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MWD Aqueduct Project is 65 Percent Ready

Construction progress reports received this week in the office of F. E. Weymouth, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District, revealed that the placing of concrete lining has been completed in San Rafael tunnels Nos. 1 and 2 located on the distributing system of the Metropolitan Aqueduct.

With the completion of the lining in these tunnels, progress summaries indicate that more than 104 miles of aqueduct tunnels have been excavated and 95 miles of these have been lined with concrete and completed. The entire aqueduct project is 65 percent completed at the present time.

Known unofficially as the Tri-city tunnels because they are located in the cities of Pasadena, Los Angeles and Glendale, the two bores just completed have a combined length of 9,716 feet and constitute the most westerly work now under construction on the 392-mile aqueduct system.

Ready in 1939

The San Rafael tunnels form an important junction point in the distributing system of the Metropolitan Aqueduct. Pipe lines to be constructed west of the tunnels will carry water to the cities of Glendale, Burbank, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica. Diverted south from a point in Eagle Rock Canyon, between the two tunnels, aqueduct water will be carried through another line to the cities of Los Angeles, Compton, Torrance and Long Beach.

Bids were opened yesterday for the construction of the first 18 miles of the latter line, which will serve as the western cross-feed of the distributing system. Work on this feature will probably be started within the next thirty days.

Stretching clear across the state, the aqueduct will carry a billion gallons of Colorado River water a day to the 13 Southern California cities that comprise the Metropolitan Water District. Progress records indicate that the system will be put into operation in 1939.

Claim Erroneous Report Circulated

Circulation of a "dodger" about the picket lines surrounding the San Jacinto section of the Metropolitan Water District that purported to report this city's council was on record as having "instructed" C. T. Rippey, Torrance representative on the M.W.D. directorate to vote for negotiations with the striking C.I.O. union was reported to Rippey this week by Superintendent Weymouth.

"He told me that copies of the circular were distributed among the strikers and asked me if the statement was true," Rippey said. "I told Mr. Weymouth that the city council had taken no formal action on the request made August 24 by representatives of the strikers. All of us desire a settlement of the controversy but the council here did not indicate it desired to take any steps to conflict with the directors' stand on the matter."

100 Give Up Strike

The M.W.D. directorate has made clear, Rippey pointed out, in a letter to all employees of the District its decision relative to recognition of the C.I.O. union and its demands for a "closed shop." This letter states that as a governmental organization, the District could not and would not recognize any one group as the sole bargaining agency for employees of the District.

This city's director stated that he was informed Tuesday that 100 strikers had voluntarily returned to work this week and that more than 500 were regularly employed on the job affected by the walk-out. Rippey said he understood that union representatives had appeared before the city councils of Glendale, Burbank and Santa Monica, making statements similar to those expressed at the local meetings.

Seek Permanent Ban

The labor controversy took a new turn Tuesday when James

Labor Day Next Monday 43 Years Old in U. S.; City to Observe Holiday

Next Monday's Labor Day holiday will find this city observing with the rest of the nation the 43rd holiday. Both banks, nearly every business firm, all city and county offices, public library and The Herald will remain closed from Saturday afternoon or evening to Tuesday morning. The Beacon, RB Cut Rate and Alcorn's drug stores will remain open to serve the public.

There will be no general public observance of the holiday here, although the Townsend club of the district will hold a picnic-meeting at the city park and the Catholic Church of the Nativity will stage its mammoth barbecue and entertainment Sunday and Monday at Royal Palms Park near San Pedro.

Some Labor Day Firsts

The first trade union in Los Angeles county was formed in 1862 by a small band of printers. Thirteen years later, in 1875, Printers' Local No. 174, now the oldest trade union, was granted its charter. The first Labor Day parade in the county was held in 1892, following a short meeting at Labor Hall at First and Los Angeles streets. Twelve trade unions were in the line of march.

The labor organization movement in the United States began 28 years after the landing of the Mayflower (1620) when the shoemakers in Boston, organized in 1648, calling themselves the Sons of St. Christopher, after their patron saint, the sandal maker who was converted and martyred in the 8th century. The avowed purpose of labor

organizations at that time was to keep inferior workmen out of the so-called trade guilds. In the 1820-1830 decade the factory system started in the United States. Trade unionism for the first time brought forth newspaper comment in 1827 in connection with the organization of the Mechanics Union of Trade Associations in Philadelphia. Other organizations of a similar sort followed. It was not until 1834, however, that the pioneer national organization was formed. This was the National Trades Union which met in convention in New York City. About this time labor organizations began working for shorter hours.

