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CITY MAY SEEK INJUNCTION IN PROPOSED LOMITA WATER VOTE

Council Bids For Exclusion

Some legal snags may be placed in the path of proceedings to include areas within the city of Torrance in a proposed water annexation election next January, the council indicated here Tuesday evening.

After hearing City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier say

two courses of action lay open to the city, the council chose to instruct him to seek methods of excluding Torrance from the property proposed for annexation to County Water District No. 13.

The other alternate, Remelmeier had said, would be to drop the whole matter, in which case those persons living in Torrance would be asked to help pay off the \$600,000 in bonds it would cost to annex and rehabilitate the water system, although the Torrance residents would receive no benefit.

REMELEYER had stated earlier that the water system as it exists within the city is in good shape and that adequate service could be provided by the city by merely tying the street mains to the adjacent Torrance mains. The cost would be nominal, he indicated.

Excluding the area from the annexation proceedings may take the form of an injunction in which the courts would restrain the county from going ahead with the election, now scheduled for Jan. 5.

A MORE DRAMATIC avenue is available to the city, newsmen were told after Tuesday's meeting. The city could enter a series of litigations which might tie up the question for many months in the courts. However, providing water to those people at the cheapest and fastest rate is the city's concern, one official said.

Torrance officials asked for continuance of the annexation hearing before the Board of

Supervisors last week and asked that the Torrance area be excluded from the proceedings. Both were denied as the board, on Supervisor Burton Chace's recommendation, voted to order the election to annex the entire area now served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2.

REMELEYER expects to have a recommendation ready for the council at its next meeting Tuesday.

In other action, the council instructed City Manager George W. Stevens to "stay on top of" developments in the integration of police and fire departments.

Councilman Robert Jahn said 34 cities had now integrated these departments, and that the American Municipal Assn. (Continued on Page 6)

Trash Fee Changed For City

Changes in the basic charges for rubbish collection service in the city were ordered at a special meeting of the council Monday evening.

Councilmen, meeting at the call of the mayor, approved a plan whereby each establishment in the city—home, apartment, business or industry—would pay a basic rate of \$1 a month, which would entitle them to weekly pickup by city crews of trash and rubbish equal to one 40-gallon container.

Apartment houses, businesses, and industries who contracted with private agencies for the service would still be liable for the \$1 fee according to the proposal.

Those using more than the minimum service will be charged on a sliding scale to be determined by volume and time. Such determination will be made in the field, it was indicated.

Because of the opposition to the fee system raised by several of the city's industrial firms, some of the councilmen indicated Monday night that they had considered dropping the fee and putting the whole thing on the tax bill.

"This would cost some of the larger industries several thousand dollars a year," City Manager George Stevens said when asked what the effect of such a move would have.

The council agreed that the quick, efficient removal of trash, rubbish, cans, and such was a municipal responsibility to the citizens for reasons of health and sanitation.

A private rubbish contractor, who said his firm could do it for the city cheaper than the city does it, was asked to provide the figures to back up his claim. He said he would do a survey, at his own expense, and make the findings available to the council.



SMILES AGAIN . . . Little Debbie Hodges, 4, is pictured at Riviera Hospital Tuesday after she was electrocuted in her home at 21926 Ocean Ave. last Saturday. Neighbors rushed the girl to medical center where doctors opened her chest and massaged her heart until she revived. Mr. and Mrs. James Hodges are the parents of the girl who is rapidly recovering. (Herald photo)

Debbie All Smiles After Near Death

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

Debbie is back from the valley of the shadow of death, and if it were not for the quick thinking of a pair of neighbors and the skill of two physicians, this little four-year-old blond girl would not be smiling up from her hospital bed, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hodges, would not be visiting with their daughter at the Riviera Hospital.

The near-tragedy occurred while Mrs. Sally Hodges, 26, was cleaning the living room in her home at 21926 Ocean Ave. and tiny Deborah was "helping." The mother of four children left the room and went into a bedroom to check in on one of her other daughters. She picked up some clothing, but instead of putting the garments away, was prompted to return immediately to the front room.

"Debbie was standing near the vacuum cleaner and there was a wet mop on the floor," Mrs. Hodges said when recalling the horrible scene that followed. "Suddenly she stiffened, then fell to the floor and lay there still," the mother continued.

"She must have been electrocuted by a short in the vacuum. I didn't know what to do. I must have screamed and then I ran next door calling to Mrs. Eldona Szezyk, who is a nurse," Mrs. Hodges related.

IT WAS THEN that Mrs. Jane Feist, who lives at 21910 Ocean Ave., entered the stage to play a heroic role in helping to save the life of her neighbor's little girl.

Mrs. Feist, who was walking with her twins, Shelli and Robbi and her son, Eddie, had stopped to talk with Arnold Frost, another neighbor. "I

heard Sally scream and saw her run into the house next door. As she had left the door open to her home I ran into the house," Mrs. Feist told the HERALD.

"I SAW LITTLE Debbie lying on the floor and her face was turning blue. I had seen a man die from a heart attack last summer at Disneyland. So, I just picked her up and ran back to the street."

Mrs. Feist then told how she carried the unconscious, and not breathing child over to Frost's car. She was able to get all of her children, except one twin, into the car with Mrs. Hodges and then she directed the driver of the speeding automobile to the Kent Medical Center.

A pediatrician and a surgeon, both wishing to keep their identity anonymous, heard the mother's screams and met Mrs. Feist as she carried Debbie into the building.

