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COUNTY COUNSEL KENNEDY OUTLINES PROCEDURE TO FORM WEST BASIN WATER DISTRICT

What can the people of the West Basin do to assure adequate water for the future?

That seems to be the \$84 question hereabouts these days. Reports of unbiased engineers show tumbling ground-water levels and salt water intrusion along the coastal plain.



HAROLD W. KENNEDY

Vanderlip Files Portuguese Bend Fun Pier Plans

A war department permit to construct a 480-foot long pleasure pier at Portuguese Bend is being sought by Pales Ypresa Corp. in an application filed with the U. S. engineer office in Los Angeles.

The pier would be from 14 to 20 feet wide with a deck 23 feet above low tide. It would extend approximately 370 feet seaward of the high tide line. The site is about 800 feet northeast of Inspiration Point.

Kelvin C. Vanderlip, president of the corporation, said that the proposed development is "just an idea and we will not know whether we will build it or not until we have secured figures as to how much it will cost."

He also pointed out that the project is contingent on war department approval and also on obtaining civilian production administration approval for materials.

If built, the pier would cater to fishing boats, he said.

Plans of the corporation, it was disclosed, contemplate eventual development of the 14-mile ocean frontage owned by the company.

The army engineer office announced it will receive any objections to the pleasure pier project up to 11 a. m. today at its headquarters, 751 S. Figueroa st., Los Angeles.

Torrance School Admits 54 Pupils On Waiting List

Some 54 kindergarten children, relegated last week to a Torrance elementary school "waiting list," were able to start their studies Monday as the school took on an extra teacher and two new classes. Principal Bernard J. Strand reported.

In order to accommodate a total of 115 kindergarteners it was necessary to conduct two morning and two afternoon classes, instead of one of each such as were held last year with about half the present enrollment, Strand said.

Mrs. Emma T. Burgess was transferred from first grade for this purpose, he said, and Mrs. Elizabeth Slocum taken on as a first grade substitute.

With the 54 now able to attend, Strand reported that "as far as I know, there are no more pupils on the waiting list."

Peterson Warns Strip Merchants Of License Date

Walter C. Peterson, Los Angeles City Clerk, this week warned strip merchants that license fees which must be paid by all persons engaged in any occupation, trade, profession, other means of livelihood, and an independent contractor, are due on or before the last day of October.

A penalty of ten percent will be added to all licenses remaining unpaid at that time, and a five percent additional penalty will be added each month thereafter until a fifty percent fine has accrued.

BURGLARY VICTIM

Fred Hopkins, 1514 Engracia ave., Saturday was the victim of a burglar at his home, according to police records, which revealed a portable radio and clothing stolen by the thieves, who entered through a screen of a rear French window. No estimate was given as to the amount of the loss.

DEER KILL

Many bucks are reported to have been taken in the lower foothills of Placer County. The Red Mountain area offers excellent hunting.

Sentiment is rapidly crystallizing among far-seeing citizens for a concerted and dynamic program on the part of the entire West Basin that will remedy the situation before the worst happens.

"In effect," says B. K. Richardson, of Inglewood, chairman of the West Basin Municipal Water District Campaign Committee, "we are in a race against time."

Fortunately the way is yet open to win the race. Nor is it too complex nor will it take too long in Los Angeles City.

In an outline of procedure for the formation of a municipal water district, prepared as the request of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, Kennedy sets forth the A.B.C.'s of the remedy.

One advantage of these steps is that they already have been successfully used by other formerly semi-arid communities in Southern California to solve their water problems. Thus the West Basin, when it begins to act, will have experience and precedent to go by.

In brief, according to Kennedy, citizens of the West Basin will have to take the following action to form a municipal water district:

1. Obtain signature of 10 percent of the qualified electors of each city to be included in the proposed district, and the total signatures must be at least 10 percent of the qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the proposed district, based on the number of such who voted for governor at last 1942 general election.

2. Petition must set forth proposed boundaries and ask that district be incorporated under municipal water district act of 1911.

