

FAIR PRICE OF WATER PLANT NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

Officials Willing to Sell at Reasonable Figure

DELAY BOND VOTE

Trustees Seek Exact Figure Before Calling Election

With the change in administration of the Dominguez Land corporation and its resultant effect on the water company, Torrance trustees and directors of the Chamber of Commerce believe that they will soon be able to negotiate on a more equitable basis than heretofore for the purchase of the water company by the city.

Ask Fair Price
Such assurances have the water company officials given the committee of the Chamber of Commerce that the company is not seeking a long price for its property, that this committee reported Tuesday, recommending that steps be taken to arrive at the actual value of the plant, and a bond issue submitted for popular approval, in case a valuation satisfactory to the trustees is arrived at. The directors of the chamber appended their hearty endorsement to the recommendation and passed it on to the trustees. The trustees Tuesday night withheld action on the legislation necessary to bring the lighting and Western avenue paving bond propositions to election, in order to secure the proper valuation of the water company's plant and submit all three propositions at once.

Will Install Pump
Pending action by the city, the water company is taking steps to improve service temporarily. A new booster pump, to provide increased pressure all over the city, will be installed, officials of the company reported this week. The installation is dependent upon a vote of the directors of the company, but favorable action is anticipated.

The report of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce follows: "To the Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce:
"We, your water committee, beg to report as follows:
"That we believe the municipality should own the water system, and understand that the water company would sell. If your body believes as we do, we recommend that steps be taken to arrive at the actual value of the plant, and if a valuation satisfactory to those in authority to buy can be arrived at, we would recommend that a bond issue be submitted to the voters of the city of Torrance for the purpose of raising funds to buy said water system.
"Respectfully submitted,
"J. B. HINES, Chairman.
"J. S. LANCASTER.
"F. L. PARKS."

Charles Dooley Is Injured By Fall

Charles Dooley, well known and liked here, is reported to be recovering from the effects of his accident as rapidly as could be expected. Mr. Dooley, formerly with the Union Ice company of Torrance, is in the Seaside hospital at Long Beach.
Several days ago, while filling a large ice box in San Pedro, the ladder on which he was standing broke, and Mr. Dooley fell, with 150 pounds of ice. His jaw bone was broken in three places, and his right ear was torn completely off by the tongs.

Aerial Photo Man Joins LaPlante's

Joe Mountain during the war took pictures of the battle front from an aeroplane.
Now he's going to take pictures of Torrance from the aero. He just joined the force of LaPlante's studio and will devote much of his time to commercial and aerial photography.
During the war Mr. Mountain was with the photo division of the air service.

DEL CARLTON HURT
Del Carlton, brother of T. A. Carlton of the Carlton Exposition company, sustained three broken ribs and minor injuries when the Overland in which he was driving through Topanga canyon was struck by a Cadillac. Mr. Carlton was taken to St. Catherine hospital at Santa Monica.

DOUBLE CELEBRATION
A double celebration was held at the home of Mrs. Josephine Lundstrom one evening recently in honor of the birthdays—two days apart—of her sons, Russell and Stewart. A radio concert was greatly enjoyed. The hostess served delicious refreshments to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parker, Mrs. Farley Johnson Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Dorwin White, Mrs. Lester Folsom and son, Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson Jr. and daughter, Mrs. Howard Thomas, Miss Clara Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lundstrom and son, Lester Theobald, and Stewart Lundstrom.

KEYSTONE NEWS

Mrs. Ella Tener, from Wilmington, O., is visiting her son, M. M. Tener, and family, at 216th street and Hoover.

Mrs. J. Earle, formerly of Louisville, Ky., an dMrs. A. Gimbel, who is on a visit here from Louisville, were guests of Miss Hermine Oetken on Harbor boulevard.

Mrs. Geo. Nahmens, Mrs. H. C. Rocque and Mrs. Cogswell and their children spent Thursday at Redondo Beach, spending the forenoon in the plunge and in the afternoon they enjoyed dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Nahmens, from Redlands, are here for a visit with Mr. Nahmens' brother, Geo. Nahmens, and parents in Long Beach.

Keystone Sunday school opened at 9:45 and, in the absence of Superintendent Tranchel, was conducted by Dan Pierson. Services were held by Rev. Clyde Rhea of Los Angeles. Prayer meeting will be held every Tuesday evening at the home of Dan Pierson on Del Amo street.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rocque, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Mrs. M. Berry, Misses Ruth Wilson and Hermine Oetken, Messrs. Chas. Strong, Ray Berry and Wm. Oetken enjoyed the 500 party given by the O. E. S. of Torrance at the Masonic temple.

The Keystone 500 club will have the third monthly party Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Chamber of Commerce hall.

ERWIN HOTEL

W. F. Major and A. M. Raydenbow, until recently connected with an oil company at Signal Hill, are registered here.

Rev. C. C. Root, evangelist, here during the Christ church revival services, is staying at the Erwin.

Mrs. Emeline Robertson and Miss Zella Summers were recent guests here.

