

Jimmy Roosevelt Ranch Guest



Jimmy Roosevelt, right, chats with his host, Walter F. Murphy, en route to Murphy's home, Hollister, Cal., ranch where President's son and secretary will rest for two months from a recent operation.

Local Oil Area Sumps As Harbor City Gains

While the Lomita-Harbor City field advanced in interest, the South Torrance field continued to decline this week to still lower production figures. There are only about four wells being worked by drilling crews in the local field at the present time and production at operating wells is only averaging about 900 barrels a day.

McDonald and Burns brought in the only producing well this week, a 265-barrel cutting one percent with 25 degree gravity at 231st and Cedar.

C. A. Doody has taken over the Blue Bell outpost at 241st and Pennsylvania and began rigging this week to test from 3,750 to 3,850 feet. This well was drilled to around 5,000 feet without results.

In the Lomita-Harbor City area Bass and Goodnight have begun deepening operations on Hawkins No. 1 near Lomita and Frampton avenues. F. E. Fairfield has foundation laid for Oakley No. 1 and General Petroleum has spudded in Poggi No. 10. Ring Oil has spudded Mahar No. 1 and Sevens Drilling has begun operations on P.E.R. No. 1.

Expected to extend the field to the north, R. R. Bush's Torino No. 1 has encountered the top of the oil sand at 5,000 feet. Present depth is 5,170 feet. D and B Oil's Dawn No. 2 well, the most southerly in the field, has resumed operations and is drilling ahead at 5,575 feet in sandy shale, it is reported.

Arthur N. Macrae has staked locations for three wells in the field, Kupfer No. 1-1 at Mari-gold and 251st, No. 4-4 at Belle-porte and 251st and No. 18-1 at Normandle and 253rd.

Theatre Bids Due This Week

Plans and specifications for the new theatre to be erected on Cravens avenue across from the central fire station by Sam Levy, veteran merchant and resident of this city, are being studied by five or six contractors. They are expected to submit their bids for building the structure the latter part of this week. He said J. E. Miller has been awarded the foundation contract and will start pouring concrete this week. Levy hopes to have the theatre finished in time for a gala opening during the Christmas holidays.

TAKEN TO PSYCHO WARD

Arrested on an insanity complaint signed by his mother, Charles Matthews, 25, of 2105 Sierra street, was taken to the county psychopathic ward by local police Monday. Matthews had been accused of writing two bogus checks and told police he could not remember signing them with the name of McCann.

HOG RANCH EVACUATED HERE; COUNTY PLANNERS SEEK BAN

Found guilty of operating a hog ranch within the city limits without a permit, V. Chambers, rancher at 4813 West 171st street, was given an alternative penalty last Friday morning following his arrest on a warrant. He was offered a suspension of a fine of \$100 or 50 days in jail if he would remove his hogs by Oct. 10. He agreed to the evacuation and police officers who checked up on his performance Monday found no hogs on the premises.

The warrant against Chambers was signed by W. C. Weymouth, chief district sanitation inspector for the county health department. This week the county regional planning commission continued its "war" on hog ranches in the coastal plain of Los An-

Preparations for Nov. 8 Election Are Under Way

Lists of election board members and polling places for the Nov. 8 general election were being prepared by the board of supervisors for approval late this week. Immediately after the board has approved the appointments and designated the polling places, the lists will be published locally in the districts concerned.

Before Oct. 24, Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr must mail to each voter registered in the county a sample ballot and a copy of the pamphlet, containing the 25 state-wide initiative questions together with the arguments for and against them, prepared under direction of the secretary of state.

Five County Propositions Between Oct. 19 and Nov. 3, voters who expect to be absent from their precincts on election day, must apply by mail or in person at Registrar Kerr's office in Los Angeles for an absent voter ballot.

In addition to the 25 state-wide propositions on the ballot, there will be five proposed amendments to the Los Angeles county charter, ordered placed on the ballot at the last minute by the board of supervisors.

