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CITY SEEKS WATER RIGHTS

Moneta Water Firm's Lines Sought by City

The city of Torrance will undertake eminent domain proceedings to acquire the water rights and service lines of the Moneta Water Co. in the face of reports that the majority stock of the mutual company was purchased last Friday by Dominguez Water Co.

The decision to enter the court action was made at a special meeting of the city council, held yesterday at 9:30 a.m., at the urgent suggestion of City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier and City Finance Officer Jerry Sharfman. Mayor Albert Isen and four council members present voted to instruct Remelmeier to prepare a necessary resolution to be acted upon at another special urgency meeting of the council set for 8 a.m. tomorrow, June 25.

Absent from yesterday's meeting were Councilmen Jay Beasley and Ross Sciarrotta. Member George Vico, abstained from voting because of his connection with the Dominguez company but gave his personal opinion that the city long ago had the opportunity to purchase the company, according to his information, and had failed to do so.

"I think it is a good deal for

Dominguez and would have been a good deal for the city," he remarked.

REMELEMEIER stressed that the city was not interested in acquiring the stock of Moneta which he assumed was valued at \$250 per approximately 1,777 shares outstanding, a majority of which has been held by L. F. Stephenson, secretary-treasurer of the corporation.

"We want only the water rights and distribution lines and it will be eventually shown that the investment will be a good one on the part of the city."

The Moneta company services an area about two miles long and one mile wide, bounded on the north by Artesia, on the south by 190th and on the west by Crenshaw. About half of the land is within Torrance city limits and the balance distributed in Gardena, Los Angeles and county territory.

THE COMPANY serves 1,500 customers and owns five acres of unimproved land. Present rates are about the same as those charged by the city of Torrance.

Present also at the meeting were four members of the Water Commission. Former Mayor Mervin Schwab addressed the meeting and gave it as a personal and not an official opinion that the city was wise in taking the proposed action.

A. E. McVicar, head of the city's water department, gave his opinion that the city could provide Moneta customers improved service and quality although he admitted there had been no recent complaints by Moneta customers.

Team Planner Foresees Many Rapid Changes

Predicting an astounding 41,000 population increase in Torrance by 1970, Allan G. Cooley, assistant to the president of General Telephone Co., spoke before the Torrance Club luncheon meeting Wednesday.

In what the guest speaker described as a "conservative" estimate made by General Telephone, he predicted the population of 153,000 for the city in less than a decade.

Cooley, speaking as a representative of the Southern California Development Team, in making the promise of Torrance progress cited a recent study which pointed out the dynamic 400 per cent growth this city has experienced in the past 12 years.

In suggesting a program for development and growth the speaker reminded the congregation of business and civic leaders that although Torrance's industrial areas comprise over 25 per cent of the city, a figure of more than 3,200 acres only, 65 per cent is presently developed.

Cooley maintained that as Torrance becomes the hub of industry for this region, making up for the scarcity of industrial area in adjoining communities the city will reap the benefits with proper zoning and planning efforts.

"TORRANCE IS fortunate to have a great deal of industrial land and with it goes a great latitude in planning for its development," the speaker said.

Cooley noted that the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has already taken the initial steps in successful city planning "... which is a gathering of data on taxes, education, recreation, planning, marketing information and other fundamental factors upon which your planning can be based."

Altogether with this goes the publication of a basic study which the chamber is in the process of completing.

SECONDLY, Cooley urged the compiling of a comprehensive master plan under the direction of the city planning director. "This plan is necessary for proper land use in your dynamic city and to assure that your future growth

will be orderly and that your community will have a sound economic base."

Schools See 6,000 Hike In Students

One of the major issues in the Sept. 18 school bond election, recently called by the Torrance Board of Education, is whether Torrance children should continue to be on full-day sessions, according to school officials.

The school district will have at least 6,100 new students by 1966, even if no more subdivisions are built or no new children move into town, according to school officials, who anticipate a continuing growth in the number of students enrolled in local schools.

