

# Eight File Nomination Petitions

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### NEW OIL FIELD NORTH OF TORRANCE? WILDCAT OPERATIONS DRAW INTEREST

#### LEASING UP ACREAGE RUMOR

Empire Company Builds Second Rig On Western Avenue

Often advanced, but always scorned by oil men, the contention that there exists a productive oil structure north of Torrance, and parallel to the proven formation, now is receiving serious consideration.

Several events have aroused new interest in the district, in which two wildcats have been drilled and where two and perhaps three more will soon be spudded in.

The excitement over the prospects of a parallel structure has taken the form of considerable leasing activity, in which owners of land along Western avenue, both within and north of the Torrance city limits, have been approached. It is unofficially reported that several new leases of considerable size have actually been signed during the past few days.

**Watch Lewis Wildcat**  
Interest in the district centers around Petroleum Midway's Lewis No. 1, the wildcat in the Strawberry Home tract, and in the operations of the Empire Drilling company west of Western avenue, north of the Edison company's plant on the Winland farm.

The Petroleum Midway last week became unusually secretive regarding Lewis No. 1. It is known that the company drilled through cement a few days ago, the well having been cemented at 4550 feet. As soon as the cement was drilled out the company stopped all sources of information and even declined to furnish data to other large operators. The California Oil World of Wednesday reported the depth of the hole at 4595 feet.

**Operations Mysterious**  
Operators are mystified at the operations of the Empire company north of the Edison plant. This company drilled one well on the Winland farm to a depth of about 4600 feet. It was announced that no showings of oil were encountered.

Now the company is building a derrick on the same property, about 500 feet north of the first well. It is asserted that the first well drilled through a "good looking" formation at about 3800 feet and that the new well is being drilled to test possible productivity at about that level. The explanation is that the company prefers to drill a new well rather than plug back the other hole.

Operators are inclined to regard this explanation as unusual. It is pointed out that it would be less costly to skid the rig on the first well, thus saving the cost of a new derrick. Unless the Empire desires to save the hole of the first well for reasons which officials do not care to make public, operators cannot understand why a new well is being drilled at a cost of at least \$30,000, when the old well could be plugged back or the rig skidded at much less expense.

**C.-C. M. O. to Drill**  
Along with the mysterious operations of the Empire comes the report that representatives of the company are more than casually interested in several new leases.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company has a steel derrick up on Western avenue on the Francis lease, south of the Winland farm, and will rig up to spud in soon. This company may also drill a well in the same district on the Dominguez lease.

A prominent geologist of one of the largest operators in the field said yesterday: "It is entirely possible that a parallel structure exists north of Torrance."

He pointed out the fact that such a formation, assuming that the Empire's well and the Lewis wildcat are located on it, would, if extended eastward, run into the proven area of Dominguez Hill, where the Union Oil company recently brought in Carson No. 1 for flush production of 4000 and a pinched-down yield of 3000 barrels.

#### HERALD INVITES CANDIDATES TO STATE VIEWS

Believing that the public should know the platform on which every candidate for office is running, The Herald has mailed to all candidates for city trustee a letter inviting them to set forth their ideas on public matters. Articles by the candidates who accept the invitation will appear in our issue of Friday, April 4. The letter which was mailed to all eight of the candidates follows:

"We believe that it is the function of a newspaper to provide one of the mediums through which candidates for public office may express to the people their views on public affairs.

"We request, therefore, if the plan meets with your approval, that you write to The Herald an article setting forth, as briefly as you

deem reasonable, the platform on which you are running.

"Owing to necessary limitations of space, we recommend that your article be limited to 750 words.

"Any article that you prepare will be published without obligation to you, just as it is written and without editorial change, excepting of course statements that might constitute libel.

"This letter is going forth to all candidates. The articles will be published simultaneously in our issue of Friday, April 4. It will be necessary that your article be delivered at The Herald office not later than Wednesday, April 2, at noon.

"Very truly yours,  
"W. HAROLD KINGSLEY,  
"Editor."

#### JAMES JONES, MISSING TWO WEEKS, BACK

Fears of relatives and friends for the safety of James W. Jones, prominent Torrance realtor, were dispelled Thursday when Mr. Jones telephoned to Torrance from Los Angeles. Jones had been missing for more than two weeks. He was expected in Torrance today. Mr. Jones was with his mother in Los Angeles.

#### EIGHT WELLS BOOST YIELD OF OIL FIELD

Daily Production Is Now at 50,000-Barrel Mark

New production from eight wells increased the daily yield of the oil field close to the 50,000-barrel mark this week. Tuesday the production here was chalked up as 48,000 barrels. The new producers which have been brought in since then bring the yield up to or over 50,000 barrels.

Of the eight new producers the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company brought in the largest producer, Torrance No. 36, offsetting the Petroleum Securities lease, is making 1500 barrels a day. The Santa Fe completed this well at 3725 feet. The oil tests 26.7 gravity.

Next in line in point of production is Superior's Torrance 18, on the Joughlin lease. Estimates place its flow at 900 barrels a day. The well was drilled to 3885 feet.

The Fortuna Oil company brought in Clarke No. 2 at Eshelman and Acacia streets for 700-barrel production. The completion was made at 3775 feet.

Probably no development of the week was more important than the completion of Torrance 15 by the Petroleum Securities company for 900-barrel production. This well is located on the southern edge of the company's Marble property, and offsets Standard's Marble Lease No. 3. It was completed at 3795 feet. The oil tests 25 gravity. The good production obtained brightens the hopes for commercial wells in southwest Lomita. Standard has drilled its offset to this new producer somewhat deeper, having made 3834 feet of hole for Marble Lease No. 3.

