

Aged Redondo Man Claimed by Death

REDONDO BEACH—George W. Childers, 82, passed away last Monday morning at his home, 222 South Catalina street, Redondo Beach. He is survived by his widow, Irena Childers, five daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Pollan, Mrs. Inez, Mrs. Nancy Jane, Mrs. Jessie Pauline Berry of Ipswitch, S. D., Mrs. Etta Johnson of Inglewood, Calif., and Mrs. Ethel Clifton of Los Angeles, Calif., and one son, George E. Childers, of Ipswitch, S. D.

Woman Found Dead in Her Bathtub

REDONDO BEACH.—Following a report received by the police department that Mrs. Melissa Nash of 521 Garnet street, Redondo Beach, had not been seen for several days, officers conducted an investigation, with the result that her dead body was discovered lying in the bathtub of her home, shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. The case was investigated by Chief of Police Peterson and officer Tucker, who were forced to break open the bathroom door, where they discovered the body of Mrs. Nash lying in a tub half-filled with water. Death was probably caused by heart failure or by asphyxiation from the fumes of a gas heater, but an autopsy to be performed shortly will determine the exact cause of death.

Fifty Wells Drill on Strength of One Producer at Lawndale

LAWNDALE.—With fifty wells drilling, over eighty derricks up or going up, a score or so locations, and still only one well producing, is the present status in brief outline of the Lawndale oil field. According to the most reliable information available the Superior Ritter No. 1 is remaining in preparation to set casing, at a depth of 5338 feet, and is reported to be in a promising looking sand that is considerably oil streaked. Standard Vance No. 1, reported at 5355 feet, in dark shale, has not yet developed anything sensational, but looks promising. The Smith Durand No. 1 has reached a depth of 5585 feet yesterday and was coring frequently. Said to look good to officials of the company. Jim O'Donnell No. 70, drilling at 5120 feet yesterday, has joined the list of near-wells and is showing streaks of oil and plenty of gas bubbles in the sludge-box. O'Donnell is probably one of the fastest drillers in the field and it would not be surprising if he finished his well ahead of the three others now so much in the limelight.

Lease Near Mines Field Booms Area

INGLEWOOD.—The Standard Oil company's lease of 480 acres of land just east of Mines field has stimulated leasing activities on the west side of Inglewood, according to information from various sources. The McGregor property, comprising ten acres south of Hardy street between Greville and Fir streets is said to have been leased to one of the independent oil companies, with a thirty-day drilling clause. It is reported that the lease has been signed. It is also said that the Superior Oil company has leased the forty acres at Inglewood avenue and Pine street, and will drill immediately.

Beach City Sued in Pier Rumpus

PROPERTY OWNERS CHARGE FRAUD AGAINST REDONDO CITY COUNCIL. REDONDO BEACH.—Action was filed in the superior court by a representative of a large number of property owners of Redondo Beach, in the form of an injunction suit, involving the action of the city trustees in accepting the new municipal pier. The suit is also intended to restrain the bond company from collecting the assessment which was levied on all property owners.

Plane Propeller Plant Is Located at Redondo Beach

FORNIA Propeller company is now installing its machinery at 531 North Gertruda avenue where it will manufacture airplane propellers. This company has been operating successfully for the past three years at its place on South Main street, Los Angeles. The whole plant is being moved to Redondo Beach because of the superior facilities for the operation of the plant here.

Walton Tract in Compton Is Sold

50 ACRES BRING \$100,000 FOR DWELLING HOUSE SITES. COMPTON.—The unsold portion of the Frank Walton tract of 50 acres, known as the Compton Palms tract, has recently been sold to Fred Barnum of Los Angeles. The announcement of this large deal was made today by Hugh D. Lester, 8518 Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, who will be the selling agent of the tract for the Barnum interests.

