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## Aqueduct Construction May Begin Within Next 60 Days

### Just Around

With the \$40,000,000 promised a few days ago for the start of construction on the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct, action on one of the largest projects in the country will get under way within a few weeks. Actual work will begin as soon as the first installment of cash is received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which has underwritten the first block of the \$220,000,000 bond issue voted by the district several months ago.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the district, held Tuesday, of which former Mayor John Dennis is a member, preliminary issues were discussed, of which one of the most important to the people of the district was that of employment.

Since the responsibility for payment of the bonds falls upon the member cities as a district, it is essential that the benefits so far as possible may be enjoyed by residents of the district, and for that reason only those who are bona fide residents are to be employed in the construction of the aqueduct.

Apportionment of the cost has been made on the basis of assessed valuation, and this method has been adopted in distributing the labor required for the work as a most equitable method of guaranteeing to each member city the benefits of this labor.

Under this arrangement the city of Torrance is entitled to one per cent of the employment personnel, or approximately 100 jobs. Only those residents of Torrance who have lived in the city for one year prior to October 13, 1931, will be eligible for appointment.

This ruling was adopted at a meeting of the directors held in October of last year, in order to forestall the rush of outside labor which they foresaw would flock into the district as soon as construction work began, with inevitable damage to local labor through a flood of competition. By adopting a restrictive ruling as to length of residence, the people of the district who are entitled to protection will be given the first consideration where jobs are available, which it is expected will be in about six weeks.

No applications are being received at this date. When the first installment of money is received from the Finance Corporation, the rolls will be opened and applications will be given due consideration.

Thirteen member cities of the district hailed with satisfaction the recent announcement of the action of the finance corporation. Legal difficulties and hindrances to the gigantic project have been smoothed out, and now all is practically in readiness to proceed on receipt of the money. The aqueduct project is the first of major projects in the country to receive favorable consideration from the board.

A hearing on the question of wage scale will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the offices of the district board which will be attended by representatives of employers and employees committees. The directors will determine whether they must feed and house the workers.

Court action to halt the payment of the first installment of \$40,000,000 secured from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was initiated in Washington Tuesday in a suit for injunction filed by three citizens of Los Angeles county. They contend that the project is not self-liquidating within the meaning of the Relief and Construction Act and therefore not eligible to borrow money. Officials who presented the matter before the finance board maintained that this point was fully developed before the board and that the project was shown to be self-liquidating to the satisfaction of Finance Corporation officials. For this reason they are confident that the court action will not succeed in halting the proceedings now started.

### Former Resident Dies in Lomita

John P. Murray, aged 65 years, passed away Sunday at the home of his son, John, at 1335 Walnut street, Lomita. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Stone & Myers chapel, in Torrance, with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Mr. Murray, a retired oil worker, was born in Kansas. He had been a resident of Lomita for only 18 days, having there from Torrance. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minerva Murray, and his son, John.

### Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Blackmore, 2409 Carson street, residents of Torrance for the past seven years, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 20. Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore were married in Morrison, Illinois, in 1882. For a number of years they made their home in Prophetstown, Illinois, where Mrs. Blackmore was born, and later came to California, to settle in Torrance. They are the parents of four children, one of whom, Mrs. Genevieve Proctor, resides in Oakland.

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## Democrats Lead In New Registrations According to Kerr

Registration of voters is proceeding throughout the county at the rate of more than 600 persons a day, according to figures obtained today from W. M. Kerr, county registrar of voters. At noon, on September 15, 10,467 persons had been registered in the county since September 1, when the registration books were thrown open again following the August 30 primary election.

Democrats are overwhelmingly in the lead in number of new registrations. Of the total, more than 5500 are of the Bourbon affiliation, while slightly more than 3000 have indicated a Republican preference. The Liberty party has gained but one new member since September 1.

Seventy-five per cent of the new registration is in Los Angeles city, Kerr said. There are 1200 deputy registrars stationed throughout the city who are seeking registrations.