Edward Howell of Compton is a recent arrival. Mr. Howell is associated with one of the oil companies here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hudson, Lomita; Bland Cartright, Long Beach, and F. P. Niles, Los Angeles, were overnight visitors.

After being in San Pedro for several weeks, C. C. Mitchell has returned to the Erwin, accompanied by an old navy chum, O. Sasser.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Klusman motored to Tia Juana and back Sunday, taking the inland route going down, and returning by the coast route. At Chula Vista Mr. Klusman was apprehended by a speed cop, but insisted that he be taken to jail, whereupon the guardian of the road backed up and advised Mr. Klusman to be on his way.

J. H. Erwin made a business trip to Los Angeles Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. De-Villa of Border avenue, a daughter, August 11.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rees and sons enjoyed a swim in the surf at Redondo Beach Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Burmaster and daughter Katherine of Euguacia avenue are enjoying a week's vacation at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. George Probert spent the week-end on their ranch near Victorville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rees and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Cabel of Los Angeles at the latter's cabin, "Rackety Coo," in San Dimas canyon.

IDEAL BOARDING HOUSE

Clyde Parker of San Diego is here for a week's visit.

Miss Doris Biddle has returned to her home in Hanford after several weeks' visit with her father, who is a guest at the Ideal.

J. Allford and Charles Poole of Los Angeles are new arrivals here.

Mrs. Howard Thomas leaves this week for her home in Montagu after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson Sr.

Messrs. Bursell and Biddle were week-end guests of the former's daughter in Whittier.

Mrs. Ada Diem visited friends in Long Beach Sunday.

Bob Craig spent the week-end at his home in Burbank.

A trip to Riverside and San Bernardino was greatly enjoyed Sunday by the Farley Johnsons, senior and junior, Mr. and Mrs. Dorwin White, Mrs. Howard Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parker, and Miss Clara Johnson.

* LOMITA NOTES *

Mrs. Richard Brian of Poppy street and Mrs. Jack McKinney of Eshelman avenue are leaving Saturday for Arrowhead lake. They have taken a bungalow at Camp Fleming.

Mrs. O. W. Thistle and daughter, Mrs. Rudolph Geist and daughters, Miss Irene Armstrong and Mrs. P. Donegan and sons are home again after a pleasant vacation at Laguna Beach.

Mrs. W. E. Shelhart is entertaining an uncle, J. W. Langfitt, of Indianapolis, Ia., whom she had not seen before for 15 years. Mr. Langfitt is delighted with California, and especially Lomita, and will remain indefinitely.

THREE NEW BUICKS

New Buicks due in town in the near future are a brougham for Dr. J. S. Lancaster, a touring car for Wilfred Teal, and a seven-passenger touring car for Howard Bradford. Billy Peightal says that "in order to retain my usual rotund figure I've got to sell cars. Watch my smoke!"

ENTERTAIN AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. George Haneschka of 2207 Arlington avenue entertained last Thursday with a three-course luncheon. The guests included Mrs. F. D. Lewis, Mrs. A. J. Enos, Mrs. F. J. Haneschka of Redondo, Mrs. W. B. Arnason of Redondo, Mrs. M. Patterson of Los Angeles, and Miss M. M. Lacker of Los Angeles.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT No. 13

Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 4. Location of Office and Principal Place of Business: Lomita, Cal.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors of the Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 4, held on July 24, 1923, an assessment of \$30.00 per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately to the Secretary of the corporation at the office of the company, near the Town of Lomita, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on September 10, 1923, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 10th day of November, 1923, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

Dated July 24, 1923.
O. W. THISTLE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Peanut Roaster's Whistle Will Soon Be Chirping Here

Remember the kiddie kick you used to get out of the merry old whistle of the peanut roaster when you were a young 'un?

Well, the kids of Torrance aren't going to be deprived of that kick any longer. For Joe Stephens, a nice, neighborly blind man, has bought a peanut and popcorn roaster and is going to start it whistling right away.

Pretty soon the kids will be asking him for the "hard corn"—and, if Mr. Stephens is the kind of man he seems to be, they'll be getting it, too.

AUTHORIZE LIGHTS

They are going to light up the jail and fire station—on the outside. Trustees Tuesday authorized the installation of flood lights on the outside of the building and a light on the street in front of the structure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young and son of Susana street, leave Saturday for a two weeks' trip to Kings River canyon. Accompanied by Misses Ellen Young of Los Angeles, Anita Shephardson of Fullerton, and Ernest Purdum of Los Angeles, they will motor as far as Balch camp, and then pack in on burros.

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PICTURES FROM THE AIR

We are now in a position to do all kinds of aerial photography. We have both a reflex and a special English aerial camera.

Mr. Joe Mountain who was in the photographic division of the Air Service during the war is a regular member of our organization and will do this aerial work for us.

The real estate and oil men will find this service very convenient. We also have a number of negatives on hand that we have taken from the air of Torrance and vicinity. We shall be glad to supply you prints from these negatives at small cost.

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