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CITIES TO PAY WHETHER THEY USE COLORADO WATER OR NOT

Officials of Metropolitan Water District Answer Many Questions Regarding Aqueduct At Meeting In Torrance Held Last Evening

Everyone of the 13 member cities of the Metropolitan Water District will be required to bear its proportionate share of the cost of operating the system and the retirement and interest of the bonds against the district, whether such cities use any Colorado river water or not, if a proposed amendment to the Aqueduct Act is passed by the state legislature, C. T. Rippey, Torrance representative on the Metropolitan Water District board, stated last evening to a group of local citizens at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Under the terms of the proposed amendment, a minimum water rate would be set each year sufficient to cover the cost of operating the aqueduct and meeting the payments on the bonds. If any member city does not use sufficient water to pay for its proportionate share of the cost, the balance of such fund must be paid in taxes. Each city's share of the expense will be determined by the ratio which its assessed valuation bears to the total assessed valuation of the entire district, taken on a ten-year average, Rippey stated.

At present the city of Torrance represents approximately one percent of the assessed valuation of the entire district. Assurance that the project will be included in the county's application for funds under the four billion dollar federal public works program has been given by Supervisor John R. Quinn. An appropriation of \$1,800,000 will be asked to construct a breakwater and other improvements for the proposed yacht harbor.

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While the immediate objective of the association is to secure the construction of the recreational harbor in the Torrance-Redondo Palos Verdes area, efforts will be made later to secure similar im-

YACHT HARBOR MAY BE BUILT AT TORRANCE

County-Wide Organization Is Formed to Encourage Development At Malaga

Construction of a recreational harbor for small craft to be located at Malaga Cove off the shores of Torrance, Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes Estates is being fostered by the Southwest Recreational Harbor Association, newly created county-wide committee of 30 leading Los Angeles county citizens.

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Hospital Observes Its Tenth Anniversary



Civic Event Recalled Torrance Hospital Opens Its Doors Ten Years Ago

Ten years ago today, May 9, 1925, a civic event of the highest importance to the community occurred in Torrance, the opening of the new Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. Completed and furnished throughout through the generosity of the heirs of the late founder of the city, people from this and many other cities called by hundreds to inspect the place and offer congratulations to those who had made this splendid contribution to the community.

Ten years have passed away, and the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital now stands on a par with the best institutions, and far above many of those maintained in communities of the size or even larger than Torrance, and is a Class A hospital by the American College of Surgeons. No higher recommendation than this can be had by any hospital.

Credit for this enviable rating is due to the hospital head, Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, her nurses and employees, and the hospital board who have worked with her unceasingly to make the Torrance hospital a successful high-class institution. Miss Maxwell, came to the hospital as its first superintendent, and with it celebrates her tenth anniversary of service to the community.

As partial recognition of her faithful endeavor, Miss Maxwell will be the guest of honor at a dinner, given by Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance at her Pasadena home next Saturday evening, to the superintendent, the members of the board and their ladies. Of the hospital personnel, Mrs. Mary Norton, surgical supervisor, is also completing her tenth year of service. Other members and their length of service are Miss Ethelwyn Niles, superintendent of nurses, five years; Mrs. Halle Sharp, obstetrical superintendent, five years; general duty nurse, Miss Eliza Hamnerstrom, eight years; Miss Hazel Barnett, seven years; Miss Genevieve Aita, three years; Miss Goldie Gordanier, four years; Miss Maxine Bolander, two years; Miss Violet Siefert, one and a half years; Alfred Carroll, X-ray and laboratory technician, entered the employ of the hospital in September, 1934.

The same degree of faithfulness to the hospital is shown among those in non-professional duties. Mrs. Reba Ray, who prepares the food for patients and attaches, has completed her tenth year, as she entered the employ of the hospital on the opening day. Mrs. Letha Howard lacks but six months of this length of service, having been employed nine and a half years; Mrs. Mary Conner, diet kitchen, seven years; Etta McCullough, seven years; A. L. Graham, orderly, eight years; A. J. Beach, gardener, one and a half years; Mrs. Minnie Brooks, bookkeeper, two and a half years. Mrs. Brooks has been a member of the board of directors for 14 years, since 1921.

Water Rate Statement

A Brief Explanation of the Means By Which Rate Reduction Is Made Possible By Mayor Scott R. Ludlow

The contemplated rate reduction as announced by our city engineer at the last council meeting and appearing in the Torrance Herald of that week has met with general approval. Approximately a 13% rate reduction will be effective by May 25th if the contemplated action by the city council is put through at the next meeting.

