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LIES IN POST CASE ARE NAILED TO BORE SIX WELLS IN KEYSTONE

Holes To Shallow Oil Level Will Be Begun This Month

Logs of Former Wildcats Reveal Existence of Formation at About 600 Feet and Lead W. E. Garner to Sign Up Leases

PROPERTY OWNERS' ROYALTY WILL BE ONE-SIXTH
Six Separate Community Leases Given on 100 Acres of Land East and West of Main Street and North and South of Carson

Six wells will be spudded in Keystone before the end of September in quest of production from the oil-bearing formation known to exist at about the 600-foot level. Owners of property in the Keystone district Monday signed six community leases with William E. Garner, 146 Locust avenue, Long Beach. The land under lease comprises something more than 100 acres and lies north and south of Carson street and east and west of Harbor boulevard. The leases stipulate that drilling on all six tracts shall start before midnight of Sept. 30. Land owners will receive a sixth oil royalty. Wildcats drilled in the Keystone district have all pierced through an oil-bearing formation at the high level of about 600 feet. But in all cases the holes were

Torrance Ranks High in Civic Affairs, Says Experts' Report

Observations

Window Peekers in Torrance—The Sanctity of the Home Violated—Lies Broadcast by News-Greedy Los Angeles Papers

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

NO sensible man can ever condone open law violations. But when one speaks of law violations, one must not confine his cogitation to any one law, but must consider them all. For the past six months in Torrance a few self-appointed guardians of the public weal have been conducting throughout the city of Torrance a campaign of window-peeping that is in violation of the most sacred tenets of civilization—the sanctity and privacy of the home. The Herald is for law enforcement, but we would be lacking in candor and patriotism if we did not raise our voice against the despicable campaign of trespassing and window-peeping that has been going on here for months. To flout one of the most fundamental guarantees in civilized man's bill of rights in order to glean by clandestine methods information that will lead to the enforcement of another law is far from right or just. To be frank, The Herald believes that a violation of the sanctity of the home by "holter-than-thou" private citizens should be punishable with far more severity than the violation of almost any other statute.

CONDITION OF TOWN TEST HOLE PICKS UP SHOWING

Eberle and Riggleman Point Out Weaknesses and Assets

'GOOD PLACE TO LIVE'
Report Shows Need of Rezoning, Praises Business Government

That Torrance ranks high among California cities in matters of civic welfare is the conclusion drawn by Eberle and Riggleman, consulting economists, in their report to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on the civic survey which they conducted here. The report compares and contrasts Torrance with other Southern California cities in many matters of civic import. Setting forth the history of the community from the date of its inception by Jared Sidney Torrance, the report points out the conservative development of the city under a government which has been satisfactory generally to the citizens. In this connection the report states:

"Business—Not Politics"
"There is a general satisfaction with the government among the citizens. There seems to be a traditional policy of business administration rather than political administration. The advantages of such a system are obvious to commercial and industrial men. No other city in Southern California has a more satisfactory system of representative government than the town of Torrance."

Comparative studies convinced the experts that Torrance is inferior in the matter of public buildings. A civic center is recommended. A table of rental statistics in 29 Southern California cities, gleaned by careful checks, shows that rentals in Torrance are reasonable and compare well with rentals in other cities. Summing up the results of the survey on general housing, home financing and living conditions, the experts state:

"The situation at the present time in Torrance seems to be very inviting to workmen. Industry may locate there with the assurance that homes will be built at a reasonable cost and that real estate exploitation will not take a great share of the laborers' wages each month."

The report states that Torrance is inferior to other cities in the matter of public parks. **People's Buying Power**
A survey of income as related to purchasing power of the people of Torrance is exhaustively set forth in the report. The total purchasing power of the city, based on 1038 families listed here, is between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 a year. Of this 30 percent is spent for food, 18 percent for clothing, 18 percent for rent, 14 percent for fuel and light, 7 percent for furniture, and 25.6 percent for insurance, taxes, medical attention, charity and churches, car fare, amusements, and savings.

