Water Need In No. Torrance Will Be Met

Once more the matter of providing water for residents in North Torrance who are now without that facility came before the attention of the city council Tuesday night. When the lack of water in that growing district was declared by several persons in the audience, including Manager W. H. Stanger of the municipal water system, to be a prime emergency, Mayor W. H. Tolson acted.

He named Stanger, City Attorney C. T. Rippy, City Engineer Frank R. Leonard and himself to meet with three or more North Torrance residents as a committee to work out some plan whereby water service can be installed there.

A delegation of North Torrance people, headed by Mrs. Jake Dykseul, was present at the session to present their case. City Engineer Leonard estimated that it would cost approximately $5,585 to lay a six-inch cast iron main from the Arlington avenue pumping plant of the Moneta Mutual water company, which holds a franchise in that area.

This cost would be borne by the residents, by bonding the district, according to the engineer, or some other plan yet to be devised. The city, Leonard said, cannot undertake to put in the line out of the present water district.

Do You Know the Law? . . . by

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ADOPTION

While adoption was provided for by the law of ancient Rome and existed as a rite even among the American Indians, the English Common Law to which we have succeeded expressly, disclaimed such procedure as being repugnant to the policy of that legal system.

Thus, our whole law of adoption is descended from the civil law of continental Europe, and exists in America today only by virtue of statutes which are strictly construed. California law is exceptionally humane and liberal in this field. Easy methods of legitimatizing illegitimate offspring are provided whereby such child succeeds to all the legal rights of more fortunate children, including the right of inheritance. Contrast this situation with that prevailing under the English Common Law, whereunder an illegitimate child had no standing in a court of law—he was said to have no relatives at all, could not inherit from either parent, and had no property rights, and could be (and generally was) abandoned, with full sanction of the law.

Jurisdiction: A court can hear a petition for the adoption of a minor only if: (1) the person adopting is 10 years older than child; (2) consent of all necessary parties is secured; (3) and if such adoption will be for the best interests of the child; and (4) only if such court is the Superior Court of the county in which petitioner resides.

Consent of Parties: Written consent must be filed with the court, of the following:

(1) The adopting parties; and in this connection a married person living with his spouse cannot adopt a child without the consent of such spouse;

(2) The natural parents must also have consented, except in cases where the law says that consent will not be required. These latter situations include where: parent has been deprived of civil rights; or divorced for adultery or for cruelty; or where child was taken from parent due to cruelty, intemperance, etc.; or where such parent was adjudged insane or feeble-minded; or where child's parents are unknown; or where child has been placed in a charitable home, asylum, etc.

(3) The child, itself, if over the age of 12, must also consent to its adoption.

Effect of Adoption: Such effect is two-fold; first, it establishes between the child and the adopting parents the relationship of parent and child, with all the consequences of that relation. The adopting parents are thereafter liable for the child's support and care, and in return they have full custody and control.

Conversely, with adoption, the natural parents lose all right to custody and control; and also are relieved of all obligation of support.

Inheritance: The adopted child now inherits thru his adopting parents, alone; and not from his natural parents. However, he still inherits from his natural grandparents, and not from the parents of his new father and mother. In other words,

Surrenders

John West Hunt, disciple of the Negro evangelist, Father Divine, smiles with apparent unconcern as he surrenders at the U. S. Marshal's office in Los Angeles to face Mann act charges preferred by 17-year-old Delight Jewett.

DETOUR

By BETSY BYRNES

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere."
—Longfellow.

If you remember the third line of this poem, you know why we are quoting it this week.

QUESTIONS:

While we are on the subject of Paul Revere—How old was Paul when he made his famous ride? Have you any idea what his occupation or profession was?

Have you noticed the poppies in the fields? They are lovely this year. By the way, do you know which one of our street names means poppy?

TODAY'S PROVERB:

"An unkind word falls easily from the tongue, but a coach and six horses cannot bring it back."

—Chinese.

That old proverb is one of the ones worth memorizing.

ANSWERS:

First, we remind the few, (oh, the very few, of course!) who do not remember the third line, and are too lazy to take Longfellow from the shelf and find out, that Paul Revere's ride occurred "On the 18th of April in '75". Just think, almost 162 years ago!