The rate for 500 cubic feet will be \$1.10 and for 1,000 cubic feet, \$1.95. This is a welcome step after so many years of watchful waiting and after repeated denials for rate reductions. This is only the beginning of further rate reductions as further economies and improvements are made.

This reduction is made possible at this time by certain economies now in effect in the old system such as: Lowered cost of supervision (eliminating Mr. Nelson's \$4,800 yearly).

Eliminating charges made by the old holding company for management, attendant overhead and interest on overcapitalized plant. Taxes are eliminated. Poor equipment is being gradually replaced, such as old meters, old defective connections, etc.

Location of some of the 30% water leakage, and necessary temporary repairs until new system can be corrected permanently. A thorough study has been made by our engineers, and recently thoroughly checked by our city auditor and accountant, to insure accuracy and good accounting procedure, as well as to test actual experience the past few months operation of the system.

We want to be sure every legitimate charge is included, proper set up for interest, repayment and indebtedness, depreciation and operation expenses is correct. Everything has been gone over thoroughly, the figures in great detail were submitted to the government before they made the loan and grant. We are sure further rate reductions are possible and will be made, as all computations are on a most conservative basis. Income, further growth are not too high and attendant expenses of operation that make for the highest efficiency will insure lower rates being passed on to the people.

When we get our own water and eliminate all possible leakage, lower the cost of pumping, etc., another rate reduction will be put into effect. As general business conditions improve in this territory, new industries request service and service is improved, water will be cheaper and the best part of it all, such improved conditions in the form of lower rates will be passed on to the citizens of this water district and not go into the pockets of a water company.

Sincerely, SCOTT R. LUDLOW, Mayor, City of Torrance.

Troops Move In Boy Scouts of the District Assemble In Torrance Tomorrow

Scouts from every city in the district are expected to arrive in Torrance tomorrow and Saturday for their annual camporal, or Scout jamboree as it is called this year. The affair will attract some 400 Scouts, perhaps more, who will spend Saturday in passing tests for promotion into the higher classes and acquiring merit badges.

Population In Torrance Gains

Figures compiled by the Western Statistical Association of Los Angeles, covering 45 incorporated cities in the county, show that Torrance has had a gratifying gain in population since the taking of the last federal census in 1930. Torrance at that time had a population of 7,271. The survey made by the Los Angeles association shows a total of 8,270, a gain of 999 persons, or a fraction over 13 percent.

Of the 45 cities, 36 showed increases in population, seven showed a decline and two had no figures for comparison. Of these, Gardena, now 4,120, was not incorporated in 1930, consequently population figures for that year were not available. Tujunga had a population of 2,311 in 1930, but apparently no survey was made there as no figures for 1934 were given.

The seven cities which showed a decline in residents are Long Beach, dropping from 152,032 in 1930, to 141,240 at the time of the survey; Pasadena, dropping from 75,968 to 71,594; Whittier, 14,822 to 14,130; Hermosa Beach, 4,738 to 4,607; Huntington Park, 24,531 to 23,770; Glendora, 2,761 to 2,580; and Compton, 12,516 to 12,070.

Drop in the figures for Long Beach, Huntington Park and Compton can readily be attributed to the earthquake, since these cities suffered the greatest damage, and people moved out by hundreds.

Of the cities which showed gains, Beverly Hills, which had 17,429 people in 1930, leaped to 23,950, a gain of 6,521. South Gate was second with a gain of 6,138, its total in the 1934 survey being 25,820.

Of the nearby cities, Manhattan Beach gained 869 residents to a total of 2,700; Redondo Beach 843 for a total of 10,190; Hawthorne 460 for a total of 7,050.

Small Vote Cast Two L. A. School Board Tickets Divide Ballots in Torrance and Lomita

With a small percentage of the registered voters in Torrance and Lomita taking part in the election, the eight precincts in this section showed a surprisingly close race between the two tickets in the field for places on the Los Angeles city school board Tuesday.

Only 38 votes separated the top and bottom figures. Roy J. Becker of the Security of Schools ticket lead with 618 votes, while William Henry, present member of the school board, was low with 562.