THE SURGEON immediately opened the little girl's chest and began to hand massage her heart while the other doctor applied a mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The doctors then carried Debbie across the street to the Riviera Hospital and at the same time kept up the massage and breathing aid.

Hospital officials said the girl was then packed in ice and (Continued on Page 6)

A Penny for your Thoughts

With kids lined up for a block waiting to get into the Stadium Theater in downtown Torrance yesterday — taking advantage of the one-day school holiday — the curious Herald photographer ambled over to ask five of those waiting what their favorite types of movies were and their favorite stars.

All the children questioned, it turned out, attend Harbor City Elementary School. Their answers:

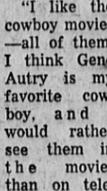
Tim Hamblet, 7:

"Tom Sawyer is my favorite movie, and I like other movies for boys. The boy who plays Tom Sawyer in the movie is my favorite actor." (He didn't know the name).



Steve Hamblet, 9

"I like the cowboy movies—all of them. I think Gene Autry is my favorite cowboy, and I would rather see them in the movies than on television, but they don't have a cowboy movie today."



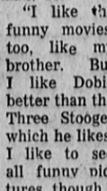
Roy Rineman, 8:

"The funny movies are the ones I like. I don't mean the cartoons. I mean like 'The Three Stooges.' (After pondering over the funny actors he could recall, he decided the Three Stooges also were his favorite actors. Sounds like television influence.)"



Beverly Rineman, 10:

"I like the funny movies, too, like my brother. But I like Dobie better than the Three Stooges which he likes. I like to see all funny pictures, though."



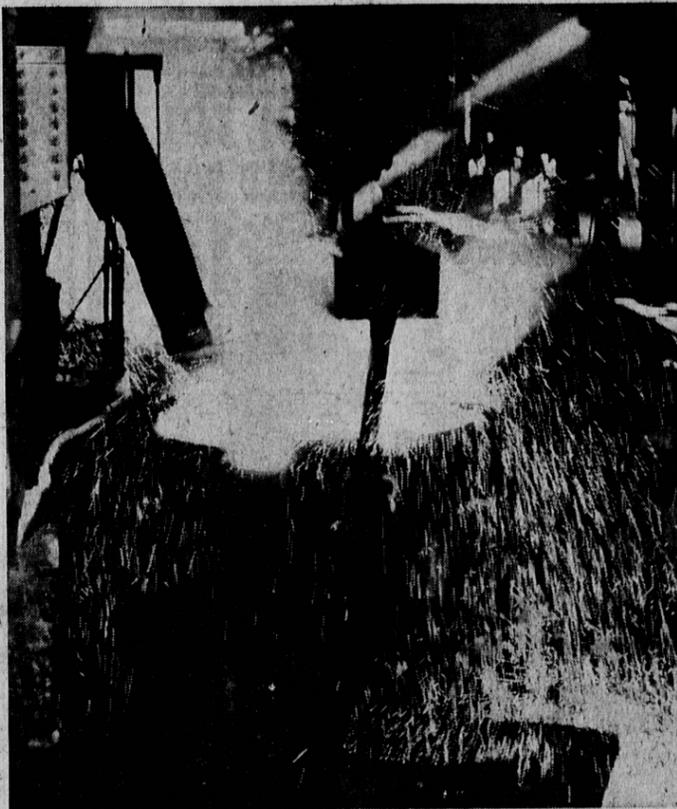
Larry Phillips, 10:

"My favorite movies are the horror movies like 'Frankenstein.' I like the spooky and scary shows and the shows with monsters in them."



Support Growing In Water Election

The Torrance City Council and Torrance Chamber of Commerce are among the more than 92 Los Angeles County groups which have recently endorsed formation of the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District.



HOT AND HEAVY . . . One of the first steel heats is pictured after the furnace was tapped at Torrance's U.S. Steel, Columbia-Geneva Division, Tuesday. Molten metal is flowing from tap hole down runner into ladle. More than 200 workers returned to their jobs following Supreme Court verdict ordering them back on the job. (Herald photo)

Steelworkers Return To Production Lines

Local steelworkers got back on the job this week, tapping the first open hearth furnace at 10:45 Monday in a dramatic resumption of activity at the Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel here.

The first call for men went out Saturday shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court had ordered striking members of the Steelworkers Union back on their jobs under provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The 12-inch rolling mill at

the Torrance plant was started at 8 a.m. Sunday, producing 1/2-inch reinforcing bars, a company official said. About 200 of the plant's 723 employees were on the job Monday.

The 22-inch mill is scheduled to be started at 8 a.m. today and by tomorrow, all of the workers should have been called back, the official reported.

The huge open hearth furnaces required about 14 hours for the first heat, contrasted

to the normal time of 6 1/2 hours. The furnaces were lit Saturday night and the first one charged Sunday night.

The second heat was tapped Monday afternoon.



HOLIDAY PREVIEW . . . Members of the Wok Ka Ne Camp Fire Girls who have volunteered to place Christmas Seal sale promotional materials throughout the business areas of Torrance, get assurance from Mayor Albert Isen that they have his support for the project. Checking with Isen are Lynne Rodner, Mrs. Irving Rodner, and Teresa Record. The campaign will open here Nov. 11 on behalf of the Tuberculosis and Health Assn. (Herald Photo)



DIDN'T HURT MUCH . . . Steve Harvey, Halldale kindergarten student, receives his immunization shots Monday. PTA workers assisted doctor and nurses from the County Health Dept. Triple-T shots are part of City School system health program. (Herald photo)