Localize Tax Refund Service

Local taxpayers who desire to file applications for a possible refund on their 1938-39 county tax levy need not go to the Hall of Records but may have their signatures witnessed before a deputy county clerk at any city hall between Nov. 21 and Dec. 5, it was announced this week.

Deputy county clerks will be stationed at the 44 city halls throughout the county during the two-week period, and will provide the same service that the taxpayers would otherwise have if they went to the auditor's office at the Hall of Records.

Meanwhile, preparation of the new tax bills is progressing rapidly in County Tax Collector H. L. Byram's office, with the aid of a special night shift. The bills will be ready for mailing next week, and a printed form of an application for a refund on the county levy will be enclosed with each tax bill.

Local Wholesale Florist Being Sued for Divorce

Charging cruelty and incompatibility, Mrs. Ruth D. Wright has filed suit for divorce against Thomas H. Wright, owner of greenhouses on 190th street in North Torrance which Mrs. Wright claims are valued at \$150,000. She asks for a division of this property, together with suitable alimony. They were married in Mexico, March 12, 1932, and separated last week.

Mrs. Wright asserts that her husband kept a number of valuable horses and talked horses from morning until night, despite the fact that she did not care for horses. She also sets forth that her husband spent money lavishly in maintaining his horses but required her to do the cooking, asserting he could not afford the services of a cook.

Edison Legionnaires Will Meet Here

Between 300 and 400 members of the Southern California Edison Legion club are expected to invade Torrance Saturday, Nov. 12, for a dinner-meeting at the Civic Auditorium. Arrangements for the assembly here were completed late last week by Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce. He informed the city council in a letter Tuesday night that the American Legion Auxiliary will serve the dinner and that all Auditorium facilities were offered the Edison Legionnaires without charge.

Mexico Approves Repatriations

Renewed efforts to repatriate thousands of Mexicans now on Los Angeles county relief rolls would be welcomed by the Mexican government, the board of supervisors were informed in a letter on file today from officials of the southern republic.

Factory Frolic Plans Rushed; Free, Wholesome Fun for All

Combining all the best features of Hallowe'en, an old-fashioned county fair and a Mardi Gras carnival the Torrance Factory Frolic scheduled for community-wide festivity on Oct. 28 and 29 gave evidence this week of being a notable attraction for every man, woman and child in this city. The two days will be packed with fun.

OCT. 28-29 GALA DAYS

Months of work on the part of the Torrance Coordinating Council and more than two score affiliated groups—ranging from service clubs to sewing circles—began to show results at the Council's session Monday night in the city hall. From the progress reports given President Jack Miller and Secretary Dr. O. E. Fossum, the first annual Factory Frolic seems certain of setting a new high in wholesome fun.

Also none of the fun features will be continued over Sunday, Oct. 30, the churches of the city are arranging to hold a union meeting in the Civic Auditorium to carry on the spirit of community welfare that will be the theme of the Frolic. This week's Frolic meeting developed the following details:

MOTORCADE WILL PUBLICIZE EVENT

All residents who can be urged by George Peckham, chairman of the tour, to join the motorcade from Torrance to a number of surrounding communities advertising the Factory Frolic. This tour will begin Tuesday morning, Oct. 25, at 10 o'clock. Banners publicizing the Frolic will be prepared for fixing on the cars in the motorcade and Peckham hopes that a large number of motorists will participate.

COSTUMES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Every Torrance resident is asked to wear the Frolic costume of overalls, workshirt and cap for men, aprons and caps for women during the entire week of the community festivities. Mrs. Elsie Smith reported for the Women of the Moose that the women's aprons are ready now for sale at 35 cents. The caps for both men and women will carry a Factory Frolic inscription. The men's overalls, workshirts and caps will sell at cost for \$1.15 complete. These may be obtained at any of the men's furnishing stores in Torrance. The women's aprons and caps will be available at the Frolic headquarters.

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS TO BE ESTABLISHED

To provide a "heart" for the Frolic activities, a central headquarters is to be established, possibly in the Chamber of Commerce office at Marcelina and Cabrillo avenues. Here the Coordinating Council will maintain facilities for directing the many activities scheduled for the two Frolic days. Carl Marsteller will be in charge of the headquarters.

