

# WATER SHUTDOWN AVERTED AS STANGER APPOINTED TO MANAGE WALTERIA SYSTEM

Acting in the face of a threatened shutdown of water service to some 400 homes in the Walteria area, the City Council Monday night, meeting in special session, appointed William H. Stanger as superintendent of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, in Southwest Torrance.

The appointment of Stanger as superintendent at the emergency meeting was made necessary when C. H. Quandt served notice on his customers that he was quitting business at once. Quandt has sold the water system to the water district for \$36,500, and elected to quit the business even though the bonds for the new district, technically sold to the Bank of America, are not even printed.

Stanger said that MWD No. 1 will set up business immediately, continuing to operate at the rates of Quandt until the City Council can adopt an ordinance fixing water rates for the new district. The Quandt rates are somewhat higher than those charged by the original Torrance Municipal Water district, which Stanger has managed since 1937.

Quandt system had a minimum of \$1.50 for 800 cubic feet, or 187.5 per 100 cubic feet to 800 against the city's charge of 1250. Quandt has been charging the next 500 for 10 cents per 100, while the city has allowed 1200 for 11 cents per 100 cubic feet. Meter charges of the Torrance Municipal Water district are (Continued on Page 5-A)



**NEW ASSIGNMENT . . .** William H. Stanger, manager of Torrance Water District, took over the management of Torrance Water District No. 1, Southwest Torrance, when the Quandt system, bought by the new district, announced a shutdown of service.

# NORTH TORRANCE PRAISED FOR MOVE TO FORM WATER DISTRICT, NOVEMBER 19

North Torrance residents heard in a pre-election water rally at the Perry school Friday night that they will be able to build and maintain their new \$174,000 water district at a cost of but a few dollars an acre.

They also heard their movement to form Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2 at the election Nov. 19, praised by water authorities on ground water which said that due to the inroads of saline and dropping of levels in wells of this district, the water rights adjudication suit now in Superior court will result in enforced curtailment of production to perhaps 60 percent.

"You are being taxed for Metropolitan Water District supply, and you are to be congratulated for taking the step to get the supply," said Attorney Kenneth K. Wright, "because those who do not have MWD water are going to be out of luck in about two years."

William Stanger, manager of Torrance Municipal Water district, said that the cost of the district will be paid out in revenue from water sales and declared that the only expense that North Torrance residents will have to bear will be a few dollars interest and a meter charge of from \$12.50 to \$45, depending on the size of the meter. He declared that while the system is being laid out in half-mile apart grids, the water district will have to take the water to the property lines. For a one-inch meter, he said, the cost would be only \$18 for that service. He pointed out that the value of the land will increase with the formation of the water district, and even the slight charges necessary will not be noticed.

It was pointed out that even (Continued on Page 4-A)

# Quandt May Get His \$40,000 For System

Weeks of negotiating over the Quandt water system in Walteria, for which C. H. Quandt was willing to accept \$40,000 but for which offers and demands ran between \$25,000 and \$70,000, ended in an agreement to pay and to accept \$36,500.

However, it is expected that Quandt will get his \$40,000 anyway. Water Superintendent William Stanger pointed out to the City Council, following his appointment Monday night, that when Quandt reduced his "lowest acceptable" price to \$36,500, he withdrew certain equipment, with the knowledge of the City Council.

This equipment, including pipe, fittings and other necessary items, will be needed at once, and Stanger has set about buying the material from Quandt.

He said he would buy as cheaply as possible, but in the end the cost might equal the \$40,000, price originally put on the system.

# Parking Meter Protest Nears Needed Goal

While petitions calling for a referendum vote on the city ordinance providing for the installation of some 200 parking meters in the central Torrance business district approach the 10 percent minimum, circulators will be on the streets of the business district tomorrow and Saturday to obtain additional signers, according to Bob Haggard, chairman of the merchants committee circulating the documents.

Haggard said that petitions will be in front of the Safeway store, the Bank of America and the Torrance National Bank for the convenience of local citizens who want to register their protest to the installation of curb meters.

The chairman said that while sufficient names have been secured, many will prove insufficient and more than 1,000 signers will be sought to insure placing the issue on the ballot.

# Chamber Holds Decision On Sales Tax Issue

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce last evening voted to withhold their decision on whether to circulate referendum petitions against the recently adopted City Sales Tax Ordinance until Nov. 19.

This action was taken following a two-hour discussion of the new City Sales Tax Ordinance. Approximately ten percent of the Chamber membership, constituting a quorum, attended.

The decision to defer action against the sales tax ordinance was taken in order to enable members of the City Council to meet with directors of the Chamber in an attempt to reach a satisfactory agreement on two points: First, on submission of a city manager ordinance, possibly an amendment to the City Charter; and second, to secure an assurance from the City Council that if the sales tax is not opposed that the funds derived therefrom would be earmarked for retirement of the present municipal deficit and not used for general operating expenses.

