

Looking across the Port of the Trade Winds to Treasure Island you get this alluring view of the Golden Gate International Exposition, which makes you want to investigate every ex-

hibit palace and stand under each lofty tower. Dominating spire of beauty is the 400-foot Tower of the Sun, while on the nearest shore are the \$1,000,000 Administration Building (left to right)

Treasure Garden with its vast pool, the Yerba Buena (Women's) Clubhouse, the Hall of Air Transportation and the Fine Arts Palace. Beyond the Administration Building may be seen

the famed Elephant Towers, while far down the long coast, back of the Sun Tower, is Pacifica. Toward the horizon are the hills of Marin county (left) and of Richmond and Berkeley, at the right.

MALDUM BRINGS IN NEAR-RECORD DEEP WELL HERE

Chief interest in the South Torrance oil field's "hot spot" south of 234th along Eschelman and Walnut streets centered this week in the near-record production reported by Maldum Petroleum company for its No. 5 well at 236th and Eschelman. This deep hole, bottomed at 5,165 feet, just missed by 26 barrels being the heaviest producer ever completed in the deep Torrance activity.

It was established as a 1,375 barrel flow of 26 gravity during its first few hours on the gauge before settling to about a 1,000-barrel per day. The Maldum well was beamed back last night and today to the 300-barrel production set for all of the firm's producing wells in this area.

The well, which adjoins Whittier-Santa Fe Springs Syndicate's record 1,400-barrel producer, gives every indication of holding up for some time to come, officials of the company told The Herald. Maldum also completed its No. 4 earlier in the week for an initial flow of 900 barrels of 26.4 gravity, cutting 12 percent from 5,177 feet. This well is now running 850 barrels regular.

Developing Southward Several other significant developments occurred in the "hot spot" zone during the week. The activity in the area, which is spreading south with unusual rapidity, promises to keep the Torrance field on top in state production for many months to come.

Bolling Oil finished Autry No. 1, flowing 280 barrels of 26 gravity, cutting one percent from 9,245 feet. First readings on J. T. Anderson's No. 1 at 27th and Eschelman showed a 600-barrel flow of 26 gravity. Depth is 5,170 feet. At 240th and Eschelman, Anderson and Bemis have staked location for No. 1 and Ray Wilson has staked No. 3, which is the southeasterly outcrop, at 241st and Walnut, of the east side.

By the completion of Deep Hole Drilling No. 1 for 750 barrels of 26 gravity, cutting one percent, the field was extended about two blocks to the east this week. Some geologists believe that this may be an entirely new zone separated from the Eschelman area by a fault.

Deep Hole is now preparing to drill No. 2 southeast of 240th and Walnut to offset its No. 1.

Further south, Ray W. Wilson has begun drilling operations on a new project which should give an indication of how far south this new annex extends. East of Walnut, D. W. Elliott is deepening one of the Ketter wells. During the week several operators decided to drill in the southeast portion of the field, among them being J. T. Anderson and Associates, Golden Bear and Southern Star Oil, which will make a joint venture.

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School Election May Be Held at City Hall Here

Local residents will vote on the Los Angeles city school board candidates April 4 and May 2 and will probably cast their ballots at a single polling place to be located in the city hall.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett received a letter from the Los Angeles city clerk this week asking if the municipal building here could be used for that purpose. However, the letter was ambiguous because it only mentioned Precinct No. 11, the Watteria area, would use that location. Bartlett is seeking further information on the subject.

The board of education candidates will be the only ones appearing on the Torrance ballot. Lomita voters will probably cast ballots at another single combined polling place for the primary and final elections.

Two Holidays This Week

Saturday, Feb. 18, opening day of the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island, has been proclaimed a public holiday in California by Gov. Culbert L. Olson.

Wm. Rojo, Sr. Succumbs at Home In L. A.



WILLIAM H. ROJO, Sr., man of old S. C. family.

Falling in health over a two-year period and a serious illness extending over the past three weeks combined to cause the death of William H. Rojo, Sr., part-owner and manager of the Torrance Laundry and Dry Cleaning company, at his home, 242 West 48th street, Los Angeles, last Sunday morning.

Mr. Rojo, who had managed the local laundry since he came here in 1922 from Los Angeles, had not been active in his business for many months. His death was attributed to a heart ailment. He was 53 years of age and a native of San Diego who had lived in Los Angeles since 1894.