GRANT PERMIT FOR BOOTHS, BAND STAND

Tuesday night the city council granted the Coordinators' request for permission to install booths on Sartori between Marcelina and Gramercy and also to erect a band stand at the intersection of Marcelina and Sartori. The Coordinators' second request, for an appropriation of \$400 to match the same amount the sponsoring group is advancing toward the expenses of the Frolic, was referred to the Chamber of Commerce. It was explained that the Chamber has the right to extend financial assistance, if it wishes, toward such a community project.

Leaking Private Gas Line Causes Blast and Fire

A man was preparing to mount the few steps leading to McDonald and Burns field office on Pennsylvania avenue near 231st street Monday night when he paused to light a cigarette. He was amazed—and no little shocked—at the blast which followed the match-striking.

The fire department summoned to extinguish the resultant fire found that the blaze had been put out by oil workers in the vicinity who used Foamite apparatus to stop the sudden fire. Investigation by Director John Stroh of the public safety department disclosed that a leaking gas main at a meter near the office steps was the cause of the explosion-fire. The gas-line belonged to McDonald and Burns and was not the property of the Southern California Gas company, Stroh said. The name of the man who inadvertently caused the blast was not obtained.

WIDE MARKET

Producers in the steel industry have as direct customers nearly 25,000 manufacturing establishments located in every state in the union, a survey by the American Iron and Steel Institute disclosed.

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Frolic Features

Here is the tentative schedule of Factory Frolic events for Oct. 28 and 29. Changes are to be expected but the general arrangement of features will follow this order:

TUESDAY, Oct. 25
Motorcade to leave Torrance at 10 a. m. for a tour of surrounding cities to publicize Factory Frolic.

FRIDAY, Oct. 28
All booths and exhibits open to public.
Horseshoe tournament and other sports features at city park.
Football game between Torrance and Banning high schools at the Tartars' field in the afternoon.

SATURDAY, Oct. 29
All booths and exhibits open. Pet parade for youngsters. Bicycle parade followed by bike races.
Slow-motion auto race.
Comedy parade at 3 o'clock. Sports exhibition at bandstand, Marcelina and Sartori.

Mask parade for adults and children with prizes of many kinds.
Bonfire to celebrate "Exposing the New and the Old"—a special mystery feature of the Frolic.
Street dance and Hallowe'en carnival for all.

SUNDAY, Oct. 30
Union church service in the afternoon at the Civic Auditorium.

celebration with a Mardi Gras, the colors chosen for decoration of the various booths, exhibits and other features will be orange and black. Efforts will be made to decorate the ornamental light standards with corn stalks and such Hallowe'en symbols as black cats, witches and Jack o'Lanterns.

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Municipal Woodyard Season On

With the coming of colder nights, the municipal woodyard once more comes into the spotlight of city activities. Its operation is helping out the unemployment problem here, according to city records and last year the street department sold 225 cords of fire wood to local residents. So far this year 190 cords have been disposed of at the minimum price of \$8 per cord. Eucalyptus wood brings the highest price.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said this week that the city could sell an additional 50 or 100 cords each season if it could be produced. Through the year the street department carries on the work of tree-trimming as needed and hauls the branches to the woodyard. Unemployed men saw it as a drudge system near the intersection of Western avenue and 262nd street, just outside Lomita, will be received by the board of supervisors until 2 p. m., Oct. 25.

The call for the bids included the requirement of the 40-hour week and prevailing wages, ranging from 62½ cents an hour for laborers to \$1.50 an hour for cranes, dragline and shovel operators.

PARADERS TO WIN PRIZES

In addition to the exhibits—28 industrial firms having indicated they will join in this feature—and the football game Friday, Oct. 28, between Torrance and Banning high schools, there will be four parades. The first procession will be for youngsters displaying their pets. Any animal cherished by any boy or girl is eligible to enter this downtown parade for which ribbons and prizes are to be awarded. Then there will be a bicycle parade, a big comedy parade and finally, on Saturday night, Oct. 29, a mask procession of costumed marchers.

