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## ALL RECORDS FOR FIESTA ATTENDANCE BROKEN THIS WEEK PATTERSON WINS PRIMARY ELECTION 10-CENT PROMOTION TAX WINS BY WIDE MARGIN OF VOTES

### TRUSTEES SET NEW RATE

Special Levy Approved 355 to 198 at Special Election

CITY TAX NOW 76 CENTS

Board Makes Reduction After People Approve C. of C. Measure

Citizens of Torrance Friday voted 355 to 198 in favor of a tax of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for promoting and advertising the city. The fund will be expended largely by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

The tax will provide in the neighborhood of \$12,000, it is estimated, for civic promotion work. Five hundred and sixty-five votes were cast. Twelve were spoiled, leaving a total of 553 good ballots.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce are expected at an early meeting to fix annual dues to the organization low enough to permit of a large membership. It is the desire of the chamber to make the organization representative of all groups and shades of opinion in the city, so that the directorate shall represent the will of the majority.

Torrance now takes its place among the progressive cities of California which are financing their community work by special taxes. The Torrance tax rate for next year was fixed at 76 cents per \$100 when the Board of Trustees held an adjourned meeting Saturday after the special election.

The rate is 22 cents lower than the former rate of 98 cents per \$100.

### Henning Defeated By Henry Carter

Henry Carter was returned victor by a large majority in his race for re-election as assemblyman from this, the Seventy-first district. He was opposed by A. E. Henning of San Pedro. Carter received a majority of the votes, polling more than Henning and Winburn combined. Henning carried San Pedro by a large majority, but Carter outdistanced him in southwest Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tolson and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington, of Arlington avenue, enjoyed a picnic lunch at Huntington Beach, and called on old neighbors in the beach city.

### STORES CLOSE MONDAY

Factories and stores in Torrance will be closed on Labor Day, next Monday. The Herald office will be closed from 12 noon on Saturday until Tuesday morning.

Fence lumber \$15.00; Fir, \$35.00; Gas and Base \$45.00 M. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

### BILL THE BARBER SAYS

One of the perfectly legal food mergers is hash.

### Observations

Congratulations to Justice Patterson—The Primary Results Generally—Is the System Worth While or Should It Be Changed?

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE primary election is over. The campaign was bitterly contested. The time is now here for individuals who identified themselves strongly with the campaign to forget politics and get about their business.

The contest between Justice S. D. Patterson and J. R. Jensen for justice of the peace of Lomita township precipitated just about the warmest campaign ever waged in Lomita township.

This newspaper ardently supported Mr. Jensen. The majority of the voters of the township wanted Mr. Patterson. Their will prevailed. And this newspaper wishes to congratulate Mr. Patterson on his victory.

ONE splendid thing about the campaign—neither Mr. Patterson nor Mr. Jensen individually hurled invective at his opponent. They both maintained a dignity that sits well on the shoulders of one who is seeking judicial office.

True, the intensity of the race prompted the entrance of some personal bitterness. But this was put forth by supporters of the candidates and not by the candidates themselves.

Those who supported Mr. Jensen will do well now to forget the campaign, despite all the heat of it, and to submit gracefully to the will of the majority. Mr. Patterson will be justice of the peace for four years. As such he is entitled to the support and co-operation of all the people of the township, no matter what they thought before election.

TORRANCE and Lomita are neighboring cities. They will be neighbors for a long time to come. The interests of each are identical. In the days to come, bringing great growth to this entire district, there will be many times when it will be advisable for the two communities to join together for mutual benefit.

When those occasions arise we are sure that any bitterness that may have been engendered during the Patterson-Jensen campaign will be buried and forgotten.

We like good winners. We also like good losers.

CALIFORNIANS generally should be ashamed of the fact that only 40 percent of the registered voters cast ballots Tuesday. That means that winning candidates for important offices were voted for by no more than 15 or 25 percent of the qualified electors.

