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FREEWAYS SOLUTION For almost every mile of the California network of rural state highways in 1944 one person was either injured or killed. Casualties totalied 11,107 for 12,809 miles of the road system. Tax Sale Augs In Community Newspapers ne of the Tax Sale Ads

Newspapers

Sixty-one community newspapers, including the Torrance Herald, are being used by H. L. Byram, the county tax collector, in advertising 1410 tax-deceded properties which are to be offered at public auction in the Hall of Justice beginning Monday, Dec. 10.

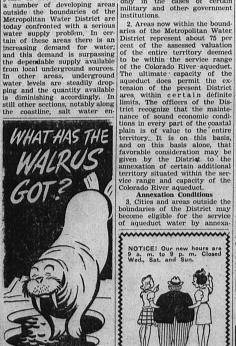
The augregate value of the properties to be sold is \$332,365. The auction is the third such to be held this year.

In his announcement Byram called attention to the fact that the formula for the opening bid prices, heretofore seven times the amount of the current year's taxes, has been finespased to ten times the current year's taxes, has been finespased to ten times the current year's levy. The new formula for wind in the first of which—will reach the sale of 11 applications being mads, the first of which—will reach the sale of the first of which—will reach the sale stage, 3rd the second auction, to be beld in 1916. Sales for the fiscal year ended last July 31 aggregated \$775,807. 90, involving 6203 parcels. Of this total, \$295,769 came from the sale of 3179 properties to various cities and other taxing agencies; \$480,038.49 came from the sale of 3146 parcels to private buyers at the three public auctions held during the year. Average prices in relation to assessed valuations are becoming higher with each successive sale, Byram pointed out.

During the year, 19 parcels of property in Torrance priced at \$360 went to private owners.

Local Serviceman In Hospital At Campo, Calif.

Pyt. Alfonso R. Gonzales, son Frank V. Gonzales, Torrance, now a patient at Mitchell S. Army Convalescent hos-ital at Campo, Calif. He served ith the infantry, has one battle ar and the Purple Heart. At Mitchell he will take part the reconditioning program



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COVER FOR CHARITY . . . To raise \$1000 for the Lions Club charity program, this cover, flown over Berlin on V.E Day and postmarked from an APO in Germany that day, and over Japan on V.J Day and so postmarked, has been presented to the Lions by Harry B. Lewis, president. He is a friend of Lt. W. H. Huffman, who carried the letter.

RULES FOR ANNEXATION TO

Timed almost to coincide with the filing of the water rights adjudication suit by the City of Torrance and two private water companies against all other municipalities, districts, corporations and private well owners in the West Basin, the Metropolitan Water District, in its monthly publication, has reviewed the rules and policies governing the annexation of districts to the meaning the perior court Oct. 24 is the fact that the ground-water of the West Basin, all that area from Inglewood to Long Beach, is lowering in level each year because the withdrawals are exceeding the replenishment by from 25,0000 to 35,000 acre feet per year.

This overdraft is causing salt water introads, and the salt sooner or later will render all water introads, and the salt sooner or later will render all water introads, and the salt sooner or later will render all wells in the district unusable unless the proper level of fresh water is maintained, it is claimed. The question naturally is asked by the consumer: What are we going to do for water if we cammot safely use our wells?

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tion. Annexation may be effected by certain legal processes set forth in the state laws and in accordance with certain policies and regulations of the Board of Directors of the District. Among the conditions and policies governing the process of annexation are the following:

(a) Incorporated cities of an acceptable size and location are legally eligible to annex. Unincorporated and unincorporated areas may become legally eligible to annex as one unit by organizing one of several types of county, municipal or utility districts authorized by state statutes.

(b) In treating with applicants

districts authorized by state statutes.

(b) In treating with applicants for annexation the District finds liself able to give favorable consideration only to areas' of sufficient size and water requirements to justify as economically feasible the delivery of aqueduct water. Preferably such areas should be so located as to control the entire production of water from the local underground water basins affected. The District Board does not favor the acceptance of a proposed annexation unit with one or more "islands" of excluded territory which would benefit by the delivery of aqueduct water to the general territory but be exempted, by remaining outside the District, from any share in the financial obligations of the District.

time.

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1. Service of aqueduct water is available exclusively to cities and areas within the boundaries of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Exceptions to this rule are made only in the cases of certain military and others government institutions.

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Recreation Facilities Of Harbor District Subject of Bell Meeting

Mrs. Austin is chairman of the committee on arrangements which is acting for the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring agency.

Herman Stark, director of field service for the California Youth Authority, will be the chief speaker, it is announced.

A boy from Gardena and a girl from Bell will present the needs of the teen-age young people as the teen-age people see them.

Pat-MacDonnell of Gardena,

Foulks Is New Santa Fe R. R. Superintendent

Delegates from 39 communities in this area will gather at Bell High school tonight to concretion facilities in the harbor area, Mrs. Gertrude Austin has announced.

Mrs. Austin is chairman of the committee on arrangements

superintendent of schools, as advisor.
Roscoe Sevier of Gardena will be the chairman of the group including representatives of Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Keystone, Harbor City, Wilmington, Redondo, Palos Verdes and San Pedro. Stephen J. Keating, director of delinquency prevention for Los Angeles County Probation department, will be the advisor for this group.

Vets Commission Considering Playa Housing Problem

William T. Sweigert, chairm of the commission, told Grarl Warren the conference "seek a clear picture of hous conditions in California committes, and will attempt to velop a program for utilizing best advantage the normal hing turnover. It will also atter to develop a program for engency and temporary hous facilities and an accelerated manent building program."







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