

Lack of Water Blamed For Loss of \$25 Million Plant

WEATHER

Light variable winds were predicted by the Weather Bureau for this afternoon. Early morning fog with low clouds clearing in the afternoon and little change in the temperature is the forecast for tomorrow.

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Twice as Many Schools Needed Within Five Years is Warning

30-Second Water Supply 'Protects' 500 New Homes

In the event of a water main failure in North Torrance present reserve supply for the area would last approximately 30 seconds.

The serious lack of facilities which threatens the northern section of the city also is largely responsible for the city losing the \$25,000,000 Lever-Brothers Soap factory now under construction in Montebello.

These assertions were made yesterday by William Stanger, manager of the Torrance Municipal Water Department, following a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Other parts of the city are no better," he claimed, "Walteria receives part of its supply through wooden mains. They, and some flimsy steel riveted pipes, threaten to go out at any minute."

"South Torrance is only slightly better off. Even so, we had to refuse a builder who wanted to construct a large tract of homes near Kettler Knolls. We just don't have the facilities!"

"We have two tanks in Walteria of 100,000 gallons each. In the bottom of one is six inches of concrete put there to stop the tank from leaking. It's still leaking. To put water in that tank would invite disaster. The whole tank would go."

To alleviate these and similar shortcomings in the out-grown water system Stanger recommends that a firm, specializing in hydro-engineering, be employed to survey the city and recommend a plan for future growth. He suggests the plan cover the anticipated growth of the city for the next forty years.

Three firms have tendered a bid for making the survey. The Quinton Engineering Company offered to make the study for a flat \$5750. Two other firms, Frank E. Alerman of South Pa-

sedana and Taylor and Taylor, of Los Angeles, offered to write-off the cost of the survey if their respective firms were given the job of installing the new facilities.

and some flimsy steel riveted piping job would be close to \$2,000,000," Stanger said. "This money could be obtained by floating a revenue bond issue," he claims. "In this way there would be no direct cost to the taxpayer. The bonds would be retired from income derived from water subscribers," he indicated.

"The seriousness of our rapidly deteriorating water system can not be over-emphasized," he told the Chamber Directors. "The North Torrance area is supplied by one single main. A failure in that line would result in exhausting the supply before the break could be located. Within 30 seconds the entire area would be without fire protection, and sewage disposal not to mention drinking water."

"More than 500 homes in that area have been built within recent months taxing facilities to the utmost. There is no available stand-by facility which can be tied in to the present lines in North Torrance."

Stanger, a former Mayor of Torrance, outlined a plan which he recommended be put into operation at once.

1. Survey the city to determine future needs.

2. Consolidate the nine water companies now serving various parts of Torrance into one system.

3. Pass a bond issue to raise the necessary funds to bring the system up to the recommendations of the proposed survey.

4. Begin construction work immediately.

The Chamber Directors concurred with Stanger in his recommendations. In a motion instigated by Henry Creeger, general manager of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, the directors passed a resolution urging the Water Board (the same members) to take the following steps:

1. The service will begin next Wednesday, revealed Arnold Milton, president of the transit firm. Schedules for the all-day service which will connect the hill-top residences with Redondo Beach will be released early next week, Milton stated.

The route will extend from Manhattan Beach boulevard and Johnson street in Redondo Beach to Calle de Arboles and Calle Miramar in Hollywood Riviera.

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Judge John A. Shidler Sworn In as Trustee

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A grim handwriting-on-the-wall warning about future school needs from Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, Tuesday night provided a somber note to an otherwise convivial board meeting which welcomed Judge John A. Shidler to his new position with the local school governing body.

Judge Shidler last week was named by the Board of Education to fill the position vacated by the resignation of George P. Thatcher.

Dr. Hull urged trustees of the board to "start thinking about" a vastly stepped-up school building program here to care for the rapidly increasing number of students coming into the Torrance Unified School District.

He indicated that the district will, within the next five years, be forced to go to the limit of its elementary school bonding capacity—\$800,000—and then utilize state financing to cope with the local building problem. "Our school capacity now is based on the needs for a city of 20,000 people. Within the next five years we are going to have to change our thinking in terms of supplying education to a city of 50,000," Hull declared.

