

# PUT CABRILLO AVE. PAVING UP TO P. E. AGAIN

## Business Men Sign Petition Asking Quick Action

### DUST NUISANCE

#### Concerted Effort May Bring Desired Results

Another concerted effort is now being made to induce the Pacific Electric company to pave along its right of way on Cabrillo avenue.

A petition to the company requesting that paving be put down is being circulated among business men by members of the Chamber of Commerce directorate.

For some time the business men, Board of Trustees and Chamber of Commerce have been endeavoring to get a promise from the P. E. to pave between the tracks.

The P. E. recently agreed to lay crushed stone and oil. Not satisfied with this a new effort was made to convince the company officials of the advisability of paving the right of way.

D. W. Pontius, vice-president and general manager of the P. E. this week wrote a letter to the Chamber of Commerce stating that the company would install curbing and paving on a portion of the road crossing constructed at Marcelino and Susana avenues.

Directors were not convinced that this would eliminate the nuisance of dust from the P. E. right of way and the petition was the result.

Business men with stores on Cabrillo are willing to go the limit to insure an elimination of the dust nuisance on the thoroughfare.

It is believed that concerted and determined effort on the part of business men and industry officials will eventually bring about the desired results.

### PRESIDENT TO BE NEAR HERE ON AUGUST 3

Residents of this district will be afforded a fine opportunity of seeing the President of the United States on Friday, August 3.

Leaving Hollywood in the morning, President Harding and his official party will motor to Glendale and Pasadena, thence to Long Beach by way of Signal Hill on Cherry street down Ocean avenue to Dalay street in Long Beach, north to Anaheim and west on Anaheim to Wilmington, where they will turn south to San Pedro where the President is scheduled to board a boat to Catalina islands.

According to the schedule the President will board the boat at San Pedro at 3 o'clock. This means that he will be traveling west on Anaheim between 2:30 and 3 o'clock.

Residents of Torrance and Lomita who wish to see the President will do well to get "on location" early.

### Ben Harwood Having Great Time At Old Chateau In Quebec

Ben Harwood informs the Chamber of Commerce directors that he certainly is having a great time way up in Quebec. He is staying at the famous Chateau Frontenac up there and writes that there are many French and Scotch in the old Canadian province. The Chateau Frontenac is one of the most attractive hotels in North America, sitting high on the heights above the St. Lawrence and looking out over the famous plains of Abraham.

### Mrs. Mitchell Is Taken By Death

Minnie Alice Mitchell, wife of William W. Mitchell, of 1740 Arlington street, passed quietly, Sunday, July 8, after an illness of six months. Services were held, Wednesday afternoon in the Central Evangelical church of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Mrs. Mitchell, whose maiden name was Davis, was born in Cherokee county, Alabama, July 24, 1875, and married Mr. Mitchell on her 20th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have resided in Torrance about three and one-half years. Besides her husband, four brothers and a sister survive. Mrs. J. P. Lutes, Canon City, Colorado, who reached here in time for the funeral; A. F. Davis, Piedmont, Ala.; W. H. Davis, Naples, Texas; L. H. Davis, Anderson, Alabama; J. S. Davis, Birmingham, Alabama.

Deceased was a past matron of the Eastern Star, a member of the Avondale, Alabama, chapter.

### TWO NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were admitted to membership in the Chamber of Commerce this week. They are J. W. Morris, Methodist minister and Arthur E. Finster, druggist.

# Bank Gains Reflect Growth



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## HOW SHOULD THE PAVEMENT ON WESTERN AVENUE BE FINANCED BY CITIZENS? FORUM MEETING MONDAY WILL DISCUSS DEBATABLE QUESTION FOR TRUSTEES

Most everyone agrees that Torrance should pave Western avenue to the city limits and thus add one more link to the great highway from the mountains to the sea.

