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## Save Electricity, Power Man's Plea Here

### THREE IMPORTANT WELLS ON EDGE OF FIELD'S FORMATION LOOK LIKE PRODUCERS

## Gadeky Resigns As Chamber of Commerce Head

### Will Leave Local Civic Body July 31; Action Is Surprise

Board of Directors Had No Inkling That Executive Planned to Withdraw From the Torrance Chamber

PROPOSAL TO MOVE OFFICE IS RECONSIDERED

Heads of Association Will Consider Policy of Retrenchment After Studying Financial Report Next Week

Harry Gadeky resigned Tuesday as secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to take effect July 31.

Mr. Gadeky's letter to the board of directors follows: "To the Board of Directors, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Gentlemen: "I herewith tender my resignation from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to take effect July 31, 1924.

"HARRY P. GADEKY." The resignation came as a surprise to the directors, who had no inkling before the meeting that Mr. Gadeky intended to resign.

A motion that the resignation be accepted was made by P. G. Briney and seconded by Dr. J. S. Lancaster. The motion carried.

Mr. Gadeky told the board that he would present a detailed financial report next Tuesday, so that the directors may know all the details of the organization's finances before taking any action regarding a successor for the retiring secretary.

Pending receipt of the report the board moved that the question of

moving into new quarters be tabled. Two weeks ago the directors voted to accept the offer of Brian K. Welch to provide rent-free quarters for the organization in the offices formerly occupied by the Torrance Investment Company in the Dominguez Land Corporation building at El Prado and Border avenue. The proposed move met with opposition from several members of the chamber, and a motion to reconsider the action of two weeks ago was passed Tuesday. Whether the move will be made will be decided next week.

Owing to the financial condition of the Chamber of Commerce, most of the directors expressed the opinion that the board should adopt a policy of retrenchment, which would include the management of the organization until next year without a secretary, and the engagement then of one secretary to do detail and office work, with directors themselves giving more time to community affairs as they come within the scope of Chamber of Commerce activities.

The directors next week will study the financial report and lay their plans to fit the dictation of the exchequer.

## The Declaration of Independence

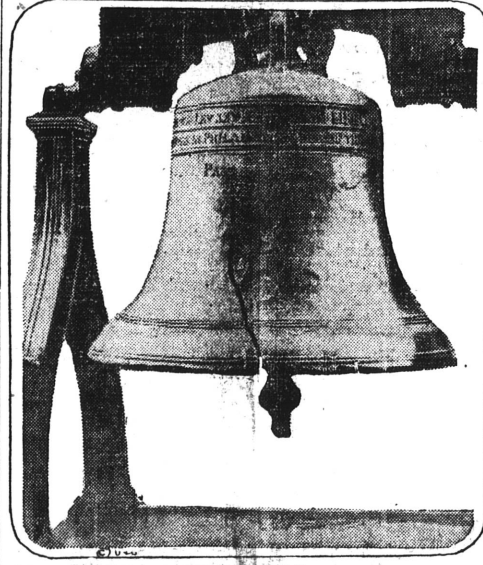
When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence indeed will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses

and usurpations pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to institute new Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

We therefore, the REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN GENERAL CONGRESS, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly PUBLISH and DECLARE, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.



provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient suffering of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems

## Edison Co. Chief Tells Why Lights Burn on Broadway

Fifty at Tuesday Meeting of Luncheon Club Hear R. G. Boyle Explain Details of Water Power Shortage

MORE THAN ONE CONCERN SERVING LOS ANGELES Edison Company Reduces Supply 25 Per Cent in City and Distributors Use Curtailed Power as They See Fit

The importance of economy in the use of electrical energy was emphasized Tuesday noon at a meeting of the Torrance Luncheon Club of the Chamber of Commerce, when more than 50 business and professional men and factory executives heard R. G. Boyle, division superintendent of the coast district of the Southern California Edison Company, explain the necessity for general curtailment in the use of power and lights.

The 25 per cent reduction in power and light will be necessary until December 1, according to Mr. Boyle. The speaker explained that the flow of streams in the north is 50 per cent below normal. He pointed out that Huntington Lake, the Edison company's big water power reserve, now contains only 17,000 acre feet of water as against 88,000 acre feet, which is normal for this time of the year.

"The people generally," said Mr. Boyle, "are responding willingly to the curtailment order issued by the railroad commission. The large manufacturers are especially anxious to co-operate. The Edison company is now cutting service 100 per cent in the city of Los Angeles from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m."

He made it clear that Los Angeles is served by more than one company. The amount of energy supplied by the Edison company to Los Angeles distributing corporations has been reduced 25 per cent, he pointed out, explaining that the districts in the metropolis in which electric signs still burn

at night are served by another company.