Well, sir, Paul Revere was 40 years old when he made that midnight ride. He was a goldsmith and copperplate engraver, and, although this may be hard to believe, he was a dentist! Dr. Arthur Schmid told us that, and produced a history of dentistry, to prove it.

Amapola is a Spanish word, meaning poppy. So, if the city dads decided to anglicize the street names, a number of people would find themselves living on, not Amapola, but Poppy street.

ADIOS:

We leave you as we greeted you, with Longfellow:

"Through all our history to the last,
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,
The people will waken and listen to hear
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,
And the midnight message of Paul Revere."

SINGERS TO SPELL

A number of Lomitans are "brushing up" on their spelling in preparation for the old-fashioned spelling bee that will be given by the Lomita Singers at the V. F. W. hall on April 22.

Hospital Has Many Patients

Twenty-five patients and eight new babies are registered at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital this week, the largest number in several months. The new arrivals are:

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gasco, 2363 246th street, Lomita, last Friday; a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. McIntosh, Jr., of Hermosa, last Sunday; a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tarney, Redondo, Tuesday.

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Roller, 3927 Torrance boulevard, last Thursday, and a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Palmer of Pasadena on Monday afternoon. The latter infant required the services of the fire department inhaler squad to continue its first breaths. After a few minutes of oxygen, the baby was pronounced able to make its progress unaided. Palmer is a county fire inspector.

Adults Receive Treatment

New patients received during the past week at the hospital were: Mrs. Minnie C. Beckett, Long Beach, who entered on Sunday for surgical attention; Jack Peterson, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson of 1742 Manuel avenue, for treatment following a motorcycle accident Tuesday night, and Mrs. Alma Egerer, 807 Beech street, who entered Monday for medical attention.

Little Lorraine Hensley, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hensley of Wilmington was received Monday for surgery; Kenneth E. Harmon, Redondo resident and Columbia Steel worker, came in Friday for surgery; Mrs. June Holland, Hermosa, entered Sunday for medical attention.

Mrs. Nellie LaVoy, Bellflower, entered Sunday for surgery; Mrs. Margaret McCaul, Redondo, entered Friday for medical treatment; Edwin Morse, 930 Arlington avenue, an employe of the Torrance Laundry Company, was received Sunday for treatment of pleurisy, and Mrs. Nellie M. Pate, Manhattan Beach, entered last Wednesday afternoon for surgery.

Little Gary Barkdull, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barkdull of 1421 Beech street, is reported much improved from his recent attack of rheumatism and will be able to go home in a few days. He was received at the hospital on April 6.

Exposition Sets College Days

CLEVELAND. (U.P.)—Colleges and universities will have their special days at the Great Lakes Exposition this year.

MRS. KRESSE BRIDGE HOSTESS

Mrs. O. A. Kresse, 1443 El Prado, will entertain at a dessert bridge party in her home Friday, for Mmes. John Hooper, Paul Watson, Ralph Hatton, I. C. Rous, Scott R. Ludlow, Harley Haynes and M. J. Beale.

TAXES—TAXES—TAXES

Governmental agencies authorized by law to levy taxes have increased so rapidly in California that there are 4,970 distinct tax levying entities in the state.

Dime of 1821 Found

ST. LOUIS. (U.P.)—Roy Koontz, Bloomington, Ind., purchased a used car here for $150 and discovered a dime, dated 1821, lodged behind a cushion.

Group Hospital Insurance Holds Delegates' Interest

The 11th annual convention of the Association of Western Hospitals, which will end tonight, has held the attention of four well-known women with Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. Miss Esther Maxwell, superintendent; Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, secretary; Miss Ethelwyn Niles, superintendent of nurses, and Mrs. Jared S. Torrance, president of the board, have been attending most of the sessions.

They were principally interested in the explanations of the group hospitalization insurance plan which is being considered for adoption by the local institution. This plan, providing hospitalization at a small cost, to local workers and their families, has proven a decided success wherever it is being used, the local representatives learned.

Pickerel Catches Large

TOLEDO (U.P.) Commercial fishermen are reporting large catches of pickerel in the first haul of their nets in Lake Erie this season.