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## PEOPLE'S LEAGUE CANDIDATES WIN POLICE IN LIQUOR CLEANUP DRIVE

### WOLFE AND INMAN DEFEAT KLUSMAN; DENNIS ELECTED

'Majority' Ticket Sweeps City in Hotly Contested Election When Vote Cast Sets New High Record Here

FIRST WOMAN TO RUN IN TORRANCE NOT ELECTED

John Dennis Victor in Race for Two-Year Term by Majority of 218 Votes Over Mrs. Zahradnik; Wolfe's Lead 51

In the most warmly contested election ever held in Torrance, and with the largest number of ballots ever cast here, Charles M. Inman and Andrew Brady Wolfe were elected city trustees for four years over William T. Klusman, and John Dennis won over Mrs. Charlotte G. Zahradnik for the two-year term. The winners were candidates of the People's League.

The total votes were as follows: LONG TERM — Inman, 713; Wolfe, 643; Klusman, 592. SHORT TERM — Dennis, 621; Zahradnik, 403.

In the race for the four-year term Inman or Wolfe carried every one of the four precincts.

Wolfe carried his home precinct with 118 votes as against 111 for Inman and 110 for Klusman. Klusman beat Wolfe in Precinct D by a vote of 172 to 144.

Klusman's vote was the greatest he has ever polled in his several campaigns as a candidate for city trustee. Inman's margin over him was 121 votes, while Wolfe won out by a lead of 51.

Interest in the election was intense. Out of a total registration of 1436 there were 1151 votes cast. Of the 1436 who were registered at least 50 had moved since registration.

Counting the total registration, however, 78.5 percent of the possible vote was cast.

All day Monday proponents of various candidates were busy driving citizens to the polls and making a strenuous effort to secure a large vote.

Klusman's greatest strength lay in the large number of "single-shot" votes he received. The number who voted for Klusman only for the long term is estimated at about 150.

The People's League candidates, all of whom were elected, are pledged to economy and a substantial reduction in the municipal tax rate.

The new trustees will take office next Monday night, when the terms of Robert J. Deininger and James M. Fitzhugh expire.

Their offices will be taken by Inman and Wolfe. Mr. Dennis was elected to fill the unexpired term of J. S. Torrence, who recently resigned and to whose office J. W. Post was appointed to serve until the new board was elected.

To Observe Platform. The successful candidates told The Herald after the votes had been counted that they will stand positively to the platform on which they were elected. None of them, according to the pre-election and post-election statements, has promised a municipal job to anyone.

Albert H. Bartlett, unopposed for re-election as city clerk, received 804 votes, and 853 were cast for Harry H. Dolley, who was unopposed for re-election as city treasurer.

The vote by precincts follows:

Precinct	Registered	Registered	Registered	Registered	Total
Precinct A—Carson	2717	147	Registered	351	Voted
Precinct B—Redondo	2293	Registered	205	Voted	
Precinct C—Hills	1858	Registered	110	Voted	
Precinct D—Gramercy	2003	Registered	296	Voted	
TOTAL	10488	Registered	1151	Voted	

CITY TRUSTEE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM	
Inman (elected)	713
Wolfe (elected)	643
Klusman	592

CITY TRUSTEE FOR TWO-YEAR TERM	
Dennis (elected)	621
Zahradnik	403

CITY CLERK, TERM FOUR YEARS	
Bartlett (elected)	804

CITY TREASURER, TERM FOUR YEARS	
Dolley (elected)	853

### TRUSTEES-ELECT THANK VOTERS OF CITY



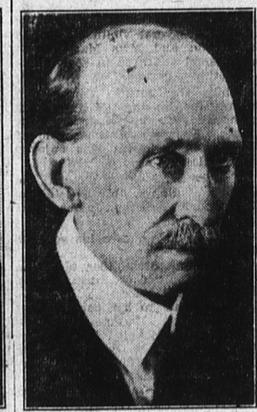
CHARLES M. INMAN Torrance grocer, who led the field in the election for city trustee.

