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WATER IS LIFE BLOOD TO ANY CITY'S GROWTH

Second of a Series of Articles on Water Situation Written Especially for Torrance Herald by Hydraulic Engineer Familiar with Torrance Problem

Last week the salient features of a water works were presented. This week will be discussed the conditions which cause waters to be located in strata underground, the slowly decreasing supply, the increased demand on wells, in short, the outlook for the water situation for the next few years.

A part of the rain which falls to the ground percolates through into strata of gravel and makes its way down to very porous gravel beds and there remains flowing about in virtual rivers which fill the cracks in the gravel. The amount of this water depends on three factors: First, the amount of rainfall; second, the amount of run-off, and third, the evaporation. Rainfall and evaporation cannot be controlled and are not favorable in Southern California compared with, say, Massachusetts. However, it must be realized that this ground water flows for a great many miles and may first penetrate the ground a hundred miles away from where it is pumped from a well. Thus our well water, at least a great portion of it, doubtless penetrated the gravel in the mountains—perhaps from melting snow.

Run-off is a factor which can be and is being controlled somewhat by the Flood Control and Forestry Services. The great damage by fire to forests on our water sheds is causing greatly increased run-off, discharging into the ocean and wasting many billion gallons of water yearly. At the same time the flood control dams and channels check the oceanward flow of this water and allow it to sink into the gravel in stream beds, thus replenishing the underground strata.

Rainfall varies from year to year and has decreased somewhat in the past 15 years. This is undoubtedly a periodic phenomenon and increased rainfall can be expected in the future. Evaporation is high in Southern California. It varies from 30 to 40 inches per year. This means that a body of water of 30 to 40 inches deep will completely disappear in one year. In our arid regions this depth is as great as 100 inches—over 8 feet!

Demand Increasing
With the growth of population comes a corresponding increase in demand for water. Consider then this situation. Every year less water in the ground due to, (1) greater run-off because of forest fires, (2) a chance period of less rainfall. Every year greater demand for water due to increased population.

Now, as population is absolutely, completely and totally limited by water supply, if the water supply cannot grow, population cannot increase. It is a wise community which foresees the future and provides a water plant capable of future expansion so that its people need never be threatened with insufficient water.

However, in spite of this decreasing supply, the water table under us is very extensive and is sufficient for a great many years to come. It is merely wise to face the future as we expect it to be in 10, 20, or 30 years.

The city of Los Angeles has made very exhaustive scientific studies of these facts and from their conclusions are starting now to provide for adequate water in 10 or 20 years. I am referring to the Owens Valley and Colorado River projects.

It has been reasonably estimated that with the building of two or three wells of the capacity of the average well in the Torrance basin, a fine water supply could be obtained for Torrance which would provide adequate for 10, 20 or 30 years. Even then it would be, without doubt, possible to drill an additional well or two and extend the capacity for another equal period of time.

However, in the event the population grows faster than is expected, or the water table decreases faster than is expected, it will be necessary to seek some other source of water before the end of the 10 to 30 year period. This applies to every Southern California city not obtaining water from the Owens River or some other remote source. This has been thought of and the present Colorado River project and the Metropolitan Water District is the result.

Must Be City-owned
It would be highly desirable, very imperative, for Torrance to be in a position to buy Colorado River water at that time. To do this it is necessary that the water works be Municipally Owned, as the Water District will not sell water to private companies. This information comes from the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water Supply. This water can probably be bought for approximately what it will cost to pump it from wells or about one-fourth or one-fifth of what it would cost to purchase it from some mutual water company at the current wholesale rates.

The situation is then, in brief, this: A good water supply can unquestionably be had which will serve for many years. When it begins to be scarce, it can be used for an auxiliary and Torrance will then, if a water works is built now, be able to afford the expenditures necessary for connecting to the Colorado River mains, thus insuring an excellent, permanent supply for the next 100 years or more.

