

3 MONTHS BUILDING \$32,105.00

CARSON STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS SOLD

Keck Bros. Only Bidder on Street Bonds; Sold at Par

Evidently under the impression that the Carson street improvement bonds could be purchased of the contractor for less than in the open market where par and accrued interest would have to be paid, no bids were received by the city clerk for the bonds up to 7:30 Tuesday night and they were accordingly turned over to the contractor, who stated he would probably be compelled to sell them for less than par to get his money for the work done. The amount of the bonds is exactly the amount of the contractor's bid.

No bids having been received for the sale of the Santa Fe franchise, the city attorney was requested to inform the company that the latter would be compelled to re-advertise. The request of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company to string power lines across certain streets in the western part of the city was granted, as was also the request of C. A. Paxman to construct a fireproof addition to a warehouse in the rear of his El Prado street store.

While the business license for the selling of peanuts, popcorns and candy from a wagon or stand on the public streets is one dollar per day, an exception was made in the case of Joseph F. Stephens, a blind man, who will be allowed to sell these and other similar articles near the postoffice, his license fee being \$3 per quarter.

Ordinance No. 49, covering the matter of signs and billboards, published in full in another column, was adopted as was also Ordinance No. 50, covering the subject of business licenses which will also be found in another portion of the Herald.

An ordinance regulating the installation of electric wires in buildings in Torrance was read by title and will come up for final hearing at the next regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doble of Torrance, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Summers of Los Angeles, will spend the Easter holidays at their summer cottage in Avalon, Catalina Island.

Mrs. Jack Quigley is returning next week from the sanitarium at Sierra Madre, where she has been for the past six months taking treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Algeo of Long Beach are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell of Park Terrace.

ENGINEER LOCATES HERE

P. J. Ryan, for many years locomotive engineer for the New York Central railway, has forsaken the throttle and instead of pulling the emergency brake is now engaged in pulling weeds on his Torrance lawn when not busy selling real estate. Mr. Ryan, who lives at 1829 Arlington street, has been instrumental in locating some 15 eastern residents in and around Torrance and keeps up a correspondence with his former railway friends that will ultimately result in bringing to Torrance scores of families. He is a veteran of the Spanish war, having been a member of the First New York Volunteers.

CITY FATHERS DISCOURAGE PEDLARS

Impose Heavy Tax on Vendors Having No Regular Route

More than two hours was consumed Tuesday evening by the city trustees in a discussion and modification of a business license ordinance framed to take the place of the one now in force.

While few radical changes were made in the existing law and most of the lines of business in the city will in the future pay the present license rate, an outstanding feature of the new ordinance was the taxing of out-of-town laundries with \$25 per quarter. They now pay \$3 per quarter as does the local laundry.

Pedlars of whatsoever nature, who have no Torrance place of business and no regular route over which they travel and sell their goods at least twice a week will in future be taxed \$25 per day. Pedlars with a local place of business or having a well defined route will pay into the city exchequer \$6 per quarter.

Pedlars of food stuffs, where it is known that they raise the produce on land owned or leased by them, whether in or outside the city limits will be able to sell their wares without a license. This concession was made by the trustees in an effort to keep down the cost of living and to encourage those who hope to derive an income from their land.

For the information of those who are interested in the license matter, the new ordinance which was adopted Tuesday night will be found complete in another column.

Mrs. A. C. Carlson and daughter Mary Lue, of Jerome, Arizona, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Joseph S. Soddy of Kern Court. She expects to spend a month in Torrance.

Million and Half Building Looked For This Year

BUILDING BOOM, BEGINNING WITH \$70,000 IN JANUARY, INCREASING RAPIDLY; MANY BIG PROJECTS IN SIGHT

A building record at the rate of more than a million a year is being established in Torrance.

The value of buildings erected in Torrance since January 1 of this year up to and including March 28, exceeds by approximately \$5000 the amount expended for building here for the entire twelve months of 1922.

Swinging along at the rate of more than \$100,000 per month the record being established in Torrance would have been a credit to Los Angeles ten years ago and is but a forerunner, according to the banks and others in touch with the economic situation, of even greater things to come.