TWO DANCES ARE SCHEDULED

The regular Friday night student dance at the Civic Auditorium will become a Frolic feature and on the same night the National Business and Professional Women will sponsor a style show and on Saturday night, following the mask parade and a bon-fire, there will be a street dance for everyone.

BANDS, PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND CARNIVAL

Additions this week to the Frolic program included: An offer of the Standard Oil company's public address truck and the inimitable "Happy" Wintz at the microphone to lend comedy and information to the event; assurance that a Long Beach police squadron would join the comedy parade on Saturday, Oct. 29, and that the Monterey Park Boys band and possibly another band organization would join the Torrance Municipal band in the program; reports that at least 28 floats would be in the line of march Oct. 29; a merry-go-round and ferris wheel may be brought here by the Moose lodge for the festivities and will be located opposite the postoffice.

ORGANIZATIONS BUSY PLANNING BOOTHS

Most of the organizations co-operating with the Coordinators in the Frolic plans are now at work planning their booths and exhibits. Among these is the 20-30 Club which will operate a finger-printing center for identification purposes in line with the club's national project. The industrial exhibits will include displays from the Pacific Electric, Columbia Steel, National Supply, KNX-CBS, United Concrete, American Dolomite, Salm Manufacturing company, Shell Oil, Torrance Bash and Door, and a unique presentation of toy furniture by an upholstery company.

4,859 Eligible To Vote Here; Is New Record

Setting a new high mark in the city's history, total registration for the coming November election is 4,859, it was disclosed today by Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr.

This city's total registration for the last general election, November, 1936, was 4,417. The total at the last gubernatorial election in November, 1934, was 3,970. Strength of the various parties for the coming November election is divided as follows: Democrats 3,265, Republicans 1,328, Socialist 10, Unionist 11, Progressive 8, Communist one, Commonwealth two, Townsend 64, decline to state 175.

Bids on Drainage Plan for Slough Project Due Oct. 25

Bids for the construction of a drainage system near the intersection of Western avenue and 262nd street, just outside Lomita, will be received by the board of supervisors until 2 p. m., Oct. 25. The call for the bids included the requirement of the 40-hour week and prevailing wages, ranging from 62½ cents an hour for laborers to \$1.50 an hour for cranes, dragline and shovel operators.

Pueblo Raid Nets Stills and Weapons

Reviving memories of raids on illicit liquor stills during the prohibition era, 20 men composed of 16 local police officers and 10 deputies from the State Department of Equalization scoured into the Pueblo section of Torrance Monday afternoon in quest of "moonshine" (remember that word?) plants.

The raiding party returned to police headquarters here with two recently-used stills and one old booze boiler, one blackjack, a hand-made pistol—a vicious-looking weapon, a bayonet, two knives and a .22 calibre rifle. No arrests were made because no one was found in the immediate vicinity of the used stills.

Blanket Search Warrant

Members of the State Board of Equalization party returned to Los Angeles with the liquor-making equipment while confiscated armament is being held by Torrance police. The raiders were armed with a blanket search warrant covering all of the 50 odd homes in the Pueblo district. Sergeant Ernest Ashton was in charge of the local officers while Deputy George Pearson headed the state force.

The Pueblo swoop followed several recent arrests here of intoxicated women who indicated they had been purchasing illicitly-made liquor in the northwest part of the city around Arlington and 263rd street. A general exodus of heads of Pueblo households appeared to have occurred just prior to the arrival of the official inspection party.

City Down Place In S. C. Building

Fifth on the list of all Southern California cities for the amount of new construction at the half-year point, Torrance dropped to sixth place at three-quarter point, according to tabulations made public this week.

Other cities showing more construction during the past nine months of 1938 were Los Angeles, \$51,173,235; Long Beach, \$5,835,755; San Diego, \$6,955,452; Glendale, \$3,785,886; Burbank, \$3,417,526; and Pasadena, \$2,884,526. Torrance's building total for the nine-month period was \$2,780,995.

