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PERMIT FOR REFINERY IS ISSUED TO SUNSET OIL CO.

Formal Approval of Transfer of Assets of Old Julian Oil Company Made Last Friday; Work On New Plant Expected At Early Date

Permission to erect an oil refinery at East Road and Figueroa street was granted the Sunset Oil Company this week by the board of supervisors, clearing the way for work to proceed by the new corporation that today has formal control of the asset of the old Julian firm.

On Monday there was filed with the county recorder the order confirming the sale of the assets under foreclosure, a deed from the special master, and a trust indenture executed by the Sunset Oil Company to secure its bonds in the sum of \$2,965,000. There was represented in these documents the largest transaction to pass through the county recorder's office for some months, according to County Recorder C. L. Loan. Fees on the three instruments amounted to a total of \$213, and in contrast the usual run of \$1 to \$2.50. The trust indenture alone contained 1,065,000 words, and it will require several months for the copying of all of the documents that must be recorded.

The sale under foreclosure as confirmed by United States District Judge Harry Hollister last Friday. The sale was actually made on December 29, 1934, at a group of stockholders incorporated under the name of the Sunset Oil Company, bid \$5,000,000 in order for the assets of the Sunset Pacific Oil Company, which as the corporation then in control of the assets of the old Julian Corporation. It took place in the Hall of Records, with Special Master George H. Day conducting the sale.

Filing of the necessary legal papers for recording then followed on Monday. First to be filed was the order confirming the sale under foreclosure for the \$5,000,000 worth of assets of the Sunset Pacific Oil Company, the Marine Refining Corporation, subsidiary of which was in turn a reorganization of the old Julian Petroleum Company and the California Eastern Oil Company. Filing followed on the 51,000 words in this document was \$52.

Presented next was a deed from the special master, joined by the three corporations and the receiver of each of the three corporations, to the Sunset Oil Company, the new company which was formed by the merger of the three corporations. The fee for recording the 45,100 words in this document was \$46.10.

Last to be presented was the trust indenture, containing an estimated 1,065,000 words, on which the filing fee was \$120.65. Following this there was presented 29 assignments made to her companies by the Sunset company.

The county supervisors stated the application to erect a refinery upon motion of Supervisor John E. Quinn, and upon recommendation of the county general planning commission. The application had been made by H. Rolapp, federal receiver. The planning commission reported that the proposed site was in the Panamint industrial district, in which there are a number of oil fields, tank farms and other oil refineries.

There are some dwellings within a radius of one-half mile on one side of the site within a radius of one-half mile to the southwest. Owing to residential property in the area cannot expect protection for the development of the oil refinery there, Chief Engineer William Fox also pointed out that the Sunset company bank farm immediately adjoining the refinery site, and it would be unreasonable to prohibit its location under those circumstances.

Only condition was an easement to widen Figueroa to 100 feet.

Zamperini Picked As No. 1 Athlete
Jack Singer, metropolitan sport writer, picks Louis Zamperini, Torrance miler, as the outstanding prep athlete for 1934, basing his claim on the fact that this lowered the world's record in the mile, a record that had stood for 18 years. Louis is well deserving of the honor, as he has attained an unbroken record of no defeats for the past two years, and is the holder of all records there are for the mile in prepdom.

Recreation Dept. Plans Programs Weekly In Jan.

Colored Orchestra Will Give Concert Here Next Tuesday Evening

Weekly programs of excellent merit are planned for January at the recreation center building, 1320 Cabrillo avenue, under the direction of SERRA playground workers beginning with a concert next Tuesday night, January 8, by a colored orchestra from Los Angeles. The following week, January 15, members of the dramatic department will present a minstrel show; on January 22, a troupe of Hillbillies will appear to sing and play for an old-time dance; and on January 29 a swimming party at the Redondo Beach plunge is planned.

All the talent for the various entertainments is professional in character and of the highest type of merit. The public is invited to attend any or all of the events free of charge.

The Torrance recreation project, under the SERRA, celebrated the New Year with a program and exhibit on Friday of last week, which was attended by more than 300 people. This date marked the first anniversary of the recreation department.