A recapitulation of building activities for 1923 shows:
 January ----- \$ 69,400
 February ----- 123,370
 March, to and including 28th ----- 128,335
 Total ----- \$321,105
 Among the permits issued during the past seven days is one for \$62,000 by the Union Tool Company as the first unit in their \$1,000,000 expansion program. A five-family house for George Proctor to cost \$14,150, and a dwelling for W. W. Johnston to cost \$4400.
 Building permits for the 24 working days of March up to and including March 28 include the following:
 C. F. Cretzier, 2805 Carson; Rose Rothleder, 1829 Cabrillo; Fred Polce, 1823 Cabrillo; J. E. Bledsoe, 1220 Cota; Evelyn N. Barber, 1221 Cota; A. W. Clarke, 1750 Arlington; E. W. Boyd, 1730 Arlington; J. W. Post, 1561 Post; W. R. Lee, 1823 Arlington; L. E. Sartin, 1226 Amapola; H. Wesley 2224 Andreo; Root & Rhodes, 712 Amapola; Union Tool, Border avenue; George Proctor, 1675 Susana; C. Chesbro, Crescent Heights; W. W. Johnston, 1667 Susana; Standard Tool Company, Border avenue; C. A. Paxman, rear of El Prado.

Drilling Wells in Torrance Field

CHASNOLR-CANFIELD MIDWAY

Del Amo No. 4—Spudding in.
 Del Amo No. 5—1400 ft.
 Del Amo No. 6—Rigging up.
 Del Amo No. 7—Building rig.
 Torrance No. 1—3578 ft., pulling tubing.
 Torrance No. 4—2985 ft., standing cemented.
 Torrance No. 5—Boiling water to re-cement.
 Torrance No. 6—801 ft.
 Torrance No. 7—Building rig.
 Dominguez No. 1—3960 ft., standing cemented.
 Dominguez No. 2—Location.

STANDARD OIL

Kirke No. 3—3005 ft.
 Felkner No. 1—3625 ft., sandy shale.
 Torrance No. 3—3030 ft., standing cemented.

HUB OIL

Smith No. 1—3060 ft., standing cemented.
 Frier No. 1—2100 ft., sandy shale.

GILMORE PETROLEUM

Gilmore No. 1—1350 ft., hard sand.

GEORGE F. GETTY

Getty No. 1—Rigging up.
 Frederickson No. 1—2825 ft.

FULLERTON OIL CO.

Lens No. 1—Plugged back to 3000 ft.

GENERAL PETROLEUM

Carson No. 2—2000 ft.
 Pettifils No. 2—Rigging up.

SHELL OIL

Redondo No. 1—3750 ft., drilling.
 Torrance No. 1—3550 ft., testing for water.
 Fringer No. 1—3500 ft., preparing to cement.

PETROLEUM MIDWAY

Craven No. 1—2500 ft.
 Waldron No. 1—1000 ft.
 Casab No. 1—1400 ft.
 Gish No. 1—Building rig.

UNION OIL

Francis No. 2—3144 ft., brown shale.
 Weston No. 1—3835 ft., drilling.

TORRANCE GETS NEW WELL IN NORTH

C. C. M. O. Preparing to Drill Dominguez No. 2 Near Reservoir

The location of Dominguez No. 2 just north of the Dominguez Water Company's reservoir and east of Dominguez No. 1, which the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company has been attempting to put on production for the past four months, is regarded by oil men as one of the outstanding features of the drilling operations in the Torrance field during the past week. The locating of the second Dominguez well is taken to indicate that a satisfactory oil showing has been found in the first well, though it has not as yet been put on production.

It is pointed out by the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company representatives that so much trouble has been encountered in drilling Dominguez No. 1 that it is not a fair test of what the territory to the north of Torrance will produce. The past three months has been spent in attempting to shut off the water in the No. 1 well, the company going to the expense of re-drilling it for a distance of about 800 feet. It has been plugged back from 4250 to about 3900 feet in an attempt to locate the water, and last week it was believed for a time that the water flow had been located, but a test the first part of this week showed that another failure was to be faced.

The oil showing in this well has always been reported as good and the action of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company in locating the second well is believed to verify this report. The territory to the north of Torrance has never been regarded enthusiastically by oil men, most of them preferring the acreage farther south, but the move of the C. C. M. O. people throws a new light on this district.