A number of retailers present complained that some provision should be made in the city's regulations governing the sales tax to relieve them of paying all the tax on purchases up to ten cents. Under the state sales tax, the tax on such items, borne entirely by the retailer, amounts to approximately one-third of the tax return, it was pointed out. This is a hardship on the merchants selling 5 and 10c items, it was claimed.

Executive Secretary Blaine Walker, who was absent because of illness, was instructed to contact the members of the City Council individually and arrange for a conference at the earliest time convenient to both the Chamber board and the City Council. Another meeting of Chamber members is planned for Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Chamber offices.

# Buses Reported Located For New Local Lines

Hope for early installation of the long sought-after North Torrance, Inglewood and Long Beach bus lines was seen this week when it was reported that the City of Torrance had located five buses which soon may be secured for the new operation and extension of present lines.

The buses are available immediately, it was said, and their acquisition will be placed before the City Council probably next Tuesday.

The Torrance Municipal bus lines are operating at a net profit of upwards of \$12,000 a year now, and it is expected that proposed extensions will prove to be immediately successful.

The new line proposed will run through Torrance from Long Beach to Inglewood, passing the General Petroleum refinery and following Prairie avenue to Inglewood.

# Armistice Day Monday To See Offices Closed

Official Torrance will observe Armistice on Monday, Nov. 11, but veterans organizations of the city have announced that no plans have been formulated to commemorate that memorable day of the year 1918, when Germans formally capitulated, to end World War I.

The City Hall and other public offices, together with banks, will be closed. Some of the city's stores will remain open with business being carried on as usual. The Torrance Herald will maintain a holiday schedule and suggests that all news items be in early to assure publication.

# BUILDING PERMITS REACH \$1,038,000 FOR WEEK AS 154 NEW HOMES AUTHORIZED

The Torrance housing bottleneck appeared to have been broken this week as building permits amounting to more than \$1,038,000, involving the construction of 154 houses, were issued. Included were 140 permits for new homes in Seaside Ranchos, a subdivision of a portion of Ellinwood holdings.



**RETURNS TO STATE . . .** Kenneth E. Bradley, manager of the Torrance office of the United States Employment Service, will become a California State employee Nov. 16. Bradley, who was with the California Department of Employment since 1933, and who became a Federal employee following a presidential proclamation, has served the office here since 1943. His excellent contact with business and industry in the area has made him an asset to the local office.

# Return USES Offices To State Control Nov. 16

The United States Employment Service Nov. 16 returns to state administration, according to recent announcements. This agency was taken from the state Jan. 1, 1942 by presidential order and was placed under the War Manpower Commission as a war emergency measure. Ken Bradley, local manager, explained.

During its war service the USES was primarily concerned with the stabilization of workers and channeling them to essential industries connected with the war effort. Another function was compiling labor market information for government planning.

During the change-over, the Torrance office of the USES was located at 1217 Carson st. At that time, seven units of personnel were employed. Due to population increase and industrial activity it became necessary to expand to the present staff of 17, Bradley said. A larger building for the increased operation was necessary, and during September of 1945, the Torrance office moved to its present location, 1628 Cravens avenue.

During the period as a Federal agency, 19,000 persons were placed in jobs by the Torrance office. In the early war years, about 2,300 persons each month were served by the Torrance office. As the population and industrial activity progressed, this figure increased until in (Continued on Page 5-A)

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# Torrance City Directory Is Distributed

Acclaimed by all who have examined it as "the best ever produced here," the new Torrance city directory is being distributed today by representatives of the Western Directory Company, publishers. The entire printing was done in the commercial printing department of the Torrance Herald, on its new automatic Miehle vertical press.

The book, which is a fine looking stiff-cover volume with flexible leather back, gold leaf inlaid, measures one inch in thickness. It contains an alphabetical list of all residents, professional men and business firms, a classified buyers' guide and street guide of householders, home owners and telephone numbers.

Two pages are devoted to data relative to Torrance, furnished by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. A study of the street address directory in the back of the new city directory reveals that a very high percentage of the houses in Torrance are owned by those who occupy them. All owner-occupied dwellings are designated with an asterisk (\*), and an examination of the numbers in the residential areas shows that whole blocks, or almost entire blocks of houses are owner-occupied. Even a casual look through the pink section of the new directory will convince anyone that Torrance is truly a city of home-owners, which in a large measure may be the reason there are so few rentals available.

It is the first city directory published in Torrance since October, 1941.

# Reproduction Of Early California Scenes Here Aim Of Leo Carrillo

A 1,000-acre tract in the Palos Verdes hills is under option for the development of a spectacle which will involve the expenditure of \$20,000,000 in the reproduction of early California fiesta scenes as a part of the celebration in 1949 of California's Centennial of Statehood.

This was revealed by Leo Carrillo, motion picture actor of Santa Monica and member of one of California's pioneer families. The site for the reproduction of gold rush days, Spanish haciendas and fiestas, and covered wagons, is being obtained from the Vanderlip Corporation at Palos Verdes, Carrillo said.

