the time of the first performance, swarms of people stood in front of the brightly illuminated new Auditorium building waiting to view the inside of the first real theatre Torrance has ever had, and judging from the lines of conversation, they were trying to realize that they really had a place of amusement and entertainment.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey goes the credit of being the first to entertain the people, and to them goes the best wishes for the greatest success in their new undertaking. Judging from the class of entertainment that was given on the opening night, Torrance will enjoy the best that is to be had in pictures henceforth.

Another thing that the people should keep in mind is the fact that Mr. and Mrs. McVey are giving

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TO HEAR PROTESTS

All members of the Board of Trustees of the city will sit in meeting at the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock to hear protests of the property owners in Tract 4070 against the proposed street improvements.

It is not expected that there will be many protests, as most every one, if not all, of the people in that tract are only too anxious to have the improvements put in and in accordance with the proposal which has been posted in that locality.

However, if anyone has a complaint it will be up to them to register their complaints at the above stated time.

SATURDAY IS TAG DAY

The Boy Scouts of Lomita need money. They have pondered long and earnestly to devise ways and means of raising funds for financing a bugle and drum corps, and finally hit upon the novel scheme of "tagging" everyone in Lomita next Saturday. They have tickets, 25 cents each, and you will be classed as a "piker" if you do not wear one, or a dozen. Get behind the boys. Your twenty-five cents means a lot in their young lives and ambitions. See how many "good turns" you can do for them Saturday, October 8.

COMBINED BIRTHDAY AND WEDDING PARTY

A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Moore of Torrance. The occasion was the birthday of both Mrs. Moore and Arthur Tappin, also the twenty-ninth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tappin, Sr. The crowd met at Mrs. W. H. Stanger's and went in a body from there.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. John Sidebotham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sidebotham and family, Tom Sidebotham of Clifton, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Farquhar and son; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tappin, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tappin, Jr.; and son; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tappin and son; Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Ed. Tappin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sidebotham and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanger.

TO LEASE

Officials of the Torrance Holding Company, together with a number of other property owners, are considering signing a lease with the Standard Oil Company for the erection of a derrick and for the drilling of oil on land just west of the Vista Highlands district.

The bonus consideration cannot be made public at this time, but it is understood that it is quite large, with a royalty for the oil in addition.

This will make at least three wells to be started in Torrance in the near future, and which will assure greater activity than has been anticipated.

It is also understood that a number of individual property owners in Tract No. 4070 are combining their lots preparatory for a lease.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Francis A. Zeller, Pastor.

Sunday school convenes at 9:30 sharp. Lesson subject, Paul at Ephesus, Acts 19, 1-41.

Morning worship at 10:45. Theme of morning sermon, "The Abiding Christian."

The evening service begins at 7:30. Subject, "The Evolution of Christian Experience."

A good choir will lead the congregational singing and will render special selections.

On Thursday evening at 7:30 the people gather for prayer. Robert Spencer is the leader in this service.

Everybody is invited to share with us in the blessings of these services.

The monthly Y. P. A. social and business meeting will be held at the parsonage next Monday evening.

Y. P. A. TO MEET

The Y. P. A. will meet at the parsonage next Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Zuver, Mrs. Lavin and Mrs. Boyd as host and hostesses.

TRUSTEES ENTERTAINED

Four members of the Board of Trustees journeyed to Culver City Monday evening to see how the affairs of the Movie City are run and to ascertain if possible "how to run a city without funds."

In the party were Trustees Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert and the city clerk, R. J. Deininger. The members of the local board sat through the business session of the Culver City meeting and were then taken by automobiles to the Culver City Country Club, where they enjoyed a huge feast.

It was discovered that any city cannot be run without funds, but the Culver City fathers could not enlighten the local "daddies" on how to raise the money.

Our trustees were high in their praise of the hospitality of the Culver City Fathers, and will extend them a vote of thanks at the next meeting.

FLAG POLE RAISED

At the last meeting of the Torrance Post No. 170 of the American Legion held at the new club house a new routine was followed. Instead of the regular business session the boys turned out en masse and raised the new flag pole.

Only a few of the members were present, and it was with great difficulty the pole was raised, the members working until eleven o'clock.