In the six precincts covering Torrance territory, three members of the ticket which had pledged voters to work for steel construction for school buildings, lead the field. They were Clara Norris Rakestraw, who received 476 votes; George Briggs, 467, and Robert Kee, 465. Roy J. Becker of the Security of Schools ticket was second high in Torrance with 474 votes.

| | 1798 | 1799 | 1800 | 1801 | 1802 | 1803 | 1804 | 1805 | Total |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Becker | 85 | 66 | 77 | 95 | 80 | 71 | 80 | 64 | 618 |
| Rakestraw | 175 | 53 | 76 | 68 | 68 | 36 | 61 | 62 | 599 |
| Briggs | 165 | 57 | 66 | 72 | 68 | 39 | 62 | 69 | 598 |
| Rounsaville | 80 | 60 | 80 | 92 | 74 | 73 | 75 | 58 | 592 |
| Kee | 167 | 57 | 72 | 66 | 68 | 35 | 56 | 64 | 585 |
| Clark | 83 | 59 | 71 | 92 | 74 | 70 | 75 | 61 | 585 |
| Dalton | 77 | 64 | 75 | 97 | 76 | 67 | 70 | 67 | 583 |
| Henry | 168 | 50 | 73 | 68 | 68 | 37 | 60 | 60 | 582 |
| Total vote cast | 252 | 117 | 149 | 164 | 145 | 108 | 137 | 125 | 1197 |

Young Boy Killed

William Alfred Johnson Meets Instant Death Under Wheels of Freight Train

Death struck a ghastly blow in Torrance last Thursday afternoon, when William Alfred Johnson, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, 1820 Arlington, was crushed under the wheels of a Pacific Electric train.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Sartori and Arlington avenues, at 3:55 p. m. when the boy, delivering newspapers on his bicycle, attempted to cut across in front of the train.

Whether his wheel skidded as he reached the middle of the Arlington crossing, or whether he attempted to turn back when he saw that he would be unable to make the passage, is not known. The only eyes witness to the actual occurrence, D. H. Brock, head brakeman, who was riding the right hand footboard on the motor of the train, stated at the inquest that the boy turned left before the impact. The wheel was found reversed, caught under the front trucks of the motor, while the boy's body rested under the front trucks of the first boxcar, about 32 feet beyond the crossing.

Witnesses at the inquest, held Monday afternoon at Stone & Myers mortuary, were P. W. Keam, 1139 Bedford, Los Angeles, an employee of the Middle Truck Bureau, called to establish the identity of the victim, who stated that he had known the boy for several years; Police Captain John Stroh, who was called to the scene and arrived within a few minutes after the accident, testified to the position of the bicycle and the boy's

COOKING SCHOOL prize winners are ANNOUNCED

Winners of the two major prizes awarded last Thursday afternoon at the Torrance Herald-Union Ice Company cooking school held in the Torrance Theatre, are announced as follows:

Modern new ice refrigerator valued at \$57.50 donated by the Union Ice Company, awarded to Mrs. Mildred Cosner, 2720 237th street, South Torrance.

Sunbeam Mixmaster donated by Torrance Electric Shop, awarded to Mrs. A. McGuire, 1715 1/2 Arlington avenue, Torrance.

Buyer Returned To L.A. Council From 15th Dist.

Re-election of Los Angeles Councilman Seen As Aid to Torrance

Franklin P. Buyer was re-elected to the Los Angeles city council to represent the 15th (Harbor) district at the election held Tuesday. Complete returns gave Councilman Buyer 9,051 votes to his opponent, Edwin A. Gettins, 8,392. Buyer carried Wilmington, San Pedro, Terminal Island and Watts, while Gettins was given a majority of votes in Harbor City.

Chairman Legg Speaker At Bell

Chairman H. C. Legg of the board of supervisors, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, which will be held at the Masonic building, 4025 Gage avenue, Bell, tonight. Mr. Legg will speak on general county matters, and Mr. Howell of the flood control department will speak on affairs under his jurisdiction. Fine entertainment and a good dinner are promised to all who attend.

Miss Solomon Gets Scholarship

Jean Louise Solomon, former student of Torrance high school and a graduate of Canoga Park high, class of '34, who is attending Mills College, was among the students who received undergraduate scholarships awards for 1935-1936. Awards were made April 7 by Dr. Ella Bourne, chairman of the scholarships committee, as a recognition to students in full and regular standing, for exceptional academic achievement, capacity and character.

DRILL STOLEN

An electric drill valued at \$25 was stolen from the Torrance Plumbing Company store, 1418 Marcella, some time Saturday night. The proprietor, Fay L. Parks, found the back door had been forced and the drill and equipment missing.

MAILBOX RIFLED

Victor Bailey, 1729 Martina avenue, reported to the city police that someone had taken a letter containing \$2 from his mailbox last Saturday.

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