One feature of a municipal water works is that out of the revenues, after expenses, interest and principal are paid, a sinking fund and fund for extensions can be maintained. If the plant is built now, this fund will be able to grow for 10 years so that when it does become necessary to obtain outside water, the cash will be available to make the connection, without the necessity of borrowing. This and other phases of the financing of a public water system will be reviewed next week.

New De Luxe Ford Roadster Announced

A de luxe roadster has been added to the group of the new Ford body types which now includes a sedan, a sedan and a coupe, George Peckham, of Schultz, Peckham and Schultz, local Ford dealers, announced today. The de luxe roadster is distinguished by its low rakish lines, high sides, low seat and de luxe sport treatment throughout. In quality, equipment and appearance it is distinguished closely after the de luxe sedan.

Christian Church To Have Unique Service

Next Sunday, September 11, is being promoted as "Bible Revival Day" at the Torrance Christian Church, located on Engracia at Arlington avenues. Members and friends will bring their Bibles for special display in the services beginning at 10:30 o'clock. The scripture lesson will be read from the book of Job. One of the most beautiful Bibles in the city, a Bible no larger than a postage stamp, will be among those displayed. Many unique Bibles will complete the exhibit.

AMARANTH PARTY

LOMITA.—Members of Lomita Court of the Amaranth entertained their families and friends at a delightful informal party in Odd Fellows hall, Dick Powers organized a delightful musical program, which was followed by a supper, short talks and community singing in the banquet hall.

News of Lomita

AUXILIARY OF FOREIGN WAR VETS MEETS

New Members Initiated; New President in Chair

LOMITA.—Two new members, Mrs. Hanna Kelsey of Torrance and Mrs. J. J. LaPorte of Lomita Drive, were initiated at the meeting of the Auxiliary to Post No. 1022 Veterans of Foreign Wars, held Monday evening, in Scout Hall on Weston street.

Mrs. Grace Stahnke, who succeeds Mrs. Henrietta Golley resigned, as president, occupied the chair for the first time. Mrs. E. E. Lesley was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for the entertainment of the County Council, which will meet here Monday evening, September 22.

The ladies were agreeably surprised when Hugo Schmidt, J. J. LaPorte and Tim Erickson appeared with refreshments, as a compliment from the Scout committee which was entertaining district Scoutmasters and commissionaires in the Schmidt building, across the street.

Lomita Schools In Full Swing

Ten Per Cent Increase at Narbonne High

LOMITA.—A ten per cent increase in enrollment over last year's figures is noted at Narbonne High school this week.

Miss Vida Williams, principal, and L. A. Stump, have rejoined the faculty. A letter from Meredith Nugent to Miss Griffin states that he is improving rapidly, and expects to return to his work as head of the art department within six weeks.

Orange Street School

At the Orange Street school the enrollment is ten below that of the same period last year.

W. H. Martin, 6th grade teacher, returns this week from an European tour, and will assume her duties next Monday.

Elementary School

At Lomita elementary school the opening enrollment of 117 has increased to 130.

Miss Michaelis announces that Mrs. Stone will conduct adult sewing classes, from 9 until 3, every Monday, and that Mrs. Edna Jane Howard will continue to conduct millinery classes every Friday from 9 until 3.

Postpone Hearing on Incorporation

Will Be Held on January 12 Before Supervisors

LOMITA.—Proponents of incorporation telephoned the Board of Supervisors, Monday morning, requesting a postponement of the hearing on calling an election for 60 days.

The opposition was represented at the board meeting by four resident property owners, who secured a further postponement until January 12, 1931.

Highway Committee Fails; To Try Again

LOMITA.—Charles Quandt, chairman of the executive committee of the Lomita South Suburban boulevard association returned last week from a trip to Oak and Berkeley and reported that he did not succeed in obtaining the signatures he expected from land owners for the Lomita end of the boulevard.

