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Engineer's Details Foresee Great Growth in District in 20 Years

WILL COST TWO MILLION

Bond Proposal Will Be Presented to People at Election Soon

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

This rich, growing area between Los Angeles and the harbor, destined for an astounding development during the next few years, is now greeted with an opportunity to lay the cornerstone of its own industrial and popular progress.

That cornerstone will be the proposed metropolitan sewer system, designed to provide adequate sewage disposal facilities for the district for the next 20 years, at the end of which time the population of the area will be 228,000, engineers estimate.

The district known as Metropolitan Sewer District No. 5 was organized by the board of supervisors, acting under the authority of the statute passed at the last session of the state legislature.

Under the law its board of directors incorporated the area in the district and the chairman of the board of supervisors.

Plans Complete These directors instructed Engineer J. E. Rockhold to prepare plans and specifications of a sewer system to serve the entire area and of sufficient capacity to provide for the certain tremendous growth that is to come.

Efforts of the best engineering ability in the Southland, including that of the Southern California municipalities, are now complete.

They have been unanimously endorsed by all the engineers and by the board of directors of the district.

All that remains now to assure the district of this splendidly conceived system is education of the public to its needs, and approval of a \$2,000,000 bond issue to pay for its construction.

System of Big Pipes

The plans adopted by the directors provide for a main sewer running south from Inglewood to a screening plant which will be located east of Harbor City and north of the Redondo-Long Beach boulevard.

From the main sewer, trunk lines will be constructed for a benefit of communities not immediately adjacent to the big main.

The main sewer will follow the

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82 Merchants Join Four-City Credit Bureau

J. R. Jensen Announces Certainty of Organization by Business Men

Formation of a credit bureau by business men of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena and Moneta, was assured today when J. R. Jensen, retained by organizers of the association, announced that 82 members have already officially signed the organization papers.

The business men of the four towns will meet next Wednesday night in the State Exchange Bank building at Torrance to adopt final plans for the immediate functioning of the bureau.

High Lights In Big Sewer System Plan

Purpose: To provide district with sewage disposal facilities adequate for 228,000 people, estimated population in 1945.

Cost: Approximately \$2,000,000, to be paid by bond issue, bonds to mature in 1945. Average assessment per \$100 assessed valuation, 21 cents per year. (22 cents in 1925 and 10 cents in 1944).

Present population of district, 54,000. Estimated population in 1944, 228,000.

Estimated amount of sewage to be disposed of in district: 1924, 2,600,000 gallons; 1944, 11,200,000 gallons.

Capacity of outfall sewer from screening plant to sea: 144 cubic feet per second.

Assessed valuation of district: 1924, \$46,000,000; 1944, \$134,000,000 (estimated).

Boundaries of district (approximate): North, north limits of Inglewood; west, west Inglewood limits and south of eastern limits of Redondo Beach; thence east, include greater portion of Palms Verdes hills; south, Pacific ocean; east, Vermont avenue south through Gardena, thence east to Western avenue and thence south to sea.

Ultimate disposal treatment at screening plant to be located east of Harbor City near Redondo-Long Beach boulevard and passage from plant through tunnel into Pacific ocean sewer line miles out in the sea off Long Beach.

Cost of tunnel will be paid by several districts of Los Angeles county, this district to pay its proportionate share of about \$834,000.

Government of sewer districts provided for each incorporated city, and chairman of board of supervisors, acting as board of directors.

Planned by whom: Competent engineers acting under advice of all city engineers in Los Angeles county, who approved plan unanimously.

How Torrance will benefit: Main sewer will cross East road at Western avenue, an advantageous point for connection with Torrance local sewer system. Trunks will be built from the intersection of old Redondo road and Western avenue, west through South Torrance, and end in West Lomita and may be extended to Meadow Park. Torrance is the only city in the district with a sewer system of its own, but it has already reached its capacity, and sewer farm must be vacated in five years.

When could system be in operation?—Jan. 1, 1927.

What must people do to insure construction of sewer?—Vote bonds to the extent of \$2,000,000.

Is system essential to growth of district?—The engineer's report estimates the population to be 228,000 in 20 years. If the growth is even less, the sewage disposal system will be absolutely essential.

Mrs. W. M. Brooks of Portola avenue went to Los Angeles Thursday to meet her sister and a party of friends from Inyo county who had motored down to pass the day.