Created National Holiday

Six years later, in 1840, President Martin Van Buren fixed a 10-hour work day in the U. S. Navy yards. In 1868 the government established an 8-hour day on all public works. Illinois in 1887 fixed the first regulatory work day in private industry. In the middle 1890's the 8-hour day became general.

The National Trades Union is the progenitor of the Knights of Labor of the later 1870's, which soon developed into the American Federation of Labor. Labor Day was inaugurated by the Knights of Labor who held the first parade in New York in 1882.

Colorado was the first state to establish Labor Day as a holiday. This was March 15, 1887. Seven years later, in 1894, Congress by official act made the first Monday in September each year a national holiday.

Coordinating Council Heads 2-Day Barbecue Meet Here; Renew Drive

A meeting which received almost no advance publicity but nevertheless was of great importance to thousands of families in communities from El Segundo and Inglewood south and west down the coast to the Orange county line was held in the city courtroom here Monday afternoon.

More than 30 keenly interested men and women attended the session which was the first gathering of community Coordinating Councils in Districts 4 and 6. They were brought together by Kenneth J. Scudder, county probation officer and president of the county's councils to consider a concerted attack on anything which menaces the welfare of children. They represented 14 Councils in the two districts and reaffirmed their stand of cooperating with any community group for the reduction of child delinquency.

Torrance was represented at the session by Vernon Coll, chairman of the local Coordinating Council, and H. W. Slover, one of its most ardent workers. In addition to President Scudder's informative talk on problems facing child welfare activities in Los Angeles county, the group heard Kenneth S. Beam of Los Angeles, report on his national survey for the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. Heman Stark, a deputy in the county probation office, who is also manager of the Los Angeles County Councils, also spoke.

Form Year's Program

They declared that by the mutual exchange of informal comments and desirable improvements in the hands of groups best fitted to carry out the policies to better child welfare that the movement, which began some 17 years ago, will steadily progress.

Such matters as finances, dates of Council meetings, speakers and general dissemination of information of the purpose of combatting physical, moral and mental delinquencies were discussed at the Monday gathering.

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Where Oil Is, There's Torrance Local Firms Help Increase U.S. Exports

Into the far corners of the earth where white, black, yellow and brown men are piercing the earth's crust for oil goes a constant stream of products "Made in Torrance."

They are working in steaming jungles, sun-baked deserts and along sea-girt coral islands, working with equipment which came from the manufacturing lathes and machines manned by Torrance workers.

This was shown by a check of exports of oil equipment by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The shipment of tools and oil drilling or refining facilities to new fields in the far corners of the earth is setting a fast pace as local industries strive to keep up with the foreign demand.

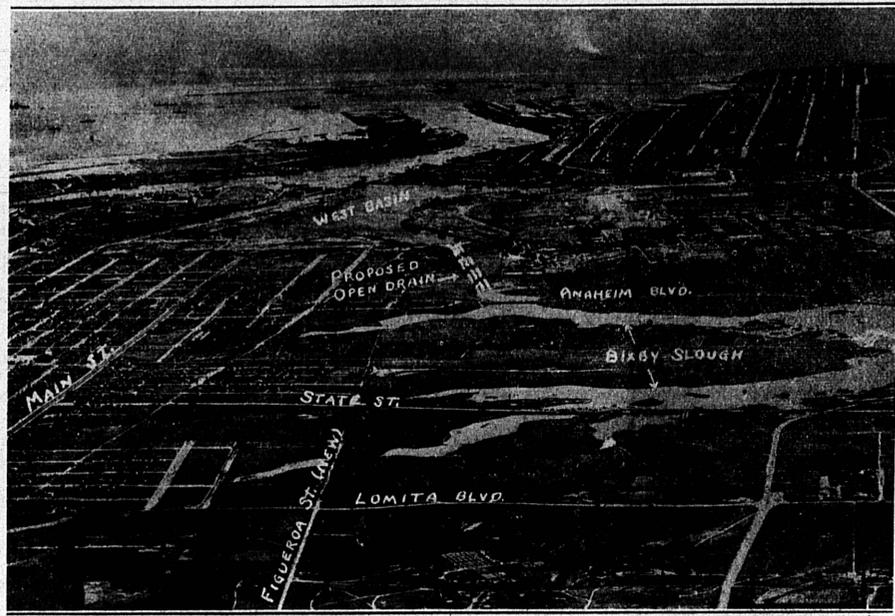
The National Supply company

and the International Derrick and Equipment company are leaders in this foreign trade business here, while other local firms are also contributing a sizeable share of the business being done abroad.