The transition will require exactly twice the amount of schools which now exist here, the school chief said. Where the district now has five elementary schools, it will need ten, two high schools instead of one.

Hull pointed out as significant the fact that the eighth grade at the high school has almost twice the number of students as the senior class. "Increased enrollment has already caught up with us," Hull said. "We will have to build and build fast to meet our problems."

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Hearing Today Slated for Hot Rodders

The high octane chickens of six hot rod drivers cited by Torrance police for terrorist tactics on Torrance highways may come home to cool roost at 1 p.m. this afternoon in the city traffic court.

Scheduled for arraignment before City Judge Otto E. Willett are Richard Reinberger, and Lester French of Lomita; John Clark and Harry Johnson, both of Wilmington; Robert Smith, Los Angeles and Joseph Cunningham, San Pedro.

The youths, ranging in age from 17 to 31, were snared in a police hot rod trap Tuesday night, September 13. Two of the boys, Johnson and French, have been previously cited for the same offense which brought out police last week.

Board Awards Contract for New School

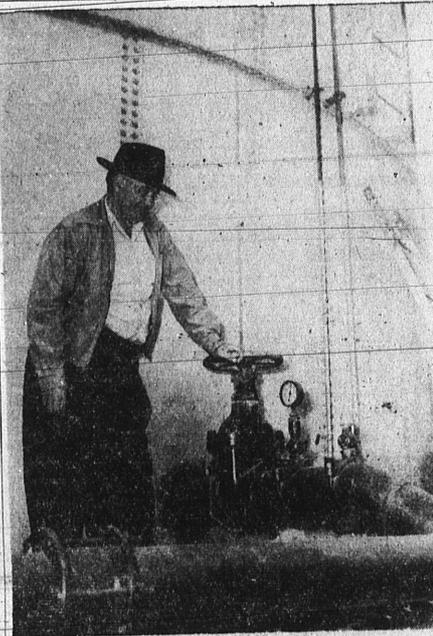
Contract for the construction of the North Torrance Elementary School was awarded to the Gallinger Construction Co. at a meeting of the Board of Education held Tuesday night.

Gallinger's bid of \$253,378 was the lowest of ten bids submitted for the job.

The firm was recommended for the contract on the basis of its low bid and the fact that it has built several schools in Los Angeles County, giving it an understanding of State Division of Architecture requirements. Construction is expected to be completed by March.

46 New Students at Nativity School

An increase of 46 students in the enrollment at the Nativity School resulted this semester when the school added another grade to its curriculum. Total enrollment now stands at 364 for grades one through the eighth.



100,000 GALLON WHITE ELEPHANT . . . Bill Stanger, manager of Torrance's water supply system, claims to fill huge tank in Walteria would be inviting disaster. Tank is supported partly by wooden stringers, part concrete. Tank leaks reveal dangerous structural weakness in the tank which is carried as a liability in Torrance's rusting water system, Stanger said.—Herald Photo

MOTORIST'S BELIEF GOES UP IN SMOKE

For a while last week Police Officer Don Hamilton wondered why a motorist left a carton of cigarettes for him with the court clerk.

Then he remembered! The week before he wrote a ticket to Charles F. Kennedy of Los Angeles for going through an automatic stop and go signal.

Mr. Kennedy, so sure that there was no signal where he was accused of going through one, told Officer Hamilton: "By Jove, I don't believe there is a signal back there. But if there is, I'll buy you a carton of smokes!"

Mr. Kennedy left the cigarettes with the court to whom he paid the fine for going through a stop signal which Officer Hamilton knew was there, which Mr. Kennedy didn't think so, and which cost him a carton of smokes on top of the fine.

Bug Blamed For Errant Auto Tangle

While attempting to swish out a bug which had swished into the window of the car he was driving, Richard Leon Hobbs, of Manhattan Beach, let his auto "get away from him."

The car, came to rest on the lawn of Mrs. Don Hamilton, 2009 Cabrillo avenue, who promptly called the police. By something less than coincidence, Patrolman Don Hamilton answered Mrs. Hamilton's call.

The bug, a star witness for Hobbs' defense, had disappeared.

