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Action To Form Water District In Nearby Cities Wins West Basin Okay

Formation of a west basin water district to solve the water problems of the South Bay and Centinela Valley areas was favored by a vote of 47 to 2 Friday by a group of civic leaders and officials of the seven cities involved.

The action was taken at a meeting in Inglewood in approving the recommendations of the Southwest Water Fact Finding Committee, after 10 weeks of study. At the meeting the committee of 12, appointed by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and with B. K. Richardson of this city as its chairman, was authorized to carry on the preliminary work necessary to form a water district.

Cities Listed

The report of the committee urged formation of a water district, not necessarily the joining of the Metropolitan Water District, to include El Segundo, Hawthorne, Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Inglewood and all unincorporated areas surrounding and between them, such as Lawndale and Lennox. The area was described as that southwest of the Inglewood-Newport fault and from Santa Monica to Long Beach.

Findings of the committee were that the water level is now and for years has been below sea level, and is receding constantly. More water is being withdrawn from the basin than is supplied by natural replacement.

Curtailment Feared

The entire basin is endangered unless pumping is reduced and salt contamination exists along the coastal area, the report warned. A suit is pending, it was explained, which might result in enforced curtailment by all water users.

County Counsel Harold Kennedy and Charles J. Stanley Jr. of his staff, were present at the meeting and explained the procedure, including petitions and election, necessary to form a water district.

Hospital Cases

Local patients admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week, are the following:

Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, 1329 Portola ave.
John D. Foley, 3401 Spencer st.
Melvin Caviness, 1512 W. 215th st.

STORKatorials

Old "doe" stork slowed down to a walk during the past week at the Torrance Memorial hospital making only one delivery to local parents there. The lone blessing went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCloskey, 20438 Hawthorne blvd., and it is a boy, born June 8, at 10:37 p. m.

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Palos Verdes Bond Issue Shows Local Complexity

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upon the adoption by Torrance of a City Charter providing for operation of the schools of Torrance by the people of Torrance. Six separate school districts embrace Torrance, as follows:

1. Hollywood Riviera and upper Walleria are in the Palos Verdes elementary and Los Angeles high school and junior college districts.
 2. The El Nido, or northwest Torrance district from 180th st. north to Redondo Beach blvd. and from Redondo ave. west to Hawthorne blvd. is in the Perry elementary school district and the Redondo Union high school district.
 3. A strip of land 1,000 feet wide extending north from 203rd st. between Western ave. and Madrona ave. is in the Perry elementary school district and the Redondo Union high school district.
 4. The balance of Torrance is in the Los Angeles elementary school district, the Los Angeles high school district and the Los Angeles junior college district.
- Under proposals for taking over control of Torrance schools by the people of Torrance, all these districts would be formed in the Torrance high school, Torrance elementary and possibly Torrance junior college districts.

PALMDALE AIRPORT ACQUISITION BY COUNTY STARTED

Acquisition of the Palmdale Airport by the County of Los Angeles was advocated by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby at the Tuesday meeting of the board at which time the board instructed the chief administrative officer to take the necessary steps toward the acquisition of the airport provided complete cost to the county did not exceed \$1,000,000.

Supervisor Darby in calling the matter to the board's attention pointed out that the government, which has operated this airport during the war, spent some \$1,664,000 on the improvement of the field which is used for emergency landings by the various airlines when Los Angeles airports are fog-bound.

WILL RETURN TO SEA AFTER THREE YEARS ON THE BRINEY DEEP

Charles G. Whittington, PhM 1/c, son of Mrs. A. D. Whittington, 1437 W. 220th st., received his discharge Saturday at San Pedro. Veteran of six years in the Navy and wearer of the Purple Heart as the result of action at New Britain in the earlier part of 1944, Whittington plans to go back to sea following a little civilian shore leave here.

He says that this time it will be the Maritime Service. He attended high school here prior to enlisting in June of 1942 and served three years overseas.

More Homes Here Burglarized And Ransacked

Burglary and the ransacking of homes in the Lomita area have totaled more than a dozen during the past 30 days, according to sheriff's records at the Vermont sub-station, with three more homes being reported entered with losses over the weekend.

In most of the victims' homes, it has appeared, the ransacking has been for the sole purpose of securing money with the thieves rummaging through bureau and dresser drawers overlooking articles of value and taking only cash. This indicates, it was said, that the burglaries are the work of juveniles.

Recent victims are F. V. and John Johnson, 2369 W. 248th st., who reported money, wallets and a bank deposit key stolen from their home Saturday evening by someone who had torn off a side window screen to gain entrance. Apparent loss was said to be \$16. Guy Cordner, 2358 W. 247th st., reported a similar entrance was made in his home with no loss. He said that jewelry and other articles left in plain sight were un molested.

The home of Robert W. Allen, who is away on a trip, was reported entered by means of a pass key. The house was completely ransacked, deputies said, but apparently nothing was stolen.

T. L. KIRBY RETURNS FOLLOWING ACTION ON 2 CONTINENTS

Thomas L. Kirby, S 1/c, son of Earl C. Kirby, 1103 Cota ave., was discharged last Thursday at San Pedro following services in the European and Pacific theaters of operation. Enlisting by saw action at Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Leyte, and anti-submarine duty with the Seventh Fleet in the Mediterranean. He was 17 months overseas.

If you have something that needs fixing, look in the Classified Ads for expert repair service.

County Acts To Take Tax Title To Torrance Beach Area For Park Use

Negotiations between the County of Los Angeles and Ocean View Properties, Inc., as successor to Coast and Valley Properties, Inc., for acquisition of some 50 acres of land belonging to the company and fronting on the beach in the City of Torrance having fallen down, the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting, on motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, instructed County Council to take the necessary steps for the acquisition of tax title from the state at a nominal figure.

City Directory Representatives Undertake Task

Canvassers and other representatives of the Western Directory Company will be working in Torrance beginning next week, gathering data for the new Torrance City Directory. It is announced today by Grover Inskip, head of the well-known directory firm.

Residents and business houses are urged to cooperate with these representatives so that the task of gathering the much-needed information may proceed as rapidly as possible, Inskip said. Actual printing of the new city directory will be done by the commercial printing department of the Torrance Herald.

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