

School Building Contract Is Let

Torrance Herald Sold

This issue of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News Letter are the last publications under the present management, C. P. Roberts, owner and publisher, having sold both newspapers to W. Harold Kingsley and Grover C. Whyte of Flint, Michigan. The new owners take possession Monday, June 18, and Torrance may feel assured that the Herald passes into good hands. Fourteen months ago the undersigned purchased the Herald, then a small four-page newspaper, and soon after the Torrance Herald and Torrance Enterprise were merged under the name of the Herald Publishing Company. You have seen it grow by leaps and bounds, keeping pace with every other development in this city, made possible only through the undivided support of business men and subscribers.

The loyalty to your home paper is commendable and it is this devotion and fairness shown in all lines of endeavor that is responsible for the marvelous growth of Torrance in the past year. Your unity of purpose, your genuine booster spirit, is reflected not only in the growth of your own business but on all sides within the city limits.

The sale of the Herald came like lightning out of a clear sky. It was done so quickly that it does not seem possible that next week we will not call upon you for news and advertisements, attend your meetings and counsel with you.

For the past four years we have worked faithfully side by side with you people of Torrance, sharing your joys and sorrows, rejoicing in your successes and many warm friendships have resulted. No difference where we go or in whatever work we become engaged the years spent with you in the newspaper business will recall nothing but pleasant memories. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have no plans for the future except that they will not be connected with the Herald or News Letter in any way.

C. P. ROBERTS.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued this week at the city clerk's office:

J. McMaster, 2215 Tenth street dwelling; Standard Oil Company 1513 Cabrillo, oil station; San Levy, 1313-15 Sartori, two-story Class C store and apartment building; Superior Oil Company, Lot Ten Block Six, Tract 4070, oil derrick; Hansen & McQuaid, 2207 Gramercy dwelling.

INVITE REAL ESTATE MEN

A special invitation is given the real estate dealers of Lomita to attend the banquet of the Torrance Realty Board, to be given in Melner's Cafe, Thursday evening, June 21, at 6:00 o'clock. An interesting meeting is anticipated and much valuable information will be given by the various speakers.

A charge of \$1.00 per plate will be made.

AND THIS FROM THE FORCE

With the help of the make-up man we have managed to keep the Chief, omnipresent on "press day," away from this corner long enough for us to express ourselves regarding the change that has come upon us so suddenly. It was with sincere regret that we learned of the impending deal and knew finally that Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were to leave us.

Co-workers, as well as employers they have never withheld praise for our little best, and never failed to condone our many errors. They carry with them our warmest regards, and best wishes for success in future endeavors.

The new owners, Messrs. Kingsley and Whyte, have asked us to "stick," and we have pledged them our hearty co-operation.

ENDORSED BY THREE

The Herald was greatly elated over the news that three of the leading organizations of Torrance had stood solidly behind the local paper at their meetings last week when the question of which newspapers now being circulated here were the best news and advertising mediums.

The first endorsement came from the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The Business Men's Association went on record 100% strong for the Herald at their Thursday night's meeting, as did the Torrance Realty Board, recently organized, which met on the same night.

For this we are truly grateful and will do everything possible to live up to expectations of our friends.

MISPLACED CREDIT

In the account of the high school story in last week's Herald we are informed by Mr. Gadeky that special credit should have gone to P. G. Briney instead of Mr. Nash. Mr. Gadeky states he explicitly told the Herald it was Fitzhugh and Briney, but the reporter says he heard it the other way. Therefore we hasten to make the correction and acknowledge the error.

The Torrance Herald



NINTH YEAR

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Four New Wells Spudded In During The Past Week

Gilmore No. 1, Down 3700 Feet, Will Be Brought In at 3800 With Record Production Looked For

Lumber on Ground For First Well on Standard Lease of 137 Acres Southeast of Torrance, and One Mile South of Wildcat Well

Four new wells were spudded in in the Torrance field during the past week, one of the wells, the Keystone Oil Syndicate's first well, extending drilling operations east of Harbor Boulevard near Wilmington street. Two of the wells were spudded in by the Hub Oil Company, Smith No. 2 offsetting the Standard's Torrance Community No. 3, and Vista Highlands No. 1, offsetting Gilmore No. 1. The fourth well was spudded in by Trimble & Rhea on their two-lot lease in Block 55 north of Carson street.