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At least two other wells are now below 5,000 feet, the Richfield Inter-City, at 5119 and the Richfield Paul Howard, at 5195 feet. Mohawk Finds Sand Reports from the Mohawk Oil company's Marston No. 1 created quite a stir in the southwest section of the field when it became known about Monday night that the well had struck an excellent oil showing at a depth of slightly below 4200 feet. Streaks of oil were showing in the sludge-box and it is reported that this well is logging pretty much the same as the old Winn well. It seems to be bearing out the predictions of Thor Warner, the geologist who made the survey of that section some two years ago, and E. M. McMahon, who is heavily interested thereabouts. As a result of the favorable report on the Marston well prospective lease seekers have been turning their attention in that direction largely, and some quite important deals are now in escrow. Mr. McMahon has opened a second office, at the corner of Hawthorne boulevard and Robinson avenue.

There was considerable gloom around the Smith Durand No. 1 during Monday and Tuesday after the drill stem got stuck in the hole. For some time things looked bad for getting it out, but it was eventually pulled and drilling has proceeded since Wednesday morning. The hole is now past 5100 feet and according to reports the core shows brown shale and streaks of oil sand.

Another company, it is reported, has leased the property just north of the Standard lease, across Arbor Vitae street. The Standard Oil company has announced that it will have definite plans for drilling within sixty days. It is expected that actual drilling operations on the west side of the city by this company will encourage other companies which now hold leases to follow the leader.

The nature of the complaints which are being served on the city officials, charge fraudulent action on the part of the trustees who voted to accept the pier, and allege collusion between the officials and the contractor. The complaints also set forth a number of major deviations and omissions from the plans and specifications, alleged to be known to the trustees at the time the pier was accepted by three members of that body.

Build New Homes With the straightening out of the old Compton avenue, which will be known as Wilmington street, it will be brought directly through the tract. Compton Palms is now bordered on the east by Compton avenue and the new Pacific boulevard, when completed will border the tract on the west. Eleven new stucco homes are now completed on this property and plans are well under way for the erection of several more homes.

KEYSTONE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. E. LeBlanc and son Junior of Figueroa street, Mrs. LeBlanc's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Milliron and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Krizan of Terminal Island motored on Thursday to Lake Elsinore where they enjoyed the day. Adelle and Georgia Merle Tomlin, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Tomlin rendered musical numbers over KGER Long Beach at the children's hour on Friday afternoon. Adelle played a violin solo and George Merle rendered a piano solo.

Compton Acreage Leased for Oil. COMPTON.—Eleven acres of land owned by Frank Walton, and situated close to Orange and Compton avenue, have been leased to an oil company. This is a part of the huge development of the West Compton field, it is believed. This company is reputed to be one of the biggest companies operating in this vicinity. Nothing is definitely known as to when drilling operations will start. It is not known if drilling is even contemplated on this tract.

Torrance Theatre "Consistently Good Pictures" THURSDAY and FRIDAY, FEB. 28-MAR. 1 Ramon Novarro in "THE FLYING FLEET" SATURDAY, MARCH 2 Lillian Gish in "THE WIND" SUNDAY and MONDAY, MARCH 3-4 Clive Brook and Evelyn Brent in "INTERFERENCE" SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION Lewis-Sonnenberg Wrestling Match TUESDAY, MARCH 5 Glen Tryon and Patsy Ruth Miller in "THE GATE CRASHER" CHINA NIGHT FOR THE LADIES WED., THURS., and FRI., MARCH 6-7-8 Colleen Moore in "SYNTHETIC SIN"

D. A. Men in Raid on Gambling Den. HAWTHORNE.—Swooping down at nine o'clock Monday evening, Sergeant Childers of the district attorney's office, in company with Chief of Police Thorpe and Officers Honeywell and Schwelzler of the local police force raided a gambling joint which had opened recently in O. G. Williams' building at the rear of Mr. Williams' real estate office at Ballona and Hawthorne avenues. Ten men, inmates of the place, were placed under arrest, and taken to the police station here, and the matter of their conviction and fine was handled in Judge Davis' police court. Harry Gaston, apparently the ring leader, posted cash bail of \$100, and the other nine were each assessed a bail of \$25, all of which amounts were forfeited by the defendants when their trials were called on Tuesday morning.

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