Charles M. Inman, who received more votes than any other candidate at Monday's election, said today: "I wish to thank the people of Torrance for the confidence they have placed in me by electing me to the office of city trustee. I will endeavor to merit that confidence by strict adherence to the principles in the People's League platform and will do everything in my power to give the people of Torrance a good, clean, fair administration."



ANDREW BRADY WOLFE Columbia Steel superintendent, elected to four-year term.

Said Andrew Brady Wolfe, trustee-elect, today: "The results of Monday's election indicate that the majority of the people of Torrance are in favor of the principles in the People's League platform and for a majority of the Board of Trustees that is pledged to those principles. The will of the majority is a dictate to me as trustee and I will do my best to see that Torrance is given the sort of a city government that the people voted for."



JOHN DENNIS Elected city trustee for the two-year term.

John Dennis, elected trustee for two years, issued the following statement today: "While I deeply appreciate the confidence the voters of Torrance have expressed in me, yet I thoroughly realize the responsibilities of the office, and will do all in my power to give Torrance a good city government. Mr. Inman and Mr. Wolfe were elected with me on a platform that seems to me a fine program of principles for the city of Torrance. We will not forget that platform and will keep our faith with the people of this city."

### Three Baseball Games Could Be Played at Same Time on Roof Of Big Storage Tank in Lomita

With a capacity of 4,083,000 barrels and covering an area greater than two city blocks, the largest storage reservoir ever built has just been completed for the Pan American Petroleum Company at Lomita. Carrying more than half of its huge storage below the ground, the tank, which is 42 feet deep in the center, is 1375 feet in length and 498 feet in width, and contains enough oil when full to supply 55 average tank steamers with a full cargo. In order to protect the vast storage the largest roof ever installed in the west was constructed by the Pioneer Paper Company of Los Angeles, to whom the contract was awarded. Over 2,000,000 board feet of lumber were used in erecting the roof, over which 918,000 square feet of composition roofing were placed, four and one-half tons of nails and 900 gallons of plastic cement being required to seal down the roofing, according to officials of the Pioneer Paper Company. Plenty of Room. So vast is the roof's expanse that three major league ball games could be played on it simultaneously, with space remaining at each end for the erection of grandstands; or there would be seating space for 183,600 people if theatre seats were arranged in rank along the roof. The reservoir is lined with concrete to prevent seepage, being three inches thick at the top and four inches at the bottom, approximately 9000 yards of this material being used.

### 6 NABBED DURING WEEK

Four Plead Guilty and Are Sentenced by City Recorder Rippy

2 WOMEN DEMAND TRIAL

Mexicans Plead Not Guilty to Violation of Wright Act

In a concentrated drive against liquor law violators, City Marshal Louie Patterson and officers of the local force made six arrests this week. Four violators pleaded guilty and paid fines assessed by City Recorder Rippy, and two Mexican women demanded trial.

Paul Valenzuela, aged 20, was arrested Monday noon by Chief Patterson and Officer Phillips. A gallon of wine was confiscated and Valenzuela pleaded guilty to possession and sale of liquor. Recorder Rippy sentenced him to serve 60 days or pay \$500. Three hundred dollars was suspended and the prisoner paid \$200.

Tippie Is Costly. Officer Stroh saw G. E. Ayers of Redondo Beach taking a tippie in a car parked outside the C. C. M. O. ball park Sunday afternoon. Ayers hurried away but the officer brought the car, when Ayers came after the car he was arrested on a charge of possession, to which he pleaded guilty. He was fined \$150 and paid \$75, the balance being suspended by Recorder Rippy.

Tuesday night Officer Brunette arrested A. R. Gregg of Long Beach on charges of possession and intoxication. Gregg pleaded guilty. He paid a fine of \$20 for intoxication, and a fine of \$100 was assessed on the possession charge. In order that the man might continue at work Recorder Rippy permitted him to pay the \$100 fine in two monthly installments.

Rito Herrera, resident of Pueblo, is in jail on charges of possessing and selling liquor. He was sentenced to serve 60 days or pay \$500, but \$300 was suspended. He has not yet paid.

