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LOMITA LEADER RAPS TORRANCE

Flays Water Talks

Talk of selling Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 to the city of Torrance was blasted in a press release issued this week over the signature of Dessie G. Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters, Inc. Pointing out that the county now serves most of Lomita, Mrs. Myers said she had been told by several engineers that the quickest, cheapest solution to the water problem would be to merge Narbonne Ranch No. 2 with County District No. 13.

THIS IS AT variance with reports of Torrance officials who estimate it would cost the city about \$167,000 to buy the system and another \$300,000 to rehabilitate it. The county estimate on which a petition circulated was set at \$600,000, or nearly \$150,000 more than the Torrance estimate.

"A few are proposing that the company be sold to Torrance, but being insolvent, where would they raise the necessary money to improve and operate this service?" Mrs. Myers asked in her statement.

SHE DID NOT explain how she had determined that the city was insolvent.

Petitions signed by residents within the boundary of the water system—which includes the north part of Lomita and the southern tip of Torrance—have been filed with the county board of supervisors and a public hearing on the matter is scheduled for Thursday morning in the Hall of Records.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier and Water Superintendent Angus McVicar have been instructed by the city council to appear at the hearing to present the city's point of view on the situation.



SAWDUST EXPLODES . . . It took firemen more than eight hours to bring a smoldering fire under control after a sawdust hopper at Plywood Mfg. Co., 2201 Dominguez, exploded Friday before noon. The hoppers had to be emptied and the burning material extinguished bit by bit. (Herald photo)

On Youth Honor Day

Three Teenagers Cited by Moose

Fred Bunch, Carey Hubert and Linda Williams, three Torrance area youngsters representing outstanding youth achievements and the citizens of tomorrow, received "Youth Honor Day" awards last night at the Torrance Moose lodge hall from Mayor Albert Isen and the Loyalty Order of Moose fraternal organization in Torrance.

The three teen-agers, typical of the many youngsters in Torrance who by involvement in organizations activities and adherence to the principles of good conduct, are prime examples of why Torrance has so low a delinquency rate. They received their awards just prior to the annual "Youth Honor Day" party and dance presented each Halloween by the Torrance Moose lodge for the teen-agers of the Torrance area.

BUNCH WAS cited for his activities as a member of Unit 315X of the Explorers. A Life scout, Fred is now serving as a junior assistant Scoutmaster for 315X, and has held the offices of president and vice president of the group. The award recipient has already received the "God and Country" award, and has successfully completed three Silver Moccasin hikes. He is the only scout in the Harbor area to wear a four-year perfect attendance pin.

The Civic Affairs committee of the Moose lodge did not choose Fred Bunch based on his award record, but because in addition to finding time to advance himself he has also given of himself and time to help his fellow members, patrol leaders and Scoutmasters in the Scouting program.

HUBERT, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hubert of North Torrance, has helped bring fame to Torrance and Southern California with his achievements as a member of the Torrance Babe Ruth league.

As a member of the Beavers in the Babe Ruth league, Hu-



LINDA WILLIAMS

bert gained a pitching record of 8 wins and no losses, while maintaining a somewhat spectacular batting average of .614. The award-winning Carey hit safely 35 times of his 57 official times at bat during the regular season. During the state playoffs, the North High School freshman won three of four games in which he pitched.

MISS WILLIAMS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Williams of Acacia Ave. in Torrance, was picked by the committee to receive a "Youth Honor Day" award, because (Continued on Page 2)



KING-SIZE CREW . . . Firemen of Shift "B" turn out in force—19 of them—to paint the Walteria home of Capt. Ivan Kettering, recovering from a serious lung operation. Kettering, a veteran of 22 years' service on the

department, will be forced to retire, he says. Another fire crew plans to redecorate the home's interior this week. (Herald photo)

It's Just a 2½-Hour Job

Firemen Lend Helping Hand to Stricken Friend

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

That Torrance fire-fighters don't let a buddy down is being proved in "operation house painting" going on at 24248 Neece Ave. in Walteria. Nineteen firemen from Shift B painted the outside of the house in two and one-half hours Saturday morning—a job that would have taken one man that many days.

Two weeks ago Shift A re-roofed his house in the same number of hours and will return as soon as they are off duty again to re-decorate in the interior.