Exhibits were shown by the arts and crafts department, headed by Mrs. Paul Bohrer, in woodwork, rubbercraft, art work and paper cutting; sewing, conducted by Mrs. Bohrer and Beulah Lewis; puppetry, by Elizabeth Moon, and show card work by Charles Fritter. Clubs and hobbies offered an unusual stamp collection by the Philatelist Club; chess display by A. L. Paul, Hugh Seckler and Mr. Peterson of the Chess Club.

The music department, headed by Mrs. Paul Bohrer, violin instructor, and Esther Dandy, piano and dancing teacher, presented the musical program, which included a cello solo by Margie McNew; saxophone and violins trio; tap dancing, Dorothy McNew, Madelyn Henaley, Margie McNew, Virginia and Marjorie Rhind, Lorraine Robitoux, and Beatrice Micoles; sorobic dance, Margaret Wilson, Lorraine Stanley; piano duet, Rava, Falk and Ethel Schmitt; piano solos, Dorothy Cooper, Ralph Martinez, Margie Rhind, Leone Matthews; violin quartet, Margie Rhind, Marcella Paul, Gertrude Unger, Kathleen Mickle; violin solo, Marcella Paul. A reading by Ruth Seaborn represented the city park playgrounds, supervised by Annie Wilson and Ada Kessler.

Garage Owners Must Report All Rentals To Police

Effective immediately, all rentals of private garages in the city of Torrance must be reported by the owners to the city police, according to Traffic Officer Ernest Ashton, who is making a check of garages to obtain information as to tenants required under the state vehicle act.

Under Section 55, all owners of private garages who rent them for use or for storage purposes, must immediately report to the local department, the name and address of the party renting the garage, the make of car, motor number and license number. Blanks for the purpose may be obtained at the chief's office. Failure to report is punishable under the law and all owners who wish to keep clear of law violation, are requested to heed this warning before action against them is taken.

The purpose of the law is to obtain information regarding "hot" cars, and the possible whereabouts of "wanted" individuals. It is the practice of auto thieves to take a stolen machine to some small city where a private garage is rented usually for storage on the pretext that the party has to be out of town for a time and wants a place to store his car. The car is left under cover until the search for it cools off, when it is disposed of. Reports by garage owners to the proper authorities of all rentals within 24 hours after they are made will do much to curb this practice and lead to the recovery of many machines, police believe.

R. R. Commission Okays Water Sale

At a meeting of the state Railroad Commission held December 29, the sale of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company water system to the City of Torrance was authorized, thus eliminating the last legal obstacle to the transfer.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF HARBOR OFFICERS THURSDAY

Chambers of Commerce Will Hold Their Banquet and Program Welcoming New Staff At Woman's Clubhouse In Torrance

In its 17th year of organization, the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will install the new officers for the coming year, Thursday night, January 10. The banquet to the new officers will be held in Torrance.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has had a leading part in the organization since its inception and it is fitting that an important event be held there. Three presidents of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce have been from Torrance and in the early stages of the organization many of the important programs originated in this progressive community.

Supervisor John R. Quinn will be the installing officer, assisted by other prominent officials in the field of commerce.

With a membership of 50 Chambers of Commerce, this organization is always enjoyed in perfect harmony in its membership, which is proven by the successful culmination of the programs undertaken. Specializing in state and county highways, transportation facilities have been improved by addition of better roads, short cuts and parallel lines to the leading arteries of the Harbor district. With this program in mind, the members are attracted, thereby adding payroll and population.

An important feature was the sponsoring of the county sanitation districts. This movement resulted in the establishment of sanitation districts with a county-wide layout and a huge central disposal plant.

Always working in unison, the meetings of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce are well attended, men high in public office being invited to speak, to enlighten the members on the problems before them and affording them an opportunity of broadening their knowledge in the presentations to their respective communities of problems for the good of these cities.

Hon. Frank F. Merriam, governor of California, was elected president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce five times and helped materially in putting over many of the projects sponsored by his work in the legislature and his interest in community betterment.

The new year of 1935 has much in store for this progressive group of public spirited citizens who voluntarily give much of their valuable time in the interest of commerce.

Fred W. Marlow, district director for Southern California of the Better Housing program, will be the principal speaker. Reservations for the affair, which will be attended by representatives from all over the district, must be made not later than next Tuesday, January 8. Dinner at 75 cents per plate will be served at the Woman's clubhouse, at 6:30 o'clock.