On the Autry lease at the corner of Acacia and Walnut streets in Lomita the International Oil company brought in an 800-barrel producer, making the completion at 3830 feet. The well is showing a lively gas pressure.

The Standard Oil company completed Marble Fee No. 4 for 700-barrel production. The well is beamed down. Small producers were obtained by George F. Getty and Hackworth and Bruin. Getty's new one is on the lease formerly held by the Petroleum corporation and is located at Pine and Narbonne on the Stanger acre. It is pumping at a 150-barrel rate.

Hackworth and Bruin brought in their well on the McGovern lease, Acacia and Narbonne, for 200-barrel production. This well is flowing.

**KELLYS ENTERTAIN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly of Kern court entertained Tuesday evening at bridge and 600. Waffles were a feature of the refreshments served after prizes were awarded for high scores. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray and daughter Dorothy, Grover C. Whyte, Raymond Freeman, Frank Aimes.

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#### Observations

Humanity's Stupendous Conceit—That Quarantine—Military Aspects of the World Flights—Public Apathy

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SCIENTISTS declare that the bones of human skeletons unearthed in Los Angeles prove that men inhabited Southern California 15,000 or 20,000 years ago.

It is generally accepted that the two continents later named North and South America were originally peopled by daring adventurers who crossed the Bering straits from Asia and gradually made their way south.

How long ago that great migration took place scientists do not profess to know. It may have been 100,000 years.

The world marvels at the discovery of skeletons of men who walked the earth 15,000 years back. But 15,000 years is a tick of the clock in the span of time since the birth of man.

Only a few thousand years ago men were nomads, moving hither and thither at the call of nature, following the advantages of climate. In the history of the world, as far as we know it, the last few centuries have been marked by the greatest human progress since the beginning of mundane time.

Hundreds of centuries before that man was in the kindergarten. We of today pride ourselves that we have advanced far. But in truth we have gone but a little way.

We do not even know what electricity is. We have only a vague understanding of the atom and the electron, which constitute the main-springs of all energy.

We boast of our radio—but we do not understand the ethereal laws which constitute the primary secret of sound waves.

The greatest forces of nature remain to be discovered. Human beings are only first-graders in the eternal school of universal education. As to ethics, the will to understand God and to obey the tenets of accepted faiths, men have not yet emerged from swaddling clothes.

By residents of this sphere in 3000 A. D. we will be regarded as only a little in advance of these men whose bones have just been uncovered after 15,000 years.

Even those men whose bones have again been returned to the light of the sun probably prided themselves on their ability to make fire, probably regarded themselves as superior individuals of an enlightened age.

Every generation struts proudly in the exaggerated ego of its own ignorance. Truly, the conceit of "the brave little biped" is colossal.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY is now under quarantine because of foot and mouth disease. The quarantine applies only to quadrupeds. We hasten to make this point clear. There may be many who have concluded that it affects every person who qualifies as one who puts his foot in it every time he opens his mouth. Nope. That isn't the kind of disease they are fighting. When the enlightened day for that sort of a quarantine finally rolls round they'll have to hem in the whole blamed population.

THREE British fliers have left Southampton to try their skill and staying qualities against those of the American aviators who are ready to hop off from Seattle for a flight around the world.

Neither nation regards the dual attempt to circumnavigate the globe as an official race. But the world at large will watch the progress of the fliers in more or less the light of a sporting contest.

The military significance of the American and British attempts must be evident to anyone who realizes the important part aviation will play in "the next war."

In the event of another war Great Britain will have much use for an aviator's map of the best route to the Orient.

Under the same conditions the United States army and navy would probably find some use for data on an air route to Japan.

The Pacific is wide. Perhaps Japan regards her islands as immune from aeroplane attack, either from the United States or from England. Perhaps British and American army and navy men wish to destroy any such illusion.

If the two attempted world flights are successful the armies of the world will know that no place on earth is immune from an air attack.

The reason Great Britain arranged the world flights after plans for the American attempt were made known must be obvious to anyone who regards world affairs from an international or military standpoint.

The truth is that Great Britain did not think she could afford to have the United States prove that American aeroplanes could reach any point on earth unless it was simultaneously established that English aviators could do the same thing.

#### NEW FIRMS OPEN HERE

J. J. Meyers, a former salesman on the road for years, and recently a partner in the manufacture of men's caps in Los Angeles, has leased a store in the Vonderahe building, Carson at Cabrillo, and will open a men's furnishing and shoe store in Torrance, to be known as Meyers' Toggery.

On another page in this issue is the announcement of the formal opening of his new store Saturday, March 29, doors to be opened at 10 a. m. Special prices will prevail for the entire week during the opening and each week it is the intention of Mr. Meyers to give special weekly bargains such as are announced in his opening advertisement. In connection he has also installed up-to-date repair machinery for the mending of shoes, and this department will be in charge of G. W. Brown, an expert shoe repairer.

#### THE TWO DOLLEY DRUGGISTS

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY

#### 'REX ALL' QUALITY PRECIDENT



No merchant sells more diversely efficient service and for its pleasant management.

W. C. Dolley and his son, H. H. Dolley, have been with Torrance for more than ten years. The family came originally from Indiana. After a stay of twelve years in the state of Wisconsin they removed west and first settled in Azusa.

When one steps into the Dolley Drug Company they quickly realize that they are in a typical pharmacy, not a department store. Here, strict concern is given to the thorough prescription department; the well known Rexall lines are carried; there is a large stock of drug sundries and other things usually associated with the well managed drug store. And, of course, the modern touch is there in all perfection—the soda fountain service at the Dolley Drug Company has long been a favorite place with the Torrance people.

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