

# New Record Well Flowing; Harbor City Tip Area Booms

## D and B Well is Magnet

Reported flowing at a 715-barrel rate of 27.2 gravity cutting less than one percent, the Lomita Drilling company's No. 1 well at 233rd and Pennsylvania is the largest deep sand producer in the field which now bristles with derricks, old and new and under construction. Depth of the Lomita is said to be 5,009 feet.

Heavy leasing activities around the southeast tip of Harbor City at 233rd and Vermont where the D and B Oil company brought in a flowing 150-barrel well June 19 were observed this week. A brisk drilling campaign in that sector is due to start next week. Among the first to follow the D and B in exploring the Lomita tip is Freeman E. Fairfield, who has graded foundation for his initial well about 1,200 feet west of the D and B producer on a two- and one-half acre lease in Block 15. It is understood that Fairfield will also start a second well later.

### Preparing to Drill

Other activity noted is that Eass and Goodnight have acquired a portion of General Petroleum's old Hawkins lease, including two wells which will be reopened immediately. This is about 1,500 feet to the northwest. The firm also has leased the Brookdew well and property about one-half mile west.

Adjoining this latter lease, a five-acre Torino property, and in the townlot sector west of the producing well, Selena Petroleum has leased a seven- and two-acre parcel. J. E. O'Donnell also has several parcels in the same area.

Rips Oil, believed to be holder of the most offset acreage, has eased the 20-acre Oil Well Supply property 2,000 feet to the northwest and is, obligated to drill within 90 days, it is reported. Kern Drilling company is preparing to drill west of the D and B's discovery well at 251st and the P. E. right-of-way. This firm holds two and one-half acres.

### Two More Came In

Two more deepened oil wells at the South Torrance field came in during the past week and at both holes, the operators declared they were delighted with the showings. At the same time, water trouble struck Wallfugher's well on 232nd street and gave that developer considerable worry.

The new wells are reported owing with a high grade of oil from around the 5,000-foot level. Penco Oil company brought in its producer Tuesday morning for an unestimated amount of production. This well is located at Pennsylvania and Sepulveda.

Hansco Oil company's well at 27th and Pennsylvania is also said to be flowing and up to today no estimate had been reached as to its production. This well is said to be cutting about 40 percent and cleaning up rapidly.

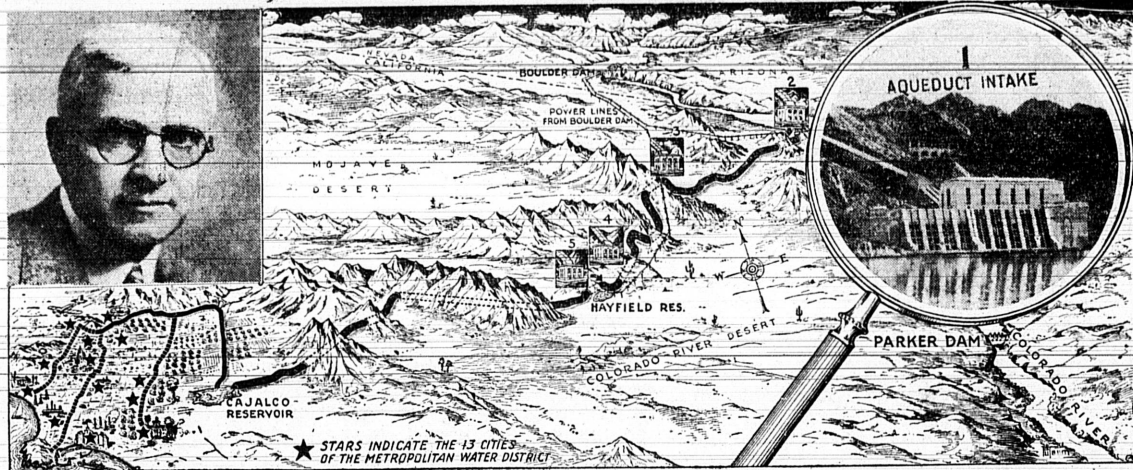
Stevenson has a Big Crew. Hughes' well was bottomed at below 5,000 feet. It is reported to be 80 percent water, shutoff is being attempted. Later influx also caused curtailment of activity this week on the Doyle's three wells off Narbonne below Sepulveda.

Roy K. Wilson Inc. is erecting a fourth new derrick to go up the corner of 234th and Pennsylvania as the drive south and east from the original deep and exploration continues.

Neil Anderson is drilling his Hittell No. 2 well on Pennsylvania and Albert Stevenson, with seven projects under way, now has the most workers in the field. Stevenson is operating for the Silver Beach, Silver rand, Lomita Drilling and Eckard Petroleum outfits. All are located in the vicinity of 33rd and Pennsylvania.