The regular dance will be held as usual on Friday evening of this week and a large turnout is expected. If the dancers of Torrance want the dances to continue they will have to turn out and support them. The music will be better than ever, and a general good time is assured.

The Legion plan to give a masquerade in the near future and everyone should be at work on their costume.

Recommend More Light On Streets

All members of the Board of Trustees were present Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Board at 8 o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. A communication from the Southern California Edison Company requesting permission to erect poles and wire for furnishing electrical energy to the residents of tracts 4070 and 2675 on the streets was read, and the city engineer drafted a resolution to be sent the Edison Co. granting them permission to use the streets and to erect the poles under his direction.

A letter from the P. E. Railroad enclosing a copy of a letter to the Dominguez Water Co. complaining of the water pressure at their plant was read and laid over until the next meeting, as the complaint was addressed to the Dominguez Water Co., and not to the Torrance Light and Power Co., who furnish the water in Torrance.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that the matter of the sewer farm was to be laid over until the conference with Mr. Overton, attorney for the Dominguez Land Corporation, and Mr. Osburn, general manager of the company.

A lengthy discussion was brought up by Trustee Stone in regard to the street lights. It was the opinion of Mr. Stone that some of the unnecessary light could be discontinued and lights erected in the northern part of the city, where there are no lights at present. Mr. Stone is to be complimented on his stand for lights in the northern part of the city, as there is a wonderful opportunity for accidents and crime in this section. By discontinuing one light in some places and the whole pole in others the rate would be cut down and new lighted erected for the same expenditure. It is to be hoped that Mr. Stone will be successful in his attempt to get lights in the northern section of the city. The matter was referred to him for investigation and report at the next meeting.

On request by the President of the Board, Trustee Fitzhugh reported that four members of the Board and the city clerk journeyed to Culver City Monday evening at the request of the Culver City Board and enjoyed a most interesting session.

MACABEES HAVE SOCIAL TIME

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Macabees entertained their husbands and friends Tuesday evening in Legion Hall. There were over fifty present. The evening was spent in a social time and card playing.

Mrs. Watson and Mr. Guyan won first prizes, and Mrs. Von Harn and Eddie Kern got the consolations. Refreshments of sandwiches, fruit salad and coffee were served.

One particular interesting part of the meeting was the reading of an ordinance establishing a date for an election for the recall of three members of the Culver City Board. After the business session the visiting Board were taken to the Culver City Country Club, and there partook of a luscious feed. The members were much impressed by the trip, and invited the Culver City Board to visit Torrance and be shown through the various factories. It is reported that President Proctor made two very interesting speeches on Torrance and her industries, which were well received.

The monthly report of the city recorder was read and ordered filed. In the report was the collection of fines amounting to ten dollars in the police court.

A motion was made and duly seconded to the effect that in the future all ordinances would be posted in three conspicuous places in the city instead of having them printed in a local paper as heretofore. This was done as a measure of economy which the trustees must meet. The ordinances hereafter will be posted in places to be designated later unless otherwise specified.

President Proctor brought up the matter of garbage collection and stated that he had received complaints that the collector is throwing the cans on the ground and denting the cans, and also leaving the cans uncovered. Trustee Fitzhugh promised to give the matter his prompt attention, and stated that he appreciated the complaint being made in that form.

Motion was made that all bills which had been properly audited be paid was carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Gilbert stated that he had been requested by Mr. J. C. McVey, lessee of the Auditorium, to ask permission of the Board to erect a marquis in front of the auditorium to cover the full width of the side walk. The opinion of the Board was that Mr. McVey should be permitted to erect the marquis, as it will add greatly to the comfort of the people of Torrance on rainy nights when waiting for the second performance.

Trustee Gilbert further stated that the McVeys requested permission to pay their license fee quarterly instead of annually, as is ordained in the license ordinance. This request was also granted.

All members of the Board will meet with Mr. Overton and Mr. Osburn of the Dominguez Land Corporation some time next week to go over a number of matters very pertinent to the work of improving and maintaining numerous city departments.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until next Monday evening, when they will meet to hear the protests of the residents of Vista Highlands on the proposed street improvements.