It was reported, however, that the same committee, composed of Quandt, of Torrance; Frank Baker, Lomita; and Ben Hawkins, Harbor City, were re-appointed to again interview the road commissioners and county supervisors to learn just what steps are necessary for the circulation of another petition.

Lomita Man Hurt in Crash Friday

LOMITA.—J. H. Kurtz of Eschman avenue is suffering from bruises and cuts sustained Friday evening when his car, unavoidably collided with another on Harbor boulevard, in San Pedro. Mr. Kurtz's car was completely wrecked.

JAPANESE COUPLE WED; 200 ATTEND GALA SUPPER

LOMITA.—Miss Nochiyo Nakamura, sister of Mrs. Bob Ueda, and her husband were married Saturday by Justice of the Peace S. D. Patterson, at his home on Weston street.

Following a wedding supper served at Monica to nearly 200 guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kumai left for a short honeymoon trip. On their return they will make their home at Monica.

WAR ROMANCE IS REVEALED

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Munger Observe 63rd Wedding Date at Lomita; He Holds Two Union Army Discharges

LOMITA.—Mr. and Mrs. John J. Munger, of 255 1/2 Chestnut street, were at home yesterday to a number of friends and relatives who called to congratulate them on the completion of 63 years of happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. Munger were both born near Dundee, Mich., in 1844. However, the young couple did not meet until after the close of the Civil War.

"How come?" questioned the reporter. "Well, you see we went around in different crowds," Mrs. Munger explained. "You know five miles in the days of the horse and buggy was really a greater distance than a hundred miles today."

"Right," the reporter commented, sotto voce, remembering the horse and buggy days herself. "And you met—"

"Oh, yes, I remember," Mrs. Munger continued. "Some of John's friends brought him over to some special Sunday school doings in our neighborhood—that's when I first saw him. Later I visited a friend whose home adjoined John's and she took me to call on him. You see he was recovering from the effects of having a bullet removed from his head—the scar is still there—and all the young people wanted to cheer him up. Besides that he was a 'battle scarred veteran of the war' and that gave him still more popularity."

John James Munger had enlisted in the Seventh Michigan Infantry when he was 17 years old. He was honorably discharged on account of his illness and wound.

"But you can't keep a good man down," he said today, "and as soon as I was able I enlisted in the 1st Michigan Infantry under the name of James John Munger—I was afraid they'd turn me down as John James—so it is that I hold two honorable discharges from the Union army—one as John James and the other for James John Munger."

Following Grocery Trade He took part in most of the more important battles of the Civil War. He was badly wounded and a prisoner in Andersonville at the close of the conflict. The Munger family lived in Dundee for several years following their marriage and their only son, Harry, who is also a Lomita resident now, was born there. But the spirit of unrest, characteristics of a post-war period, would not be denied and the Munger family packed up their belongings and moved first to Newton and then to Garden City, Kansas.

The latter, a tiny village, was about to boom. In a short time it became a flourishing little city of which Mr. Munger was the mayor and registrar of deeds. He dealt extensively in real estate and was the proprietor of a flourishing grocery store. But the boom collapsed. The Munger family moved to the grocery business in another town for three years; then back to the first store at Garden City for another five; then to Kansas City and in Long Beach in 1908 the Munger family reached their furthest western location. For 14 years they conducted a grocery at Alhambra Bay. They came to Lomita in 1922.

LOMITA Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Art Spaulding of San Diego, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Groves, Sr. of Arizona street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Stitts left Lomita last week for Nevada, where Mr. Stitts will be engaged in work on the Boulder Dam.

Mr. William Morrow of Long Beach visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson of Weston street, Friday evening.

Mrs. Panny Skinner left Lomita Sunday to spend a week in Los Angeles as the guest of Mrs. Helen G. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron Beckham plan to spend a few days of their vacation next week in Oceanside.

