

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS TODAY ON CHARACTER**

At separate senior and junior high school assemblies today Howard Ellis will bring an illustrated lecture to the students. By means of chalk talks and pictorial presentation, the speaker will set forth the fundamental essentials of character that are a part of the heritage of American youth. This lecture is one of a series presented by the Ministerial Association un-

**BOOM END SEEN**

The current California real estate boom is doomed to collapse in the near future, according to a University of California history professor who bases his prediction on previous inflated periods.

Under the direction of the Federated churches. The Rev. Wesley Roloff, pastor of the Evangelical Brethren church, is responsible for contact arrangements between the high school and the speaker.

**Claim Made To Water Main In North Torrance**

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tory extending southward from 190th st. for one-fourth mile. This stretch belongs to General Petroleum Corp.

The General Petroleum Corp. and Southern California Edison Co. will stand approximately \$40,000 of the cost of the new district, due to extensive hold-downs of the two corporations within the area to be served by the water system.

The actual cost of the district to property owners will be only \$1.82 an average acre for the first year or two. After the district has been placed into operation, the revenues from the system will be sufficient to pay interest, retire bonds and maintain the district, according to City Water Superintendent William Stanger.

In reality, the district will cost the people of North Torrance practically nothing, but in turn will increase the value of property materially, it is pointed out.

While the grid system proposed by Taylor & Taylor, water engineers for the city, provides for water lines spaced approximately one-half mile apart, the district itself will be required to run the water lines to all houses, no matter how far from a main, at no cost to the owners of the houses. The only cost which home owners and ranchers will be required to pay is the meter fee ranging from \$12.50 to \$45, depending upon the size of the meter, according to Superintendent Stanger.

Stanger said that with the elimination of price controls and outlook for more materials on the market, it is possible that the system can be placed in operation within a year.

Sponsors of the formation of the North Torrance water district said they anticipate that the district will be formed and the bonds carried by a vote of 10 to one. The only opposition has come from interests outside the area to be served, it is pointed out.

Representatives of the West Basin Water association have highly complimented the people of the district for their action in the water system, declaring that without the system, a critical period faces the area involved since production from private wells may be cut by Superior court decree as high as 50 percent.

There is already insufficient water in the district to bring proper development of the area, it was pointed out, and to cut present production would be disastrous. No private company nor well owner can escape the decree of the Superior court when it orders production cut, Kenneth Wright, attorney, told North Torrance residents.

The decree would be the outcome of a present ground-water survey, being conducted by the State's Division of Water Resources on orders of the Superior court to determine how much water can safely be taken from the ground. Levels of wells along the coastal area have been dropping seriously in recent years with the result that salt water from the ocean has been seeping into many of them.

While this condition has not reached North Torrance, it is pointed out, the only way to stop the inroad of salt water is to force reduction of water production from wells and allow the levels to rise to a point where

the flow of ground water will be toward the ocean thus forcing out the salt water. In former years, the flow was toward the ocean, but high production from wells in this area has resulted in a reversal, thus salting wells as far as two miles inland from the ocean at El Segundo and Manhattan Beach.

All cities of the West Basin, together with county area, are forming a West Basin Municipal Water district Jan. 14 to hook up to Metropolitan Water District supply when the court decree reducing water consumption from ground wells is handed down as contemplated. Torrance already is a member of the Metropolitan district, and all the people of North Torrance have to do to assure themselves of an adequate water supply is to lay the pipelines and hook up to the Metropolitan mains.

This they will vote to do on Nov. 19, and with practically no money out of their pockets, the committee declares.

**DAUGHTER IS BORN TO BULLINGTON FAMILY**

Mr. and Mrs. Avert L. Bullington of 1718 Martina ave., are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Sharon Lyn, born November 8 at Torrance Memorial hospital.

The baby's mother is the former Miss Enid Weis and the grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weis, of 1746 Manuel ave.

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