The Superior Oil Company increased its rigs in the field to three within the past few days, when rig builders completed a derrick on Lot Ten, Block Six, Tract 4070. Preparations are also being made to spud in Osburn No. 1 on the Superior's lease in Block Eleven of the same tract. Good progress is being made in Sperry No. 1 on the Superior's lease at the corner of Cedar and Carson, spudded in about ten days ago.

Encouraging reports were received yesterday from Gilmore No. 1, now down nearly 3700 feet and about ready to be brought in. It is believed that this well will be drilled to 3800 feet before an attempt is made to put it on production. One of the biggest producers in the field is looked for in this well.

The Hub crew expects to finish the fishing job in Smith No. 1 by the end of this week. This well offsets Gilmore No. 1 and will be deepened as soon as the fishing job is completed.

George F. Getty is reported to be preparing to install machinery in Neil No. 1, offsetting the Chanslor-Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 5. The rig for this well has been up for several weeks but drilling was delayed owing to the difficulty of getting machinery.

Reports from the Peterson-Barker Syndicate's wildcat well at 213th street and Western avenue, given out yesterday, were the most favorable yet received from the well. It is now drilling below 3300 feet and in a brown shale with a showing of oil better than any yet encountered. Though the experts directing the drilling of this well admit that they are not yet certain of getting a commercial producer, they declare the indications are most encouraging.

Word was received yesterday by the Dominguez Land Corporation from the Standard Oil Company that lumber would be put on the ground for their first well on the 137-acre lease, southeast of Torrance, within the next few days. This well will be spudded in as soon as the rig can be completed and machinery installed. The well is located in the southwestern corner of the lease just off Western avenue and is about a mile and a quarter south of the Peterson-Barker well.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company ran into bad luck in shutting off the water in Torrance No. 6, offsetting the Hub's Frier No. 1, and will have to re-cement the well. It was originally cemented at 3254, about seventy feet deeper than any of the wells of the field have yet been cemented. The company is now preparing to drill out the cement in Torrance No. 6, offsetting Getty's Neil No. 1, and will test for a water shut-off. The Midway Northern's well on the old Long Beach-Redondo boulevard, drilling at about 2600 feet, is reported to be showing up better steadily. The Chanslor-Canfield Midway's offset, Torrance No. 8, is drilling at about 2200 feet.

KEYSTONE WELL STRIKES OIL AT FORTY FEET

Same Condition Is Encountered As That of Three Months Ago

Keystone experienced its second oil excitement this week when drillers on the Keystone Oil Syndicate well No. 1 on Wilmington street and 600 feet off Harbor boulevard struck the same oil showings as that encountered several months ago by a cesspool digger.

In the early spring the greatest excitement centered about the oil showings that appeared in a cesspool and a Mexican laborer was overcome with gas. Hundreds of people from all over Southern California were attracted to the spot, and geologists as well as oil experts were puzzled over the appearance of oil so near the surface. The excitement grew to such proportions that the district attorney's office sent an investigating committee down to make a report. No report ever reached the Herald of the findings of the delegation, but it is evident they did not believe the cesspool had been "salted." Recent developments at the Keystone derrick disproves any theory that the flow had come from any drainage from a garage, either.

SURPRISE SHOWER

A surprise shower was given Mrs. W. C. Harris of Vista Highlands Wednesday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. D. Russell, of Cota avenue. Planned by Mrs. Russell and Mrs. A. B. Denny, the affair was greatly enjoyed by the guests, who presented the honoree with many dainty little gifts. The rooms and tables were beautifully decorated in pink and white and the colors carried out in the refreshments served to the following: Mesdames L. J. Hughes, Benson, S. Levy, H. P. Rubidow, T. B. Clark, Charles Stock, H. F. Beckwith, J. R. Sach, Mrs. Letha Miller, Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. G. D. Black, and Mrs. N. C. Bartlett, of Gardena; Mrs. Leta Leatherwood and Mrs. G. A. Evans of Los Angeles.

TORRANCE P-T A.

The P-T-A. held the last meeting of the year at the school Wednesday afternoon.