The Edens well at 213th street and Western avenue, spudded in with rotary machinery last Thursday, is also the center of great interest. The drill is now down a little more than 800 feet and it is believed that within the next 60 feet it will strike oil.
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Fight Fans Enjoy Bouts

The fight fans of Torrance and community were again pleased by the fighters who composed the fight program arranged for their pleasure Wednesday night at Legion Hall. All bouts were good and when the crowd filed out everyone seemed satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

The first preliminary between Andy Sanchez, of Los Angeles, and Joe Frenchy, of Harbor City, was one of the best and both boys deserve praise for the fact that they believe in standing up and fighting. This boy Sanchez sure takes punishment with a smile. When the bout ended he was bleeding about the face and nose and some of the spectators claim they saw him expectorate a tooth or two during the fight. Frenchy gained the well earned decision.

The bout between "Red" Devine, of San Pedro, and "Chief" Cyrus, of Torrance, ended abruptly in the second round when a glancing blow reopened an old wound in the temple of Cyrus, causing it to bleed continually. The "Chief" was carried from the ring by his attendants.

But No. 3 was between "Red" Murphy, of Redondo, and Tommy Vera, of Los Angeles. Decision to Murphy.

Joe Mandot, of Los Angeles, failed to appear and "Young" Andrews, of San Pedro, was substituted against Bobby Noble of Gardena. This bout ended abruptly in the second when Noble suddenly left the ring, angry at something not known to the audience.

"Kid" Nevo and Harry De Roy were substituted for Kaspar and Moss. The "Kid" received the decision.

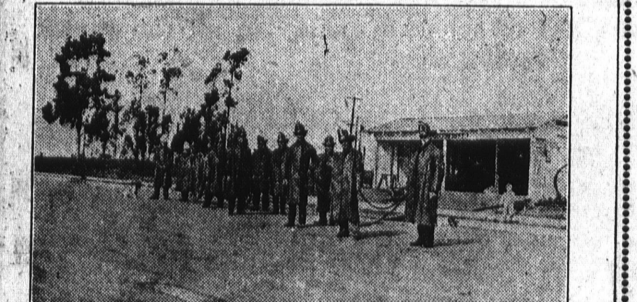
The last bout and main event between Joe Reaume and Mickey Rollinson was a draw.

Your bit would be to supply Com-munity tickets from Venice to Los Angeles, which are supplied by the Pacific Electric at special rates for this purpose.

No better Easter gift could be selected than to do something for these boys; remember, there are more than 500 of them and Torrance cannot supply too much of the articles enumerated above.

All contributions that you may have should be taken or sent to the home of Mrs. J. W. Post, 1551 Post Ave., or Mrs. R. E. Leetes, 1929 Gramercy Ave., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2, 3, and 4, where they will be accepted and taken care of.

First Building in Torrance



The first building in Torrance was torn down Monday, when the old fire house passed out of existence. The old landmark was built by the Dominguez Land Corporation when the town was first laid out and was used for a restaurant, the cook being a Chinaman. When the surveyors came to define the lines of the city of Torrance, the first provision for their crew was an eating house, and at that time the whole contour was a vast field. As work progressed and the crew

was enlarged these accommodations proved too small and larger quarters were provided, with Mrs. Johnson offering larger boarding house accommodations in a building where the Torrance Laundry now stands. Later the Chinaman's restaurant was closed.

A small fire apparatus was purchased some time later and was housed in this building which answered the purpose of a fire house until a few months ago when bigger apparatus was purchased by the city.

A baby daughter arrived at the home of A. W. Hemsworth Monday, March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Haynes are enjoying many pleasant trips in their new Chevrolet car.

Mrs. Frank Schumacher of 1104 Arlington avenue has gone to a Los Angeles hospital, where she expects to undergo an operation.

Mrs. Fred Johnson of Dolores is visiting Mrs. Fanny C. King.

Miss Cole of Los Angeles and Miss Fix of Lomita are new employees at the First National Bank.

The Torrance Relief will meet on Friday, April 6, at 2 o'clock.

If a girl can pass her thirtieth birthday without detection she begins to think the dates in the family Bible have been mixed up.

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