But there is a wide divergence of opinion regarding the method of financing that paving. In an effort to ascertain the majority opinion on this important matter, the Board of Trustees requested the Chamber of Commerce to bring it up for discussion at the next meeting of the Open Forum.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, appreciating the desirability of immediate action, set the date for the next Forum meeting for next Monday night. It will be held as usual in Legion Hall.

The Forum committee, the Chamber of Commerce directors, the Board of Trustees, the business men are anxious to see a representative turnout at Monday night's meeting.

A pavement on Western avenue is more

important than any of the details of its financing. Several propositions for the financing have been put forward.

**Bone of Contention** One would call a special election at which the people would vote on a general bond issue to pay the entire cost of the pavement.

Opposed to this are many who believe that owners of property on Western avenue should stand at least part of the cost.

The paving job will be a difficult one owing to the difficult grading that will be necessary. So the proportion which Western avenue property owners should pay, if any, is a matter of debate.

It is to gauge public opinion that the matter will be discussed at the Forum meeting. The issue is squarely up to the people. In referring it to Forum discussion the Trustees and the Chamber of Commerce have acted

wisely. Now it remains for the public to attend the meeting and to discuss the matter in all detail.

### A Great Benefit

Western avenue, paved from the hills to the Pacific and running through Torrance means thousands of dollars revenue to the city—it means advantage and benefit to every person living in Torrance.

It is reasonable to say that no other project on the program of Torrance deserves such careful consideration. None merits quicker action. None is as of much importance to the city.

It is the civic duty of citizens to attend the forum meeting Monday night.

Let's let the trustees know what we, the people desire. Then when a bond proposal is submitted, it will be assured of carrying—and the long dreamed of highway will soon be a reality.

## Crew Fights Gas As Drill Strikes Shallow Oil Sand

Considered one of the most important developments in the Torrance field in recent months is the showing in the Superior Oil Company's Shedd No. 1 at the northeast corner of Carson and Cedar street, which encountered oil shale and streaks of sand between 2600 and 2650 feet, and a gas pressure at the same depth which for a time threatened serious damage to the well. The gas and oil showing were struck in the well Monday and for two days the crew was forced to fight the gas constantly, and at the worst stage the hole was about two thirds full of heavy rotary mud.

**Drilling Again** It looked for a time as though the well could be brought in at the shallow depth, but the drilling was continued. Wednesday the well was reported to have passed 2700 feet and to be out of the showing temporarily.

Unless the showing in the Shedd well is only a freak condition and confined to that well alone, it would indicate that there is a sharp rise in the structure between it and the present producing wells on Carson street. It would also indicate that the peak of the structure is much farther north than hitherto expected. For a long time the general belief has been that the crest of the structure followed closely the old Long Beach-Redondo boulevard, but the Shedd well now would seem to upset this view. The showings encountered in this well are about three hundred feet shallower than those found in any of the wells on Carson street and considerably shallower than the two wells being drilled on the Long Beach-Redondo boulevard. In the Midway Northern well on the south side of the road the casing was not set until it had reached 3500 feet, and in the Chancellor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 8, the first oil and gas showings were reported at 2850. The gas pressure in the Shedd well is greater than that in any of the wells.

**Build Two Rigs** Among the new developments in the field this week, was the building of two new rigs in the 4070 Tract, one of them going up in Block 12 on a five-acre lease recently taken over by the Southern California Midway Petroleum Company. This is the first well that company has started in the field. The other rig was put up by the Chancellor Canfield Midway Oil Company to offset the well in Block 12. Both wells are just north of 216th street.

A bad fishing job has held up drilling in the Superior Oil Company's Osburn No. 1, which is in Block 11 of the 4070 Tract, and just east of the Southern California rig. A wall hook has become frozen in the hole and is giving the crew in the hole one of the toughest jobs one of the toughest fishing jobs they have tackled for some time. The well is now down 1225 feet. In Block 4 of the same tract, drilling has been temporarily suspended in Bowles No. 1, a Superior

Oil Company well, now down about 1,800 feet.