That there are sufficient retail stores to accommodate the Torrance trading area for some time to come, is the conclusion of the experts. The report includes an exhaustive analysis of the school situation in Torrance. Interesting statistics show that last year there were 29 teachers in the Elementary School here drawing \$34,572.58 a year, or an average of \$1748.63 each; and 19 teachers in the High School (Continued on Last Page)

City Papers Libel Torrance Resident; Hate Motive Bared

Vindictiveness of Torrance Group Proved by Hiring News Vendors to Shout Distorted Report on Torrance Streets

LOCAL WOMAN PHONES NEWS TO CITY PAPERS

Hundreds Sign Statements Reaffirming Confidence in Local Man to Prove to World Lies Not Believed in Torrance

County dry squad officers, armed with a search warrant made out as the result of information volunteered by a small group of Torrance residents, Friday night entered the home of James W. Post, Post avenue, Torrance, searched the home, and arrested Mr. Post on a charge of possessing liquor. Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter of Lomita fined Mr. Post \$500, which was paid, after Mr. Post had pleaded guilty. On the same night operatives from the sheriff's office presented a search warrant at the home of City Trustee R. R. Smith, chairman of the Torrance police committee, and searched the Smith home at Carson street and Gramercy avenue. They found no intoxicants. Another Motive That Torrance individuals secretly tendered information against Mr. Post and Mr. Smith has been definitely established. That a motive other than the enforcement of the Wright act actuated them is indicated by these facts: 1. Shortly after Mr. Post's appearance at the Lomita court a Torrance woman, whose identity has been established, went to Lomita and from there telephoned news of the case to several Los Angeles newspapers. She was not an accredited correspondent of these papers. 2. On Saturday night two Torrance residents, whose identity has been established, paid \$10 to individuals connected with the Los Angeles Examiner circulation department, sought to get a truck-load of papers brought to Torrance, and did succeed in getting two loud-yelling newspaper vendors to come to Torrance, with instructions to station themselves in front of the Torrance Theatre and the American Bowling Alley and shout the news of the case. Reports Distorted On Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, editions of Los Angeles papers carried highly distorted and false versions of the case in Torrance. Friends of Mr. Post believe that the falsity of the reports, as published in Los Angeles, is a further indication of a vindictive motive on the part of certain individuals. In a statement to The Tor-

rance Herald Mr. Post said: "I have lived in Torrance for more than twelve years. My record here has been such that it seems almost unnecessary for me to state that the distorted, twisted and exaggerated reports that appeared in the Los Angeles newspapers are untrue. To the hundreds of friends who have assured me that the people of Torrance know full well that the news was twisted and warped, I extend my deep and heartfelt appreciation."

Praise Mr. Post
The board of directors of the First National Bank met Tuesday afternoon and issued the following statement: "The character and reputation of our president, Mr. J. W. Post, has been wantonly assailed in the public prints. It is the sense of this board that it has the fullest confidence in the honesty and integrity of our president. Resolved, further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the president."

"Signed:
"GEO. W. NEILL
"J. S. LANCASTER.
"WILFRED TEAL.
"L. V. BABCOCK."
Brian K. Welch, a director of the First National Bank, is away on his vacation. Hundreds Sign Statement For the purpose of indicating to Mr. Post and his many out-of-town friends that the people of Torrance realize that Los Angeles news reports of the case were distorted and exaggerated, hundreds of citizens of Torrance this week voluntarily signed statements reaffirming their confidence in Mr. Post. The statement which has been signed by hundreds and possibly thousands of Mr. Post's fellow-torranceans follows: "To Our Friend, James W. Post, Torrance, California. "Dear Wallace: "Realizing that the recent attack on your character was inspired by the most despicable of vicious motives, we, your fellow-citizens, wish to reaffirm our confidence in and our friendship for you and to express again our deep respect for your strength of character and those humane impulses and moral attributes which have endeared you in the hearts of all who know you."

Torrance Relief Society Will Hold Rummage Sale Next Week; Seeks Donations of Clothing

The Torrance Relief Society will conduct a rummage sale in the store next to the First National Bank on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11 and 12. The women of the society have on hand a large quantity of children's, men's and women's clothing, which will be sold at unusually low prices. Residents of Torrance and vicinity are requested to communicate with Mrs. Woodington, 2915 Astington avenue, phone 119-J, if they have on hand clothing or materials which they can donate to the society. The Torrance Relief Society has been doing a splendid work during the past few years. They have conducted their charitable activities with a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of publicity. The rummage sale is not planned for the purpose of raising money, but rather for the purpose of making it possible for needy residents to secure excellent clothing at low cost. Women of the society will call for clothing if they are notified by those who wish to donate.