Guests Sunday of Mrs. Pearl Dawson of Narbonne avenue were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lander and Mrs. Lander's mother, Mrs. Hess, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Canning of Poppy street, entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Miss Helma Greenlund. Besides the hosts and honoree there were present, Miss Ruth Greenlund, Allan Canning and Hugo Schmidt of Lomita and Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooley of Whittier.

Mrs. Clarence Locke and Miss Allen Irvine of Lomita, with Miss Eleanor Erickson of San Pedro, enjoyed a pleasant week at Santa Catalina. Mr. Clarence Locke, and Mr. H. E. Weddle of Los Angeles, joined the young ladies on Saturday, all returning home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim C. Erickson of Cypress street spent an enjoyable day Saturday, at Orange County Park.

Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wittrock of Aliene street were Mr. and Mrs. E. Steffens, Harbor City, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wittrock of Belvedere Gardens.

Members of the Round Table club will meet at the home of Mrs. H. G. Woods, for a pot-luck supper, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis and son of 213 Western street, attended the Tarantum (Penna.) picnic held Sunday at the Steiner ranch at Monrovia.

County Road Crew Working in Lomita

LOMITA.—The county road gang is working this week on the Cypress street hill, bordering the County Water Works plant. Rock and oil combined will give an easy approach to the plant, from which a fine view of the valley is obtained.

90 ENROLLED AT NIGHT SCHOOL AT LOMITA NOW

LOMITA.—Ninety Lomitans enrolled at Narbonne Night school last Thursday night. As started last week, an immediate and very material increase is necessary in many of the classes be retained.

Those who plan making Christmas gifts such as cards, plaques, articles of furniture, etc. are urged to enroll now. As Christmas nears, the classes are usually crowded and students do not receive the individual attention that is available earlier in the season.



MICHIGAN CITIZES SUFFER FROM DRY SPELL

INKSTER, Mich.—Michigan farmers have been particularly hard hit by the recent dry period and in many sections cattle and crops have suffered heavily. In Dearborn and Inkster the fire departments have come to the rescue of those people whose wells are dry due to the continued drought. Hoses lines were laid to the dry wells and the work of filling them begun. In the picture children are shown tapping fire hydrants which have been left open for that purpose.

CHURCH NOTES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Engracia at Arlington, phone No. 145-J. Rev. George G. Elder, pastor.

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Scott Ludlow, superintendent.
Morning service: 10:50 o'clock.
Subject of sermon: "The Wonder Book."

Evening service: 7:30 o'clock.
Subject: "Ringing the Bells of Heaven." There will be special music.

Christian Endeavor: 6:30 p.m. Discussion topic: "Crusade for Membership." Leonard Babcock, leader.

Tuesday: Monthly Triangle meeting will be held at the Miles home, corner Narbonne and Pine, Lomita.

Combined Council and Missionary Societies will meet at the church next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Pot-luck dinner at 6:30. Auditorium service at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Meeting for prayer, praise and Bible study under the pastor's leadership.
Thursday: Choir rehearsal at 7:30 o'clock.

Torrance Men's Bible class holds session at Torrance theatre each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. George Elder, teacher. G. L. Morris, president.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Rev. G. G. Schmidt, pastor.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m. W. E. Bowen, superintendent. Cradle roll and beginners meet in Guild hall, Mrs. G. G. Key, superintendent.

Morning service: 11 o'clock. "A Babbling Who Philosophized Correctly." But Was Rejected by Philosophers.

Evening service: 7:30 o'clock. "The First of the Ten Commandments—God Absolute." Are the Ten Commandments obsolete? How do the commandments harmonize with the preaching of the Gospel? These matters will be studied thoughtfully.

Christian Endeavor meetings at 6:30 p.m. Seniors in Guild hall, Juniors in the church auditorium.

Poetry Winners Are Announced Today

(Continued from Page 1-A) could be made of other possible material.