Main street in "the city" is dark at night. It is served by the Edison company. Broadway, on the other hand, is as brilliantly flamboyant with electric signs as ever. Consumers on Broadway are served by another company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey urged Torrance to conserve electricity, as they would in war time.

John Salm, president of the Salm Manufacturing Company, Torrance, manufacturer of shell novelties, announced that his concern is preparing to install its own power plant. Mr. Salm asserted that the company is rushed with orders and will find it more advantageous to generate its own power than to cut down 25 per cent.

J. Wallace Post issued a plea for support of the Legion at the Torrance Fiesta and Exposition here July 15 to 19. "The boys are not getting the support they deserve," said Mr. Post. "The exposition this year will be held under one big tent along with the automobile show. The runway will be 350 feet long. The event this year will be under the supervision of T. C. Carlton, whom I consider the best man in his line in California. He made the Fiesta a success last year and I have noticed that whenever he has put on a festival he has been called back a second year."

The Luncheon Club next Tuesday will discuss the housing situation in Torrance.

## SILK FACTORY SEEKING SITE IN TORRANCE

Golden State Mills Would Put Dye Plant In This City

E. J. Young of the Golden State Silk Mills of Hermosa Beach announced Tuesday noon here that his company would locate its dye factory in Torrance if a suitable site is available.

Mr. Young and D. J. Koonce of the silk company attended the Luncheon Club at the Intron hotel.

J. J. Jessup, city engineer, will recommend to the board of trustees that the company be allowed to empty dye-water into the sewage system. After investigation Mr. Jessup has concluded that the chemicals in the dye-water will not interfere with the proper functioning of the septic tank at the sewer farm.

Mr. Young said that the plant, if located here, would employ 25 the first year and probably 100 later. He stressed the fact that with the dye plant here Torrance would be the city in which the company's product is finished. He added that several companies using the Golden State Silk Mills' product are anxious to locate plants near the dye works and that probably several of them would come here.

Rebekah Officers Guests at Dinner

The retiring officers of Trio Rebekah Lodge were entertained at a beautifully appointed dinner last Friday by Mrs. Ella B. Miller, retiring noble grand. The rooms and table were prettily decorated with the lodge colors, pink and green. Mrs. Miller was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. John E. Hallett of San Pedro.

Covers were laid for Mesdames Rose Ross, Olea Davis, Minnie Beckham, Cora F. Smith, Mirtha Johnson, Ethel Waite, Ada Anderson, Marcella Brumpton, Gertrude Beckham, Marie Kerber, Estelle Goertzen, Corda M. Shelhart, Miss Ha. Harrison, and Mesdames Caroline Poore, P. D. P. F., Elizabeth Hoffman, P. D. P. F., and Elizabeth Tappin, P. F. Jurisdiction of Arizona.

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## Daylight Saving Favored by C. of C. Directors, Who Will Vote on Plan Next Tuesday

Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce personally are in favor of daylight saving time for Torrance in case the proposed change is made throughout Southern California.

The board Tuesday, however, took no action on the project officially, pending consultation with executives of Torrance industries.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in a letter signed by Secretary Wiggins requested an expression of opinion on the institution of daylight saving during the present power situation. Members of the board went unofficially on record as favoring the change, but withheld official action until next Tuesday.

## Doheny Family's Company Takes Up East Side Leases

The Petroleum Securities Corporation, controlled by members of the Doheny family, has taken over the three Kleinmeyer leases of the Pan-American Petroleum Company in the eastern part of the Torrance field. Twelve line wells will be drilled on the leases at once. This development, marked by considerable rush in the eastern extension, makes development of acreage in a solid line along Redondo road from the Chanstor-Cantfield Midway Oil Company's Del Amo No. 13, western outpost, to Consolidated Mutual's Oakley No. 1, a stretch of more than three miles.

## Torrance Church Being Renovated

The Central Evangelical church is undergoing a renovation. The walls and woodwork are being repaired and painted, and the floor is being refinished. Beautiful new carpet has been laid in the rostrum and aisles, and opera chairs will replace the ones now in use.

## GO TO YOSEMITE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McVey and Mrs. McVey's sister, Mrs. Mentzer, and daughter, left Torrance Monday for Yosemite for a trip of a month or more. Mr. J. R. Cheney, a personal friend of Mr. and Mrs. McVey, will be in charge of the Torrance theatre during their absence.

Watch Our Want Ads Grow.

## DOLORES NO. 1 OF SHELL CO. MAKING OIL

Wildcat and Two Other 'Historic' Wells Look Like Producers

Although not officially on production, the Shell company's Dolores No. 1, east of Harbor boulevard and just north of Redondo road, looked mighty like an oil well yesterday, and when it cleans itself out is expected to make a profitable pumper. The well is pumping oil and water now, but the water is fresh, having been pumped into the hole three days ago.

