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## Public Lake And Bird Refuge Is Planned For Laguna Dominguez

Tests of waters which fill Laguna Dominguez, formerly known as Nigger slough, were made a determining factor in the revived plans to develop the area into a public lake for water sports and a bird refuge, and the surrounding land into a park and recreation area, Supervisor Raymond V. Darby informed the Torrance Herald this week.

## Assessment District Needed For Drainage

Drainage problems in Southwest Torrance area, particularly on the mainwood property north of 101 highway, can best be solved by the formation of a special assessment district which ultimately might be turned over to the county flood control district for maintenance.

This was the statement of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby Friday in discussing various problems of that district.

He declared that the line which was started as a WPA project some years ago and halted with the coming of the war could be utilized.

Much valuable land which now is subject to flooding during heavy storms could be made available for residential use if the drainage problem is solved, it was pointed out.

## Freeways Part Of Long Range State Program

Freeways are many years away, and the closest that Torrance will get to one is when the harbor freeway is constructed, according to predictions of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby. The model speedways are largely state projects, it was said.

The harbor freeway will be built approximately in the area of Figueroa st.

The Hollywood freeway will be the first to be constructed, according to Darby, and progress already is being made on that route.

The ultimate plan is for Pacific Coast highway and Hawthorne Blvd. to be a part of the "Sepulveda" freeway. Two other proposed freeways touch North Torrance area.

## Price Control Suspended On Surgical Items

All types of surgical dressing—except tampons, sanitary napkins, foot products such as corn plaster and elastic products such as athletic supporters—have been suspended from price control, effective immediately, the OPA announced today.

OPA said that some price increase is expected to follow the suspension, but this would be made in any case to cover advances in cotton and labor costs. The suspension will have a very slight effect on the cost of living.

## ABANDON WELL

Chanisor-Canfield-Midway Oil Co. is abandoning Torrance No. 71 well, in Section 15, 4S, 14 W, according to State Division of Oil and Gas.

Immediately east of Torrance, the land and slough area involved is good for no other purpose, Darby said, and if it is found that the water as it feeds the proposed lake is of sufficient purity for such a purpose, the idea will be advanced.

Reconsideration of the project was prompted, he said, by an offer of the Dominguez, Del Amo and Carson estates to sell to the county 430 acres of land in the Keystone area for \$200,000.

Creating of the lake would be accomplished by building a dam across Dominguez channel, it was explained.

The offer was submitted by J. A. Benell as agent for the three estates and currently is being studied by County Manager Wayne Allen, by members of the board of supervisors and by officials of the county park, playground and recreation department.

He said he favored the development as a means of providing a large scale new recreational center for a vast area stretching from the harbor district to the South Bay cities area, provided the proffered land is found to be worth the asking price.

Site of the dam is suggested at Grace st., which forms one of the boundaries of the 430 acres. The other boundaries are Main and 190th sts. and Avalon Blvd.

## Torrance Gets \$1,322 From Liquor Tax

California cities and counties are about to share \$1,298,912.66, representing half of the alcohol beverage license fees for the last six months of 1945, according to an announcement made here by the State Board of Equalization.

Of this sum, based on the basis of the location of licensed premises, \$475,419.37 will be distributed in Los Angeles County, where \$1,322.50 will go to Torrance and \$47,830.47 will go to the unincorporated area in the county.

Current allocations will bring the cities' and counties' share of State license fees to \$32,435,581.44 since repeal of prohibition in 1933. This revenue has been collected and distributed by the State Board of Equalization at no cost to local governments. After deducting administrative expense, the remainder of the fee proceeds goes to the State General Fund.

## TRANSPORTATION OF WALTERIA STUDENTS PROVIDED

The Board of Education of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance have renewed the contract providing for the transportation of some 20 students from Walteria to 101 highway and Narbonne ave.

The contract provides that the schools pay \$50 per day to the city for hauling the students.

## WEST VIRGINIA PICNIC

The reunion of the merry "Panhandlers" is set for Sunday May 13, all day, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

## Civic Pride Spurs Cleanup Paintup Drive

Civic pride plus the long arm of the law is being evoked during the county-wide clean up and paint up campaign now under way, Hugh McMillan chief area sanitation inspector for the Torrance health district said this week following the arrest and conviction of a resident of the southeast section for using the wide-open spaces along the highways for a garbage can.

In conjunction with Capt. Roy Bergh of the Vermont sheriff's office, the men from the health and policing sections of Los Angeles county government are being alerted for violators of the State health code which makes it a misdemeanor to dump rubbish indiscriminately along highways.

Several other complaints have been filed by Los Angeles county health department sanitarians against out-of-line garbage dumpers, records show. "In several instances, the violators have been told to go out and pick up the stuff," the Captain said, "which isn't pleasant work."

In many sections of the county, private dumps are available where rubbish and cans can be deposited for a small fee.



ENVOY—Walter Thurston of Denver, Colo., named by President Truman Ambassador to Mexico. Now Ambassador to Bolivia, he will succeed George Messersmith, appointed Ambassador to Argentina.

## Torrance Y.M.C.A. Membership Of 456 Revealed

Torrance Y.M.C.A. is 456 members strong, part of the fellowship in the United States of over one and one-half million members, Gil J. Derouin, board of managers chairman said in a report to members. He continued:

"The Y.M.C.A. is an association, a group of lay persons committed to the ideals of a world-wide dynamic movement. Our local Y.M.C.A. Board of Managers represents you and they in turn direct the policy and program of the 'Y' through a full time secretary and various committees. As an integral part of that association, we solicit your help and suggestions in developing a steadily growing program that will truly meet the needs of youth and adults in the community we serve. 'May we together build a strong, progressive Y.M.C.A. in the Torrance area.'"

## ANTI-POLLUTION PATROLS OF OCEAN RENEWED

State fish and game commission wardens will accompany coast guardsmen on anti-pollution patrols of the harbor, Capt. Tate Miller, in charge of the Terminal island office announced.

Capt. Miller said that the fish and game men have not yet taken legal action against dumping oil and garbage into the water, but warned that the order banning pollution would be enforced vigorously.

Reports of debris washed up on beaches have been received from Long Beach. Lifeguards at Cabrillo beach said the beach there was clean.

The state left pollution patrols up to the coast guard during the war.

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WHAT ONE OF OUR INLAND STATES RANKS FIRST IN THE NATION IN ITS EXPORT OF NAVIGABLE RIVERS? IS THE LEADING BLUE-GRASS STATE—ALSO THE PRODUCTION OF LEAD. THIS WAS THE HOME OF THE BERRY PINN.

See Answer Next Week! The answer to last week's question: "Idaho."

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