The Allen No. 1, a project of Neil Anderson and the Elcico Oil company, at 231st and Penn-

## GIANT AQUEDUCT NEARS COMPLETION



Artist's map of Colorado River Aqueduct. (Upper right) Intake pumping plant where aqueduct water is taken from Parker Dam reservoir. Numbers from 1 to 5 indicate location of five giant pumping plants which will lift aqueduct water total height of 1,616 feet across mountain barriers. (Upper left) F. E. Weymouth, General Manager and Chief Engineer of Metropolitan Water District, in charge of constructing water supply system. At lower left is shown location of thirteen District cities, which are

### More than 85 per cent completed

This, in brief, is the report of progress on the great Metropolitan Aqueduct that assures thirteen Southern California cities an abundant and everlasting supply of water. The aqueduct, now rapidly being brought to completion, will deliver water from the Colorado

River all the way across the state of California to the areas within the Metropolitan Water District.

Following more than five years of continuous construction work, all features of the main line of the aqueduct are now completed except the tunnel under Mt. San Jacinto and the installation of

pumping machinery in the five huge pumping plants.

All of the thirteen-mile-long San Jacinto tunnel has been excavated except about one and a half miles. Work on the installation of pumping machinery will be completed early this fall, according to a report made by F. E. Weymouth, General Manager and Chief Engineer of Metropolitan Water District.

With the aqueduct now nearing completion, District officials have pointed out that it will be built and placed in operation at a cost many millions of dollars less than the \$220,000,000 bond issue voted for that purpose. Work on the aqueduct was started in December, 1932. Since that time the

building of the aqueduct has given employment to more than 35,000 residents of the Metropolitan Water District, records of the District reveal.

The aqueduct will be able to deliver one thousand million gallons of water daily to the cities in the District. It is scheduled to be completed in 1939.

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## Cost of Plunge Plans Sought

"Getting down to brass tacks" i.e., actual costs, the city council Tuesday night instructed Acting City Engineer Leonard Young to secure estimates on the cost of having architectural firms draft plans and specifications for the proposed municipal swimming pool and tennis courts at the city park.

Young declared that his office would be unable to draft the plans and specifications for the plunge and courts because the data must be prepared at once in order to get a PWA project to share in the cost. He said that his office was too busy to give proper time to the preliminary plunge work.

It is estimated that the plunge would cost about \$35,000 to build. The usual architect's fee is 10 percent. If the city obtains a PWA allocation the cost of the drawings and plans would be shared by the Federal government, Young pointed out.

The proposed recreational facilities would have to be paid out of a bond issue. Until the plans and specifications are ready, the actual amount of such an issue cannot be determined.

## Music-Masters Scorned: Swing Band Subsidized

In no uncertain fashion the city council, scorned music by such masters as Beethoven, Bach and Brahms Tuesday night to champion the "Dipsy-doodling" swing tunes of such modern composers as Berlin, Benny Goodman and Brockman.

The city board's musical tastes were effectively expressed in the "filling" without comment a request by the Torrance Musicians' Society, Inc., for \$600 for four free concerts by the Torrance symphony during the coming 12 months and the allowance of \$75 to a high school boys' swing band.

The musicians were definitely turned down but the students' request, made by young Jack Miller, was promptly granted. The \$75 will be used, Band Leader Miller explained, to pay for lessons from Tom Ulrich, local dance orchestra musician, at the rate of \$25 a month. The boys hope to give several shows next fall to demonstrate their city-subsidized swing technique.

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## Registration Period Ending July 21

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## Regular Hours for City Judge

Beginning tomorrow (July 1) the Torrance city court will be open with the judge in attendance every business day from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 12 noon. Sundays and holidays the court will be closed all day.

The above orders were issued by the city council yesterday afternoon. The action was taken for the "convenience of the public," council members explained.

## 20-30 Installs Officers at Party

Combining installation of new officers with a delightful dinner-dance, members of the 20-30 club gathered with their wives and friends at the Hermosa Biltmore last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Demming of the Inglewood club were honor guests, Demming serving as installing officer. The new local 20-30 club leaders are:

Roy McReynolds, president; George Figueredo, vice-president; James Col, secretary-treasurer; James Rahl, sergeant-at-arms, and Ed Lewis, Carl Quayle, Henry Carlson and Clarence Bay, members of the directorate.

California is reported to be holding its flow of better than 500 barrels of clean high-gravity oil. Calridge Oil company has completed re-conditioning an old derrick on 235th street and is the farthest south project to date.

Vermont Avenue Activity. Indicating a consistent producer, D and B Oil company's wildcat at 233rd and Vermont continued to flow 545 barrels of 29.0 gravity, cutting about 10 percent, during the past week. New wells are scheduled in this area by Jack English, Hansco Oil and Ring Oil.

A report was current that California Lands, Inc., may enter the Vermont sector. The Capital company, it is understood, holds about 37 acres and California Lands may develop this property.