Also in the "two-million-dollar class" but having less building than Torrance were Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Alhambra.

Lomita Fire Loss Said About Average

The per capita loss from fire during the past year in the Lomita county fire protection district was four cents, the annual report of County Fire Warden Spence D. Turner, on file today, revealed.

The highest per capita loss was in the Central Manufacturing district, where the figure was \$13.21 and the lowest in Clifton Heights district, where it was \$0.133. Average for all fire protection districts was \$9.791.

The percentage of property loss by fire in the Lomita district during the year was eight percent. The average percentage of property loss in all districts was .05 of one percent. Highest percentage of property loss was in East Montebello, where it was .764 of one percent, and lowest again was in Clifton Heights, where it was .0002 of one percent.

NEW GAUCHO PREXYS

Paul Meacham is the new student body president at Narbonne high school. Now president of the Junior high student body is Bill Gibson.

PROPERTY OWNERS APPROVE MOUND EXPLORATION HERE

All but one of those concerned in the ownership of the Malaga Cove property on which is located what archeologists believe will be one of the richest prehistoric finds in this country have given their approval to the proposed WPA excavation project under the supervision of Dr. A. O. Bowdin of U.S.C.

This was the information given the city council Tuesday night by Leonard Young, acting city engineer. He said the site is located within Torrance city limits but the ownership was held by several parties.

CITY SPURNS LEGALIZED GAMBLING

After several months of "filling for future reference" some 25 or 30 applications for permits to operate legalized gambling games in Torrance, the city council decided Tuesday night to ban such card amusements here by refusing to adopt a licensing ordinance.

Councilman George Powell served as spokesman for the council when he said, as head of the city ordinance committee: "There will be no licensing of gambling in the city of Torrance. We know they are having considerable trouble in Los Angeles and elsewhere in regulating such establishments where card games are permitted and we want none of it here. We have a fairly clean little town and we intend to keep it so. We don't need the revenue the gamblers think they'll give us for permitting poker games here and they will not find any refuge in the city of Torrance."

Petition Brings Statement

Prior to Powell's pronouncement, the council had received—and as in the case of all such requests—filed two applications for permits to operate legalized gambling games here. These were from Ed H. Larson of Huntington Beach and R. W. Edens of Lomita. The latter had pointed out in his letter that he was the "discoverer of the first oil well in the Lomita-Torrance field in the early days."

Altho the "poker palaces" were not mentioned by name, the Torrance Ministerial Union in a letter to the council Tuesday night commended the municipal board for "keeping questionable resorts out of the city even though they might swell city funds."

Two weeks ago a petition, signed by 34 men and women, was read to the council regarding opening the city to such enterprises. The petitioners stated that they believed "that local business will be stimulated" by permitting card games places here. The petition was referred to the ordinance committee and brought Powell's statement Tuesday night.

Flood Engineer Adverse to Drain

The principal advantage of proposed "Alternate Plan E" for drainage of the Laguna Dominica (formerly Nigger Slough) area would be a shortening of the time required to drain the lake after it had become inundated, declared C. H. Howell, retiring chief engineer of the flood control district, in an adverse report on the plan on file with the board of supervisors this week.

"The proposed project would be relatively ineffective in preventing inundation in this area during major storms," Howell said. "Even during such storms as have occurred in December, 1933, February, 1937, and March, 1938, the project would be relatively ineffective in preventing inundation."

Howell said there would be some reduction in depth of inundation below Main street, which would be partly offset by a corresponding increase in depth of inundation above Main street and also by increased damages to land along the existing undeveloped channel south of Alameda street.

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okay is expected to be obtained this week. Dr. Bowdin told the council two weeks ago that exploration of the mound-shaped site near the ocean would be of tremendous cultural value and that all relics of prehistoric tribes found there would become the property of either the city or the landowners.

He asked the council to apply for a PWA project to provide the labor necessary to uncover the ancient civilizations. The council indicated it would sponsor the project if the landowners would give their permission.