World's Fair to Celebrate Finish of Boulder Dam Is Recent Plan

If the promoters of the proposed Los Angeles Exposition and World's Fair for 1938-39 want to hold it at the site of Alondra Park, the board of supervisors will lease them the park site if they will pay the interest and the retirement due on the bonds during the period of the fair.

This information was sent to Les D. Mathews, of Los Angeles, president of the group which is proposing the fair as a celebration for the completion of the Boulder dam, the Metropolitan Aqueduct and the All-American Canal, recently started across Imperial Valley.

The promoters would hold the exposition from July 8, 1938, to July 4, 1939, according to communication sent to the supervisors, accompanied by a printed booklet setting forth some of the features proposed.

A stratosphere ride, one mile in the air, on cables supported by large captive balloons would be one of the features of the exposition, the letter stated. The association wrote the supervisors late last week asking that the county enter into a lease for a nominal sum for the use of Alondra Park, and that the county agree to construct all walks, lay sewer lines, provide fire fighting equipment and emergency hospital facilities, all to be made quake and fireproof. Spanish style of architecture is to be specified, all buildings to be one story with the exception of the administration building, which would be two stories.

No hula or other "wiggle dances" would be permitted, the committee's letter stated.

Benefit Ball Will Be Given For Hospital

Grand Community Affair Will Be Held Some Time In February

Physicians of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Gardena, and other communities of the South Bay area, who bring their patients to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for care during illness or for operations, have formed themselves into a committee to promote a ball to be given some time in February for the benefit of the hospital, which has rendered such splendid service to this district during the past ten years.

Built and equipped by the heirs of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the city, in order to carry out his wishes as expressed in his will, the hospital was at first amply provided with funds to carry on its work, and maintain itself as a Class A institution, so rated by the examining board of the American College of Surgeons of the United States.

However, like all other institutions, the hospital during the past four years has felt the pinch of the depression. Increased taxes, increased wages for many employees of the Chandler-Campfield Midway Oil Company, it was announced this week by Sherwood McIntyre, superintendent of operations at Torrance.

The advance in wage rates authorized about two months ago under the federal oil administrator, did not include workmen who have been hired since August 19, 1933, and these men have been receiving a so-called "split rate." However, officials of the C. C. M. O., effective January 1, voluntarily placed these men on the regular wage basis, which averages about seven cents per hour increase, McIntyre stated. All classes of employees, excepting clerical workers, are affected by the voluntary increase, McIntyre announced.

Police Judge Has An Even Hundred Cases In 51 Days

Twenty-eight traffic violations lead the list of police court cases handled in Torrance during the 51 court days ending December 28, according to a report just completed by Judge Robert F. Lessing, who took office on October 16. Common drunks were next in numerical order, with 26 arrests. According to Lessing's report there were 11 theft cases, 10 disturbances of the peace, five reckless driving, five drunk driving, four rooming house charges, three vagrants, two auto thefts, one rape, one assault with deadly weapon and other minor cases. Fines collected totaled \$457.50, bond forfeitures, \$200, and probation was granted in 37 cases. Jail sentences involved a total of 27 days in the city jail and 210 days in the county jail.

Walter Schlick Resigns Position At National Bank

Resignation of Walter Schlick, effective January 5, as assistant cashier of the Torrance National Bank, was announced today by J. W. Post, president of the bank. Mr. Schlick and Earl Butler, who recently closed out his men's furnishing business in this city, will leave shortly to engage in the manufacture and sale of ice cream at Lodi, California.

"The resignation of Walter Schlick is deeply regretted by myself and other directors of the bank," said Mr. Post. "We are appreciative of the faithful service which Mr. Schlick has rendered during the past 11 years' association with the bank, and extend our best wishes for the success of both Mr. Schlick and Mr. Butler in their new field."

Twin Girls Are Born December 31

Twin girls, born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Czuleger, 235 Avenue G, Redondo Beach, at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, will hereafter celebrate their birthdays on New Year's Eve, although they anticipated the midnight celebration at the passing of the old year by less than 24 hours. The first child, which weighed seven pounds and seven ounces, arrived at 2:45 a. m., December 31, her sister, weighing six pounds 11 ounces, following 15 minutes later.

