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GREAT PLANT LOCATES HERE

1928 Building Permits Reveal Big Growth in Torrance

4 Million Dollar Cement Unit Will Hire 250 Workers

\$300,000 Site Acquired in Torrance Limits South of WALTERIA

SEVENTY YEAR DEPOSIT IS PROVED

H. H. Helbush and Company Will Break Ground About April 1

H. H. Helbush and Company, through H. H. Helbush, announced last night the purchase of 102 acres just south of WALTERIA in Torrance and the early construction on the site of a cement plant to cost between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000 and to employ 250 men steadily.

Ground for the first unit to cost \$2,500,000 and to have a capacity of 5,000 barrels a day will be broken next later than April 1, Mr. Helbush said.

For a year the company has been exploring with the use of diamond and churn drills on the land recently acquired and has proved the existence of a large deposit of limestone and clay.

Mr. Helbush appeared before the council last night to ascertain whether permits for construction of the plant could be obtained. He had previously discussed the matter with directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The council passed a resolution welcoming the substantial new industry to the city and district and promising all reasonable cooperation.

Engineers for the company will arrive from the east about Jan. 20. Plans for the building, already drafted in the rough, will be completed speedily and construction work will begin by April 1. Later a second unit will be added with a capacity of 2,500 barrels a day.

According to Mr. Helbush the deposit of limestone and clay on the site is sufficient to guarantee production for 70 years. He pointed out that the character of the stone and the clay splendidly adapts these materials for cement production. He declared also that the site is excellently located from the standpoints of transportation, proximity to supplies, electricity and other utilities.

It is planned to have the first plant in operation by Dec. 15 of this year. During the course of construction many skilled and unskilled workers will be employed.

The company has purchased or contracted to purchase various parcels of land from various individuals, including the Palos Verdes Estates, the Weston ranch interests and the Torrance Lime and Fertilizer Company. The large deposit of raw material is located on land purchased from the Palos Verdes Estates.

It is understood that the land purchased by the company involved an expenditure of more than \$300,000.

The property lies south of the Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, and east of Hawthorne road and west of Pennsylvania avenue. The company has agreed to erect its plant 150 feet back from the boulevard.

The new plant, in many respects, will be modeled after the great Ford cement plant in Detroit, which is acknowledged to be the cleanest cement plant in existence. Ninety-nine and one-half percent of all dust is caught in elaborate collectors and saved for profit. The new plant will combine utility with architectural beauty, Mr. Helbush said last night.

Goats Killed and Eaten by Dogs; Woman Pleads for Council Action

Declaring that three of her goats had been killed by dogs and that two of them had been eaten alive, Mrs. Elizabeth Maberley, 1716 Martin avenue, in a poetic appeal, pleaded with the Council last night to enact an ordinance requiring the muzzling of all dogs in the city and another allowing owners of goats to tether them within 25 feet of a dwelling instead of 100 feet distant as is now required.

"Torrance is overrun with wild and savage dogs," said Mrs. Maberley, who said that last year there were 175 cases of hydrophobia in Los Angeles, the result of persons being bitten by dogs. She declared that dogs which would kill and eat goats might become savage enough to attack little children.

The council took the matter under advisement.

The Council last night favored a Torrance product in awarding to the U. S. Refining Company of Torrance the contract for supplying the city with gasoline during 1929. This company's bid was the same as others presented—1 cent per gallon under the retail price with a maximum through the year of 1 1/2 cents, the city to be protected against increases.

Observations

All Good Citizens Should Stand Behind Buron Fitts—He Has Tackled a Tough Job and Needs the Support of All

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EVERY good citizen of Southern California should lend his enthusiastic support to the difficult program which District Attorney Buron Fitts has mapped out for himself and his assistants. With unquestioned sincerity the former lieutenant governor has declared war on the underworld. With equal force he has served notice that he will carry that war to every front where law-breakers are active.

FOR a number of years the people of the Los Angeles metropolitan district have witnessed an increasing power in the underworld. Lackadaisical or plainly crooked officers have condoned crimes of all types. Money has come to be regarded as the one possession which could protect a law-breaker against prosecution. Under the keyless regime the forces of disorder have run rampant. Public opinion aroused demanded a change. This opinion sent Buron Fitts into the district attorney's office, virtually without opposition. In declaring war without quarter against all the forces of disorder he is acting under public mandate. All citizens, wets, dries or what not should rally to his support.

MAKE no mistake about it. This courageous veteran of the great war has a still greater war ahead of him. The forces of the underworld are highly organized, heavily financed. They will not release their strange hold on power without a fight. Right now they frankly declare that this Fitts business is just the forerunner of a "shakedown"; that as soon as the district attorney's department is organized, professional law-breakers will be notified what they have to pay for protection. The underworld believes this. It is our conviction that they don't know Buron Fitts.

It is possible, even probable, that some of his assistants may prove corrupt. But we have too much faith in the honesty and sincerity of Buron Fitts to think that any corruption will ever touch him. No. He intends to carry the fight to the last ditch. It will be bitter. It will be victorious. It may even be bloody.

