

The Fourteen Points of Torrance Progress

AND EDITORIAL

THESE are great days for Torrance. SO DON'T LET THE GLOOM BUG BITE YOU. Of all the white spots in Southern California, Torrance is the whitest. If you don't believe that, ask the salesmen who call at all cities in the state for the purpose of selling goods. They KNOW. Let's survey the situation. Fourteen important facts insure continued and even greater prosperity for this city.

1—Western avenue is open and the eight blocks in the city of Los Angeles will be paved before many weeks are passed. The importance of this highway to the city—to everyone in the city—cannot be measured. The basis of community progress today is transportation. Western avenue puts this city on the only main highway from the San Fernando valley to the sea and Los Angeles harbor. Any attempt to cite all the advantages that will accrue to Torrance from the opening of Western avenue would fall short.

2—The Julian Petroleum corporation is rapidly completing plans for the construction of its refinery at the side door to Torrance. How closely the Julian project is linked with the development and growth of Torrance is indicated by the fact that Julian has placed in the First National Bank here the corporation's filling station commercial account. All of the money from Julian retail sales in California are banked in this city. We mention this because it indicates that Julian considers the refinery a Torrance industry. THE COMPLETION OF THE REFINERY WILL HELP TREMENDOUSLY IN TORRANCE DEVELOPMENT.

3—The Western Sheet Glass Company's old plant is rapidly being dismantled to make way for the new sheet glass manufacturing machinery which has arrived from Belgium. When the glass factory is in operation, not long hence, 200 MEN WILL BE ADDED TO THE PAYROLL. There is no need of reiterating the importance of this great industry to Torrance.

4—Although the drilling programs of the smaller oil companies in the oil field are completed, several of the most substantial operators in the industry will be drilling oil wells here for upwards of a year. It is generally agreed among experts that the areas in the field where the wells are widely spaced will be PUMPING OIL FOR YEARS. This will keep here a large number of pumpers and gaugers,

AS LONG AS THE FIELD IS PRODUCING OIL. Steadily employed, these men will be more desirous of living in Torrance than were the members of the drill crews, who knew they would be working here only temporarily.

5—The camp of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company is completed. Twenty houses and a large dormitory are housing employes of the company. Located just west of the Torrance city limits, these new residents of the district constitute a splendid adjunct to the commercial life of the city. The shops of the C.-C. M. O. will be in operation for a long period.

6—The Woolbestos factory, adjacent to the Columbia Steel Corporation, will open soon WITH 80 MEN ON THE PAYROLL. This is an entirely new industry for Torrance and one which will add considerably to the growth-impetus of the city.

7—A corporation recently organized by the amalgamation and co-operation of several previously existing associations is contemplating the immediate erection of numerous houses to be sold on a SMALL DOWN-PAYMENT PLAN. The need of such a company has long been felt here. The entrance of this new corporation into the life of the city fills a need that has long been felt and will do much to make it possible for WORKMEN TO LIVE IN THE CITY IN WHICH THEY EARN THEIR LIVELIHOOD.

8—The projected pavement of Carson street to connect with the Orange county system of highways is rapidly taking form. Signatures of property owners are being secured by energetic workers and the actual paving work probably will be started before fall. This pavement will place Torrance in one of the most strategic positions in Southern California—on two main highways—FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO THE SEA AND FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TO THE SEA.

9—There seems to be a unanimity of opinion throughout the city in favor of a new street lighting system. Although the power situation is now acute, it is believed that the emergency will have passed by the time the lighting system can be approved by the people and erected. A complete lighting system is a definite aid to growth and development.

10—Several industrial corporations are seriously considering locations in Torrance. They are diversified. THE POSITION OF TORRANCE, MIDWAY BETWEEN THE HARBOR AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ON TWO TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROADS AND WITH SPLENDID HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, IS COMMENDING ITSELF TO THESE INDUSTRIES.

11—Torrance is not losing sight of the importance of cultural and social progress while thinking in terms of commercial and industrial advancement.

