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PUMPS LOWER WATER LEVEL AT WALTERIA

Stagnant water surrounding at least half a dozen homes near the Walteria lake section of West Torrance has lowered more than half a foot through efforts of city crews working with large capacity portable pumps, George Stevens, city manager, has revealed.

Two pumping machines have been running eight hours a day since last week-end and a considerable drop in the water level is evident. Most of the five flooded-out homes are again habitable.

Water is being discharged through an irrigation system on the Conner's farm where it is allowed to seep back into parched underground water reservoirs.

The pumps are forcing more than 500 gallons per minute into spray nozzles which spread the water evenly over the surface of the ground for percolation underground.

George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense, advised this week that the pump plan has been the most successful method attempted so far in bringing relief to the drowned area. A 30-foot dry well was dug not far from the edge of the hundred-acre swamp, but little water seeped into the opening.

Powell said that Health Department officials have made a complete check of the stagnant waters and state that it is not disease-laden, as former reports have hinted.

Also, he said, reports that residents of the area are to receive special inoculations are unfounded.

Although the water level has been reduced greatly, no complete drainage of the area

Strike Looms

The Union and the steel companies have agreed to meet in collective bargaining conferences during the next 48 hours to attempt to negotiate a settlement in the light of the Wage Stabilization Board recommendations.

"These, it is to be hoped, provide a method for averting a strike in steel.

"The steelworkers have followed this lengthy procedure at the request of the President, in the national interest, and through the only agency established and competent to handle these complex problems. And now, Chas. E. Wilson, if he has been correctly quoted, has summarily stated that the WSB recommendations threatened the country's stabilization program—thereby seeking to undermine the Board's own finding that its recommendations were clearly consistent with stabilization policy.

"Mr. Wilson does not know the issues; he does not understand them; and his only knowledge of the issues comes from the steel corporation executives, who summoned him to New York for a hastily briefing session.

"By his statement Mr. Wilson has: (1) attempted to wreck the entire Wage Stabilization program by summarily dismissing the findings and the recommendations of the WSB. (2) created a situation in which no self-respecting union would consent to bring any dispute before the WSB for extensive consideration of its merits; only to have Chas. E. Wilson—a self-proclaimed big business man—attempt to reverse the decision without regard to the merit. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is clear that no constructive purpose can be served by attendance at a meeting with Mr. Wilson at which—in accordance with his prior biased and uninformed judgment of the issues—he will attempt to set aside the findings of the WSB in favor of an industry dictated arrangement.

"Accordingly the United Steelworkers will attend no such meeting with Mr. Wilson. In accordance with our commitments to the President and the WSB, we shall enter collective bargaining discussions with the steel companies in the next 48 hours in the strong hope that a fair and equitable agreement may be reached before April."

s/ PHILIP MURRAY
President

Disabled Veteran Dies from Gun Wound in Head

A thirty-five-year-old disabled war veteran was shot through the head with a .22 caliber rifle apparently while working in the garage at the rear of his home, 902 Hickory Ave., Tuesday afternoon.

Bevoe Miller, who was found lying on the garage floor beneath the gun by his wife, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

Mrs. Miller told Police Capt. W. H. Haslam and Officer R. E. Walker that her husband had been ill for the last three days and despondent, but that he had never contemplated suicide, to her knowledge.

Police report that the rifle was hanging on a nail over the work bench where Miller was working. They theorized that if he had reached for the weapon it could have been discharged accidentally.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Stone and Myers chapel. Miller was employed at Air-Research.

FIREMEN ROUTED BY EMPTY HOUSE FIRE

A fire in an abandoned house on Sepulveda Blvd. west of Hawthorne Ave. did little more than give the Fire Department a workout early Tuesday morning. Fire Department records show.

Firemen from Station 2, commanded by Capt. Neal Whitney, confined the blaze to a portion of one wall in a kitchen. No estimate of the damage was made.

Located on the Ellinwood Estate, the house has been vacant for some time, Whitney said.

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Former Official Honored by BE As Names Chosen

A former Board of Education president known as the "father" of the Torrance Unified School District was honored by members of the present board Tuesday night when an elementary school to be constructed soon was named for him.

Dr. Howard Wood, who reportedly had more to do with the unification of the school district here and the withdrawal from the Los Angeles system than any other individual, will have his name posted on a new elementary school soon to be built at 235th St. near Narbonne Ave.

Proposed by William Tolson and seconded by Dr. Rollin Smith, the newest members on the board, the name was approved by all of the members.

Other names chosen were the Alondra School, for a new elementary plant at 168th St. near Yukon and Crenshaw Aves.; Ocean Ave. School, 230th St. near Ocean Ave., Walteria, and Arlington School, at the Downie School site in North Torrance.

Tidwell

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for years.

"Albert Isen, (third man on the TUP ticket), a prominent Torrance attorney, has for a long time owned a liquor store under union contract and has been a friend of organized labor," Tidwell told his clerks.

However, things were not always so "friendly" between Isen and Tidwell. In the fall of 1950 Tidwell put a picket line around Isen's liquor store when he refused to sign a contract with the San Pedro union.

Tidwell charged: "While I have not personally seen any of the other three councilmen cross our picket line, numerous reports have been given to our office that the Retail Clerks Union and other unions are looked upon with disregard by these members of the unfriendly four."

Public Notices

TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONETA WATER COMPANY

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the MONETA WATER COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, Monday, the 7th day of April, 1952, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. STEPHENSON, Secretary
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 1952.

TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF HEARING OF WILL PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, in the Matter of the Estate of ROSE E. BOND, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the petition of DON A. KILLEY for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters TESTAMENTARY thereon TO THE PETITIONER will be heard at 9:15 o'clock a.m., on APRIL 22, 1952, at the court room of Department 4, of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated MARCH 25, 1952.
HAROLD J. OSTLY, County Clerk
By H. L. McLEAY, Deputy

DONALD FINDLEY
2222 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, Calif., Torrance No. 5
Attorney for Petitioner
April 2, 6, 10, 12, 1952.

Pagac

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ressed to spending those funds but promised to "make them good." Officials of the seven leagues of which Pagac was the secretary-treasurer indicated that they were interested only in the return of the funds, some of which are not due for several weeks.

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