On account of illness Mrs. Clark, the president, was unable to attend and Mrs. Stock, the newly elected president, took the chair. In a short talk Mrs. Stock stated that her aim was that every mother become a member of the P-T-A. and closer co-operation between the home and the school.

The association expressed their regrets at the illness of Mrs. Clark.

Introducing W. Harold Kingsley and Grover C. Whyte

Ownership of The Torrance Herald and The News Letter changes hands with the issues of this week, Claude P. Roberts having disposed of his interests to W. Harold Kingsley and Grover C. Whyte, formerly of Flint, Michigan. Mr. Whyte and Mr. Kingsley will take over active management of the two papers Monday.

The new owners bring to their newly acquired properties a wealth of experience in the publishing business and journalistic profession. In Flint, Michigan, they were co-publishers of The Flint Saturday Night, a weekly publication of notable success. Mr. Whyte later became co-publisher with Mr. Kingsley of The Flint Evening Tribune, a daily newspaper of 15,000 circulation. They disposed of their interests in the Flint-Saturday Night in May of last year.

Mr. Whyte's experience in the newspaper business has extended over a period of almost twenty years. He started as a carrier boy for the Flint Daily Journal, receiving promotion after promotion, until he became advertising manager of this paper, which position he resigned to enter the army at the outbreak of the war. He joined up with the ordnance department and served 10 months in France. Mr. Kingsley's experience has been almost entirely in the news and editorial fields. Leaving the literary department of the University of Michigan in 1912 he became state editor of the Detroit Journal. At the outbreak of the war he was city editor of the Grand Rapids Press, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He enlisted in the medical department of the regular army and served 16 months in France with the famous 2nd division.

Discharged from the army Mr. White and Mr. Kingsley joined forces in the publication of The Flint Saturday Night, which paper they later transformed into a daily, The Flint Tribune.

Disposing of their interests in this paper, Mr. Whyte and Mr. Kingsley sought new fields. Mr. Whyte followed Horace Greeley's well-known advice and came west. Mr. Kingsley went in the opposite direction, having accepted a position as cable editor of the Paris, France, edition of The Chicago Tribune.

But Mr. Whyte was so won over to the charms of California that he induced Mr. Kingsley to cross an ocean and a continent to the Pacific coast. One look was enough for Mr. Kingsley. He decided to make California his home and wired Mrs. Kingsley to come west and bring the baby. The two men affiliated themselves with The Long Beach Telegram in special educational work, meantime seeking a promising field in which to enter the publishing business as owners. They conferred with Mr. Roberts and a sale was consummated.

Mr. Whyte will have charge of the business and advertising departments of the two papers. Mr. Kingsley will devote his time to the editorial and news departments.

ADDS NEW WORK SHOE

The Hoffman Shoe Store has added to its already large stock of shoes, the "Korry-Krome" work shoe for both men and boys. Mr. Hoffman was very anxious to add this line to his stock for the reason that every pair sold is guaranteed to outwear the sole of any other make of shoe. This guarantee goes with every pair sold in order to get the men and boys of this community to wear them. He announces a special price on another page in this issue, for Friday and Saturday only.

Mrs. Saunders, who has been in charge of the Torrance telephone office since the resignation of Mrs. Christopher, has been transferred to El Segundo. Miss Minnie Leftwich is in charge of the local office now.

The Friday Afternoon Club was entertained last week at the home of Mrs. W. C. Dolley.

Reward for Fourteen Months of Consistent Work Now at Hand

New Institution of Learning Will Be One of Finest in Southern California

HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACT

General Contract—Darrell Condey Co.	\$137,645.00
Plumbing—H. E. Murray	13,400.00
Heating—George Posthumus	13,948.00
Gas Radiator in Shop—Construction Radiator Corp.	1,087.00
Electric Wiring (To Readvertise)	
Painting (To Readvertise)	
	\$166,089.00

ELEMENTARY CONTRACT

General Contract—Eastman & Sweeney	\$ 75,063.00
Alt. "D"—Substitutes double hanging for Universal	500.00
Alt. "P"—Substitutes clay tile for red composition	2,800.00
	\$ 77,363.00