Truck Driver Is Given Stiff Fine

George H. Hoffman, 2344 237th street, Lomita, was arrested this week, charged with drunk driving, after his truck had collided with a car driven by Mitchell Skaff, 308 West Carolina, Hawthorne, on Lomita boulevard. Hoffman was fined \$180 or 90 days in the county jail on the drunk driving charge, suspended on condition that he pay for all damages. Skaff and his companion, Harry Joseph, 522 Jefferson, Hawthorne, were not injured.

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS IN 1934 EXCELLENT INDICATION

Only One Large Permit Taken Out, For Improvement of High School; Many Smaller Permits Carry Total to \$138,807 For the Year; Excellent Outlook For 1935

Building permits in Torrance for the year 1934 took a considerable drop under the figure set for 1933, but show a good average nevertheless of nearly \$12,000 per month. With only one permit issued during the year of more than average size, the total of \$138,807, indicates that building work has had more than usual activity in this city, and under the drive for improvements sponsored by the federal government under the Better Housing Act, will no doubt exhibit a lively attitude during 1935.

The figures for 1933, showing a total of \$637,710, included some important permits, notably that taken out in February by the General Petroleum for improvements at their refinery site, amounting to \$557,810. The C. C. M. O. Camp took out a permit for improvements to the amount of \$6000, and the D & M Machine Works secured a permit amounting to several thousand dollars for the erection of a building to house their hose-making machinery. All of these exceptionally large permits added to the total for 1933.

The largest permit taken out in 1934 was that obtained for work on the rehabilitation of the Torrance high school, amounting to about \$89,900. Many other smaller permits were issued.

All building permits for the construction of the Hughes-Mitchell plant on South Normandie, which is within the escheat strip, were issued from Los Angeles. So far more than \$150,000 has been expended in construction of buildings and equipment at this plant and in addition to the activity there, the removal of the Sunset Oil Company's refinery from Vermont to the old Julian property on East Road brings another large plant to the Torrance district.

Additional building activity within the city limits will include the issuance of a permit shortly for rehabilitation of the Torrance elementary school, which is scheduled to begin February 1. All units will be strengthened, at an approximate cost of \$72,744. The work is to be completed by June 23, if it is begun on schedule time.

An influx of small permits is expected when the survey of the federal workers who are calling on property owners in the interest of the Better Housing program is finished, which it will be shortly. Many needed repairs have been listed, and many persons have indicated their desire for making improvements to their homes in the way of plumbing, electrical work and other necessities. The total of such improvements can be expected to amount to a large sum, if all or a major per cent of those who have been contacted, take advantage of the loans to be had under the Better Housing Act.

Water Rates In Harbor City Are Given a Boost

Present Rate Is Deemed Unreasonable By the State Railroad Commission

Present rates of the American States Water Service Company were "unjust and unreasonable" in the Harbor City area, the state Railroad Commission has decided in ordering a 50 per cent boost for the company. The company also has offices in Claremont, Gardena, Hollywood, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, La Habra, Long Beach, Palms, Sunland, Venice and Wilmar.

The new rates became effective on January 1. The former rate was approximately 80 cents a month, according to Engineer F. H. VanHoesen of the commission. The new rate, according to the commission's order, made upon the results of Van Hoesen's investigation, will be a minimum of \$1.25 a month for a five-eight-0 or three-fourths inch meter. A graduated scale applies up to the three-inch meter, for which the rate is \$10 a month.

Man and Girl Are Held Up In Riviera Sunday

Los Angeles Pair Stopped On Highway Near the Clubhouse

Two men in a Chevrolet sedan held up Al Prewett, 340 South Kearney, and his companion, Miss Betty Murray, 551 1/2 So. Fredora street, Los Angeles, at 10:30 Sunday night, as they were driving along a highway near the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse, and escaped with \$15 in cash. Prewett's billfold, gold wrist watch, and Miss Murray's purse and cigarette case.

The bandits cut the ignition wires in Prewett's car so that they could not pursue the robbers, and drove off in the direction of Redondo Beach.

Prewett reported the affair to the Redondo Beach police who relayed the complaint to Torrance, as the hold-up took place in this city. The men were described as being tall and dark; one of them six feet, the other a couple of inches shorter. No other clues to their identity were obtained.

FAMOUS EVENTS IN HISTORY

On this date, January 3, 1777, the battle of Princeton, one of the decisive events of the Revolutionary War, was fought.