Business Men Aid Torrance High's Eleven

Gridders, With Good Team, Need \$250; Play Here Monday

Backed by the business men and merchants of Torrance, the Torrance high school football team is rapidly rounding into shape and bids fair to win a great majority of games now tentatively scheduled. The team will meet the eleven from Hawthorne Monday afternoon at 3:30 on the local high school gridiron.

Robert Mitchell and Roy Winters are coaching the boys, who make up a heavy high school aggregation, with an average weight of about 150 pounds.

The following lineup will probably start the game Monday: r.e., Jerrett; r.t., Waite, r.g., Risden; c., Zuber; l.g., Morgan; l.t., MacLean; l.e., Campbell; q., Sleppy or Lessing; r.h., Watson; f., Eason; l.h., Bummaster.

Business men are generously contributing to the athletic fund of the school to provide the team with football shoes and other necessary equipment. A fund of \$250 must be raised to equip the team properly.

Two Rooms Win Monthly Award Given by P.-T. A.

Mrs. Gordon Groves, Councillor, Speaks to Torrance Women

Mrs. Gordon L. Groves of Lomita, councillor for Section D of the Los Angeles City Federation, spoke of her work, at the meeting of the Torrance Parent-Teacher Association Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gilbert also sang "Mother of Pearl." Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh being her accompanist.

Several of the pupils of the elementary school gave a program consisting of piano and violin solos and recitations, and Karl W. Gilbert sang some of his pupils' gave several poems.

Mrs. Sapp read greetings from the president of the district federation.

Mrs. Carl Gramling, historian, Mrs. P. A. Huggard, social chairman, and Mrs. Phoebe J. Milburn, press representative, are the others who have been appointed by Mrs. Sapp since the last meeting.

Miss Lay's room and Mrs. Behrmer's room, each having ten votes, will each have the phonograph half a month. The use of Mrs. Gramling's prize offered the room having the most mothers present. The mothers from these two rooms will occupy the seats of honor at the next session Nov. 12.

The meeting of Nov. 12 will be held at the evening and will be "Fathers' Night" and the mothers are requested to instruct them how to vote. It is hoped they all know the room their child is in.

Coffee and cake is to be served after the program, and all ladies who will bake a cake are asked to notify Mrs. P. A. Huggard, 1924 Andros avenue. Also if they have any red, white or blue crepe paper, will they please send it to Mrs. Huggard?

Mrs. J. H. Fess, Mrs. L. Ott, Mrs. Fred Lincoln, Mrs. Fred Cogswell and Mrs. Carl Gramling, who accompanied Mrs. G. H. Sapp to the Los Angeles City Federation meeting on October 2, were called upon to report on that meeting.

BAZAAR-DINNER NOV. 14

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will hold a dinner and bazaar at the church on Friday, Nov. 14. The sale will open at 2:30 p.m. Fancy work, rugs, quilts, dolls and candy will be on sale. There will be a musical program in the evening after the dinner.

Mrs. L. J. Acree of Gramercy avenue entertained Mrs. L. M. Acree of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dexter of Los Angeles at dinner Tuesday evening.

Observations

The Sewer Project—Should We Save Idiots?—More About Fabre—Air Defense—What Candidates Don't Say—Some Questions

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

VOTERS of this district should support the new proposed metropolitan sewer district project with all the power at their command. (A complete outline of the details of the project appear in another column of this paper.)

The plan contemplates a sewage disposal system capable of serving this district for 40 years.

The system will consist of a large main and several trunk line sewers. Local communities must provide their own private sewage systems and hook them up with the big mains. As the vast area between Los Angeles and the harbor builds up—and it is building up rapidly—the need for adequate sewage disposal daily becomes more and more necessary.

This district can be no larger than its sewer system. When it comes time to vote on a bond issue to provide funds for actual construction, every citizen should go to the polls and vote yes.

To vote yes on such a measure is to approve a good investment, to aid in the progress of the area.

To vote no is to construct an obstacle in the path of progress and to prevent rather than help growth.

Next Wednesday night, Oct. 15, engineers will explain the details of the proposed system at a meeting in the Torrance high school auditorium. That meeting should be attended by everyone who has the interest of his community at heart.

In this paper is presented a somewhat comprehensive survey of the plan. May we suggest that you read all of it carefully, so that you will be able more readily to understand the engineers who speak next week.

This is a big plan and requires careful study by every citizen.

NEW YORK physicians are doing their best to save the life of an infant doomed to idiocy.

In the olden days the Spartans killed all weakling babies. The New York physicians, personifying a demand of modern civilization and humane impulses, are perhaps a bit too sentimental, just as the Spartans were a bit too practical.

