

Water Firm Dates Back To Historic Land Grant

A Spanish land grant to Juan Jose Dominguez way back in 1790 might almost be called the first official document of the Dominguez Water corp.

The Dominguez Water co., was formed the same years that 3500 acres of the original land grant were sold to Jared Sidney Torrance and associates from which was developed the present City of Torrance.

Today's modern utility corporation started out to supply irrigation water to the agricultural land of the Dominguez estate. Before many years had passed, the wells were providing both irrigation and drinking water to all the neighbors.

Chartered
The Dominguez Water co., was formed in 1911, with a charter of incorporation being

granted to the firm in 1937. Currently serving an area of 26 square miles, the firm's metered subscribers now number over 12,000.

In the last five years the Dominguez Water corp., has added 2500 new customers per year. It has spent \$1 million a year for the last two or three years for expansion of water facilities. An average daily load of 15 million gallons of water passes

through the mains, with a peak summer load of 30 million gallons daily. Residential consumers and major industrial users each account for about half the total pumpage.

Soft Water
The company's subscribers enjoy truly soft water, as all water pumped by the firm comes from deep wells. The firm has a supply of Colorado River water available in case

of emergency through its connections with the West Basin Water district.

Two storage tanks with a combined capacity of 25 million gallons, one located in West Torrance, the other atop Dominguez Hill, are connected with the company's 150 miles of pipeline. The pumping plant is located at the corner of Carson and Alameda sts.

Tradition
T. V. Tallon, general manager and chief engineer of Dominguez Water, has a tradition with the firm. His father, E. P. Tallon, was superintendent and chief engineer until the time of his death in 1943. Corporate officers of the firm are J. P. Bradley, president; V. J. Carson, a descendent of a pioneer California, vice-president; and F. Sheafor, secretary.

Water Firm
Under way now is an industrial expansion covering 1200 acres in the northeast corner of the Dominguez area.

Dominguez Estate co., is the developer. Also represented are the Carson Estate co., Del Amo Estate co., and Watson Land co. Each of the companies represents interests of the six daughter descendants and legatees of the original grantee, Juan Jose Dominguez.

Dominguez was given some 46,000 acres in 1784—a parcel bounded on west and south by the Pacific, on the north by Compton and on the east by Long Beach.

Industries Locate Here
Over \$7 million in new industry has located on the site in the last two years. The site, known as Rancho San Pedro industrial area, is expected to fill up with \$100 million worth of industry, probably most of it within a five-year period. The oil industry accounts for

the major part of present industry, with light manufacturing running a strong second. Warehousing and transportation are also to be found.

Already located on the site are Robertshaw Fulton Controls co.; Battenfeld Grease and Oil corp.; Cross Pacific co.; Vly co.; Paper Products, inc.; National Lead co.; Beckman Lumber co.; General American Transportation corp.; Dean Van Lines; Banner Metals, inc. Others, completed or under construction, include: J. A. Folger & co.; Industrial Tectonics, inc.; J. P. John Furniture co.; Trans-Ocean Van Service; Stanton Lumber co.; Research Welding & Equipment co.; Gough Industries, inc.; and a residential subdivision of 350 homes.

Charles M. Crawford, general manager of the estate company, quotes an authoritative survey which says an industrial plant of 150 employees will support 395 homes, 24 professional men, 6000 acres of farm produce, 22 school rooms and 18 teachers, 33 retail stores with \$500,000 annual sales, 320 automobiles and service for them and a \$2½ million tax valuation.

Boundaries of the Dominguez area are Normandie ave., on the west, the Los Angeles River on the east, Artesia Blvd., on the north and Sepulveda Blvd., on the south.

PFC Re-Enlists For 3 Years

Pfc. John R. Birren, son of Mrs. Alice D. Huddleston, 4833 Carmelyst st., recently re-enlisted for three years in the Regular Army while serving with the 8th Ardnamore Battalion in Germany. Birren, in the Army since De-

Dow Chemical Plastic Plant Employs 90

Along with steel and other types of heavy and light industry the chemical industry plays an important part in the life of Torrance.

In 1952 The Dow Chemical co. decided to expand its activities in Southern California and selected the present site of its plastic plant on Crenshaw Blvd.