3. Publication of petition and check of signatures.

4. Notice of election which must be held within 90 days after petition is presented to County Board of Supervisors.

5. Canvass of vote by Board of Supervisors.

6. If proposition is carried, certificate of adoption is filed with Secretary of State and County Recorder.

7. Election by electors of five directors of district which will be divided into five divisions, equalizing population as nearly as possible, without dividing any city.

With the Municipal Water District formed and its directors chosen, the district would then be in a position to study and recommend one of several sources of supplemental water supply for West Basin. It is probable that the people will also have the opportunity to express their wishes at another election with regard to the source of water supply recommended by the Board of Directors.

According to a schedule prepared by Kennedy the entire action could be accomplished in 10 months, and with expedition might be completed in a minimum of four months. In either case, the program as outlined would be one way to solve permanently the water problem of the West Basin.

National Letter Writing Week To Be Observed

National Letter Writing Week, Oct. 13 to 19, will afford an opportunity to promote and encourage the art of letter writing.

It is hoped that through the reduction in the Air Mail rate to 5c, National Letter Writing Week will assume a greater importance than ever—that more than ever peoples' lives shall be enriched and ennobled by the most useful of all the arts, letter writing.

Although a letter is considered an investment in bountiful good fortune which returns a thousandfold all that is given, a timely suggestion will serve to remind all of the enrichment that is to be shared in letter writing.

Policemen, Navy Vets Reenlist At Old Ratings

"You're in the Navy now," said Lt. Cdr. L. C. Borden to seven Torrance policemen and one fireman last Friday afternoon. And he wasn't kidding, either.

Taking advantage of the opportunity to reenlist in grade in the Naval reserve, Officers Thornberry, Tolson, Friberg, Bennett, Benton, Cook and Barnett and Engineer Walter West were sworn in at a special ceremony in front of the Torrance police station.

Lt. Cdr. Borden, who is recruiting officer for the 46th division, was assisted by CMO MM J. C. Brown of 2313 Eldorado st., Torrance; CSM C. A. Darrow of 2069 220th st., Torrance, and CY J. P. K. Matthews.

By reenlisting, the eight men were enabled to retain their rates with the possibility of advancing in grade through study and attendance, at meetings. Also, by going to these assemblies, held Tuesday nights at 1447 16th st., Santa Monica, the men earn a day's pay at their regular rating scale.

Reenlistees under which the group are reenlisted are: Willard Barnett, sp (S) 1/c; Percy Bennett, sp (S) 2/c; Larry Benton, CM 1/c; Carmel Cook, GM 1c; Karl Friberg, sp (S) 1/c; Adrian Thornberry, sp (S) 1/c; Curtis Tolson, CSp (S) and Walter West, Ph M 1/c.

Tax-Deeded Land To Be Auctioned In L. A. Monday

Buyers looking for bargains in land will get their big moment next Monday, Oct. 21, when about 1500 parcels of tax-deeded property will be sold at public auction. Offering will be made at the County Tax Collector's office, Hall of Justice, Los Angeles.

About 1,000 parcels of the land are in San Fernando Valley and 500 scattered elsewhere in the county. Supervisor Raymond V. Darby warned prospective buyers to learn what, if any direct lien bonds are against the property as such liens may not be discharged by transfer of the property.

A complete list of the parcels is obtainable at the County Tax Collector's office, Room 156, Hall of Justice.

Reporting on previous tax sales September 16 to 23, County Tax Collector H. L. Byram recently disclosed that 1013 parcels of tax-deeded property brought a total of \$310,047.20, or \$286,456.21 over the minimum bid. This represented 321.38 per cent of the minimum bid and 190.42 percent of the 1945 assessed value of the property offered.

CUB SCOUT TROOP TO GET CHARTER TOMORROW NIGHT

Official presentation of its charter to Cub Pack 228-C will be made by Neighborhood Commissioner C. Hazzard tomorrow night at the Methodist church.

Cubmaster Clyde Cain, announcing the ceremony urged all members and parents to be present for the meeting, beginning at 7 o'clock, as Cub membership cards are now ready for distribution.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Torrance Area Democratic club will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the C.I.O. Hall, 1318 Border ave., President B. H. Lingenfelter announced Monday.

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