### GUSHING TREE

OREGON CITY, Ore. (U.P.)—Here's another for the skeptics: A large halm tree over 250 feet tall that gushes water was discovered here. The gush emits from the tree trunk about 11 feet from the ground and periodically throws a stream of water more than six feet distant. The tree apparently is sound and healthy.

## Health Report Says Torrance Healthy Spot

Diphtheria in Los Angeles county today is less than one-fourth the number of usual cases, according to a report of the county health department announced this week. An average of but one case a week has been reported recently, while the weekly average for the past five years has been 14 cases. Allments seem to run in cycles throughout the county. Torrance, for instance, has six cases of influenza and nothing else, the report shows. Gardena has one case of whooping cough and one of erysipelas.

San Fernando has four cases of whooping cough and two of mumps. Burbank reports one case of malaria, one of flu and one tuberculosis addition. Bell has little else than one case of lobar pneumonia. Maywood reports but one case of tuberculosis. Huntington Park has a new case of scarlet fever. South Gate is least fortunate of all, reporting two lobar pneumonia, three tuberculosis, one diphtheria and one scarlet fever cases for the past week. Compton reports one new case of tuberculosis and one victim of mumps.

## Captain Arrested Under Game Laws Found Not Guilty

Anton Bruce, master of the purse seiner "Bel," who was taken into custody near Catalina on September 2 on a charge of seining in a closed area, was found not guilty when arraigned before Judge John Dennis on September 14. The case was brought to the Lomita justice court on a change of venue. Evidence tended to show that the boat passed through the waters of Area No. 20 but that there was no attempt to fish. Under the law a boat may pass through a closed area for purposes of navigation only.

## Teachers Limited to One Position

To provide employment for as many probationary and substitute teachers as possible, Frank A. Bouelle, superintendent of schools, has announced that the board of education will continue its policy adopted last year regarding the limitation of one position to each person. No teacher may have more than the equivalent of one full-time assignment. Those appointed to part-time positions will be so assigned that the total annual salary shall not exceed one full-time minimum annual salary of an elementary teacher.

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## Food Sales Show Slight Decrease In Cash Totals

Sales of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company for the five weeks period ending September 3rd were \$79,316,702. This compares with \$93,981,527 for the same period in 1931 and is a decrease of \$14,664,825, or 15.60%. August sales, expressed in tons, were estimated as 490,487 this year, compared with 507,772 in August 1931. This is a decrease in quantity of merchandise sold of 17,285 tons, or 3.40%. Average weekly sales in August were \$15,863,340, compared with \$18,796,305 in 1931, a decrease of \$2,932,965. Average weekly tonnage sales were 98,097, compared with 101,554 in August 1931, a decrease of 3457.

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## Building and Loan Companies Ask Law Change

California building and loan associations will ask the legislature to amend state laws to permit them to use all of the advantages of the Home Loan Bank.

This announcement was made in Los Angeles today by J. Lester Miller, San Jose, president of the California Building-Loan League, who came here to confer with Chamber of Commerce officials engaged in taking stock subscriptions to the bank. "Although our associations may now affiliate with the bank, present laws prevent them from purchasing stock in any corporation," President Miller said. "This precludes our associations from being full-fledged members of the new bank. However, until the laws are changed to enable associations to obtain full benefits, they will endeavor to cooperate with the bank in every way possible.

"In the organization of the Home Loan Bank the government has rendered a service to the public and our associations are fully cognizant of this. The system will impart greater strength and security and should prove an excellent auxiliary in keeping our associations' resources at a more serviceable level. It should so stabilize mortgage credits that home owners will obtain uninterrupted service under varying economic conditions. "Those home owners desirous of refinancing loans now must not expect too much of the new bank. It will accept only conservative loans and its function is not a cure-all for distressed conditions due to deflation of realty values. "I believe that the Home Loan Bank during coming years will be of great aid to those persons desirous of owning homes. It already has done much to instill greater confidence by the general public in building and loan associations. This effect will become more apparent as time goes on and the close relationship of this bank to building and loan associations is more fully realized."

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