12—Plans for the Torrance hospital, to be built by private contributions, the bulk of which comes from the heirs of Jared Sidney Torrance, are being completed. THE HOSPITAL IS ASSURED FOR THIS CITY. When it is erected no sixth-class city in the state will be as well equipped as Torrance from the standpoint of public health.

13—Plans have been completed for the clubhouse of the Woman's Club of Torrance, to be erected on Engracia avenue. The plans are delightfully ARTISTIC. The building when completed will be an object of JUST PRIDE on the part of all citizens who contributed so splendidly to its cost. The business men of Torrance were asked to contribute \$1500. THEY CONTRIBUTED \$2400—enabling the clubwomen to improve their plans.

14—Torrance is assured of improved and enlarged school facilities. Half term sessions are now necessary ONLY IN THE KINDERGARTEN. Unless new rooms are provided, however, many pupils will be forced to attend school on the half-time basis. The Chamber of Commerce, the Torrance Progress Club and the P.-T. A. are working in co-operation to see that enlarged facilities are provided here out of the recently approved bond issue, so that the half-session system may be averted.

Industrially, commercially, educationally, socially, and from a cultural standpoint, Torrance is on the threshold of a NEW AND THRIVING ERA.

Don't let the gloom bug bite you. You are living in a city that is destined to be the "talk of California."

Opened highways will OPEN EYES. Southern California is due for a pleasant surprise when traffic starts rolling over the paved streets, between the pepper trees of this ADMIRABLY PLANNED AND CAREFULLY DEVELOPED CITY.

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Club Renews Aims For Civic Growth; Will Dine Monthly

Two Trustees, Officers of Organization, Resign, But Plead for Continued Functioning of Association

PAXMAN AND GOURDIER ARE CHOSEN

Hardware Man Is First Vice-President and Postmaster Selected as Secretary at Enthusiastic Gathering

George A. Proctor was unanimously elected president of the Torrance Progress Club Tuesday night to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. R. Smith. C. A. Paxman was elected first vice-president to succeed Willis M. Brooks, resigned, and Alfred Gourdiere was chosen secretary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Harry Gadeky. All of the selections were unanimous. The meeting was marked by enthusiasm for the continued existence of the organization.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Brooks resigned in accordance with their previously announced belief that a member of the board of trustees should hold no

office in any other civic organization. It was decided at the meeting to hold a dinner every third Tuesday in the month at Legion hall.

In announcing his resignation Mr. Smith issued a plea for the continued existence of the Progress Club as a force in civic affairs. He expressed the deep appreciation of the present board of trustees for the support the "four-square" candidates received from the club at the last election.

Pleas for Expression "When you chose us as your candidates," said Mr. Smith, "it was understood that this organization

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NEW PLAN FOR WESTERN AVE. ENTRANCE PROPOSED BY HYDE RECEIVES DOUBLE APPROVAL

A new proposal for the entrance of traffic into Torrance from Western avenue was proposed Tuesday by Carl Hyde, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and endorsed by that body and the Torrance Progress Club.

Mr. Hyde suggested that the project for the paving of Redondo boulevard into Post avenue be given up and that an altogether new highway be cut immediately east of the Pacific Electric Railway Company's Torrance station. Mr. Hyde proposed that the Pacific Electric Company be approached on the matter of an easement over their property.

In recommending the plan Mr. Hyde pointed out that such an entrance

to the city would eliminate the many dangerous left-hand turns which motorists must make if any of the other plans is adopted.

The proposed new street would leave El Prado and cross the dead-end tracks of the P. E., run over the P. E. property east of the station, and enter the business district at the plaza at the intersection of Border and Cabildo avenues.

The directors of the chamber endorsed the project and appointed Mr. Hyde to present the plan to the board of city trustees. Mr. Hyde again explained the project to the Progress Club Tuesday night, where it was unanimously endorsed.

Observations

Snobs and Workers—Our Oil Field—Don't Keep Poisons—More Pay for Teachers—A Brave Man

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A HANDFUL of English snobs have organized a club to which none but descendants of kings shall be eligible for membership. It will be called the Plantagenet Club.

