

### West Basin Officials Seek Crystal Ball

West Basin Municipal Water District is preparing estimates of its future Colorado River water demands for the years 1960, 1970, and 1980.

The Metropolitan Water District, of which West Basin is a member, has requested the estimates by Dec. 10th for use in considering policies regarding future annexation to Metropolitan.

According to district spokesman Carl Fossette the present West Basin total demand is 34,000 acre feet annually.

What has West Basin officials in a quandary is the fact that the safe local supply must be estimated and subtracted from the total demand and the resulting figure projected 30 years into the future.

An additional impediment is the impending court decision as to the "safe yield" of the West Basin.



"Life is so complicated, Alvin! If it weren't for you, I sometimes don't think I'd have the courage to go on!"

### SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER VOTE MACHINES

Board of Supervisors has called for demonstrations of voting machines to be used in future elections.

Officials of the supervisors have received a barrage of calls from precinct workers telling of the hardships and complications arising from the present cumbersome method of voting.

In five years, television will be employing a million persons, according to R. C. Cosgrove, one of the industry's leaders.

### Phone Rates Due for Hike

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from \$4 to \$5 with an increase of five message units being granted.

Smith also stated that long distance calls to more distant points would remain about the same as present rates but the charges for calls to near distant points such as Huntington Beach would increase slightly.

"The rate application was made necessary by the problem of rising costs—both labor and materials," Smith said. "Rate increases thus far obtained by Pacific Telephone amount to about 15 per cent on California intrastate operations and have proved inadequate. The new application, if granted, will increase the revenues of the company about 14 per cent."

Smith stated, "The increase in the prices of almost everything we must buy in order to render telephone service has spiraled. Inclusive of the rate increase now being applied for, the average price of telephone service will have gone up less than half the 75 per cent rise in the cost of living index."

Pacific Telephone now employs 55,000 people in California or one out of every 74 workers. Its total annual state payroll is now running at the rate of \$175,000,000.

### Few Houses Left in Tract

Only 25 dwelling units, some of them duplexes, remain unsold in the new Orenshaw Crest development in North Torrance.

More than 155 veterans purchased homes in the new subdivision in the first two weeks, according to Mark Taper, president of Biltmore Homes.

### Cemetery Plan Up to State

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now has, there would have been no necessity for any meeting or action by the Planning Commission.

"All that would have been necessary for Senness to have accomplished the things set forth in his petition was to have organized a corporation in compliance with Section 8252 of the Health and Safety Code of California and to have acquired the property necessary for his cemetery by dedication for cemetery purposes exclusively."

Answering another portion of the Mayor's request for an opinion on the proposed cemetery, Smith continued:

"The City cannot legally impose a tax on land used for cemetery purposes, or in the opinion of this office, exact a license fee for operation of a cemetery.

"This matter and the entire question of cemeteries—especially private cemeteries—is set forth and covered by the Health and Safety Code of the State, Division 8, Part 3, Chapters 1 and 2, Articles 1 to 6, inclusive."

### Procedure of City Planning Body Deplored

Request that the Torrance City Planning Commission personally inspect each parcel of property upon which they are to act in the name of the city was filed with the Commission this week by the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board.

"At a recent meeting of your body, at which time you granted a variance covering a portion of the Weston Ranch for cemetery purposes, it was disclosed that some members of your board were not familiar with the exact location of the property, nor were they familiar with the general terrain of the land in question."

The board's communication, signed by President W. E. Bowen, went on to state that "it is the opinion of many of the citizens of this city that your findings and judgment are not being based on competent information."

"We believe this practice of passing on matters of re-zoning and granting of variances is dangerous," the board's letter added.

### Enlistments in National Guard Open

Enlistments in the California National Guard have been reopened for men 17-21 years of age, according to First Sgt. Azael Garcia, who is now on active duty with the local Guard battalion.

Sgt. Garcia stated that many vacancies now exist in the ranks of Company A of the 578th Engineering (Combat) Battalion which conducts drills every Tuesday night at the Torrance City Park. Recruits are paid at the rate of \$2.50 per drill period. Each drill lasts about two hours, Sergeant Garcia said.

The National Guard offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and any interested 17-21 year-old male may obtain enlistment information by calling at the City Park, Garcia said.

### Refiner Says He Will Move

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eye-smarting fumes emanating from the property of the trucking firm.

Keller said his business consists of operating a modified refinery in which oil pumped from nearby oil pumps is "boiled down" to recover stove oil and asphalt for street paving purposes. He said that he had processed a "bad batch" and fumes complained about were from that batch.

He had also been given notice by the County Air Pollution authorities to apply for a permit to operate a boiler.

### New Well to Replace One Abandonment

Permit for re-drilling one well in Section 23 and for abandoning one in Section 24 have been granted by the State Division of Oil and Gas.

Lebow and McNeer will re-drill their Kettler B-1 well in Section 23, and H. S. Kohlbusch will abandon his March No. 1 well.

Oil field operations for the week ending Nov. 20 showed 67 notices to drill new wells filed, as compared with 49 during the previous week.

### New Class in Painting of China Opens

Announcement of a new adult class in china painting was made today by F. A. Applegate, principal of Torrance Evening High School.

The course will be given Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:30 o'clock at the high school. Mrs. Edna Inslee will be the instructor. All persons interested in learning this art are invited to attend the first meeting of the class tonight. There is no charge for the instruction.

### OAKLAND VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Toone of Oakland, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, 1923 Reynosa Drive. Mrs. Toone and Mrs. Cunningham were classmates at University of Minnesota.

### NEWS OF DEATH

Russell Lund, local insurance broker, left by airliner late Tuesday night for Shenandoah, Ia., following the receipt of news that his father, I. Albert Lund, had passed away.

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**COUNTY ASKS STATE AID FOR BELHART BRIDGE**

Assistance from the state in financing construction of the Belhart bridge over the Los Angeles River has been requested by the Board of Supervisors, who also asked for \$500,000 from the county's new road allocation and \$245,000 from county road allocation funds. The bridge will cost \$1,491,500.

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