Data About M.W.D. Water Will be Made Available to All

What's going to happen here when Metropolitan Water District water from Colorado River starts arriving at the boundaries of this city next July or August? This and many other questions concerning the reception of Colorado River aqueduct water should be answered in the near future, according to City Councilman James Hitchcock.

Tuesday night at city council meeting he proposed that a committee be appointed to disseminate information about M.W.D. water and what it means to Torrance and his suggestion was enthusiastically received. Industries, service clubs, other organizations and interested citizens will be invited to go into the subject with M.W.D. engineers.

"This city has a vital interest in the Metropolitan Water District," Hitchcock said. "If we are going to use Colorado River Water—and we're paying for it—then we should prepare to receive it." Mayor William H. Tolson appointed William H. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal water department, chairman of a committee to arrange for the spread of this information. He suggested that Stanger arrange with C. T. Rippy, this city's representative on the M. W. D. board, for a meeting with District engineers here in the near future.

Rippy, who was in the audience Tuesday night, said he would be glad to obtain all information possible on the subject and cooperate with the city in arranging one or more educational meetings so that all may learn how Torrance is to benefit from the water.

Four Baby Girls Born at Hospital

Four attractive baby girls joined four other older babies this week in the Torrance Memorial hospital nursery. The young ladies were welcomed by: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carroll, Redondo, last Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Denman, Redondo, last Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Ericksson, San Diego, last Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gregory of 2122 Gramercy, last Sunday. Mrs. Ericksson came here from her San Diego home because her first baby was born at the local hospital and she was most favorably impressed with the institution's facilities and staff.

L. A. Chamber Elects Beebe President

James L. Beebe, well known in Torrance official circles, was elected president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Mr. Beebe is a member of the law firm of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, and has been retained by the City of Torrance on all municipal bond matters for a number of years.

COLORADO WATER REACTIONS . . . The cups held by Mayor William H. Tolson on the left and—no, that is not former Gov. Merriam on the right! that's another Republican, C. T. Rippy, contain Colorado River water. The Mayor appears to like the taste but Rippy looks like he is taking the bad taste out of his mouth with a bite of a sugar-coated doughnut. The photos were taken last Saturday morning by Leonard Young, acting city engineer, at Gene Wash reservoir when the first Colorado River water was pumped from the Intake plant to the reservoir.

Nucleus of 1939 Factory Frolic Group is Selected at Coordinating Council Meet

Altho still without a general chairman, an organization of citizens to direct the second annual Factory Frolic here next fall was named at a meeting of the sponsoring Torrance Coordinating Council Monday night. Eight men and one woman were placed on the executive committee and more will be added within the next few weeks to bring the number up to about 15, it was indicated.

President John E. Miller presided at the meeting which was attended by about 30 people, representing almost as many local organizations. A committee of three, Mrs. Elsie Smith, Vernon Coil and John Shidler, was selected to nominate the executive group. They reported the following nominees:

Fay L. Parks, Harry Abramson, Harry Beach, Mrs. Flora McDonald, Dr. O. E. Fossum, L. J. Gilmeister, Tom Wilkes, John Minor and President Miller. This group was approved by the Council and further additions are to be made out of the committee so that it will be representative of the entire community.

Selection of a general chairman was postponed until the full executive group can meet and determine who will have charge of the community event which proved to be a great success last fall.

Want Singers for High School Baccalaureate

All local people who love to sing and who would be interested in singing at the high school baccalaureate service, to be held in the new high school assembly hall, Sunday, Jan. 29 at 7 p. m., are invited to report for rehearsal at the assembly hall Monday, Jan. 16 and Monday, Jan. 23 from 7 to 9 p. m.

In requesting singers to report, Mrs. Marjorie Cooke, director of music, said "We especially want all alumni choir singers, all members of church choirs and choral groups of the city. This is to be a community service."

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Fred W. Ernst, 32, of 1023 Madrid avenue, and Henrietta Brown, 29, of 18800 Prairie avenue, filed notice of intention to marry this week.

Five Local Men See Historic M.W.D. Aqueduct Event

Giant pumps whirled by the largest vertical electric motors ever built by man continued today to lift water from a placid green lake behind Parker dam following historic ceremonies last Saturday when they were put into regular service filling the first reservoir in a $200,000,000 aqueduct system that is to bring to at least 13 cities a water supply expected to be adequate for the next 40 years.

Representing Torrance at the ceremonies were Charles T. Rippy, the city's representative on the board of directors, Mayor W. H. Tolson, Councilman Tom McGuire, City Engineer Leonard Young and City Attorney John McCall.

The local residents who saw the first water emerge from the 16-foot concrete tunnel Saturday were within the site of the Gene reservoir, which is expected to be suffieiently filled by the end of this week to reach the intake at the second pumping plant.

What impressed most of the visitors, next to seeing the heavy machinery in operation, was the safeguards provided for its operation. There are 38 separate "checks" that must be made by technicians before the plant can be started, the first being a telephone call to the Boulder powerhouse to energize the lines. Red, amber, green and purple lights and scores of gauges tell the operator in charge at a glance if all is well.

Columbia Low Bidder On Pier

Columbia Steel company was low bidder for the construction of a pier at the U. S. Navy Yard at Mare Island, it was announced today by federal authorities. The contract involves approximately $500,000.

Tiniest Baby Nears Normal Weight Here

If Gary Otis Lambrigger, now 43 days old, gains three and one-quarter ounces during the next few days he will be allowed to go to his home at 1864 247th street, Lomita.

Nurses at Torrance Memorial hospital said today that Gary Otis, smallest infant ever born there, now tips the beam at five pounds 12¼ ounces but must weigh at least six pounds before he can be taken home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lambrigger.

The infant has gained three pounds eight ounces since his birth, Nov. 30, 1938.

Fleet Reserve Plans Banquet, San Diego Trip

At simultaneous meetings of the Fleet Reserve association and its Ladies' Social club Friday night in the Lomita Artisans' hall two topics were the subjects of most interest. These were: the annual banquet of the Lomita branch at the February meeting and sending a delegation to San Diego Jan. 14 to lay the groundwork for inviting the national Fleet Reserve convention to Southern California in 1940.

Those who are expected to make the San Diego trip from Lomita and to meet with representatives of other branches are President Ed Katzorke, H. E. Crum, secretary; J. W. Wright, Leroy Busse and B. C. Wendt.