It is a sad commentary on the present state of affairs in this democracy when suffrage, which men fought and bled to obtain, is exercised by less than half of the people entitled to vote.

Generally the persons who do not vote are the ones who do the most kicking. It is mighty easy to find fault with government. It ought to be just as easy to vote. But Tuesday shows that there are more fault-finders than there are voters.

THE slight vote in California Tuesday is one more testimonial to the thought that the direct primary is the bunk.

The primary system looks beautiful on paper. It was designed to reform American politics. It hasn't done it. Under the primary better and better men were to be selected for the offices by the people. That desirable condition has failed to come to pass.

WE Americans love to spin pretty theories and then put them into practice. Too often, however, the spinning is much more pleasing than the cloth. One can conjure up few salable arguments against the primary system in theory. The only argument against it now is that the darned thing doesn't work. It's like a fine big motor car, with shining body and beautiful appointments but minus a motor under the hood. It's pretty to look at but it won't take you any place.

We stand among those who are approaching nearer and nearer to the conclusion that the sooner the primary system is done away with the better. Money will be saved and men wholly as capable—possibly more so—will run for office.

EVERY voter—speaking of the average—takes his political opinion from what he reads or what he hears. With a ballot as long as that of Tuesday it is next to impossible for the average voter to know whether or not the men for whom he votes represent his ideas of policies and issues.

Show me a man who is certain that he voted for the best ten candidates for Superior judge and I will show you a most unusual man.

Most of us did our best—by following the recommendations of attorneys who ought to know. But even when we did that, we acted not in accordance with our own conclusions but upon the conclusions of others. It is a bit-or-miss system. And if we always are going to elect for judges the men whom the bar associations recommend, why not cut out the expense of the election and let the lawyers choose the judges without our help—just as they used to do before the pretty primary came into vogue?

JOE CRAIL will go to Congress. He is pledged to a high dam at Boulder Canyon and the All-American canal. So is Senator Shortridge. So in fact was every candidate that ran. That's one good thing about the primary. They all jumped on the Colorado River bandwagon because the people demanded it. As a result of this popular demand California will have men at Washington who know what the people want in connection with power and water. And if those representatives fail to keep their promises, the political Guillotine will certainly do some real work next election.

### BIG HOSTS THROUGH TENT

Auto Show, Voted Best Yet, Is Attracting Great Crowds

PLANS FOR SATURDAY

Legion Announces Balloon-Blowing Contest for Boys

All records for attendance in the six years of the event were broken Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Torrance Fiesta and Auto Show, now under way. Great crowds thronged the midway and the big tent on the opening night, and a crowd of equal size was on hand Wednesday.

Commander C. B. Bell and his assistants in charge of the event are elated with the response of the people of Torrance and neighboring communities.

The automobile show, with late models of many makes of cars, is considered the best exhibit of its kind ever held here.

The Legionnaires are looking forward to a gigantic crowd at the Fiesta Saturday night. As a special attraction the committee has offered a cash prize for a boy's balloon-blowing contest. All boys are eligible to compete. Each boy will be given a balloon. The lad who blows it up largest without bursting it will win.

Stand Is Popular

One of the most popular meeting places at the Fiesta is the hot dog and lemonade stand conducted by the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion.

Concessionaires report a brisk trade at the event and declare that



Whale Oil Gus, who speaks every night at the Fiesta on his experiences as a whale hunter.

before the week is over they will have broken a record for a festival in a city of this size.

On Saturday night many free awards will be made by exhibitors in the big tent.

The crowds that are thronging the midway and tent each night come from all parts of the harbor district—an eloquent testimonial to the popularity of the annual event which the Legion puts on in Torrance.

Proceeds from the Fiesta will go into the Bert S. Crossland Post's building fund.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors will be held in American hall Friday evening, Sept. 3.

A full attendance of members is urged.

### THE VOTE FOR JUSTICE

LOMITA								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Patterson	22	163	134	187	79	121		706
Jensen	11	29	27	32	50	56		205
*10 votes cast. Report not in.								