Shipments to Persia, Dutch East Indies, North Africa, Japan, Straits, Settlements and India are routine affairs with the local factories. Likewise they are sending products regularly to Kuwait, Arabia; Iran, England, Sweden, Belgium, and South American and Central American countries, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

The increasing exports from Los Angeles harbor are in line with export gains from the U. S., as a whole which, according to the Department of Commerce figures, have increased some 81 percent over last year.

Men of Vision Seek Reclamation of Bixby Slough for Dual Purpose



The above photo, with the proposed open drain shown in the center by dotted lines, gives a graphic presentation of the Andreani-Leonard drainage and utilization plan for Bixby Slough. The location of the area is defined from the street names on the photo. The water areas shown are wider in extent today than the photo, which was taken several months ago, depicts as those who traveled along State street and Anaheim know.

2-Day Barbecue Major Harbor District Event

All preparations are being completed this week for the Harbor District's major Labor Day holiday event, the barbecue and entertainment sponsored by the Torrance Catholic church at the Royal Palms park near San Pedro, next Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6. Arrangements have been made to feed more than 5,000 persons during the afternoons from 12:00 to 4 o'clock.

Huge-Dutch ovens have been installed at the seaside park and the work of pan-barbecuing 3,000 pounds of choice beef will begin before dawn next Sunday. Assemblyman Godfrey Andreas of Upland, famed as a barbecue chef for 30 years, will be in charge of converting the meat into succulent slices large enough to suit the most ravenous.

Besides the barbecued portion of the meal there will be other items on the menu and sandwiches will be served all day and evening. The entire park will be used for the two-day event and there will be a wide variety of entertainment, including dancing, strolling musicians, country store, various refreshment booths and special attractions. All proceeds from the affair will be used for the construction of a new church in Torrance.

Drainage Plan Before County's Flood Control Engineer Now

Visionaries who had their ideas for the development of Southern California based on hard-earned technical knowledge and were not prompted by dream-projects derived from "get-rich-quick" promotion schemes have given the Southland impetus for its present enviable position as a residential and industrial locale.

Such men as William Mulholland, creator of the Los Angeles aqueduct from Owens Valley; Collis P. Huntington who thrust the Southern Pacific along its iron trails; Frank Vanderlip, developer of Palos Verdes; Dr. Robert Milliken, famed scientist of Cal Tech; the men who conceived the idea of securing an inexhaustible supply of water via the Metropolitan Water District and our own Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of this city, are responsible for the Southland's progress.

Now comes two others, men well-known in this community, whose indefatigable efforts to enhance the industrial development of the Harbor District may, in time to come, give them places beside those men of vision who have already seen their dreams come true. They are Frank R. Leonard, Torrance City engineer, and F. M. Andreani, former Los Angeles Harbor commissioner, and their idea is already on the way toward eventual realization.

Outlet Thru West Basin

Leonard has offered an engineering plan for the drainage of Bixby Slough, that wasteland in the midst of industrial activity.

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Chest Sponsors Have Fine Record In Charity Work

For 15 years—from 1922 to the present time—the Torrance Community Service Association has been dispensing funds contributed during the annual Torrance Community Chest drive without one cent for overhead or administrative expenses. Today, the 1937 Chest campaign got under way with the objective of \$1,500 sought for strictly local welfare and relief purposes during the next twelve months.

This splendid record of service without expense was stressed by Sam Levy, who is again serving as campaign director. He was re-appointed Monday by the association after all officers were likewise re-elected. They are: Henry Lintott, assistant superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant, president; Wallace Post, vice-president; C. Earl Conner, treasurer, and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary. Directors are Sherwood McIntyre, C. T. Rippey, R. R. Smith and Levy.

Where Money Goes

"Our own Community Chest organization naturally takes great pride in its 15-year record of using every cent donated by local residents, business firms and industries for actual welfare or charity," Levy declared. "This is a record unequalled by

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Seeks Greater Port



F. M. ANDREANI would transform morass

PREVENT FIRE DAMAGE

A grass fire which started from flames spreading from an incinerator was extinguished by the fire department at the rear of 2371 Maricopa Place Tuesday afternoon before any damage was done.

DYER DOOM PRONOUNCED

Staring blankly ahead, Albert Dyer heard his doom pronounced Tuesday when Superior Judge White sentenced him to death for the murder of three Inglewood girls. The former WPA crossing guard was condemned on each of the three verdicts returned against him last Thursday morning. A few minutes before, Judge White ruled against a motion for a new trial, made by Dyer's public defender.

In sentencing the slayer, the court ordered him transferred to the death house at San Quentin within 10 days. There he will await the State Supreme Court's review of his case, an automatic procedure under a new law. Sheriff's officers are not announcing the time they will drive Dyer north.