Those who entered the first poetry contest were: Mrs. Don Vorhis, 2801 Elgin street, Lomita; Frank Svenson; Col. Forbes; Lois Hutchins, 1612 Post avenue; Mrs. Margaret O'Toole, 1225 Madrid avenue; Elizabeth S. Maderley, 1716 Marina avenue; Cora E. King, 515 Cota avenue; Edward Minza Christopher, Ironton Hotel; Mrs. H. L. Alcorn, 1808 Andros avenue; Mrs. Roxie E. Sleeth, 1616 Post avenue; Mrs. Beulah Lewis, 1915 Gramercy avenue, and Mrs. Helen Webb, 1105 Portola avenue.

The following are the winning poems submitted by Mrs. Lewis. The poems of Mrs. Sleeth and Col. Forbes will be published next week.

UNITY

By Beulah Lewis,
1915 Gramercy Avenue,
Poet Laureate of Torrance

The tall tree lifted its shimmering height
In a blaze against the sky,
Glad children clustered around its base,
With happy expectant eyes.

No race or creed was barred without
The circle of its cheer,
It gathered them close around it,
As a mother draws them near.

Clear and sweet on the Christmas air,
The voice of the multitude rang,
Together their voices rose and swelled,
All difference forgot as they sang.

We all are traveling the same wide road,
With a far seeing Judge at the end,
It matters not how we go to Him,
If we are worthy to call Him friend.

JUDGE NOT

By Beulah Lewis,
1915 Gramercy Avenue,
Poet Laureate of Torrance

I prided myself on my power to read
A person by his face,
Of nobility, sweetness and loving,
In this man I could find no trace.

But soon, unknowing, I passed his home,
And there, in the midst of flowers,
With children playing around his feet
He was training his roses in bowers.

He stopped to caress a girl's head,
As he made his way along,
And from within there came to me
A woman's happy song.

RETURN FROM MEET

Mayor John Dennis, Ben Hanning, assistant fire chief, and J. H. Fess, assistant fire chief, returned Saturday from Oakland where they attended the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' annual convention. They had been gone about a week. At the close of the convention, the mayor and Fess visited the state fair at Sacramento.

WOMEN TO HAVE PART WITH FAIR

County Exposition Will Be Center for Interesting Displays

To realize fully how great a part women take in Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, September 12 to 21, one has but to take a stroll through the aisles past an endless variety of objects covering almost the whole range of domestic endeavor. It is estimated that this year alone there will be entered in the various sections of this department no less than 5000 separate articles ranging from strings of ancient buttons among the hobbles, culinary displays, needlework and hand painted china to the ancient and yet massive pieces of furniture among the antiques.

At the head of this department is Mrs. Fred Neidemer of Pomona. She has been in charge of the department since the opening of the fair and is recognized as an authority on many of the works of women. The hobbles and the antiques were introduced for the first time last year and proved so popular that they were made an important part of the show again this year. The hobbles brought out a strange collection indeed. It is surprising also how much antique furniture has found its way into the Southland. Women desiring to make entries can secure the necessary information or blanks by addressing Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

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I am opposed to the Proposed \$400,000.00 Water Bond Issue because it is UNSOUND, UNSCIENTIFIC, UNCERTAIN, UNECONOMIC and UNFAIR.

UNSOUND, Because Municipal Ownership is too often a political football.

UNSCIENTIFIC, Because no adequate investigation of the Company's System has been made by the City.

UNCERTAIN, Because nobody has yet been informed exactly how the Council plans to spend the money.

UNECONOMIC, Because it is sheer waste to build a new system which would either ignore or compete with a valuable system already in operation, and which is capable of satisfactory improvement at a vast saving to the people.

UNFAIR, Because the threat to exterminate a legitimate business, operating in good faith is flagrantly contrary to American tradition.

Believing that these reasons justify my stand I intend to do my share in presenting to the people, calmly, sanely, and without rancor, the case against the Proposed Bond Issue.

W. Harold Kingsley

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