Thirty Acres Leased After Well Comes In

SANTA FE OIL WELL FLOWS FIVE HUNDRED BARRELS PER DAY AND SEEMS TO INCREASE

The Santa Fe well just west of Torrance has finally come in and is now flowing without the aid of the pumps, which were used at first.

On Monday the pumps were put on and the well was producing about 400 barrels a day, and on Tuesday the well began to flow without the aid of the pumps, flowing about 500 barrels the first twenty-four hours. It is considered very probable that the flow will increase and the limits are unknown.

Work has already been started on the work of the new well, located east of the present one, and on the property of the Dominguez Land Corporation. The sawdust road has been put down, and the trucks will be able to get on the ground without danger of sinking.

The new well is to be located 200 feet north and east of the second turn on the road to Redondo.

It has been stated that the drilling and sinking of the wells for the Fulton, Standard Oil, Dutch Shell and the Union Oil Co. will be started within the next thirty days.

The Torrance Holding Company may lease their thirty acres to the Standard Oil Company.

O. E. S. VISIT OTHER CHAPTERS

Mrs. W. H. Stanger, Worthy Matron of Torrance Chapter, and Mr. Chas. H. Mueller, Worthy Patron of Torrance Chapter, with Mrs. Chas. H. Mueller and Mr. W. H. Stanger, attended the matrons and patrons' entertainment given by the Long Beach Chapter at Long Beach on Friday, September 30. They witnessed the floral degree of the Eastern Star Chapter, which was very pretty and well done. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall.

Mrs. Lempke, Associate Matron of Harbor Chapter, San Pedro, Calif., and Mrs. Chas. H. Mueller, Associate Matron of Torrance Chapter under dispensation with their husbands, attended the Associate Matrons' entertainments given by the Inglewood Chapter at Inglewood on Wednesday evening.

TORRANCE REVIEW MEET

The members of Torrance Review, who are the local representatives of the Woman's Benefit Association, announce the news that their founder and leader, Miss Bina M. West, has been prominently and persistently presented to President Harding as the one woman in the United States fitted by special training and experience for a seat on the Advisory Conference Committee for Limited Armament.

Miss West was approached on this subject by her friends in the National Fraternal Congress of America which convened at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois, the first week in September. The delegates to this congress represent over nine million fraternalists and they stand back of the appointment.

Miss West is perhaps the best known woman in the United States. Her thirty years of leadership in a society numbering a quarter of a million women has drawn on her superlative talents and developed her mentally to a degree unusual in women. She has never been associated with any faction, nor is she a theorist, two attributes that will count with President Harding in making the appointment.

The local members are very proud of the recognition that has been given Miss West's abilities in the enthusiastic mention of her name all over the country, and during the past few days Commander Clemma Watson and her entire corps of officers and members have been busy getting in touch with Senators Hiram Johnson and Samuel Shortridge and Congressman Z. W. Osborne requesting their endorsement.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

The state law requires each elementary school district in California to take a census during the first full week in October of each year of all members over three years of age and under eighteen.

The state law places the duty of taking this school census on the principals and elementary school teachers of the school district.

There are several purposes for making this census, some of which might be enumerated as follows:

There is no other way of ascertaining the number of children in California.

The federal government requires the state certain information that cannot be secured in any other way.

Information that is vital for the art-time work can only be secured by means of a census.

The child labor and compulsory education laws cannot be adequately enforced unless we know the total number of school children to whom these laws apply.

California is one of the few progressive states that has no accurate information regarding its children available at one central office.

These are only a few of the many reasons that make a census necessary.

Wednesday was the last day of the half-day sessions. The school will hereafter open for all elementary grades at nine o'clock, and for intermediate and high school at 8:30. Beginning with full day sessions, no elementary pupils will be allowed on the school grounds before 8:30.

R. B. GROCERY IN NEW LOCATION

The Rock Bottom Grocery looks fine in its new location in the Steffen Block. The store is much larger than their previous location, and looks very neat with its white shelving and woodwork. They have been in Torrance for ten months, and H. A. Melbourne, the manager, wishes to thank the people for their support and patronage. A fine new meat market has been added with L. Ott, formerly of Azusa, in charge. The public will find the best of meats here and prices that are right.