Miss Mildred Hitchcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock of C. C. M. O., left Sunday to attend the Fresno State Summer school at Huntington Lake.

## Six Babies Born at Hospital

Six babies were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curtiss of Wilmington greeted a daughter Monday. Mrs. Curtiss is on the faculty of Banning high school. Mr. and Mrs. Carlos DeLeon, Compton, welcomed a son last Friday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Hughes, Lawndale, last Saturday and Mrs. C. C. Lenarth of Gardena also received a daughter Tuesday. Lenarth is a mechanical foreman at the General Petroleum plant. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Putnam, Gardena, hailed a son last Friday and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Quarles of Wilmington greeted a daughter Monday. Quarles is employed at the Lomita Bank of California.

## Nine New Patients Enter Hospital

Among the new patients received during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital were: Herbert B. Andrews, 70-year-old printing instructor at Torrance high school, who lives at 1920 220th. He entered Sunday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Ethel Denton, San Pedro, on Tuesday for surgery. Mrs. Della Large, 1215 251st, Harbor City, Saturday for medical attention; William McAllister, Redondo Beach, who was injured in an automobile accident Monday for observation and X-rays; Val Gene Mott, Redondo service station worker, yesterday for a tonsilectomy.

Mrs. Grace Morris, Redondo, last Friday for observation and X-rays; Mrs. Mabel Mothersole, 2119 Gramercy, last Friday for surgery; Mrs. Della Molinar, Torrance Pueblo, last Saturday for surgery, and seven-year-old Madeline Salamunovich of Redondo, Tuesday for observation and X-rays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burgener and children Richard and Harold, 1630 Beech avenue, plan the holiday vacation at Headlee's Camp in San Gabriel Canyon.

Attorney Torrance C. Welch returned yesterday morning from attending the 25th reunion of his Yale class and visits throughout the east and mid-west.

## CITY COUNCIL CLEARS DESKS FOR NEW FISCAL YEAR

Because fiscal year 1937-38 ends today, the city council in session Tuesday night had a large volume of year-end and new year business to transact. Among the matters acted upon were:

### DENY FIREWORKS PERMIT

Application of Glen Armstrong to sell fireworks from a stand he planned to erect on the southeast corner of Carson and Cabrillo was denied because the American Legion had already listed that spot as one of its locations for such July 4th sales.

### STENCIL OFFER FILED

Bill Gboch of Compton in a letter offered to demonstrate his technique in stenciling house numbers on curbs at a cost of 15 cents or less per house. He said the usual price was 50 cents but indicated he would charge even less than 15 cents if the council thought his figure too high. The offer was filed.

### "THANK YOU" LETTERS

were received from the Junior class of Torrance high school for the use of the Civic Auditorium for the annual Junior-Senior prom and the Los Angeles board of education for the use of the same city building for the annual commencement exercises last week.

### OBJECT TO NAME

Application of A. A. Lamb for a "recreation hall" permit for a place at 2300 Narbonne avenue to be named "The Hurly-Burly" was denied. Several councilmen indicated that the name itself was too suggestive of what the place might become. Lamb gave his address as 2223 Gramercy.

### CONTRACTS RENEWED

Following adoption of the municipal budget (which retained the same tax rates—\$1.10 and \$1.07—as the last several years) existing contracts held with the following were renewed for 1938-39: Torrance Hospital association for emergency hospital service; Torrance municipal band for music; County Health department for health services; County library for library service; South Bay Humane Society for pound service and The Torrance Herald for legal printing.

BUDGET RECEIVED... Accompanied by a letter detailing objectives for the coming year under President-elect Dr. Alden W. Smith (published elsewhere

Ferguson's offer was \$300. The council will advertise for sealed bids to be opened at a future date.

TO INSTALL LIGHT... Having learned that the State Highway department now approves use of sodium vapor lights at intersections and not necessarily classed as exceptionally dangerous, Acting City Engineer Leonard Young approved the request of Walteria residents for such a light at Hawthorne and Highway 101. It will cost the city \$5.50 per month to maintain, he said.

### WANTS MONOPOLY

An itinerant scissors-grinder's application for a business permit (at a fee of \$12) was granted. City Clerk Bartlett explained that the craftsman offered to pay the fee providing the city would undertake to keep all others who do not have permits out of the city while he is making his house-to-house canvass.

### LEASE BUILDING

Altho Councilman John V. Murray declared two weeks ago that \$20 a month was "too much dough for that shack," he made the motion that the city rent the present Recreation headquarters on Arlington avenue across from the city park at the \$5 increased rent. The motion carried.

### ALLOCATIONS

Repairs to the city park grandstand, \$150; instruments and equipment for the city engineer's department, \$300; a 16-inch main line water meter for the Municipal Water department, \$350.

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