A feature of the Centennial Celebration is to be a cross-country race of covered wagons from all parts of the United States, converging upon this spot and vying for a top prize of \$25,000 in gold nuggets. Construction of a full-sized reproduction of Sutter's Gold Mill is to be a part of the Centennial development, and he stated that most of the funds for the huge project have already been raised.

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# Services For C. C. Schultz Are Conducted

Clinton Charles Schultz, 89, father of Charles C. Schultz and Mrs. George Peckham, both of Torrance, passed away Friday Nov. 1 in Santa Ana, where the elderly man had made his home since 1911.

Mr. Schultz was active in the early days of Torrance, where he was a substantial property owner. After the Ford agency was established here in 1921, he became a co-partner with his son and son-in-law in the automotive agency, which at that time was known as Schultz, Peckham and Schultz. However, in 1939 the elder Schultz sold out to his junior partners and retired from active business, excepting for the management of his realty holdings.

Born in Illinois, Clinton Charles Schultz lived most of his life in Nebraska prior to coming to Santa Ana, California, in 1911, where he and his wife, besides his son and daughter in Torrance, Mr. Schultz is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Martha Carlson of Little Rock, Ark., who was here to attend the funeral services Tuesday afternoon, held at Smith & Tuttle funeral home, Santa Ana. Interment took place at Fairhaven cemetery.

Clarence H. Garland, 1308 Crenshaw blvd., last week enlisted here for an 18-month tour of duty with the Army, according to local recruiting office records.

# National Supply Hit By Smog Suit

A smog injunction suit is pending against the National Supply Co., Torrance. The suit, seeking that the oil well equipment firm be enjoined by court order to eliminate smoke and fumes from its plant, was one of nine such suits filed by District Attorney Fred N. Howser in a county-wide anti-smog drive.

Howser previously had filed smog suits against 13 other plants which hastened to correct offensive conditions. The district attorney said the suit against these plants would be dismissed.

Since the original filings, Howser said, the Torrance refinery of General Petroleum has installed costly apparatus for burning waste without smoke.

# TORRANCE WAVERS BETWEEN REPUBLICAN-DEMOCRATIC; FOLLOWS PROPOSITION TREND

Torrance was a little undecided whether she was Republican or Democratic in her political viewpoint at Tuesday's election, but Lomita stayed with the Democrats.

While Governor Warren, Rep. Cecil R. King and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas polled heavy courtesy votes, having been nominated on both tickets, Torrance chose John F. Shelley, with 1630 votes, over the successful Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, Judge Goodwin J. Knight, 1569 votes. Torrance also picked Will Rogers Jr., 1657 votes, over Senator Knowland, 1565 votes, but went for Republican District Attorney Fred Howser for attorney general against the Democrat Edmund G. Brown.

Lomita, however, went right down the line, giving Shelley 1273 votes to Knight's 860; Brown 1098 to Howser's 800, and Rogers 1294 to Knowland's 825. A total vote of 3278 or 57 percent of the registered voters recorded in Torrance, while Lomita had a total vote of 2172.

On the propositions, both Torrance and Lomita followed the trend of California, accepting No. 1, the veterans' bond act proposition, rejecting dog racing favoring the increase in public school funds and reject the Fair Employment Practices Act. Also rejected in Torrance was No. 13, the school measure which would have nullified No. 3.

Weaver H. Jones, write-in candidate who campaigned with the "pig that Wallace killed," polled 25 votes in Torrance for Representative in Congress and 18 in Lomita. There were other scattered write-ins, voters wasting their rights of franchise for such flimsy characters as Kilroy, Charlie McCarthy and others. Complete charts of the record of the vote by precincts are in the office of City Clerk A. H. (Continued on Page 5-A)

# Torrance Aids In Swing To Republicanism

The swing of Torrance people from Democratic to Republican politics has been decided, when results of the 1944 general election are compared with the 1941 election Tuesday.

In 1944 Torrance showed a two to one Democratic majority. This year this city endorsed one Republican, Fred N. Howser for attorney general, over his Democratic opponent, Edmund G. Brown.

Will Rogers Jr., Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, received only 92 votes more than did the Republican candidate, Senator W. F. Knowland, in Torrance this year, while Sen. Sheridan Downey was accorded a landslide Democratic endorsement against the 1944 Republican candidate, Frederick Howser.

John F. Shelley, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, got only 61 votes more than did Republican Goodwin J. Knight this year in Torrance.

Other candidates on the ballot received both party nominations in the June primary. Thus, while Torrance did not quite join the nation in its Republican sweep, which may result in the G.O.P. control of the Senate and House of Representatives, it did contribute to the success of the Republicans, both parties admit.



G. P. ERECTING SMOKE CONTROL UNIT . . . Pictured above is a section of installation of additional smoke control equipment which is under way at the Torrance refinery of the General Petroleum Corp. The picture shows workmen erecting forms for a concrete structure that is part of this equipment.