TORRANCE							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Patterson	78	50	17	25	38	33	241
Jensen	134	78	79	91	79	68	529
Total Patterson—947.							
Total Jensen—734.							
Patterson majority—213.							

### THE VOTE IN TORRANCE

FOR GOVERNOR							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Richardson	82	39	41	42	48	31	283
Young	56	38	28	40	40	27	229

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Fitts	85	56	40	55	55	40	381
Merriam	39	16	25	29	22	16	147

FOR SENATOR							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Lineberger	44	23	25	28	32	24	176
Shortridge	31	22	17	27	15	9	121
Clarke	55	44	25	31	39	30	224

FOR CONGRESSMAN							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Crail	113	66	47	68	55	44	393
Criswell	22	17	14	13	20	15	101

FOR ASSEMBLYMAN							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Carter	86	43	37	39	43	27	255
Henning	50	22	28	33	22	23	178

FOR SHERIFF							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traeger	75	60	44	67	36	49	331
Home	96	52	34	36	50	33	301
Kelley	21	17	13	11	22	12	96

### THE VOTE IN LOMITA

FOR GOVERNOR							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Richardson	69	32	61	44	30	236	
Young	39	54	50	29	47	219	

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Fitts	56	42	43	32	34	207	
Merriam	33	29	28	28	38	156	

FOR SENATOR							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Lineberger	39	22	33	14	22	130	
Shortridge	31	20	26	22	17	116	
Clarke	28	48	37	41	34	188	

FOR CONGRESSMAN							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Crail	83	65	80	59	58	345	
Criswell	15	17	17	10	13	72	

FOR ASSEMBLYMAN							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Carter	38	34	40	41	50	203	
Henning	62	43	57	35	27	224	

FOR SHERIFF							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Traeger	63	64	93	48	92	360	
Home	88	52	77	52	45	314	
Kelley	24	31	25	13	13	106	

### Chamber Directors Urge People Not To Sign Light Petitions Until Cost Details Are Ready

With a committee working actively to ascertain the costs of various lighting systems and various methods of installing them, directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday passed a resolution urging people not to sign petitions for lights until they acquaint themselves with details regarding costs.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, the trustees of the city of Torrance were elected on a platform favoring the installation of a lighting system in Torrance only when voted by the people at an election,

"And whereas, lights installed under a bond issue proceeding will cost the individual property owner much less than the same system installed under the assessment district method,

"And whereas, a petition is now being circulated in Torrance asking the Board of Trustees to create an assessment district to pay for the installation of a lighting system,

"And whereas, this petition stipulates the type of post to be used, thus eliminating competition,

"And whereas, a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce

has for several weeks been at work on a plan for a street lighting proposition with full competition and to be installed only when voted by the people;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce urge citizens and property owners not to sign any petition for lights until they have acquainted themselves thoroughly with the costs of the various methods of securing lights for the city of Torrance."

### AUTO SHOW NUMBER

News and advertisements of the dealers exhibiting at the Torrance Automobile Show will be found on the two center pages of this issue.

### Polls Large Vote In Lomita; Given 241 In Torrance

Nomination of Incumbent Is the Same as His Election, as Only His Name Will Go on Ballot Next November

GRAIL, RICHARDSON, TRAEGER LEAD OPPONENTS

Carter Wins Over Henning in Torrance, but Henning Gets a Majority in Lomita; Clarke Carries Lomita Township

Rolling up a big majority in Lomita and getting 241 votes in Torrance, S. D. Patterson won over J. R. Jensen of Torrance in the primary race for justice of the peace of Lomita township Tuesday. Patterson's nomination amounts to election, for his name will be the only one on the November ballot.

The campaign preceding the election was conceded to be the most hotly contested in the history of Lomita township.

Jensen's majority in Torrance was 288, while Patterson rolled up an advantage of 501 in Lomita.