Hundreds of Boys Build Cars for Derby Races

Plans for the Harbor District Soap Box Derby community elimination and final races were advanced during the past week in every section to be represented in the Oct. 2 event on Sepulveda boulevard west of Hawthorne avenue. The community elimination meets are scheduled for Sept. 25 and the last date for boys to enter their home-made cars is Sept. 18. Here are some of the late news-notes on the Derby:

A section has been added to the final race because the American Legion Post, No. 187, of Palos Verdes, arranged to hold its finals with the climax races to be held here a month from today.

The Gardena Legion post also agreed to sponsor an elimination race in that community, the winners to come here for a chance at the grand prizes.

San Pedro's elimination races are set for 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Sept. 25.

Get Rules At Once!

Three Lomita merchants will donate worthwhile prizes to go to that community's winners in the joint elimination races to be held at the main course here for boys from that community, Torrance, Harbor City and Welteria.

The donors, according to H. H. Halladay, member of the Soap Box Derby committee, are Shanks Hardware company, Ray Townsend, barber, and the Frock Cut-Rate drug store.

John Ramsay, Lomita Boy Scout worker, is circulating among Scouts in that community to create interest in the Derby and will oversee the building of "cars" there. Boys must build their own machines, however.

Rules for the construction of the Derby scooters may be obtained from The Herald office, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Shanks store and H. H. Halladay, Lomita. Christenson's garage in Harbor City and W. K. Adolph's garage in Welteria.

Gardena Boy Wins

Jack Vales of Gardena won the first community semi-finals of the Harbor District event last Saturday at Palos Verdes when his home-made car flashed across the finish line ahead of 13 other contenders. Vales, together with Charles Doss of Redondo Beach, runner-up in the Palos Verdes hill race event.

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Tax Bills \$5.08; Up 47 Cents

With the county board of supervisors' approval of the Los Angeles city school tax of \$1.70, 33 cents higher than last year, and the fixing of the county levy at \$1.41, 14 cents more than 1936-37, this week, taxpayers in Torrance and elsewhere thruout the county and school district could figure up how much they'll contribute to governmental and educational units come November.

"That they'll furnish a greater amount of revenue than ever before was a certainty; that the total tax load of \$5.08 per \$100 assessed valuation reached a new high was a fact and that the only "relief" was provided for those who are "on the county" is clearly seen in figures now available.

The new levies show an increase of 50 cents per \$100 assessed valuation offset by only two reductions—one cent on the Torrance municipal tax on property within the original city limits and two cents on the Sanitation District No. 5 levy.

Comparisons Given

The major increase of the net gain in taxes, which was 47 cents, is attributed to the Los Angeles city school district, whose levy is \$1.70 as compared with last year's \$1.37—33 cents greater.

Here are the tax comparisons:

	1937-38	1936-37
County	\$1.41	\$1.27
School	1.70	1.37
City	1.10	1.11
Flood Control	.20	.20
M.W.D.	.40	.37
Sanitation	.27	.29

A few hours before the official "deadline," the county board of supervisors adopted a county budget which totaled \$27,715,325 Monday and thus ended a financial controversy of several months. The county tax rate for 1937-38 is \$1.41, an increase of 14 cents over last year's levy of \$1.27.

Transfer Is Blocked

The new rate must raise \$32,480,916 for county expenses. Seventy-three cents of the levy will be drawn for charities and institutions as against 57 cents last year for the same purpose. Sixty-eight cents will be devoted to other county services as compared with 64 cents charged in 1936-37.

Two votes blocked the supervisors Monday from transferring drainage districts thruout the county to the jurisdiction of the County Flood Control District under new enabling acts adopted by the last legislature.

The County Flood Control District tax remains at 20 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, the same as last year.

Form "Cash Reserve"

Members of the Los Angeles city school board completed their budget preparation early this week and fixed that expense account at \$4,905,911, which is \$8,296,258 more than last year's budget of \$34,609,658. They pointed out, in extenuation of this increase, that \$1,175,000 of the 1937-38 budget goes into a "cash reserve" which will not be spent during the year.

This reserve is to be built up for 1938-39 expending to finance the schools thru the period from July to December when the state funds and school tax revenues are forthcoming. In the past the schools have had to tap its future funds to meet bills during that "in-between" period, the board explained.

It should be remembered by taxpayers grimly studying the tax total comparisons that the county has had to undertake greater obligations this year because of new acts passed by the state legislature. These measures virtually saddled the board of supervisors with a great amount of extra expense which had to be obtained from tax assessments.

Water Tax Equalized

Savings are expected in the coming months in several departments because of the Bureau of Efficiency's recent recommendation.

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