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Water Committee Opens Offices And Launches Election Campaign

"The water election next Jan. 14 will affect every man, woman and child in the West Basin. As such it is vitally important. Primarily it is a matter that will be decided by the little fellow and his wife—the man and woman with the garden hose."

With this comment Robert E. Austin, vice chairman of the West Basin Municipal Water District Campaign Committee, today formally launched the campaign to bring about the formation of a water district in all sections of the West Basin except Torrance and Los Angeles. The issue will be decided at a special election ordered by the County Board of Supervisors for Jan. 14.

Committee headquarters have been established at 818 W. Manchester ave., Inglewood, Orchard 7-8627, where unbiased educational material on West Basin water conditions is available to all upon request.

"When the average citizen votes to form a water district, as I believe he will, we shall at last be on our way to a permanent solution of a problem that has grown more and more critical and which, if nothing is done, will progressively endanger the entire water supplies of the West Basin and of the unincorporated areas as well," continued Vice Chairman Austin.

"The voter should keep in mind that the election of Jan. 14 is not for bond purposes nor does it commit the West Basin to any particular source of supplementary water supply. It merely amalgamates the citizens of the West Basin into a working unit under the law which can later decide the kind of auxiliary water it wants and when to get it. It is important for the voter to remember this for already there have been attempts to befog the issue by directing an attack on possible sources of supply. This is beyond the point and is a matter for the future. It has nothing to do with the election of Jan. 14."

"There are a few basic things that every voter should know," added Austin. "First is that every qualified engineer, including the United States Geological Survey, to study the West Basin, declares we have a serious water problem. Second, ground water wells throughout the West Basin have steadily dropped until almost all of them are now below sea level and salt water pollution has set in. Third, the West Basin, which has more than \$130,000,000 assessed valuation and over 200,000 population, cannot continue its normal development without the assurance of supplementary water for the future. New industry, particularly, insists upon this. "Our metropolitan area, which has suffered greatly because of its failure to look and plan ahead. The complete breakdown of our sewerage system, our traffic tangle and the vicious smog are examples of what I mean. But none of these can compare with the importance of water and the certainty of an adequate supply of it for the future, which we now lack."

R. H. Olson Ends Visit With His Family In City

Private Richard H. Olson recently left for Fort Bragg, N. C., after spending ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Olson, 1558 W. 214th st., Ft. Olson will soon leave for Germany, where he will be stationed as a member of the occupational forces.

During the war he served two years in the Merchant Marine. He enlisted in the Army and has been taking training in the Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He is a graduate of Torrance high school and has won the outstanding sportsmanship trophy.

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Harbor City PTA Wins Sweepstake Poster Award

Request for a \$15,000 fund for the construction of a separated crossing at Normandie and 253rd st., has been filed by Mayor Fletcher Bowron with the Los Angeles city council. The request is to the city engineer's office and is the result of protests of Normont Terrace housing project residents over the danger to school children forced to cross that highway en route to school.

The city engineer's office previously had recommended the establishment of a subway crossing, but Councilman H. Moore said the citizens' traffic committee, which has charge of such affairs, generally disapproves of subway crossings and indicated that an overhead crossing would be more desirable.

Santa Fe Offers First Excursion Special Since 1941

Rail fans and camera club members of the Los Angeles area, on Sunday, Dec. 15, will make their first special excursion on the Santa Fe Railway Coast lines since the pre-war days of 1941.

The one-day outing, which is being engineered by C. G. White, traffic manager of the Los Angeles Grain Exchange, will include a trip over Santa Fe's first district to San Bernardino via Pasadena with a side trip to San Jacinto, returning over the second district through Riverside and Santa Ana Canyon. Approximately 300 railroad and photography enthusiasts are expected to ride the special train, which will leave Los Angeles at 8 a.m., making 30-minute stops at San Bernardino, San Jacinto and Riverside, and arriving back in Los Angeles at 5:30 p.m.

Governor Warren Heads California March Of Dimes

Governor Earl Warren has been named California State Chairman of the 1947 March of Dimes which takes place January 15-30, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced.

The March of Dimes is the annual fund-raising appeal of the National Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by the late President Roosevelt in 1938 and supported entirely by voluntary contributions of the American people.

O'Connor, in making known Governor Warren's acceptance of the chairmanship, revealed that in coping with the 1946 outbreaks of infantile paralysis the National Foundation sent to its chapters in the field more than four and a half million dollars in epidemic aid funds from January 1 through the end of November.

"Many of this year's polio patients," Mr. O'Connor said, "will require hospitalization and care for a long period of time. The after-care of these patients will be more expensive than treatment in the acute stage of the disease. The high cost of epidemics demonstrates the real need for the services of public-spirited men like Governor Warren. His efforts will prove of great value in the forthcoming appeal."

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Farm Advisor Interprets Market Report

H. W. Schwalm, assistant farm advisor for the Agricultural Extension Service in Los Angeles County, believes that consumers should know wholesale prices of vegetables and fruits. Market quotations are always in terms of crates or boxes or sacks, and are rarely stated as so much a pound or a bunch.

The Federal State Market News Service report of wholesale prices for November 20 when broken down showed the following price per bunch: Beets 7½c, mustard 2½c, green onions 3c, turnips 5c, spinach 4½c, carrots 5c, local celery 5½c a stalk, and celery from Northern California 8½ cents.

On a pound basis the same report showed local Kentucky Wonder beans sold for 15 cents a pound, Kentuckys from California 25c, cabbage 3-8/10c, dry Spanish onions 2½c, White Globe 4½c, U.S. No. 1 size Idaho-Russets 3-4c, California grown White Rose and Burbank 3½c, sweet potatoes 9c, best tomatoes 11½c and bell peppers 15 cents.

Cauliflower was reported at 16½c a head, with 12 heads to a crate. Northern California head lettuce was 10c a head.

Fruit prices, showed loose unpacked apples from California sources: Bellflowers 6c, Pippins 8½c, Delicious and Rome Beauties 8 to 9 cents. Packed apples from Washington: Jonathans 8½c, Delicious 11c and Rome Beauties 9½ cents.

Fuente avocados were reported at 22 cents and 20-220 size oranges at about 10 to 11c.

Schwalm says these are the wholesale prices which retailers pay for produce. Commission houses then deduct 15 percent as a selling charge, paying the grower the remainder.

Car Owners May Have To Wait Six Months For Plates

Temporary certificates, with 1947 numbers designated, will be issued to car owners in lieu of two license plates, by the California Motor Vehicle department during the coping renewal period of Jan. 2 to Feb. 4, inclusive.

Under this temporary measure, motorists will be required to keep the certificates in sight in the driver's compartment, and the 1946 plate will remain on all vehicles until replaced by new ones for the following year.

The pre-war policy of issuing two plates per car is to be resumed in 1947, and they will be mailed to applicants as soon as they become available. Registration fees are to be paid, as usual, at the time of application during the renewal period.

TOWNSEND CLUB
A regular meeting of the Torrance Townsend club will be conducted tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Torrance Men's Bible class building, according to Mrs. Ethelyn Vorhis, secretary. A pot luck dinner will be served with the organization providing the meat loaf, she said. Members are asked to bring additional food for the dinner.

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