Tony Garcia and Rose Garcia, both Pueblo residents, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession and demanded trial. Bail was fixed at \$250 cash and \$500 in property.

### Torrance Girl Severely Hurt As Autos Crash

Lillian Fordice Sustains a Fractured Skull in L. A. Accident

Miss Lillian Fordice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fordice of 1730 Arlington avenue, is a patient in the Angell Hospital, where for several months she has been a student nurse.

Miss Fordice sustained a fractured skull and other injuries last Saturday when the car in which she was riding with six fellow students was struck by another car. The other girls escaped with minor injuries.

Little hope was held at first for Miss Fordice's life, but attending physicians now believe that she will recover.

### Guests of Member At Ellis Concert

Dr. and Mrs. George Shidler, Mrs. C. N. Curtis and Grover C. Whyte were guests last evening of Charles Curtis at a concert of the Ellis Club in the Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles. Mr. Curtis is a member of the Ellis Club male chorus.

### Edison Co. Will Spend \$57,000 On Big Torrance Substation

Work has started on the installation of additional equipment in the Torrance substation of the Southern California Edison Company, according to W. E. Oliver, district manager of the company. This additional equipment will facilitate the handling of the growing load of this station and increase the flexibility of the local distribution system. Torrance substation is one of the largest substations on the Edison company's system, serving the prosperous and constantly growing manufacturing district of which it is the center. Anticipating the inevitable growth of this load, the Edison company originally constructed the station so as to permit of ready enlargement.

Unprecedented growth of the manufacturing load, combined with the rapidly increasing number of uses to which electricity is being put, made it necessary for the company to advance the date of this work about six months, according to Mr. Oliver. It is planned to spend \$57,542 at the Torrance substation at this time. This is a portion of the budgeted expenditure of \$220,000 for this district during 1926.

Maintenance of a proper equilibrium between supply and demand of electricity has caused the company to plan a construction program of \$35,556,000 for the entire Edison system this year, said Mr. Oliver. Approximately one-third of this sum, or \$11,000,000, is to be spent on the third 220,000-volt transmission line between the great hydro-electric plants on the Big Creek and San Joaquin Rivers and Southern California.

Increase Voltage. This line, to be known as the Vincent line, will increase the 220,000-volt transmission capacity of the company 50 percent. With the building of this line and the completion of a new 70,000-horsepower unit in the Long Beach steam plant this summer, Southern California is assured of an unflinching supply of electricity.

### Officers Answer Bride's Cry Of 'Help'; Find Plenty Beer; Patterson Fines Groom \$25

Cries for help from the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harper, 1531 Oak street, here recently from Taft and married only two weeks, resulted in the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Harper by Officers Taber and Morris.

The officers, sleuthing thereabouts, were afforded just the chance they needed when Mrs. Harper's screams aroused the neighborhood (the course of true love never did run smooth), and they found just what they were looking for when they entered the house.

Eighteen small cases of beer, a 25-gallon cask of beer, and two barrels of wine in the making and a miscellany of paraphernalia for manufacture and bottling were destroyed by order of Judge Patterson.

Harper pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of intoxicating liquors. The charge against Mrs. Harper was dismissed. A fine of \$25 or 25 days was imposed. Harper paid the \$25.

### Women's Club Will Present Minstrel Show Friday, Apr. 23

A minstrel show will be given by the members of the Women's Club at the clubhouse Friday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock. There will be dancing from 9:30 until 12, with good music.

Rehearsals will be held at the clubhouse on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, April 19, 21 and 22, at 2 sharp. A full attendance of all members of the cast is desired.

### Torrance Ladies Attend Council Mrs. Teal Honored At Bridge Parties

The county council of the American Legion Auxiliary, held in Los Angeles last Friday, was attended by Mrs. A. W. Greiner, local president, Mrs. Ellis, Harder and Mrs. W. Harold Kingsley.

Among the social affairs held in honor of Mrs. Wilfred Teal, who leaves this week for Oakland, were bridge parties at the homes of Mrs. John McMillan and Mrs. George P. Shidler.

Frank Perkins of 2208 Gramercy avenue has joined H. F. Mueller in the proprietorship of the American Fruit Market.