He was a member of an old Southern California family. His father was Manuel C. Rojo, early-day Los Angeles attorney and San Diego judge. Don Manuel came to California from Peru and in 1851 he formed the first law partnership in Los Angeles (Continued on Page 6-A)

Legion Dinner, Program Feb. 21

A Spanish dinner will be served members of the local American Legion post and their friends Tuesday night, Feb. 21, beginning at 6 o'clock, by Post-Commander Grant Barkidull and Ed Bird. Following the "comida" of chili beans, tortillas, tamales and other typical dishes, a program of sound pictures and an address by Capt. Charles C. Bayless, Marine Corps, retired, on "National Defense" will be presented.

The movies will be shown by Chief Yeoman George W. Stevenson of the U. S. Navy's public relations department. They will consist of several new reels with sound accompaniment depicting Navy life and resources.

Dry Wells Said Filled by Oil Seepage Here

Oil seepage into the city's "dry wells," used for drainage purposes, at 231st and Narbonne has interfered with the function of the dry holes and consequently storm water has been slow in draining at that location, Leonard Young, acting city engineer, told the city council Tuesday night in reply to a question from Councilman George V. Powell.

Only 120 Students Needed to Start Jr. College Here

If 120 young people make advance registration for the free tuition offered, Torrance will have a Junior College in operation here next September.

Speaking before the combined Rotary clubs of Torrance and Redondo Beach here last Thursday night and to the Kiwanis club Monday evening, Principal Thomas Elson of the high school made an encouraging announcement. He urged the service groups to support efforts being made to establish the Junior College here with the beginning of the 1939-40 term.

Elson declared that only 120 prospective students are necessary to launch the higher educational institution. If the present postcard canvass of high school graduates throughout this district results in evidence that at least the required number of enrollees would enter the institution, the Junior College will begin next September, Elson stated.

For Whole District However, a great deal depends on the response to the postcards dispatched this week to graduates for the last two years from Torrance, Gardena, Redondo Beach and Narbonne high schools. These questionnaires ask former students if they would be interested in attending Junior College in Torrance and to indicate which of 16 proposed courses they are interested in.

"Two lines of action are being followed to obtain a Junior College for Torrance," the high school principal told the service clubs. "I am pursuing one with the full cooperation of Vierling Kersey, superintendent of schools and Mayor C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald; Mayor William H. Tolson and Secretary L. J. Gilchrist (Continued on Page 6-A)

Local Catholics Pay Tribute to Late Pope

Far from massive St. Peter's Cathedral in Vatican City and the teeming thousands who converged on that vast church and the bier of Pope Pius XI, hundreds of local Catholics gathered at the Church of the Nativity yesterday morning to add their prayers to those of millions of the faithful throughout the world, asking for the repose of the soul of His Holiness.

The solemn high mass here was none less impressive for its size than the great obsequies being held in St. Peter's. The church on Manuel avenue, soon to be converted into a community hall after the new edifice on the corner of Engracia and Manuel avenues is opened, was

mantled in black. Inside, the altar was decorated in black for the deceased Pope, called one of the greatest in the history of the church.

Men dressed in working clothes, women with black-shawled heads, smartly dressed matrons, business men, and scores of children, touched shoulders in readiness to provide a very enjoyable evening. Fred Graetz's augmented 12-piece orchestra of Inglewood will furnish the music for dancing, which begins at 9 p. m.

Three cash prizes in the amounts of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded those purchasing tickets. Those who have not already purchased tickets from doctors or members of the N. B. P. W. may secure them at the box office Saturday evening.

Hundreds Attend Funeral Rites for Torrance Welch



TORRANCE C. WELCH, man of many interests.

One of this city's few remaining resident links with its founder was broken last Friday with the death of Torrance C. Welch, property developer, artist and nephew of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, creator of this community.

Mr. Welch succumbed to a heart ailment and high blood pressure, for which he had been under treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital since last Thanksgiving. He had previously sought health at Loma Linda sanitarium near Redlands. Mr. Welch was 48 years of age.

The funeral service was held Monday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel, where hundreds came to pay their last respects to a man of such diversified interests as banking, the law, photography and literature. Rev. Thomas B. Marshall, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, officiated and the ritualistic theme from the Pasadena Masonic lodge No. 272, P. A. A. M., was in charge of the rites.

