

Cost of Water to Go Up For Southwest Torrance

A 13 per cent increase in water rates has been granted for portions of southwest Torrance to offset cost of purchase of additional water from the Metropolitan Water District. Increased quantities of the MWD water is expected to improve taste and color of water in the area affected. The State Public Utilities Commission last week authorized California Water Supply Co. to up its rates by about 13 per cent. The company serves southwest Torrance areas such as Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranch, and the new tracts adjacent to Palos Verdes Blvd. Most Not Affected Most of the city, served by the Torrance Municipal Water District, will not be affected by the change.

Purchase of the MWD water by the California Water Service Co. was requested to answer an increase in consumer demands. New rates, going into effect June 1, will mean an increase from \$3.30 to \$3.75 per 1500 cubic feet of water. The new rate structure will raise the company's rate of return from 4.30 to 5.48 per cent. In a statement explaining the ruling, the commission said complaints have been registered over a long period regarding color, taste, odor and sand content of the water. Supply Drained The worsening of conditions was attributed to "over-withdrawals from the West Basin, where 68,000 acre feet are pumped each year, while nature provides replenishment by only 33,000. It was pointed out that the water is not harmful to health. California Water Co. is constructing a 24-inch pipeline between Torrance and Redondo Beach to carry water from the Metropolitan Water District supply.

Peninsula Growth Has Phone Company Busy

It will take about 3900 telephones to serve the Rolling Hills central office area by 1960, H. C. Vaupel, manager of the General Telephone Co., said last week. This will represent an increase of more than 300 per cent, he said. The 15.4 square miles served by the office includes Portuguese Bend, Rolling Hills, and the huge undeveloped peninsula area now under consideration for annexation to Torrance. The company also estimates that the area will contain about 34,000 persons by 1960 and will need 11,700 telephones.

New Courses Revealed

A special summer session for persons interested in beginning or improving their skills in watercolor painting, modern dance, or photography will be held at Palos Verdes College starting next month. Painting classes will meet on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for six weeks beginning June 13, and will be instructed by Arthur Adair of the Palos Verdes College faculty. The course will include technique of watercolor and casein painting in relation to landscape, still life, and imaginative composition, with emphasis on the student's personal style. Mrs. Mary Whitehouse, dance instructor who has also taught at Wellesley, Pine Manor, and Olivet colleges, will offer classes for children on Monday mornings, and for adults on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Advanced students will be offered daily intensive work by special arrangement.

"Elements of Photography" is the title of an eight-week class to be instructed by Albert Duval, who has been a staff member of the Actors Lab, the Sunset School of Photography, the Wyoming Institute of Photographic Arts, and Director of the Wilshire School of Photography. He now operates his own studio. The course will teach the fundamentals of photography, and will use as class techniques lecture, demonstration, and student projects. Further information about any of the summer courses may be obtained by writing or telephoning Mrs. Eloise Kloke at Palos Verdes College, FR 7-4541.

Window Broken

Some boys passing by on bicycles threw a rock through her front window, Mrs. F. A. Niles of 2303 Andrea Ave., reported to Torrance Police Wednesday.

Torrance Student to Get Role in College Musical Production

Final selections of principals for El Camino College's spring musical, "Allegro," announced this week by Dr. R. Gordon Orme, dramatic director of the production, included one Torrance student. Miss Jeanne Tunis, daughter of Frank Tunis, 18428 Roslin Ave., had been selected by Orme to play one of the dozen speaking parts in the musical production. Miss Tunis has been cast as "Beulah," a blind date. A 1951 graduate of Leuzinger High School of Hawthorne, Miss Tunis has had considerable experience in musical productions of this type. She has appeared in "Finian's Rainbow," "Pirates of Penzance," and "Carousel," in past productions at El Camino. Miss Tunis is a music major at El Camino.

"Allegro," El Camino's eighth annual spring musical will be presented June 2, 3, and 4, at the Redondo Union High School auditorium. In the production, the story starts in 1905 on the day Joseph Taylor Jr. is born and follows his life to his 35th year. Taylor is taken from his birth through college, into marriage, and into the city, where he takes up a well paying practice as a doctor for the rich. After being betrayed by his wife, he finally renounces it all for a more useful life among people he knows and understands. The New York Daily Mirror praised "Allegro" upon its opening in New York, by commenting, "It lends a new stature to the American musical stage." "Allegro" is no ordinary song and dance produc-

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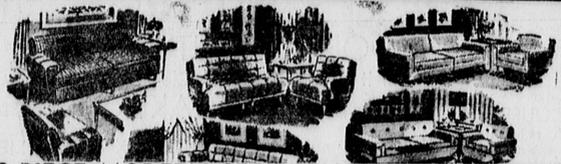
Approval has been granted for construction of another giant refrigerator at Torrance Annex of the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot. Allotment for the project is \$14,800.

tion," asserts the New York Herald Tribune.

No Stage Sets There are no stage sets in the conventional sense in the Richard Rodgers-Oscar Hammerstein musical production. Backgrounds for action will be achieved by small scenic pieces, by light projections and drops. Director for the production is Hamilton M. Maddafor, while R. Neil Hill will serve in the capacity of the choral director. Orme handles the dramatic direction. Miss Barbara Bailey, assistant to Gene Loring, director of the American Academy of Dance, is choreographer. Miss Bailey is presently working with both Paramount Studios and NBC-TV.

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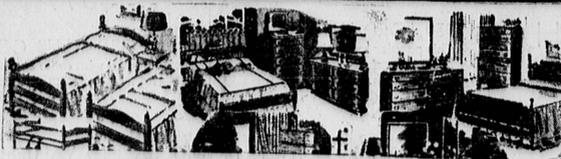
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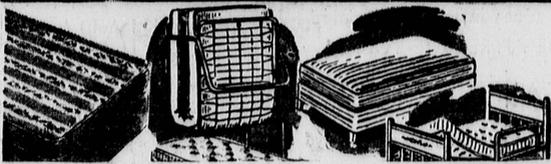
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