Which side are you on? I HAVE talked this matter over with a large number of men. Many whose inclinations are the most liberal, many who believe that the prohibition laws can never be enforced are nevertheless willing to support Fitts in his war against all law-breaking. Said one such man:

"I DON'T believe in prohibition. I don't think it can ever be enforced. I am in favor of modification. For years so-called attempts at enforcement in Southern California have been a farce. How can anyone expect citizens to respect a law when our very officers profit by its breach? Now, in Los Angeles county, at least, a serious attempt is about to be made by sincere officers to enforce it. Under such conditions I intend to support them. With determined and honest officers working for enforcement prohibition can be tested as it should be tested."

A number of other liberals voiced the same opinion.

THIS type of viewpoint makes Mr. Fitts' job all the more difficult. If he fails, belief in the failure of the law to enforce prohibition is apt to increase.

It is for this reason that the underworld will do its utmost to prevent official success. The underworld defeated Smedley Butler in Philadelphia.

Is it strong enough to defeat Fitts in Los Angeles? We hope not.

BE prepared for insidious propaganda against the district attorney. We predict that rumors soon will fly thick and fast. They will be launched furiously by the forces who seek his political ruin. It is even possible that attempts will be made to "frame" him. It is certain that a campaign of lies will filter through the body politic before many weeks have passed.

The underworld is challenged. Its cohorts realize that they must destroy the popularity of this clear-eyed young man. They will adopt any means to realize this end.

Wherefore it behooves every man and woman who counts himself a good citizen to back up the district attorney in everything he attempts; to close both ears to whispered poison; to deny rumors and demand proof of loose statements carelessly or designedly dropped.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY has handed Buron Fitts a Herculean job. Los Angeles county must not expect him to accomplish it alone. He needs your support and mine.

Having placed in him our pre-election confidence, now that he is in office and in the midst of a war which will last a long time let us say to him in all seriousness, "Go to it Buron, we're still with you to the last citizen."

HOW would a New Year resolution like this strike you? "I have been disgusted with the evidence of graft and crookedness in law-enforcement circles during the past few years in Los Angeles county."

"I have witnessed a growing disrespect for law on the part of the very men who are sworn to enforce it."

"This disrespect has aroused in me the conviction that it is impossible to enforce such a law as the Volstead act or the Wright act."

"Nevertheless, I voted for Buron Fitts, because I believed in his courage, his honesty and his incorruptibility."

"Having voted for him I pledge myself to stand behind him. I am willing to give law enforcement a chance under officers in whose integrity I believe."

"I will not encourage law-breaking. I will not break the law. As a citizen I will dedicate myself to the same principles for which I voted when I cast my ballot for Buron Fitts."

A PRETTY strong pledge, isn't it? I wonder how many liberals would sign it.

I wonder how many would contend that it is prohibition which makes for the crookedness of officers and that the best way to clean up is to amend the Volstead act. I wonder how many would contend that Fitts, alone, cannot win his battle; that he cannot beat the underworld and the big city political machine; that his job is hopeless.

TALENTED READER COMING

Central Church Announces Arthur Kachel for Sunday Night

TO READ "MELTING POT"

Noted Man Will Present Famous Zangwill Play to Public

An extraordinary opportunity will be offered to Torrance next Sunday night at 7:30 under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of Central Evangelical church, when Arthur B. Kachel of Hollywood will present the monologue, "The Melting Pot" by Israel Zangwill. The offering has been considered by the ladies for over a year.

Mr. Kachel is a graduate of the Leland Powers School of Oratory of Boston, and besides being a teacher of elocution and dramatics for a score of years, he has been before the American public in Lyceum and Chautauque work. He played the leading part in the "Wayfarer" which was presented in the Coliseum in Los Angeles a few years ago. He has also played leading parts in the Pilgrimage Play in Hollywood.

Captain Richmond Hobson has this to say of Mr. Kachel: "I have heard Arthur Kachel several times in the 'Music Master' and several times in 'The Melting Pot' and was enthralled every time. His characters actually live before his audiences, and he interprets above all their heart sufferings, heart yearnings, their joy and sorrow."

The public is cordially invited to hear this man who has been called "The Master Play Reader." No admission charge will be made.

Scouts Return from Yosemite

Torrance Lads Have Fine Winter Outing at National Park

Thirty-two Torrance Scouts who made up the party that motored to the Yosemite Valley for a three day camp, returned on Sunday evening reporting a most enjoyable and unusual vacation. The valley is deep in snow and camp was made in a sunny location, the tents arranged in a half circle with a camp fire in the center. All the winter sports were enjoyed, tobogganing, ice skating, snow shoeing, skiing and sleigh riding.

The snow battle staged on Saturday morning proved a most spectacular event.

The Forest Service provided guides for the visit to the Park Museum and around the park, pointing out the points of interest and the well known mountain peaks. One of the rangers on duty in the park was the story teller at the camp fire on Saturday evening and the park superintendent welcomed the party when it visited headquarters. The trip was made possible through the generosity of the Kern Creamery company and Thomas Watson who provided the trucks used on the trip and to F. L. Parks and Frank Steinhilber, local Scout officials, who provided leadership in the trip activities.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society and the Christian Endeavor of the Central Evangelical church, will be held in Guild hall Friday evening at 6:45.