Mr. Perkins is well known in Torrance, having been connected with other grocery and fruit stores for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jevens spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. McClaren.

### Observations

Politics in Small Cities—The American People Like Good Losers—Dirty Politics Seldom Win; Some State Contests

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SIXTH CLASS CITIES of Southern California, almost two-score in number, have settled down to business after Monday's municipal elections. The outstanding feature of election day in all cities was the large percentage of the registered voters that cast ballots. In Torrance a new record was established when almost 80 percent of the qualified electors went to the polls. The vote cast was almost 300 more than that of two years ago.

Elections in small municipalities are always interesting. Issues are home issues and candidates generally are known personally by the voters. These conditions make small city elections more personal affairs than elections in large cities.

BUT this same personal situation has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. Personal animosities are always more difficult to eradicate after election than are differences of opinion on political issues. The reason is that human beings think more intensely when they are considering personalities than they do when considering principles.

So your small city elections, being more or less personal, are hard to live down. The intenseness of personal campaigns is apt to continue after the votes are counted—to the detriment of the men whom the people have elected to office and to the extreme disadvantage of the whole city.

This condition could easily be eradicated if candidates who meet defeat would be graceful losers, would bow to the will of the majority, and for the sake of their city would co-operate in all ways compatible with good judgment with the newly elected officers.

HARD losers who carry their campaign animosities long after an election hurt their city and hurt themselves. The spirit of the American people is such that a good loser wins respect and a bad loser loses regard.

In the Torrance pre-election campaign pleas for harmony were broadcast. It happened that sponsors of the candidates who won publicly agreed before election to co-operate with the new Board of Trustees no matter who was elected.

For the sake of Torrance and for the sake of all cities that held elections Monday, we hope that candidates who failed to win office will bury campaign intensities and work like good citizens for the good of their home cities and the continued prosperity and progress of Southern California.

ONE characteristic of the Torrance election campaign was the general cleanliness with which it was conducted. Very little mud was thrown and, while convictions were strongly held, bitterness was kept in the background. This is a good sign. It is to be hoped that the restraint exercised by the five candidates and their chief supporters will mark post-election conditions and be repeated at all future elections.

THE campaign at Redondo Beach brought to light a most interesting sidelight on the results of bitter personal politics. One of the candidates for the office of trustee was Robert McMaisters, an estimable man, well educated, experienced and capable enough to hold the position of chief engineer of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company. On Saturday night a city employe, supporting candidate opposed to Mr. McMaisters, issued a tirade against the engineer. This attack asserted that as an employe of the C.-C. M. O. Mr. McMaisters was seeking election so that his company could drill for oil in Redondo Beach and asserted that he had supported the Torrance annexation proceedings to the detriment of Redondo Beach.

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### Sewer System Ready in Year Says Engineer

Temporary Sludge Plant to Serve District Pending Outfall Settlement

That sewage disposal facilities for this district, including Torrance and Lomita, will be available in about a year is the belief of Chief Engineer Warren, who has informed a committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce that a temporary sludge plant will be constructed to dispose of sewage pending settlement of the ocean disposal question.

Mr. Warren assured Carl L. Hyde that work on the trunk line sewers to serve Torrance and Lomita will be under way this summer and that the temporary disposal plant will be completed and functioning in about a year.

Engineers of the state health department are working with the metropolitan sewer district experts in preparing plans for the temporary disposal plant, which will be located south of Harbor City, on the site originally chosen for the permanent disposal plant.

The temporary system is necessary, it is pointed out, in order to provide disposal facilities for the district in case the ocean outfall controversy develops into an extended dispute.

Torrance is the only city in District No. 5 which now has a functioning sewage disposal system, but even this system would be inadequate in two or three years, it is believed. For this reason the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance consulted with Mr. Warren to ascertain when the district disposal system would be in operation.

### Aged Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Sara L. Reed, 83, passed away Monday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Penberthy, of 2120 Andree avenue.

Death terminates a year's invalidism. Christian Science services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Cremation took place at Inglewood.

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