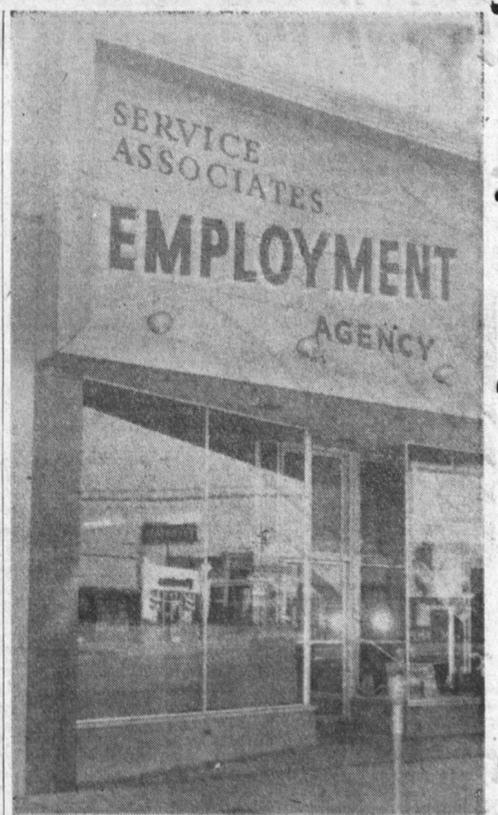
In the beginning the main product was Styron, a styrene polymer plastic material from which many household items, toys and other products are molded.

Since the original plant was built a new product has been added. The plant was expanded for the manufacture of Styrofoam, a Styron base insulating material. This material, a very versatile one, has found many insulation uses, such as for buildings, fruit express cars, low temperature storage and as a base material for floral displays.

There has just been completed a new Plastic Technical Research laboratory to handle customer problems on the West Coast.

At the present time Dow Chemical has approximately 90 employees, most of whom are living in the Torrance area.

December 1955, is a clerk-typist in the battalion's Headquarters Detachment. He arrived in Europe in June 1956 from an assignment at Aberdeen Proving ground, Md.



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Service Associates agency offers service to both employers and employees in trying to find the right job for the person, and the right person for the job.—Press Photo.

Employment Firm Aids In Placement

Jim Carter, local manager of Service Associates agency, 1623 Cravens ave., reports that the response of both employers and employees during the first eight months of operation in Torrance and the surrounding areas has proven far greater than expected.

"There is a great employment market in the area and many employe requisitions are received daily for all types of employes needed by the firms and industry in and around Torrance," Carter said. "People came to us for assistance in securing employment or in making a change. We assume our responsibilities and make every

effort to place the applicant in the best available position during the time we are working with him or her."

Besides the local office, the headquarters office is located in Los Angeles at 520 West 7th st. and another Harbor area office is located in the Ocean Center building at 110 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.

Lex Welling is the manager of the Long Beach branch of Service Associates agency.

Carter and Welling have worked together before in the employment agency business and are experienced in making cooperative efforts in behalf of clients while attempting to place applicants and furnish qualified employes to business and industry.

Carter is assisted in the Torrance office by Mrs. Louise Clare, counselor, and Joan Stack, placement assistant and secretary.



JIM CARTER
Manager-Counselor



JOAN STACK
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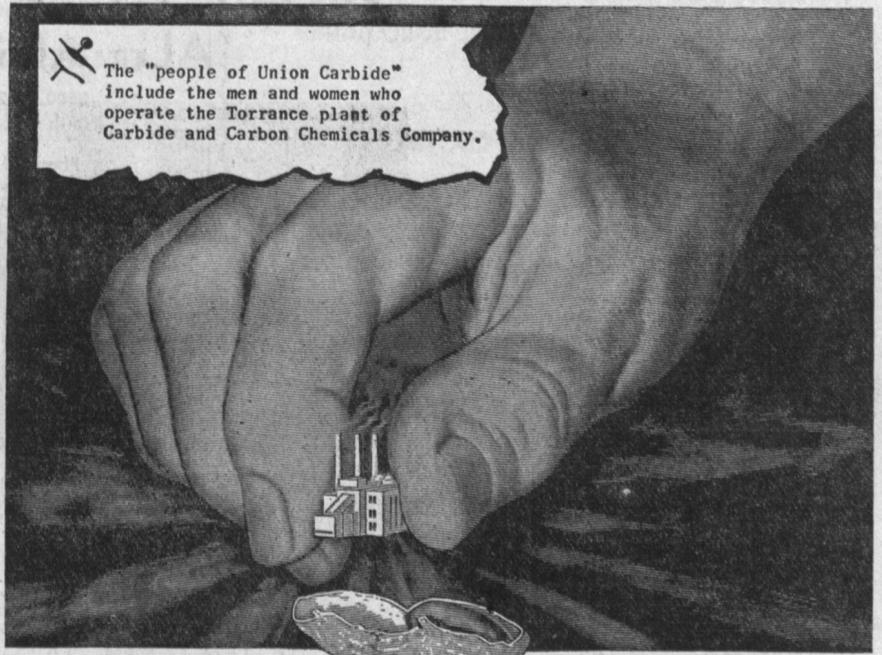
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