This wildcat was drilled to 3843 feet. If it becomes a commercial producer, which seems probable, it will bring considerable development on the acreage between Oakley No. 1 and Harbor boulevard and on the Watson road, and for the main highway.

Two more strategically located wells this week made their appearances as probable producers. One is the Shell company's Keystone No. 1, which is cleaning out slowly, and the other is the Mohawk Oil Company's No. 1, near the Western Sheet Glass Company's plant in the Torrance industrial tract.

Keystone No. 1 was redrilled and is now pumping enough oil to make it look like a sure pumper. The Mohawk well was on production 26 hours, during which time it made 300 barrels of oil. The well sand up, however, and is being cleaned out. It was drilled to 3873 and plugged back to 3840 feet.

It is reported that the Mohawk will drill three more wells in the industrial zone, near the company's No. 1.

Torrance No. 13 of the Superior Oil Company also went on production and is making 175 barrels of 15 gravity oil a day. This well is also in the industrial tract near the glass factory. It was drilled as a deep test to 4696 and plugged back to 3870 feet.

## CARD PARTIES DISCONTINUED

The card party given in Catholic hall Monday evening by the Altar Society was a success, socially and financially. This will be the last of the Monday parties until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Woods have moved from 2700 Redondo boulevard to Lawndale.

## THREE VETERANS—BUILDERS

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY

### BUILDERS - ALL THREE



You have heard of the Vonthrockwat Building Co., building contractors and designers, of Torrance. Perhaps the odd name has intrigued your imagination. It is a composite word, woven together quite uniquely to typify a genuine service in worthiness. Here is how it comes about:

Three partners, veterans all, banded together in recent times after having been drawn together one another by a Spanish-American war session in Long Beach. W. C. Von Hagen is noted in the fore part of the odd appellation, his is the Von part of it; next the Throck belongs to that charming

personality, C. T. Throckmorton, and lastly Geo. D. Watson fulfills the scheme. A clever thing, that name, and, indeed, clever are the fellows who are back of it and its meaning. They are designers and builders of anything in the way of homes, business blocks and what nots. A bungalow or a Woolworth tower is just as easy to them; no better and more conscientious builders are to be found anywhere. Mr. Von Hagen, an educated gentleman and a graduate of the famous Shattuck Military College,

## Observations

Forty-five Minutes of Sheer Delight, or All Alone on Los Angeles Street—Coolidge and Dawes Gaining Every Day.

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

WRITTEN while waiting for a friend in the wholesale district of Los Angeles from 11:30 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.

On both sides of the canyon that is Los Angeles street, huge structures rise, monuments to man's desire for wealth, brick and stone testimonials to the human urge for progress, concrete examples of the mortal instinct to trade and build.

Of the first twenty-five men that walk by ten smoking-cigarettes. Score: 15 to 19 in favor of the anti-cigarette league. A blind man with an accordion is playing the "Merry Widow Waltz." The strains of his melody mingle with the grinding of brakes and the roar of great commercial trucks.

A Catholic priest and a Protestant minister walk by arm in arm. Emissaries of Christ, daring the iniquities of the market place. They are talking earnestly. One wonders about the subject of their conversation. Is it theology, economics, or the Ku Klux Klan?

A dilapidated Ford with weak brakes slams into the stern of a three-ton truck. The truck driver looks out and grins. The driver pilot huris inventive artistically punctuated with profanity at the truck driver. A crowd quickly gathers. Yet the crash only means one more dent in a fender already badly bent. A lot of excitement over an event that means just nothing at all.

The blind man is playing "Annie Laurie." A Mexican woman goes by dragging a fat infant who is eating a cookie. She is thin and wan, probably tired from work and childbearing. But the baby is a picture of health. If vital statistics did not show that the infant mortality rate among poor families is much greater than among the more well-to-do, one would say off-hand that children who receive the least care are the most healthy. The reason children of the poor appear fat and well is because most of the weak babies die.

A drunkard staggers along the sidewalk. Deep lines on his face tell a story of a life of dissipation. His head is down, his clothes ragged—a derelict on the sea of life? A Japanese student passes with four books under his arm. He is learning the ways of the west and probably will go back to Japan to help Occidentalize his countrymen. Comes to mind the statement somebody made recently—that we send missionaries to Japan to help them get into heaven, and pass a law to keep them out of the United States.

A fat negro street-sweeper lazily brushes up refuse from the pavement. There is a place for everyone in the world. The negro white-wing is contributing something to the society in which he lives, just as more than can be said for the poor wasted man that just reeled by. The great stone buildings house various wholesale concerns. Within vision are signs that announce a paper house, wholesale druggs, wholesale hardware, candy factory, consulting chemists, shirt manufacturers, souvenir postcards, wholesale toys, wholesale electrical supplies, wholesale leather. Behind each institution is some one man with most authority, directing the serious game of

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