THE OCCASION is a gesture of friendship on the part of Torrance firemen for another fireman, Capt. Ivan Kettering,

who recently underwent an operation for lung cancer and now plans to leave the department rather than return in a limited capacity, not that this is an official request.

"I think this a wonderful thing the boys are doing and they came off a big fire last night," Capt. Kettering said as he put on another pot of coffee for "his crew."

"When things like that happen to a person, they have to look ahead—both ways, as there is no way of telling how the removal of a lung will effect the future," he added.

AFTER 22 YEARS in the fire department, Captain Kettering took a routine physical examination last July after he finished his vacation. But x-rays ended the routine aspect of the physical, and he was hospitalized for the serious operation that took one of his lungs, although his philosophy is "it is good that nature gives us most of our important organs in pairs."

Kettering and his wife, Margaret, have a daughter, who is attending school in Georgia; and a son, Paul, an elementary school student here. They plan to sell their home after it is fixed up and use the money to buy a small business in Lakeside, Ore.

The 44-year-old fireman, a veteran of Coast Guard service during World War II, was pouring more coffee for one of the painters as he joked about loafing on the job.

"All of my savings are gone paying hospital bills, but I can still count my blessing—I have my family and my friends. Although I can't hold my job as a floor captain, we plan to get a business up north," he said.

"Right now we like the idea of a trailer court. Then if something happens to me, they can carry on."



MORE FLOAT FUNDS . . . Officer H. B. "Buck" Ingram, president of the Torrance Police Officers Assn., hands check for \$100 to Chairman George A. Bradford of the city's Tournament of Roses Float committee. Bradford said the contribution from the police, whose funds are raised through the annual police show, brings the current fund drive to within \$1200 of the goal. (Herald Photo)

'Go to Church Month' Opening Here Today

Today is the first day of "Go to Church Month," being celebrated here for the second year under the sponsorship of the Torrance Ministerial Assn.

Purpose of the month-long campaign, according to Rev. Hugh R. Percy, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, is to invite newcomers in the Torrance area and others who have not established a church affiliation "to attend the church of their choice during November."

A citywide distribution of an information pamphlet giving the names and locations of the various denominations is being made, Father Percy said.

Twenty-one churches in the Greater Torrance area have pledged cooperation in the campaign, it was reported.

\$1 Polio Clinic Tuesday

Another in the series of \$1 polio clinics has been scheduled for Tuesday evening at the city plunge, Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave., from 7 to 9 p.m., it was announced here yesterday by Mrs. Allen Hoffenber, chairman of the project.

Persons of all ages may ob-

Supervisors Cite Torrance's Growth

On a motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, the County Board of Supervisors extended its congratulations to the City of Torrance for going over the 100,000 mark in population and becoming the fifth largest city in the County of Los Angeles.

In calling for Board action on recognizing the growth and progress of Torrance, Supervisor Chace pointed to the fact that Torrance has frequently received national recognition and was picked recently as an All-American City.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Curious about the conflict of television with homework, the HERALD's inquisitive camera quizzer went out to the source, students, this week for an answer to the question: "What do you do when you have lots of homework to do and a favorite television program is on—one that you just hate to miss?"

Answering were:

Walter Stocker, high school junior and foreign exchange student:

"If I didn't have time to watch television, I would not. If there is an excellent program on, I would watch it, and do my homework later."



Sass, high school senior:

"I would work on my homework up to the time of the program, and then stop long enough to see it. I would then continue my homework after the program was over."



Bob Sonju, freshman class president:

"I'd work up until the time for the television program and finish my homework afterward. That's all I can say, because it's about the only way to do it."



Gwen Plekutowski, high school junior:

"Well, if I had lots of homework or study for a test, I don't think I would watch the program. But, if I thought I could get by, I think I would watch the television."



Linda Welster, high school sophomore:

"Well, it depends on what time the television program comes on. If it is on early, I would watch it and then do my homework. If it was on later, I would do my homework first and watch the program afterward."



'Arlington, 174th Signal Job Ready

Apparent low bidder for installing traffic control signals at the intersection of Arlington Ave. and 174th St. was Westates Electrical Construction Co., City Engineer Walter M. Nollac reported this week. The firm's bid of \$8788 for project was the lowest of six bids which ranged as high as \$10,955, Nollac said. Engineer's estimate on the installation had been \$13,400.

The council will be asked to award the contract Tuesday night.