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OIL LAW ... (Continued on Page 2)

parts and providing a fence as An eight foot fence, however was deemed "impractical" and

ty was concerned. A fence, it was pointed out, is primarily intended to keep younger children away from the derricks. A six-foot fence was thought adequate for

Older children (7 years to 15 years) simply consider fences a challenge and the higher the fence, the greater the challenge.

Keeping older children away from the derricks requires ed within four hours by present ucation and the cooperation of equipment would be figured on

future, excepting only sumps of en derricks on existing wells a portable nature. This is intended to require ing. oilmen to pipe the brine to cen-

No New Derrick ture drilling of new wells or dangers, unsightly conditions.

the stripper operations.

the brine away was not "eco-

nomically feasible" for most of

illusory as far as offering safedeepening of wells, or other water pollution threats, inadework on new or existing wells, quate ordinance enforcement, be accomplished with the aid of and inadequate laws. portable metal drilling masts. While it was maintained that of the proposed ordinance inmodern drilling methods will cluded Attorney Don Hitchcock,

no longer use stationary wood- Tom Bardine and E. Pietzschke, en derricks it was also pointed both oilmen. out by a spokesman for the oilmen that use of portable equipment costs \$30 an hour compared to \$12 an hour with the equipment now in use. A job which could be done

the parents, it was maintained. an eight-hour basis with port-II. The removal of all exist-able equipment because of poring sumps and prohibiting the tal to portal pay provisions. digging or use of sumps in the IV. The removal of all woodboth producing and non-produc-

Such a blanket-law was latral spots for processing in beled unconstitutional in esskimming tanks, the filtered sence and termed confiscatory. brine to be discharged into the As long as a derrick is safe and the well not abandoned, the city Major objection to this re- has no right to demand the re-

quirement was that parts of moval of the derrick for the Thursday, May 12, 1955 the oil fields had no sewers to sake of safety or aesthetic reaconnect to and that trucking sons, it was maintained.

Abuses

stricter ordinance was Carl A. Listed among the hazards Johnson of the Regional Water and abuses in the Torrance oil Pollution Control Board. Johnfields by Powell are: sumps, oil son pointed out that 97 wells in III No new derricks. All fu- spills, abandoned sites, derrick the Torrance area are discharging brine which threatens the underground water supply.

Vern Coyle of 2366 W. 237th Those protesting the severity st. pointed out the dangers of sumps in the Torrance oil fields.

"I've lost different animals in the sumps," he stated, indicating that he knows of several William E. Hinchliff, secresumps which are in violation of tary of the land use committee the city ordinance. of the Western Oil and Gas as-

Pietzschke, one of the oilmen, ndicated that a great deal of the trouble can be traced to irresponsible parents who let their children wander from Speaking on behalf of a home unsupervised.



sociation and W. R. Miller

pointed out the impracticality

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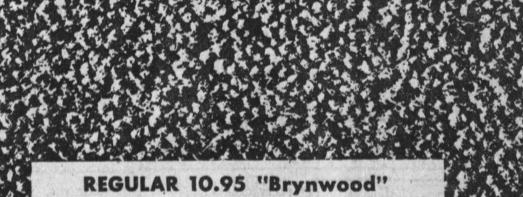
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