Lomita Casts More

There were more votes cast in Lomita than in Torrance. Approximately 60 percent of the registered voters of Torrance cast ballots. Almost 75 of these were spoiled and could not be counted.

Both Torrance and Lomita gave Friend Richardson a plurality over C. C. Young. The other candidates for the Republican nomination for governor trailed. Goodell ran a weak third.

The popularity of Buron Pitts, Republican candidate for nomination for lieutenant-governor, was displayed throughout the township when he won over Frank Merriam in every precinct of the township. Merriam is well known here, but Pitts' war record and service as deputy district attorney apparently overcame the wide acquaintance of Merriam in the harbor district.

Robert Clarke was the leader in the senatorial contest. Lineberger ran second in Lomita, with Shortridge third. Lineberger was third in Torrance, trailing Shortridge.

Crail Wins Here

Torrance and Lomita polled a tremendous majority for Joe Crail as opposed to Ralph Criswell in the Tenth district race for nomination on the Republican ticket for congressman. This was a surprise to some who remembered that Criswell carried this township two years ago against Capt. Fredricks.

Henry Carter carried Torrance over A. E. Henning in the contest for Republican assemblyman. A whirlwind precinct campaign during the last week before election is said to have been responsible for Carter's victory in Torrance. The Torrance vote was 255 for Carter

and 178 for Henning. Henning carried Lomita by a vote of 234 to 208.

Lomita gave Sheriff Bill Traeger 360 votes. Home ran a good second with 314 votes, while Kelley polled only 106.

In Torrance the race between Traeger and Home was also close. Traeger got 321 votes, to 301 for Home, with Kelley a bad third with 96.

Vote for Dead Man

Several surprises were registered at the various precincts. One of these was the large number of

votes cast for Thomas Lennon for chief justice of the Supreme Court. Judge Lennon died several weeks ago.

Both Lomita and Torrance polled a larger percentage of their possible votes than the percentage that prevailed throughout the state. More than 60 percent of the registered voters here went to the polls. In the state only 40 percent voted. The large percentage here was due in a large measure to the race between Justice Patterson and J. R. Jensen. Organizations in Torrance and Lomita were busy all day getting out the vote.

### Torrance Relief Association Can Use Cast-Off Clothing

By EDNA K. LYNNE

Why give your cast-off clothing to out-of-town organizations, when the Torrance Relief Association needs so badly all you have for local relief work?

Three tiny bits of lace, a small piece of pink soisette, two little crocheted cosettes, two ends of white ribbon, and the nimble fingers of one of the members—and there was the daintiest little cap for a layette!

Again—part of a blue bandana and an embroidered white strip (looked like a discarded collar) made a nifty dust cap.

Hose are mended, shoes repaired, trousers patched, and passed on to those less fortunate than you.

So go through your closets and trunks, make up a bundle, and phone Mrs. Woodington at Torrance 119-J, or Mrs. Steinhilber at 217-J, and someone will call for it. Contributions of all sorts will be accepted in the drive for clothing to start soon. There will be no concerted effort to collect money this year.

No date has been set as yet for the bazaar to be held in the near future.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Miss Wanta Stachwitz in Italy. Miss Stachwitz plans to make an extended stay abroad. She will continue the study of music, both piano and voice, under European teachers.

Dr. John Lingenfelter is visiting his mother and father, Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Lingenfelter, of Annapolis avenue. Dr. Lingenfelter is a physician on the staff of the Ford Hospital in Detroit.

### 25 New Families Move to Torrance In Past 2 Weeks

Is Torrance growing these days? Ask Carl Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber makes a practice of sending a welcoming message to every new resident in Torrance.

Yesterday messages were sent to 25 new families which have taken up residence here during the past two weeks.

The messages list all churches, places of entertainment, give notice of all lodge meetings, and generally acquaint a new resident with Torrance.

### James Leech New C. of C. Director

James Leech, manager of the Bank of America in Torrance and president of the Kiwanis Club, was elected a director of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brian K. Welch. Mr. Welch resigned on account of his