SINCE AN additional 6,100 students would require some 230 new classrooms, failure to provide these classrooms would place more than 12,000 students on double session in 1966, according to Drs. Albert Posner and Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendents in charge of instruction and special services respectively.

At school closing in June, no children were on double session in Torrance as the result of a concerted building drive during the past few years. The school enrollment is about 15 times greater than it was when the district began in 1947.

Reason for the 12,000 students who would be on half-day session would be that double use of the classrooms

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SUSPECTS IDENTIFIED . . . Two suspects wanted in connection with a robbery at Corona del Mar were identified by Torrance detective Joseph Capriotti, who remembered seeing the composite drawings (below) sent out after the robbery. The pair, Gordon Leroy Stroud (also known as Gordon Witten) and Margaret Stroud (also thought to be Joni Vanderpool), were picked up in St. Louis for possession of a sawed-off shotgun. The gun was purchased in Torrance with a no-fund check.

Alert Torrance Detective Helps Catch Two Suspects

A Torrance police detective's good memory has resulted in the apparent solution of a \$10,000 Corona del Mar robbery and possible solution of several others in the Los Angeles area. While working on another case, Detective Joseph Capriotti noticed a similarity between pictures of two suspects and composite drawings he had seen in a similar case.

Picked up in St. Louis, Mo., last week were the two suspects, who gave their names as Margaret Jean Stroud, 34, and Gordon Leroy Stroud, 27. They

were under investigation for violation of the National Firearms Act, since they had a sawed-off shotgun in their possession, according to word received here.

Investigation showed that the gun had been purchased at Certi-Bond Stores in Torrance by a Joni W. Vanderpool, who had paid for the weapon with a no-fund check. She also had written \$500 of worthless checks at other stores in Torrance and this area.

DETECTIVE Capriotti had been investigating the case, and when he saw the picture of the woman being held in St. Louis, he recalled a composite drawing he had seen of two persons wanted for a robbery in Corona del Mar on April 9. When the pictures were sent to Corona del Mar, victims of the robbery identified the Strouds as the pair who held them up, using a sawed-off shotgun.

From pictures, officers concluded that Joni Vanderpool

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Packing? Ideas for Trip Takers Offered

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A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think a friend is?" the Pennies photographer asked persons at the Del Amo Shopping Center.

Jim Sundal, Gardena:

"A friend actually is someone with whom you have common interests and do things with all the time, not just occasionally."



Mrs. Archie Farmer, Hermosa Beach:

"A friend is someone who shares the same ideas and interests. I do not think you necessarily have to have the same opinions. You can be friends with someone you are not with a lot of the time but enjoy when you are with them."

Karen Booth, 5401 Paseo de Pablo:

"I think a friend is someone who is loyal in any situation and in hard times wouldn't turn against you. A true friend maybe you meet once in a lifetime, maybe more."



Mrs. Lorenzo Gomez, Redondo Beach:

"A friend is someone you can depend upon when they are needed. A friend doesn't necessarily depend upon you. He is probably someone you only see occasionally."



PROBLEMS BEGIN . . . Lynn Radford, 16, discovers her problems are already beginning in packing a suitcase. She can not decide what should go along or how to pack it so it will not wrinkle or get dirty. There is a knack to successful packing, and once learned it can save hours of labor. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)



IT WON'T CLOSE . . . There is a place for everything, but everything is definitely not in its place in Lynn Radford's suitcase. The 16-year-old miss finds that force is not the answer and a careful re-packing job will have to be undertaken if she ever hopes to get the top closed. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)



OVERLOADED . . . Everything's finally in the suitcase (almost in at least), but Torrance High senior Lynn Radford runs into a new problem—weight. Far from the road to success, she manages to get the suitcase off the floor, but will wind up dead on her feet if she carries it very long. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)



BACK TO THE BEGINNING . . . Once you have selected clothes, packed the suitcase, and managed to close the lid your problems are still not over as YWCA Leaders Club member Lynn Radford discovers. As she is about to leave, the jammed suitcase rebels, and she must start all over. (Herald Photo by Darrell Maddox)