Dr. Frank M. Booth, secretary and Past Master of Pasadena lodge No. 272, P. A. A. M., was in charge of the Masonic ritual. Private cremation followed at Pacific Crest.

The bier was banked with a great many floral offerings, silent tributes to a community leader (Continued on Page 5-A)

Expect 500 at Hospital Ball

A marked impetus in the sale of tickets to the benefit ball for the Torrance Memorial hospital to be held this Saturday evening at the Torrance Civic Auditorium was reported this week.

"We have about \$300 in cash already on hand, and there are a great many tickets still on hand from which we have good reason to expect favorable results," said Mrs. Roxie Sleeth, chairman of the ticket selling campaign.

The hospital staff, composed of physicians and surgeons in the district, are sponsoring the benefit ball, and everything is in readiness to provide a very enjoyable evening. Fred Graetz's augmented 12-piece orchestra of Inglewood will furnish the music for dancing, which begins at 9 p. m.

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FROLIC PAYMENT ARGUED BEFORE COUNCIL TUESDAY

A request by Attorney John Shidler to the city council Tuesday night that the Torrance Coordinating Council be reimbursed \$318 by the city for its 1938 Factory Frolic expenditures, according to an agreement of last Oct. 19, precipitated one of the most spirited discussions to be held in the council chamber in many months.

City Now Owns Center Strip on Torrance Blvd.

Shidler newly-elected director of the Coordinating Council, ask for the money which represented the deficit in excess of \$400 contributed by the Coordinating Council, incurred by it in staging the two-day community celebration here last Oct. 28-29. After prolonged discussion, which centered on the legality of the appropriation, the council approved the reimbursement over Councilman George V. Powell's negative vote.

But City Clerk A. H. Bartlett blocked payment when he declared that "until such time as I'm convinced this is a legal appropriation I'll not sign the check." Councilman Powell stated that he, too, was of the opinion that the grant was illegal. Refuse Walteria Subsidy The clerk's statement ended protracted discussion of the Coordinating Council's request but Joel Hagberg, unsuccessful candidate last spring for election to the city council from Walteria, renewed argument over another appropriation matter immediately. This concerned a \$10 monthly subsidy to the Walteria Community Center for expenses incurred in obtaining entertainers for a monthly program.

City Attorney John E. McCall had previously held this appropriation, voted several months ago but held up by City Clerk Bartlett, was illegal use of municipal funds. Hagberg failed to change the verdict on this matter but was held up by City Clerk Bartlett, was illegal use of municipal funds. Hagberg failed to change the verdict on this matter but was held up by City Clerk Bartlett, was illegal use of municipal funds.

During the discussion over the Coordinating Council's request and on the Walteria subsidy, Councilman Powell turned through minutes of council meetings to read excerpts which pertained to the matters under debate. He defended the Walteria subsidy by pointing out that the council had appropriated various sums (last year it was \$100) to pay expenses of the local Women of the Moose at their state convention.

Celebration Cost \$718 He used this example of civic generosity to claim that the city attorney's assertion that the Walteria subsidy, being used for transportation of entertainers, "laid the city wide open to damage suits in case of an accident," would also apply to the convention donations.

City Clerk Bartlett defended the Women of the Moose's appropriation, asserting they were taken out of the 10-percent fund for advertising and promotion. Most of the discussion centered around the Factory Frolic expenditure by the Coordinating Council. The total cost of the two-day celebration was approximately \$718. The Coordinators spent \$400 of the money they had raised at the student dances and, until about six weeks ago, were engaged in paying off the deficit. This, various spokesmen for the Coordinating body asserted, was in accordance with instructions (Continued on Page 5-A)

Credit Union Pays 6 Percent Dividend

Officers of the highly successful Employees Credit Union, composed of Columbia Steel company workers, were re-elected at recent meeting. They were: Stanley Lewand, president; Stewart Holland, secretary, and Neil McConlogue, treasurer. The Union heads declared a six percent dividend after receiving reports that the concern is now up in the \$20,000 class.

STATE FUNDS CUT Notice that the actual revenue was less than anticipated, and that the city's share in state gasoline tax funds must be reduced \$200 was given by the city council Tuesday night by the State Highway Commission.