Commission Okays New Bus Service

Bus service linking Hollywood Riviera and Redondo Beach was assured this week when the State Public Utilities Commission granted El Camino Transit Lines Inc. a permit to operate in the section.

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Columbia Steel Smog Stopper Plan Subject of Controversy

A hitch in the proposed method of application this week held up a plan to start installation of \$600,000 worth of smoke "eliminators" on four stacks at the Columbia steel plant here.

At a hearing last week, the County Air Pollution Control Board listened to a smog abatement plan offered by United States Steel Corp., parent of the local company. The company plan called for the installation of equipment on one of its four open hearth furnaces.

The equipment would be tested for 13 months before similar units were placed in the remaining stacks, a company spokesman said.

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Huge Building Program Gets City Approval

Permits for the construction of nearly a half-million dollars worth of single family homes in North Torrance has been granted to two large construction firms by the City of Torrance. Construction is expected to be under way by the end of the month on a \$240,000 development of Truman Browne Enterprises Inc. The builders plan to build 48 one-bedroom dwellings at 178th street near Hawthorne boulevard.

Permits totaling \$230,800 for the construction of 44 homes have been granted to the Mac-Low-Men Corp. of Los Angeles. The four and five-room homes will be located on Arlington avenue, between 182nd and 164th streets.

When the City Council approved Truman Browne's tentative tract plan last month, the subdivision agreed to set aside one acre of the tract for development of a recreation area.

Vandals Strike at School Bus
Unknown parties sometime Tuesday night let the air out of tires and broke lights on a school bus parked in a gas station lot at the corner of Cabrillo avenue and Carson street. Art Sullivan, station proprietor, told police.



FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING? . . . Keith H. Lyons demonstrates one of the proclaimed advantages to the daylight saving time idea: You may gain an hour of daylight in the afternoon, but it's "too late" in the morning.

Anyway you slice it, one day still has but 24 hours!

This week, however, your friends and neighbors began choosing up sides to decide off which end of the clock one hour of daylight may be sliced next summer. Bone of contention is Proposition 12, the Summer-time Daylight Saving Act, which will appear on the Nov. 8 special election ballot.

Here in Torrance, more are for daylight saving time than against it, according to a Herald telephone survey completed yesterday.

OPINIONS VARY
In response to the question, "How do you feel about the proposed daylight saving proposition?" Torrance opinion arrayed itself accordingly:

In favor of measure . . .	62%
Against	21%
Indifferent	15%
No comment	2%

Those in favor of moving the clock ahead one hour all subscribed to pretty much the same reason. Getting up an hour earlier didn't hurt;

the extra hour of sunlight after working hours is a "good deal."

Those against the shift claimed generally that the change doesn't really make any difference and creates confusion.

Some of the answers given the daylight saving time question were:

"I like daylight saving time because it gives a man an extra hour to get a lot of that outside work done that ordinarily gets put off 'til the day off." — John Erickson, 22407 Denker avenue.

LIKES PRESENT SYSTEM
"I don't know. I think I'd rather have things remain as they are. I have to get up for work at 4:15 a.m. anyhow. No matter how they change the time, it's still dark when I get up. The change would just cause extra confusion!" — William A. Fletcher, 1632 West 204th street.

"I like it. We're building a new house. An extra hour

of working time, six days a week gives me practically a full day of work extra."

R. D. Barkdull, 1513 Greenwood avenue.

"More time in the late afternoon? I like it. Since we got that television set we stay closer to home anyway. Getting home from work an hour earlier will allow me to get some of the Sunday work done." — George R. Cavitt, 714 Border avenue.

"I don't see where it makes much difference. My husband likes it though. I guess I'll vote with the majority. I guess we'll just have to get used to the change." — Mrs. George A. Evans.

In general, the Herald survey found that those in favor of Proposition 12 had very definite uses planned for the extra hour of sunlight.

"It's just like a Christmas bonus," a Beech avenue man said. "I've got it spent long before I ever get it."



BONUS OF SUNSHINE . . . M. R. Van Dalsen 22962 Walnut avenue, looks forward to that "extra hour" with daylight saving time. "There's lawns to be mowed and soil to be hoed," said he.—Herald Photo