Council Okays 3 Paving Plans

Praise Leonard for Fast Work on Cedar, Arlington, Dominguez Maps

Quick action on the part of City Engineer Leonard enabled the Council last night to approve plans and specifications for the paving of Cedar and Arlington avenues north of the General Petroleum site and of Dominguez street from Madrid avenue to Cedar.

At the last meeting of the Council the engineer was instructed to prepare the plans. He surprised and delighted the Council by having the plans and specifications all ready last night.

A resolution was passed adopting the plans and specifications. At the next regular meeting the council will pass a resolution of intention to do the work.

The plans call for a 40-foot pavement on Cedar avenue from the alley south of Dominguez to the G. P. line, a 30-foot pavement on Arlington from 20th street to the G. P. line and the Dominguez improvement. All pavement will be 7-inches deep of asphaltic concrete (open specifications) with non-skid wearing surface. At several points on the Arlington job where subsoil is of adobe five inches of decomposed granite will be laid down.

Torrance to Fete Harbor Chambers

District Group Will Dine at Women's Club Next Thursday

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will meet at the Women's Clubhouse in Torrance Thursday night, Jan. 10, Harry Dolley, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce announced at the C. of C. luncheon Wednesday noon. The public is invited. Dinner will be served at 6:30. About 350 are expected. The program will be published in next week's Herald and Lomita News.

Postal Employee Here Succumbs

Grace Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Hamilton, passed away at her home on 2204th at 1:30 p. m., December 28, after an illness covering a period of more than three years.

Born in Pennsylvania April 29, 1898, she came to Torrance 7 years ago. She was employed in the post office for nearly a year before her illness. Christmas eve, 1925 Miss Hamilton took sick and was confined to her bed until the time of her death. During her illness she was taken to Glendale for 6 months, and then to Lancaster in May, seeking health.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Stone and Myers chapel, with Rev. G. G. Schmid reading the beautiful service. Interment was in Inglewood.

Funeral bearers were Miss Margaret Shell, Mrs. Eloise McCubb, Mrs. Minnie Teague, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Dolly Emert, and Mrs. Lilla Bowen.

Refuse Used Car Market License

Acting in agreement with a resolution passed at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday noon the Council last night refused to grant a license for an open air used car market on the lot at the corner of Sartori and Post avenues. The lot is zoned against garages and car markets and the council refused to change the zone.

Mrs. H. L. Billings arrived recently from Worcester, Mass. for an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Gilbert of Sonoma avenue.

94 HOUSES BUILT IN YEAR

16 Business Blocks Go Up Here in Last Twelve Months

11 INDUSTRIAL PERMITS Average Permit Is \$7153 with 233 Issued to Builders

Torrance building permits for 1928 reveal a healthy residential, industrial and commercial growth in Torrance. During the year, 233 permits issued at the city hall, 94 were for dwelling units, 16 for business blocks and 11 for industries. The permits for the year aggregated \$1,668,979. The average permit was \$7,153.

All over Southern California building during 1928 was less than during 1927. In 1927 Torrance permits aggregated \$2,119,928. At the same time the Torrance record this year places the city high in the standing among municipalities of the Southland. There were 330 permits issued here in 1927. December permits in the year just closed aggregated \$45,765.

Permits issued during the past week were as follows: Fred Hansen, 1516 Acacia avenue, six room stucco house and garage, \$2,250; General Petroleum Corporation, control buildings, pump building, pump house, frame building, \$18,815; Edward Smith, 2267 Maricopa avenue, addition to house, \$1000.

Metal Congress in L. A. Jan. 14

Torrance Steel Technicians Interested in Big Western Event

LOS ANGELES.—The fabulous grossamer strands, which bound the fictitious Gulliver on his much doubted trip to Lilliput, soon may be unspooled, if the work of several famous metallurgists succeeds.

W. H. Eissenman, secretary of the American Society for Steel Treating, now in Los Angeles to arrange the Western Metal Congress, Jan. 14 to 18 in the Shrine auditorium and Biltmore hotel, made this surprising disclosure today.

Trends in steel production, he said, are to produce constantly smaller and lighter, but tougher and stiffer pieces of steel.

"Thousands of metallurgists, scientists of the metal field, now are working to the point, he continued, when threads will replace cables and mere spacers will take the place of steel girders and bridge beams."

Work of these experts will be discussed and exhibited before an anticipated crowd of 6000 metal men, assembled from all parts of this country at the forthcoming congress.

The hundreds of California metallurgists, technical engineers, industrial plants operators, machinery users, petroleum workers and others interested in metal, products have been invited to attend as guests of the congress.

For the first time in its 10 years of existence, the annual event is being held west of the Mississippi. An immense exposition of metals and machinery will occupy two floors of Shrine auditorium. Purpose of the congress and exposition is announced as being to afford an opportunity for intensive study of the newer metals and their fabrication.

Four hour drying enamel \$4.95 gal, Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv.