

Water

Second Unit of Metropolitan Filtering Plant Half Completed

The second unit of the Metropolitan Water District's softening and filtration plant at Laverne now is more than half completed, according to the report of Chief Engineer Julian

Hinds to Torrance and other member cities of the district. Earthwork now is practically finished at the second unit, most of the reinforcement steel is placed and about 80 percent of the concrete work is completed. The contractor's working force averages 284 men.

Sales of softened water in October dropped 21 percent below September but were 28 percent above October, 1947. Softened water accounts for a little more than 10 percent of the total. October sales consisted of 114 cubic feet per second of softened water and 1002 cubic feet per second of natural water from the Colorado river, Hinds' report stated.

Colorado river water was softened from an average hardness of 334 parts per million to 127 at an average rate of 115 cubic feet per second at the softening plant. The water level at Lake Matthews, from which Torrance draws part of its supply, was at an elevation of 1351 feet on Oct. 31. Water in storage was 93,770 cubic feet, a decrease for the month of 1558 acre feet.

Behind Parker Dam the water level varied between a maximum elevation of 449 feet and a minimum of 447 and was at 448 on Oct. 31. Outflow was 15,100 cubic feet per second as compared with 16,000 feet in September. At Hoover Dam the water level was at elevation 1175 on Oct. 31, a decrease of 4.83 feet and a decrease in storage of 647,000 acre-feet during the month.

Fumes

Air Pollution Controls Are Being Copied

Air pollution control regulations for Torrance-Lomita and other areas of Los Angeles County are being copied by a number of large Eastern industrial cities which previously had regarded coal smoke as their only pollution problem, Dr. Louis C. McCabe, smog control director here, revealed yesterday.

New York City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh officials have recently sought Dr. McCabe's recommendations as to control of industrial emissions of metallic fumes, vapors and gases. Inquiries from eastern cities were stimulated by the recent disaster at Donora, Pa., where 19 persons died, their letters revealed.

Indianapolis, Minneapolis and Canton, O., were among other cities recently asking for copies of the Los Angeles County regulations, while a number of industries have also written Dr. McCabe for information on the type of pollution control equipment suited to their type of industrial operations.

Auto License Tabs Due for Early Return

Every effort will be made to get a potential registration card into possession of every registered motor vehicle owner in Lomita and Torrance in time for the 1949 renewal period, Jan. 3, through Feb. 4, A. H. Henderson, Director of Motor Vehicles, announced today.

The California Vehicle Code defines the potential as a document issued toward the close of one year which upon proper validation becomes the registration card for the ensuing year. The Department will begin mailing these cards Dec. 15.

If presented at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles with a fee payment, the potential will be validated and returned to the owner immediately along with a set of 1949 tabs, thus completing its renewal for next year. No registration document will be mailed later, as in past years.

Branch Firm Plans Opening

Plans for the formal opening of the Redondo Beach Funeral Home, operated as a branch of the Stone & Myers Mortuary in Torrance, were being completed this week by J. Hugh Sherry Jr., proprietor of the local establishment. The Torrance firm of Stone & Myers took over the beach mortuary effective Dec. 1.

Petroleum By-Products Used in Soap

Neutral soapless suds, a recent development in detergents by soap company laboratories, would be one of the principal products of the new Lever Brothers plant, it is reported. Soapless suds, utilizing by-

products of the petroleum industry in their manufacture, not only clean faster than ordinary alkali soaps, but they reduce bacterial count, according to results of an experiment just announced by

The New Jersey Dairy Laboratories. The new cleaning "flush" method, made possible by soapless suds, is being recommended by many agricultural schools for use in cleaning dairy equipment

because it leaves no milkstone, requires practically no brushing, and it checks the development of bacteria. The soap companies state that the neutral soapless suds is milder on the hands and will not harm the rubber parts of milking machines. In connection with the new soapless suds on the market a

wholesale grocer recently explained what is going on in the field. According to his explanation, a few years ago fat was an essential factor in soap powders as an agent to increase its sudsiness. Now, through the use of chemicals, science has increased detergent properties—the ability to remove dirt—at lower cost

The Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, Calif., roughly equals the State of Rhode Island in size. and at the same time a better soap is produced. Less and less fat, therefore, is being used by soap companies now in the processing of their products.

Local Health Nurse Merits 20-Year Pin

The supervising public health nurse of the Torrance Health district, Mrs. Gladys T. Pearce, was awarded a 20-year gold emblem at the annual meeting of Health Associates, the employees' organization, last Friday evening at the East Los Angeles health center.

The practice of awarding pins purchased from membership dues of Health Associates was started in 1934. During this period 14 people have received 25-year emblems and nine of these employees are still with the department, according to Dr. Wayne Ingalls, chief of the division of public health dentistry, and 1948 chairman of Health Associates' governing council, who presided at the meeting.

The 1949 Governing Council includes Dr. Gerald Miller, public health dentist, 1121 Franklin street, Santa Monica, health district.

Officers chosen for 1949 are Dr. F. Kenneth Gates, Alhambra district health officer, chairman; Albert Amis, senior sanitarian of West Hollywood health district, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Belicia Fay Preston, Assistant Health Educator, central office, secretary; and Mrs. Burnside Mercer, Intermediate typist-clerk, central office, financial secretary.

Darby Heads Mission Trail Body for 1949

Perpetuation of California's early traditions during the next year will be entrusted to Chairman Raymond V. Darby of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who at Santa Cruz was elected president of the California Mission Trails Association.

In accepting this honor, Darby presented an ambitious program for his term. One of the items of historical significance will be the furtherance of the plan to restore El Camino Real bells which have gradually been disappearing from the routes making the paths of the Padres in the early Mission days of California.

Other activities of challenge to the citizens of California are an aggressive policy for the development of beaches and recreational areas and the acceleration of the program for the completion of state-wide four-lane divided highways in cooperation with state and local agencies.

Former North Dakotans Will Hear Band

Former local residents of Grafton, N. D., took pride this week in the announcement that the Grafton Municipal Parade Band is the only band in the entire United States invited as guest band by the Tournament of Roses Association this year.

Also known as the "Governor's Band," the band will be honored at other occasions during its brief stay in Los Angeles. An all-state, state-wide picnic, sponsored by the North Dakota Association of Southern California, will be held at Sycamore Grove of Sunday, Jan. 2, where all resident and visiting North Dakotans will have a chance to hear this famous band in a special program and welcome the boys to Southern California.

Low-Flying Electrician Fined \$250

Low-flying Wayne Newland, Torrance electrician, had his wings clipped by Municipal Judge Mildred L. Lillie in Los Angeles Municipal Court. The lady jurist fined Newland \$250 and handed him a 90-day suspended sentence after he pleaded guilty to buzzing a friend's house last Oct. 10.

Before she passed judgment, Judge Lillie told Newland to "set down" in court and "think things over."

SAFeway GRAND EATING MEAT advertisement featuring a cartoon character with a fork and knife, a large roast, and various product categories like crackers, tomato soup, cookies, margarine, and fresh eggs.

SAFeway FRESH PRODUCE advertisement listing various items like carrots, yellow onions, large oranges, winesap apples, and meat products like pot roast, lamb roast, and pork loin.

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