**Take Core Tests** The Chancellor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 6, also in the 4070 Tract, but further to the west in Block 14, is slightly below 3600 feet and core tests are being made frequently to locate the best point to put the well on production. Coming close to setting a new record for fast drilling, the crew on the Hub's Smith No. 2, offsetting the Standard's Torrance Community No. 3, was yesterday preparing to cement the well at 2100 feet.

The new activities of the Standard this week included the spudding in of Torrance Community No. 4, in the northeast corner of the 30-acre lease on the west side of Torrance and the putting in of a cement foundation for Dominguez No. 1, in the southwest corner of the 137-acre lease southeast of the city. Lumber and timber for the derrick were put on the ground also and the 2-inch water line laid to the well.

**One More In** The Shell Oil Company this week brought in Fringer No. 1, on the Torrance-Redondo boulevard. It is now making about 200 barrels on the pump and the gravity of the oil is said to be around 18. The Chancellor Canfield Midway's Del Amo No. 5, offsetting this well is making between 100 and 200 barrels and is running around 20 gravity.

The deep drilling contest between the Union, Shell and Standard is growing keener. The Shell's Redondo No. 1, now down 4800 feet, has been held up considerably during the past ten days by fishing jobs and has not made much progress, while the Standard's Felkner No. 1 and the Union's Francis No. 2 have been making good speed. The Union's Francis No. 2, in the northwest section of the field is now below 4700 feet and the Standard's Felkner No. 1 is nearing the 4600 foot level. If there is a deeper sand on the west side of the field, these three wells forming a triangle over an area of one mile claim to be the first to bring a well in from the deeper sand?

**Authentic Information Meagre** Just what is taking place in the Peterson-Barker Syndicate's wildcat well at 213th and Western avenue, only those on the inside know. It is believed that by this time the men drilling the well know whether it is to be a producer or a dry hole, but no information is being given out, leaving the general public to guess at the depth of the well and the things that are taking place inside the wire fence. Hundreds of persons, and those who are interested in buying property there, visit the well daily. Those who wish to know something about the well declare that the well is now down about 3550 feet and that good showings have been encountered and that the drillers are now only looking for a place to land the casing preparatory to cementing off.

Attend the Legion Auxiliary Dance at Legion Hall, July 19. Price, 50 cents.

### BREAK GROUND FOR 2-STORY OFFICE BLDG. Long Beach Men Build Six Stores On El Prado

Another two story store and office building for Torrance was assured this week when ground was broken for a new business block on El Prado, street, in Block 8.

The new structure is being erected by Messrs. Sherman and Friedman of Long Beach. W. E. Allen of Long Beach has the general contract.

There will be six stores on the ground floor with several offices above.

The plans call for an attractive front, excellently finished interior and all modern conveniences.

### FIESTA AUTO SHOW SPACE IS ALL SOLD

With space all sold for the automobile show to be held in connection with the Torrance Exposition and Fiesta, the first steps in the realization of plans to make this year's event the best ever were made. It is expected that the merchant's displays will be rapidly taken up.

The Legion committee is elated at the success of the automobile show, as presaged by the rapidly with which space was taken up by exhibitors.

Fiesta headquarters have been opened in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce in the City Hall.

### Incorporation Question Now Up In Lomita

Lomita once more is seriously considering the question of incorporation as a city.

At this week's meeting of the Lomita Business Men's association, the question was debated spiritedly. It was finally decided to secure definite figures on the amount of money Lomita property owners are now paying in taxes and to set these figures beside the probable cost to taxpayers under incorporation. These figures will be presented to the next meeting of the association.

### LITTLE BOY EXPIRES

Little John J. (Buddy), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bartz, died Tuesday in the Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, after a week's illness. The funeral services will be held this afternoon, (Friday), at 2:30 o'clock, at the Ruppe Parlors, 842 South Figueroa street. Interment in Inglewood cemetery.

