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Cities Don't Grow --- Vision Builds Them

JUST one reason can be assigned for success of Los Angeles—VISION. Located in a desert, miles from a harbor, without water or power facilities, the wonder city of the west won a high place for itself because men and women of VISION blazed the trail through obstacles and beat down OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

Had the obstructionists had THEIR way the city of Los Angeles would still be a pleasant little town whose chief claim to fame would be GOOD CLIMATE.

But VISION and FAR-SIGHTEDNESS won. All California should learn the lesson of the city of Los Angeles, Torrance included.

WHEN Los Angeles proposed to bond itself so that water could be secured far up in the mountains, there was SEVERE OPPOSITION to the plan. But the project carried— with what result anyone can see today.

When Los Angeles proposed to bond for the purpose of building highways leading far out of the city proper, there was OPPOSITION to the plan. But the project carried— with what results anyone can see today.

Now comes Torrance to the threshold of its FIRST

REAL TEST. Three bond issues are proposed. At least two of them are VITALLY important to the future of this city. Naturally there is some opposition to them. BUT VISION AND FAR-SIGHTEDNESS SHOULD WIN.

THERE is some opposition to the Western avenue plan because one side of the highway lies in the city of Los Angeles and owners of this property will benefit by what the city of Torrance spends. That the property situation is what it is we deplore. But it EXISTS and CANNOT BE CHANGED.

To vote against the Western avenue paving bonds because some few owners of property in the city of Los Angeles will profit by the proposed paving, is like refusing to build a sidewalk in front of your house because your neighbor will walk on it. It is BITING off your nose to SPITE YOUR FACE.

FOR years Torrance has needed just the impetus that it is now receiving through nationwide publicity, growing industries, increased building, and oil. But these things

will not carry the city along by their own impetus. They need MOTIVE POWER supplied by the PEOPLE of Torrance. The opportunity for TREMENDOUS growth is here RIGHT NOW. The people of Torrance can TAKE IT or LEAVE IT. That is their choice and their right.

But they should remember that the hammer which strikes while the iron is HOT is the hammer that DOES THE BUSINESS—that a city must go FORWARD or it goes BACKWARD—that a CITY cannot live forever in the CLOTHES OF A VILLAGE.

SOUND finance dictates that the city buy the water system. The water company is now MAKING MONEY. Every dollar of profit will RAISE the price of the system.

Remember the sewer farm. If the city of Torrance had carried that project the city of Torrance would have made a LOT OF MONEY. That chance went GLIMMERING. ANOTHER now presents itself.

If you believe in Torrance, vote FOR the paving and water bonds. You will be REPAYED A THOUSANDFOLD.

Permits Jump In Dwelling Boom

Superior and So. Midway Get two Nice Producers

Field Now Producing More Than 18,000 Barrels a Day, Against 5900 at End of August

SWAB THREE MORE FOR PRODUCTION C. C. M. O. Prepares to Bring In Couple, One in Northern and One in Southern Part of Field

Three wells were placed on production in the Torrance field last week, and three more were momentarily expected to come in.

With the three which went down on the list of producers during the week the field's daily production passed 18,000 barrels.

In August the field was producing 5,905 barrels a day, according to data compiled by the Petroleum institute.

It has almost quadrupled in two weeks.

W. M. Keck wins the laurels for producing in the biggest producer of the field.

Superior's Torrance No. 5, which is on production, is producing 2,500 barrels a day.

Standard completed Kirk No. 4 at 125 barrels a day. The oil tested 14 gravity.

Late Wednesday Chanslor-Canfield was swabbing Torrance No. 12, on 21st street, and No. 14, on the old Redondo road, offsetting Superior's new producer. Both these wells should be on production any minute now.

No. 12 was drilled to 3615 feet, and No. 14 to 3724 feet. No. 12 carries 268 feet of perforated casing, and No. 14 240 feet.

Petroleum Securities Thursday morning was ready to swab No. 1 for production. This well is north of the Midway Northern discovery well.

THREE WELLS IN FIELD ARE WAITING FOR SHUTOFF O. K.

Three new wells placed on production during the week, and four more waiting for production, several of which were at the stage just past drilling through cement.

Empire Drilling company's well in Pennsylvania is standing at 3545 feet. Universal's No. 1 is standing at 3520 feet.

Other wells standing in cement are Gilmore's, at Fir and Pennsylvania, 3545 feet; Petroleum

LUCK IS GOING TO SIT UP NIGHTS TO SEE THAT NOBODY WALKS AWAY WITH HIS HOUSE

Hawkins truck driver left loaded with nine lengths of casing standing in front of his home Monday night, and truck disappeared some time during the night.

