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Water Pipe For North Torrance System Arrives

Water pipe and meters for the first installation of the North Torrance water system has arrived, and construction will start in the near future, according to Water Superintendent William Stanger.

The first construction will be along Crenshaw blvd. from 190th st. to serve several new subdivisions.

The City Council adopted a scale of rates for service in the North Torrance system, Tuesday night.

WAIT ON CURB
Wait on the curb until the "go" signal permits safe crossing of intersections. Walkers who venture into the street prior to signal change are inviting personal disaster.

Early Industrial Development Of Torrance Told By D. S. Faulkner

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sonnel employed in the Los Angeles works transferred their activities to Torrance, and it gives me a great deal of pleasure and pride to state that a number of those boys who made the move with us in 1912 are still employed by the company and are with us tonight.

Old Timers
"If you will pardon me, I would like to ask the boys whom I have just mentioned and who are seated at table 37, to stand up for just a moment so that you may all see what a Torrance pioneer really looks like. The length of service of these boys extends up to a 45-year period.

"They are:
"Reese James, Walter Moll, Fred George, Thomas Lewis, Edward Timbs, Ben Hannebrink and R. R. Smith.

"Approximately 260 employees made the move at that time and a great many of them were desirous of making their homes in the new community, which then was given the name of Torrance after Mr. J. S. Torrance, a prominent Los Angeles financier and one of the organizers of the Dominguez Land Company.

"During 1913 the town site was being laid out with miles of streets, sidewalks, curbs and sewers, and also three large rooming houses with space for retail business establishments on the ground floor, as well as a depot, but, to give a typical example of the fact that history repeats itself, the housing situation presented the same difficulties then as we are faced with today. Many of the employees had selected homesites, but the building of the homes lagged very far behind the progress made in the building of the manufacturing facilities. In fact, dissatisfaction had reached such a critical stage that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Union Tool Company was called for the sole purpose of presenting the situation to the Dominguez Land Company in a relatively uncomplimentary manner.

Homes Needed
"When manufacturing did get under way, only three or four homes had been completed—all of them being occupied by the following employees of Union Tool Company in the order of their moving in: Messrs. L. Garretson, John B. Smith, Dick Smith and Clinton Northrup. Dick Smith, whom most of you know, is with us tonight at table 18.

"Needless to say, many of the problems always faced by pioneers in any new venture had to be overcome. The organization of a fire department was one of the first civic activities, and a perusal of recent issues of the Torrance Herald would indicate that the fire department problem is still with us—especially as it pertains to the proper housing of same. However, in those days it is my understanding that employees of the department paid for the privilege of belonging, instead of being on the city payroll.

"The westerly winds, which in summertime generally keep the temperature of Torrance from 5 to 10 degrees below that of our neighboring city of Los Angeles, were a great nuisance in those early days as they carried large quantities of sand from unexcavated plots of land directly into our machine tools, necessitating an unusual amount of maintenance work, but on the other hand, these vacant fields provided some of the best crops of mushrooms anywhere obtainable, and harvesting this crop provided the principal noon hour diversion.

"It wasn't long afterwards that Torrance started hitting its stride and numerous corporations, including Kiewit Iron Works and Pacific Electric Rail, saw the advisability of locating in the new industrial area with its convenient harbor facilities and other lines of transportation.

"Shortly after the Torrance plant was completed, Union Tool Company, in direct contrast to the present day trend, expanded their activities to a plant in West Chicago, Illinois, and a little later on to another one at Carnegie, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh. Today the trend is the other way, and our eastern friends are approaching the advisability of extending their activities from the east to the west.

"We sometimes have to marvel at the foresight displayed by our directors back in 1911 when they decided to go in debt and build a new plant where they did.

"Since December 1912 products made here in Torrance have been sent to every oil producing country in the entire world and, in fact, at the present moment representatives of our plant are in Venezuela, Argentina and Arabia—so the name of Torrance has been widely advertised the world over.

"To show our appreciation to those early pioneers, it might be stated, from 1913 to the present day, approximately \$9,500,000 in additional monies have been expended in buildings, tools and equipment, not taking depreciation into account, and even since the end of the war we have been allocated over a million and a half dollars for plant improvements, ex-

250,000 TROUT TO BE PLACED IN BIG BEAR LAKE

The Big Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce has announced that it will stock the lake with 250,000 trout. Total cost was set at \$20,000.

The project will not affect the planting of fish in the lake by the State Fish and Game Commission.

tensions, etc., at our present site.

"And finally, as representing the oldest industrial concern in this district, I am happy to salute and extend a sincere welcome to our new neighbors who are moving into a community that has overcome all its earlier growing pains and is now blessed with churches, schools, beautiful homes and parties, business establishments, transportation in all its varieties, and which has also been blessed by some of the bounties of nature—such as earthquakes and oil."

USE LOWER BEAM

Lower your headlights when closely following other motorists, as well as for cars approaching in the opposite direction. High headlight beams are not only annoying, but are a distinct hazard. It is a matter of common courtesy which each motorist may easily extend to others driving the highways at night.

INDIAN EDUCATION

The first systematic attempt to educate the American Indian was made by John Elliot in 1846. Elliot learned the language of the tribes, translated the Bible into this language and had copies of it printed on the first printing press set up in the United States.

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