Mr. Bartz is employed at the Union Tool Co.

Mr. Briney reports National No. 1 drilling through a hard formation at 675 feet.

## Deposits Go Past Million Dollars; Resources Ahead

Reflecting the astonishing growth of Torrance during the past year, bank statements published today show a tremendous increase in the resources of the two local financial institutions and in their deposits.

Banking resources as of June 30 last year totaled \$682,351.15. On June 30 this year they were \$1,437,691.53, an increase of \$755,340.38 in a year.

More indicative of the increased size of the Torrance purse, how-

ever, are the figures which show the increase in bank deposits here.

They have jumped \$664,980.83 since June 30, 1922. Then they totaled \$486,232.93. On June 30 of this year they passed the million dollar mark and reached the sum of \$1,150,313.76.

There was only one bank in Torrance a year ago, but the increase in deposits, nevertheless shows an increase in the amount of money placed in banks by business houses, industries and people of the city.

### Midway Well Shut off Is O. K.

State inspectors placed their official O. K. on the water shutoff of the Midway Northern well on the old Redondo road Tuesday morning and the crew immediately started drilling out. It will be remembered that the crew cemented off and set casing in the remarkably fast time of one night.

Considerable interest attaches itself to this well and this interest is increased by the fact that attempts to bring in the well probably will be made in about ten days.

If the Midway Northern comes in as well as the more optimistic expect it to, there is certain to be some spirited drilling in the sections nearby.

### REAL ESTATE SALES

One acre on Beacon from Mr. Othos to J. A. Smith—house and two lots on Vine street, Owner Miss Cox sold to Mrs. Chas. Monroe, through the Welte and Gilbert agency. The Geo. W. Murphey property on South Walnut street sold to Mrs. Ida Wilkins, P. O. Meacham, agent.

The Othos Acre on Beacon street to J. A. Smith; house and two lots on Vine street, Miss Cox to T. H. Cary, of New York; two lots on Vine street, Miss Cox to Mrs. Charles Monroe; A. A. Henning house on 261st street to Mr. Rice of Arizona; through the Welte & Gilbert agency.

The two Wilson lots on Rose street to Mrs. A. Perkins; Ivy & Ivy, and Welte & Gilbert, agents.

### Day and Night Garage Sells Hendrie Tires

The Day and Night Garage announces that it now has exclusive selling agency for Hendrie tires in Torrance. Heretofore these Torrance-made tires have been sold direct from the factory.

### LOMITA TAKES REINS IN DRIVE FOR NEW ROAD

Seek New Highway From Long Beach to Redondo

Lomita will make a strenuous effort to secure a new direct route via Lomita from Long Beach to Redondo.

This was assured Monday night when the Business Men's association voted for the appointment of a committee of three to confer with the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce on the matter of extending State street in Long Beach to connect with Weston street in Lomita.

W. A. Teagarden, who has conferred with Long Beach men on the proposal, reported that officials of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce are heartily in favor of the plan.

**Here Is Committee** The committee appointed to confer with the Long Beach men prior to Thursday night's meeting of the Fourth District Chamber of Commerce consists of Mr. Teagarden, J. A. Smith and O. W. Stone.

Weston street extended would intersect American avenue in Long Beach near Willowville. In case Long Beach goes ahead with the paving of State street, an improvement district will be formed to push the highway on to Lomita, through Lomita and thence to Redondo.

That the project will receive the undivided support of the entire Fourth district is certain. Anaheim street is so congested that citizens at both ends and all along the route would welcome relief.

The Business Men's association, in promoting such a project as this deserves commendation.

**Will Demonstrate Painting Methods** Mrs. Jean Scott, special demonstrator for Sunset Paint products and Kyanise varnishes and enamels will spend next week at the Charles Lapping Paint and Decorating store explaining proper painting methods. Mrs. Scott has been touring the coast giving demonstrations through the efforts of Mr. Lapping she was brought to Torrance.