

Water Condemnation

(Continued from Page 1) cost was set at \$600,000 in the last summer recorded the legend Vicar said the agency definitely will show an ultimate profit. The

said the remainder of the district could collect any expense to the system caused by chopping off the 35 per cent that lies in Torrance. Further action is being held pending a report by McVicar and Remelmeyer on the county hearing next week. To top, a plain cake, spread it lightly with creamed honey and then sprinkle it with coconut or chopped nut meats.

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR THE PRESS: Which is more important: the good of the community or the whims of a tiny minority? For four or five years a group of interested citizens of Lomita have tried to get the water services in the north end of Lomita improved and brought up to the standard of flow and pressure. It has taken a lot of letter writing, petitions, meetings, etc., with various local and state officials to get necessary action and information.

County Waterworks No. 13 now serves three-fourths of Lomita has made consistent improvement in its service to bring it up to the standard required. In the meantime, Narbonne Ranch Water No. 2 hasn't cooperated in the same measure. New mains were put in to take care of certain new subdivisions, but old mains were not replaced as the state Public Utilities Commission demanded when a rate increase was placed in effect. Most subdividers paid for their new mains but because of the fact that the whole system was tied together with rotten lines the pressure cannot be increased substantially or else the lines blow out. Consequently there is insufficient pressure to fight a fire, the area is rated as a hazard, and everyone in Lomita must pay a higher fire-insurance rate.

A handful of men who knew of this situation could have investigated and initiated a worthwhile program, but their answer to the problem is incorporate Lomita and buy out the water company and run it municipally, thus providing a few jobs with retirement benefits. Who would have paid for all this? A few are proposing that the company be sold to Torrance, but, being insolvent, where would they raise the money to improve and operate this service?

It is common talk about town that some of these persons are suggesting we annex to Torrance. Why? Higher taxes, a soft job or two, business license fees, etc. Is this what you want?

Some of these men say one person kept them from incorporating Lomita. If so, who were the other 2000 persons who voted against incorporation? And they now say that this same person with two or three others have spoiled their plans for the future of Narbonne Ranch Water No. 2. What about the thousand persons (representing over 50 per cent of the land) who signed the petition asking for an election to form an assessment and join County Water District No. 13. Many people unselfishly carried petitions and it is not a one-man job but the accumulation of much efforts on the part of many people. Several engineers have told us

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