John Enos Dies At Athens Home Tuesday Night

Former Torrance Resident Leaves Widow and 3 Children

John Albert Enos, aged 45, former director of personnel at the Union Tool Company plant here, died Tuesday night at his home in Athens from heart trouble. Mr. Enos formerly was a resident of Torrance, where he lived on Arlington avenue. Mr. Enos was born in St. Louis. Before coming west he was associated with several automobile manufacturing concerns. Before joining the Union Tool Company staff he was secretary of the Western Forge Company of Los Angeles. He was a respected and well liked employe of the Union Tool Company during his service with that concern. Mr. Enos is survived by his widow and three children—Jack, aged 9; Billie, aged 7, and an infant. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the Frazer funeral parlors, Eighth and Figueroa streets, Los Angeles. Interment will be at the Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurum Reeve were guests of Los Angeles friends Monday.

W. E. Bowen and Jacob Groszup attended the Santa Monica District Christian Endeavor meeting.

School Starts Again Tuesday; Teachers Ready

Few Changes in Staffs; Principal Wood at High School

A record attendance is anticipated when the Torrance schools open Tuesday morning. At the High School Principal Herbert S. Wood, newly appointed, will take charge. Few changes in the personnel of teachers have been made this year. In the High School all the teachers who served last year will be on hand again Tuesday. The changes in the Elementary School are few. Principal Bell will again head the staff at the Elementary. Mr. Wood has been busy for the past two weeks preparing for the opening of the High School. He said yesterday that he contemplates no immediate changes in the curriculum, preferring to study local requirements before altering the school program. Mr. Wood has made a request that the Board of Education purchase additional machinery for the mechanical department here and expects to secure lathes, milling machines and drill presses some time after the first of the year.

Local Buick Man Leaves for Flint
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Flaherty left Sunday for Flint, Mich. Mr. Flaherty expects to secure the delivery of several new cars direct from the Buick Motor Company plant while in Flint.

His record for twelve years in the city of Torrance, a record of human charity, generosity, decency and manliness, has endeared him to the thousands who know and respect him. To see a man (Continued on Page 2)

Spoon Youth is Found Dead In Mountain Area

Drowns With Head in Creek After Fall From Cliff

Fred Spoon, 21-year-old son of Frank Spoon of Torrance, was drowned in the waters of Big Creek near Lake Arrowhead, after he had fallen from a 25-foot cliff and struck his head on a rock. A search of hundreds of volunteers through the mountain fastnesses ended after six days, when the body of the Torrance lad was found Friday. Spoon's head was immersed in the water of the creek. A wound on his head indicated that he had been rendered unconscious during the fall from the cliff. Besides his father there survive a sister, Doris Spoon; an aunt, Miss Mary Spoon, well known in local Methodist circles; and an older brother, Daniel Spoon, who is in the navy. Services were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Methodist church by Rev. Fredrick M. Eslick. Interment was made in Roosevelt Memorial Park. Arrangements were in charge of Stone & Myers.

Chamber Seeks Fund For Santa Barbara Relief

Sam Levy and J. C. Smith Collecting Money for Stricken City

Torrance will do its part in helping Santa Barbara. The Chamber of Commerce directors Tuesday appointed Sam Levy and J. C. Smith to conduct a campaign for funds, on behalf of the stricken city. The Chamber is in possession of information which stresses the need of immediate collection of more funds for the quake-struck district. Persons who wish to donate to the fund are requested to consult Mr. Levy or Mr. Smith.

NOTICE OF MEETING
A meeting of the executive board of the Women's Club will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. F. L. Parks.

Freak Well On Del Amo Lease In Large Yield

C-C. M. O. Producer Surprise to Oil Men of Local Field

The Del Amo lease of the Chanslor-Carfield Midway Oil Company contributed a surprise this week when Del Amo No. 1 roared into production at the rate of 1750 barrels a day. This new spectacular well is located three sites west of Del Amo No. 1, discovery well of the Torrance field. Adjacent wells have shown a tendency for large yields, although all are consistent, steady producers. Field men of the company believe that the large output from the new well is due to a pocket penetrated by the drill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Casner of 217th street are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hinkle of Ohio. The visitors plan to make their home in Torrance.