Heating—Franklin & Boyce	6,175.00
Plumbing—H. E. Murray	5,450.00
Painting—Alhambra Wall Paper & Paint Co.	2,750.00
Wiring—W. H. Nicholas Electric Co.	3,880.00
	\$ 95,618.00

About fourteen months ago the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce began to function. Ways and means to induce the Board of Education to increase the school facilities in Torrance were discussed. A meeting with the business manager, superintendent and Board of Education was arranged at the McKinley Inn. The Board made a survey of the grounds and agreed to acquire the seven-acre site adjacent to the present school site of nine acres, and at that time \$150,000 was promised for the new high school. With this assurance on the part of the Board the people of Torrance supported the bond issue of June 6, with a 100 per cent vote. This is the second time in the history of Torrance that not a single dissenting vote was cast against a school bond issue. This is a record of which the people of Torrance should be justly proud. The school children have been steadily increasing in Torrance and the committee found it necessary to again recommend to the board that more money be allotted to us for buildings. So forceful were their arguments that the Board of Education decided to build an elementary building on the new site and turn over the present elementary building to high school use. This makes the total amount available for high school buildings and equipment a little more than \$325,000. The exact amount for equipment has not been set aside.

The new buildings, 1300 feet apart, will follow the Spanish type of architecture and will be imposing and beautiful. The proposed plant will consist of an administration building, classrooms, an auditorium building with a thousand seating capacity, with an excellent stage 33x56, and large dressing rooms under the stage. The basement of the auditorium will contain showers and dressing rooms. The girls have not been neglected. Private dressing rooms and showers are provided. A physical training teacher for both boys and girls will probably be supplied by the superintendent next year. Other striking features of the new plant will be the up-to-date chemistry, physics, biology and general science laboratories. A strictly modern shop building will be erected and equipped. The building will be located in the rear of the present building, and arranged so that additional shop rooms may be added as the demand increases. The domestic science, domestic art, printing, commercial, art, music and mechanical drawing departments have been well taken care of. The large athletic field has been partly leveled, and will be one of the best in the entire city of Los Angeles. The agricultural department of the city have already begun to trim up the trees and beautify the grounds. The policy of watchful waiting and co-operation has been followed throughout the entire campaign.

The following people have been instrumental in bringing the building program to a successful close: The original committee was P. G. Briney, W. C. Von Hagen, R. R. Smith, Dr. Lancaster, A. W. Ma-

URGE COUNCIL TO PREVENT CITY DRILLING

Ruin of a Beautiful City If Derricks Come In

The usual number answered the roll call at the directors' meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon when President Carl Hyde wielded the gavel.

A communication, accompanied with dues up to date for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sammons, was read, which also carried their resignation as members. Their resignations were accepted.

A letter from City Clerk Bartlett was read informing the directors that the monthly rental would be \$20 per month with a proportionate charge for light, gas and janitor's services. By majority vote the secretary was instructed to learn if Chas. Vonderahe's offer for a free location in the Vonderahe building was still open and if so to accept, provided the offices were partitioned off as previously outlined. It was also unanimously voted to request the city trustees to reconsider the resolution asking that an ordinance be passed preventing drilling of oil wells in the city limits of Torrance.

A vote of thanks was given J. M. Fitzhugh, P. G. Briney and H. F. Gadeky for their untiring efforts in securing the appropriation for the High School.

A. H. Bartlett moved that the directors rescind their action of a week ago and strike from the minutes the endorsement given the Arlington Improvement Association for the action taken by the latter in securing an injunction preventing the issuing of bonds for the payment of street work on Arlington avenue. The motion was lost for want of a second.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Barnett attended last Saturday the funeral services of Mrs. Cole, mother of Judge Franklin Cole, which was held at San Gabriel. Judge Cole is of the superior court of the Imperial district, and is sitting temporarily in the Los Angeles courts.

lone, I. W. Barnett, and Alfred Gourdier, president of the Chamber of Commerce. At that time George Nell represented the Dominguez Land Corporation.

The present committee is Mr. Gadeky, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; J. M. Fitzhugh, P. G. Briney, A. E. Nash, I. W. Barnett, Alfred Gourdier and W. C. Von Hagen.

Henry Ford is not only the world's richest man, he's the most unique. He can't be blamed for the high cost of a thing.