Civilization, with its leisure and superior beings decrease in number the inferior, while the strong and superior beings decrease in number. After a few generations, history reveals, the inferior outnumber the superior that civilization either falls or is torn down.

The history of the rise and fall of every civilization that we know about has been the same—from the days of Egypt's glory and the eminence of Gnosius and Crete down to the present day.

Are we heading for the same fall? Consider the mad pleasure-seeking of today and write your own answer.

The heart says that this infant, cast for a role of idiocy, should be saved—but is the heart right? Reason dictates that the infant would be better off, should civilization allow nature to take its course. Certainly society would profit, especially since the feeble-minded propagate much more rapidly than the mentally sound.

A neat little problem in ethics presents itself when one considers this case—a problem about which men will differ widely, but one which must be solved, if we wish to perpetuate this civilization which our forefathers have built up by the brawn of their bodies and the reason of their minds.

It brings up the question of sterilization for the diseased and insane.

In considering that question remember this: When society is uncivilized nature sees to it that the strong and able are perpetuated and that the weak die young. As civilization advances, however, man, with his sciences and kindly heart, frustrates nature's powers of selection and protects the weak and inferior, sometimes to their own detriment.

Why isn't it fair for society to guard future generations by making it impossible for the diseased, insane and idiotic to propagate?

Had the idiot father or mother of this New York babe been rendered incapable of siring or bearing offspring, the problem presented by the baby never would have arisen.

The time has come when modern society must cast aside some of its acquired false modesty and discuss this matter frankly and openly.

This civilization is our rich heritage. We must pass it on more advanced than it was when we received it. Else we are shirking our social responsibilities, burdening our children, and passively passing the buck to the generations not yet born.

Order All Dogs Muzzled; Rabies Case Is Cause

Rev. Lingenfelter's Canine Bitten by Mad Beast; Police Issue Warning

All dogs allowed to run at large in Torrance must be muzzled, or they will be killed.

This is the edict of the Torrance police, acting on instructions from the health department, as a result of the discovery of a case of rabies here last week.

Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter is responsible for the discovery of the mad dog. A large yellow canine bit the Lingenfelter fox-terrier. Mr. Lingenfelter gave chase and, reinforced by the arrival of a policeman with a gun, shot the dog.

The head of the beast was sent to Los Angeles, where it was examined. The test showed the dog rabid. The Lingenfelter dog was killed, as well as that of Dr. George P. Shidler of Post avenue, which the mad dog also had attacked.

Police here warn that all unmuzzled dogs running at large will be shot. Anyone bitten by a dog should telephone the county health department, Main 2300. Dogs that are shot should be shot through the heart and their heads sent to the health department for examination.

Another report today, also unconfirmed by the fact that water string has been landed in the hole, was to the effect that a good showing of oil was picked up by the Jamieson Oil Company in its Lora J. No. 1, East Palm street deep test well, may have been correct was indicated this week when the crew cemented 6 1/4 inch casing in the hole at exactly that depth.

The well is now standing idle while the cement hardens. If a water-shutoff has been obtained the well will be drilled ahead.

Next Sunday Is Rally Day at Central Church

Record Attendance Is Anticipated at Annual Event Here

Next Sunday will be Rally Day at Central Evangelical church. The Sunday school will be in charge. All classes will meet at 9:45. A record-breaking attendance is anticipated, for all the old pupils, together with many new ones, will attend. All cradle-rollers and home-department members are also invited to be present.

At 10:45 all departments will gather together in the main auditorium for a special program. There will be special songs by the little folks, class exercises, recitations, etc. It will be an interesting and enjoyable time for everybody, both young and old.

The people will enjoy seeing the cradle roll babies. Never mind about the crying—bring them anyway. Comfortable rest room for them and the mothers.

Everybody come.

Campfire For Torrance Boys Here Tonight

James Scott will Conduct Gathering; Public Is Invited

A campfire for all boys in Torrance, and to which their parents and friends are invited, will be held this evening in the park back of the schools under the direction of James H. Scott.

W. B. A. Plans Fair For December 9th

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, 1740 Gramercy avenue, entertained the officers of W. B. A. at her home Tuesday evening. After studying the ritual, a social hour was passed and delicious refreshments were served. All the officers with the exception of two were present.

The officers' meetings are open to the members of the W. B. A. W. B. A. is planning to hold a county fair at Legion hall on December 9. There will be a number of booths and a 6 o'clock dinner will be served.

Mrs. M. C. Frazier has moved from 2713 Carson street to 1221 Cota avenue.