Said its founder: "There are thousands of descendants of kings in the British Isles. Some of them may not even know of their royal descent and are working as laborers. These persons are not desired as members."

If there are, as this snob puts it, some descendants of royalty working as laborers, several interesting conclusions may be drawn:

1—Their royal descent doesn't mean anything.

2—If it doesn't mean anything to these workers, it shouldn't mean much to these snobs.

3—The royal descendants who still are basking in the warm sunlight of economic fortune are lucky.

4—The ones who are working as laborers are probably equally lucky, although their brethren may not realize it.

5—It wouldn't hurt some of the other sons of kings and queens to do a little labor once in a while.

6—'I'm glad I live in the United States.

TWO years after its discovery Santa Fe Springs was a sad oil field. The mad rush for black gold at Signal Hill and the Springs delayed development in the field here. Now, after two years since its discovery, the field here, except in the closely drilled areas, bears much promise.

Experts agree that it will pump oil for years, long after Signal Hill and Santa Fe Springs have been practically abandoned.

Pumping wells demand steady employment of many men. Steadily employed, these men wish to live near their jobs.

That means an oil payroll for Torrance for many years to come. The benefits of the oil field have by no means departed.

A BABY in Torrance climbed up on a chair, reached for a bottle on a shelf, secured the bottle and ate several tablets of bichloride of mercury. Fortunately the life of the child was saved by the timely arrival of the physician and the happy circumstance that the child ate the tablets right after a meal.

A tragedy was averted, but a lesson taught. If you must keep poisons in the house where the children, keep them in a location ABSOLUTELY beyond reach of little hands.

It is better, where there are children, to keep no poisons at all.

It is instinctive for children to climb high places. They surprise their own parents with their ability to reach high places. The mother of this Torrance two-year-old had no idea that the child could ever reach that shelf. But nature develops children rapidly and they take on new powers with amazing rapidity.

THE board of education Tuesday announced increases in the pay of all teachers. This is welcome news to the public. In the hands of the teachers rests much of the responsibility for the future of the nation. That they be well paid for their services is the desire of every reasonable taxpayer. That the people of this district will spare no expense when it comes to keeping the schools up to standard was evidenced at the recent school bond election. The action of the board of education is in keeping with the desire of the people. That is more than can be said for all legislation.

ANOTHER man announces that he has devised a system to beat the game at Monte Carlo. The gamblers at the European resort will

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Torrance Infant Swallows Poison; Saved by Doctor

BLASTS OF SIREN MARK OPENING OF WESTERN AV.

Mayor and Former Mayor First to Drive Over Pavement

C. of C. Will Move To New Quarters; Free Offer Made

INFANT DIES

Judson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Russell of Kingsley drive, died Wednesday, June 18. Interment was made at Fullerton Thursday afternoon, June 19. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Stone & Myers.

Two-Year-Old Child Takes Bichloride of Mercury

PUMP IS EFFECTIVE

Mrs. James Jones Discovers Son Eating Deadly Tablets

The life of the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones of Annapolis street was saved by Dr. Lancaster Monday afternoon after the little child had eaten several tablets of mercury.

Mrs. Jones discovered the little boy eating the deadly poison. He had climbed on a chair and taken the bottle of tablets from a shelf. A hurried summons was sent to Dr. Lancaster. Arriving at the Jones home, the physician immediately used the stomach pump and succeeded in recovering the deadly tablets before the poison had entered the little boy's system.

Dr. Lancaster asserts that the child might have died had it not been for the fact that he had eaten considerable food just before swallowing the tablets.

Bichloride of mercury is a slow poison, victims living for several days beyond help of science.

Elect Proctor as C. of C. Director When McVey Quits

George A. Proctor was unanimously elected director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon, when Director J. C. McVey resigned because of inability to attend the meetings on account of protracted illness. In nominating Mr. Proctor, Alfred Gourdiere lauded the former trustee as "one of the most public-spirited men in Torrance."

Miss Doris Beatty of Lomita was a dinner guest Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Zeller of Marcelina avenue.