Asked what he knew about the case, Luck said: "Nothing. And that's all. We didn't go anyplace Sunday, and we're not go-

C. OF C. STANDS FOR PAVING AND WATER BONDING

Passes Resolution Endorsing Two of Three Proposals

COMMEND HERALD Political Ambition Is Seen in Klusman's Silence

Endorsing the proposed bond issues for the purchase of the water system and the paving of Western avenue, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon passed a resolution commending the Torrance Herald for its editorials supporting the progress of the city. The resolution passed by the board, with all except William Klusman voting, was made by Dr. J. S. Lancaster. It follows:

"Resolved, that this body endorse the proposed bond issues for the purchase of the water system and the paving of Western avenue, and that we commend the Torrance Herald for its admirable editorials on behalf of these two projects."

During a discussion on the proposed bonding propositions Director Klusman, who at previous meetings voted in favor of paving Western avenue and of buying the water system if the price was equitable, exhibited opposition to the bonding proposals.

SEE POLITICAL MOVE Asked if he is opposed to all of them, he refused to go on record either way.

Close followers of local politics, recalling Klusman's statement at a recent forum that he expects "to be mayor of Torrance some day," are looking for opposition to the bonding issues, not altogether from a standpoint of the merits or demerits of the proposals as from a standpoint of political ambition.

Mr. Klusman did not vote on the resolution endorsing the two propositions, despite the fact that he was one of the most ardent supporters of the Western avenue plan when it was recently espoused by the Chamber of Commerce. Neither did he vote against the resolution.

GERNER FLOWS 1000 BARRELS OF 20 GRAVITY

Southern Outpost Finally Cleans Out For Good Production

Placed on production Thursday morning, after having been cleaned out Federal's No. 1 at Elgin street and Narbonne avenue was flowing at a rate of about 1000 barrels. After the flow of 500, before the well was thoroughly cleaned, the increased production brightened prospects in the Lomita district to a great degree. A test of the oil Wednesday showed 19.1 gravity—bringing disappointment to some, but failing to shake the be-

MORE HELP IS AUTHORIZED FOR P. O. HERE

Gourdier Instructed to Put On Two More Clerks

IS QUICK ACTION C. of C. and Capt. Fredricks Plead With Washington

The postoffice department at Washington has recognized the growth of Torrance.

Postmaster Gourdier Tuesday received authorization from Washington to put on two more postal clerks to relieve the congestion in the local office.

The action on the part of the department followed representations made by the postmaster and the Chamber of Commerce to the department through Congressman Fredricks.

Postmaster Gourdier informed that department that the present force is entirely inadequate for the amount of mail handled here. "I certainly appreciate the quick action we received," said Mr. Gourdier. The Chamber of Commerce and our congressman have co-operated to the great benefit of the citizens.

WOMAN'S CLUB WILL HEAR DR. PROCTOR TALK

Meeting Next Monday Is Open to All Women

On Monday, Nov. 5, the Torrance Woman's club meets in the community hall of the Methodist church at 2:30. The members of the P. T. A. and all women, whether club members or not, are invited to attend.

Dr. Minnie Proctor of Torrance, Dr. Maude Wilde of Los Angeles, and E. P. Moore Jr., scout executive for the harbor district, are to be the speakers.

The music is to be furnished by Mrs. Gordon Groves and the little Misses Rose Paige and Olive Huber.

All club members are urged to be present at this meeting. The change in the by-laws is to be voted on. A motion was made and presented in writing at the last meeting to change the days of meeting from the first and third Mondays to the second and fourth Thursdays. It requires a two-thirds vote of members present to make the change.

Some are inclined to believe that the low gravity indicates that the Federal well is on the edge of the structure. Despite this contention Universal and Federal are both going right forward with construction of

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Houses for Sixty Families in City October Record

Construction Cost for First Eight Months of Year Passes Million and Half Dollar Mark Here

OUTSIDE INVESTORS ARE ATTRACTED Long Awaited Influx of Foreign Building Capital Follows Passage of Anti-Drilling Ordinance

Torrance building permits for 1923 swept past the million and a half dollar mark this month.

That is almost a California record for a city the size of Torrance, according to local officials.

The total for the first eight months of the year was \$1,530,375.

October's permits were \$159,045. With the boom in dwelling house and apartment construction, ushered in by the anti-oil drilling ordinance which recently passed the board of trustees, the permits for the entire year of 1923 bid fair to approach close to the two million dollar mark.

Construction of homes led the list during October by a wide and welcome margin. Of the total building cost represented by the month's permits, only \$40,000 went for oil derricks and sheds. Practically all the rest

was for dwelling houses and apartment courts. From October 1 to Oct. 31 permits were taken out for construction

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TOMKINS WIELDS GOOD BRUSH

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



Torrance can claim a painting contractor who has for years been engaged in every phase of his trade. Mr. E. N. Tomkins is the highly experienced man who is dressing up the new homes and the new business blocks in this city. A more worthy man could not be found anywhere. Mr. Tomkins has devoted his entire

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