TWO ARE BOUND OVER AFTER HUNTER HEARS EXTORTION EVIDENCE

Report Says Oil Is Found In Deep Test

That the unconfirmed report published in these columns last week, regarding the gas pocket and oil showing encountered at 4070 feet by the Jamieson Oil Company in its Lora J. No. 1, East Palm street deep test well, may have been correct was indicated this week when the crew cemented 6 1/4 inch casing in the hole at exactly that depth.

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Tot Falls Into Oil-Filled Pit; Hangs by Shirt

Rex Thornhill, U. T. Employee, Takes Part in Lomita Comedy-Drama

Rex Thornhill, employe of the Union Tool Company, and an unidentified child were the central figures in a comedy-drama in North Lomita Wednesday. Thornhill was driving his car along Normandie avenue, near Pine street, when he saw an infant, about 4 years old, toddling near an abandoned well, which was being torn down.

The little tot walked too near the abandoned "cellar" of the well on a plank. The plank gave way and the child fell headlong into the oil-filled hole, which Thornhill knew to be several feet deep.

Thornhill did not even stop to bring his car to a halt. Leaping out of the machine he rushed to the cellar, ready to leap into the pit of oil and save the tot.

When he arrived at the brink of the pit he was aware that the child was not immersed in the oil, for the cries of the little one were something more than plainly audible.

The tot was hanging in midair, his shirt caught on the end of a projecting pipe.

Thornhill released the child and carried him to his mother, who was near by.

"What was the child's name?" Thornhill was asked later.

"I don't know," he replied. "I didn't stop to find out."

Thornhill's shirt-sleeve was torn off. He left part of it at Mrs. off. He left part of it at Mrs. off. He left part of it at Mrs. off.

A number of members of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met Tuesday at Mrs. William Creighton's for an all-day sew for the bazaar to be held some time in November.

Mrs. W. F. Thomas of Arlington avenue was hostess at a dinner party Saturday in honor of Mr. Thomas' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Larkin, of Hollywood.

Frymier Testifies He Gave Hermosa Attorney \$800 To Be "Divided"

LINK IN CHAIN MISSING

Stanley Abbott's Absence Leaves the State Without Direct Evidence

Former Police Chief B. M. Anderson of Torrance and A. P. Morewood, Hermosa Beach attorney, must stand trial in Superior Court on a charge of extortion, growing out of the arrest and release for "lack of evidence" of five Compton men last July. This was the decision of Justice of the Peace L. W. Hunter of Lomita, after the preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon. Both respondents were released on their own recognizance.

B. F. Frymier, one of the Compton men who was arrested on a charge of resisting an officer last July, was the chief witness for the state. It was he, according to the testimony, that made the alleged negotiations with Morewood for the release of himself and his four companions.

Frymier testified that Morewood told him on the morning before the trial that the charges against the five were serious, but that the affair could be disposed of satisfactorily for \$950. Frymier asserted that he had no conversation with Morewood until the money was to be paid, as follows: \$150 for bail money for J. A. Draffen, who was charged with reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, and resisting an officer, and the balance was to be "split" among the arresting officer (Stanley Abbott), the chief of police, and the "political boss" of Torrance.

Refers to Affidavit Ollie Stevenson, officer on the Torrance force, testified that when the five men appeared at police headquarters, it appeared to him that they had been drinking. He said that he called Dr. George P. Shidler to make an examination and that Dr. Shidler made an affidavit concerning their condition. Stevenson declared that the tests of the physicians included "walking a line" and "touching." Stevenson swore that he gave Dr. Shidler's affidavit to Chief Anderson. The affidavit stated that the men were "under the influence of intoxicating liquor" and not capable of driving an automobile with safety on the public highways. The affidavit was not introduced at the trial of the five men.

Torrance Testifies J. S. Torrance, city trustee and complaining witness in the case, testified that Morewood, prior to his arrest, had declared that he received only a "nominal fee" for representing the Compton men and that he had no knowledge of the alleged \$900 "fee."

Dr. Shidler testified relative to the examination he made of the men at the time of their arrest, and asserted that they were under the influence of liquor.

Acting Chief William Phillips asserted that at the time of the arrest of the men he noticed the smell of liquor on their breaths, and recalled that their trial he testified that he had smelled the liquor but did not think they were intoxicated.

Link in Chain Missing City Recorder James L. King testified that Chief Anderson did not tell him of the existence of the Shidler affidavit and that he knew nothing of its existence, and added that he had investigated the record of J. A. Draffen and found it "good."

At no point in the hearing was

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