

COUNCIL LETS LIGHTING JOB

First Returns In \$3600 Campaign Are Published Today

The political campaign roared into October with increasing intensity. As Gov. Smith turned his face eastward from his first speaking tour, Republicans admitted that he had done his candidacy good. Still others noted national headquarters that it would be advisable to fit Mabel Walker Willebrandt with a muzzle. Others, less given to active participation in the campaign, but none the less interested in the election of Secretary Hoover wondered what the G. O. P. planned to do to offset the gains made by Smith on his tour through the west.

Smith had faced the G. O. P. for the oil scandal, had attacked the inability of Republicans for failure to relieve the farmers, had criticized the administration right and left. In the west where voters are apt to like their politics raw it was conceded that he had helped himself substantially. Would Hoover answer the attacks? Or would the G. O. P. maintain a discreet silence?

The answer came in unmistakable terms Monday night, Oct. 1. It came sweeping over the radio lanes in the voice of Senator Borah. The chairman of the foreign relations committee of the Senate met Smith in Smith's own type of campaign—rough and tumble political debate.

Politicians saw in the move proof that the battle in this year's campaign is to keep the offensive, that each party is striving mightily to keep its opponent on the defensive. After the convention Smith was decidedly on the defensive, daily answering attacks on him, his character and his Tammany associates. Boarding his special train he took the offensive with a vengeance, soundly trouncing Hoover, Coolidge and the G. O. P. from Oklahoma to St. Paul. No sooner had he returned to his native state than the Republicans drove a flank attack at his forces which put him on the defensive again.

Borah, able politician, shrewd appraiser of mass psychology, took the Smith stand on waterways and farm relief apart and built of them a grotesque figure, calculated to make the country laugh. If it is to be a wise-cracking campaign, Borah proved himself a match for the urbane comports of New York. Republicans, somewhat worried during the Smith swing west, took heart.

Mr. Raab, who has made about two hundred million out of Republican prospects now claims that the country has been governed poorly and he is now engaged in work at which he hopes to make a living.

Gov. Smith says that if elected he will appoint a board of engineers to study the Lawrence waterways project and will abide by their recommendations. He would appoint an engineer. Why not elect an engineer?

Because Herbert Hoover sat in a cabinet when it turned out there was a man disregardful of all signs of honor and decency, the governor means to have the voters condemn him for having been found in that company. Is the governor willing to try this campaign on the question of associations?

The intensity of the campaign was again revealed by the Caldwell incident, which forced Herbert Hoover to repudiate a circular sent out on the letter of the Republican committee. The facts: Mrs. Willie W. Caldwell is Republican national committee chairman of Virginia. Over her signature went forth a letter to women declaring that we must "save the United States from rum and Romanism." Immediately Herbert Hoover issued a statement in which he declared that he repudiated and resented the letter. Mrs. Caldwell said it was sent out by subordinates who used signature that she never had read the letter. The day after his "repudiating" statement Mr. Hoover issued another in which he declared: "I cannot fully express my indignation of any such circulars. Nor can I reiterate too strongly that religious issues have no part in this campaign. Neither I nor the Republican party wants support on that basis."

Another Roosevelt will run for the governorship of New York. Two have run for office before. Theodore, elected; Theodore Jr., defeated. Both ran as Republicans. This time the candidate will be Franklin D. Roosevelt, cousin of Teddy, running on the Democratic ticket to succeed Al Smith.

Commander Richard Byrd is spending west. He will arrive in Los Angeles Friday, sailing on the Capt. Larsen from San Pedro for the Antarctic on Monday, October 15.

Arthur Sears Henning, political sage of the Chicago Tribune, having completed a tour of Dixie says Hoover will carry Tennessee and Kentucky, but that Smith will carry the rest of the Southern states, including Texas, Florida and the Carolinas. If this be true and Smith should win New York and New Jersey and Massachusetts, all considered favorable to the Democratic candidate, the election would be very close. Republicans and Democrats alike will expend unpre-

TO START WORK IN 10 DAYS

Low Bid of 121,600 Presented by L. A. Company Wins Contract

TALK OVERHEAD SYSTEM Council Will Study Plans to Light Other Areas in City

Culminating years of effort to secure an ornamental lighting system for Torrance, the council Tuesday night awarded the contract for installing the system here to the Pacific Engineering and Construction Company, whose bid of \$121,600 was the lowest of six quotations submitted. The successful company is a subsidiary of the Western Lighting Company, makers of King posts which will be installed in the streets of the Western Lighting Company said Tuesday night after the contract was awarded that work of installation will begin in about ten days. The first work will begin in the business district and it is expected that the system will be ready to turn on during the holidays.

The low bid, according to City Engineer Leonard was within the guaranteed estimate furnished by the Western Lighting Company. That company's estimate was \$111,321. After the five estimates were received, however, property owners on Cabrillo avenue between Carson street and Plaza del Amo petitioned the council for the installation on their street of combination trolley poles instead of the semi-business type. The difference in the per foot cost between the two types is \$4.44. The foot cost of the semi-business type is \$1.14; that of the combination trolley type \$6.58. The increase caused by the more expensive type on Cabrillo added to the company's estimate and including the engineering costs of 5 percent, total \$121,600, according to Mr. Leonard, so that the bid of \$121,600 comes under the guaranteed estimate cost.

The following bids were received: Alta Electric Company, San Francisco, \$149,900; Electric Lighting and Supply Company, Los Angeles, \$129,534; John R. Davis Company, Los Angeles \$122,896; Walker and Martin, Los Angeles, \$122,236; Western Lighting Company, Los Angeles, \$121,600.

The bids were referred to Mr. Leonard and City Attorney Briney for checking. Mr. Leonard reported back in a few minutes, recommending that the contract be awarded to the low bidder. A resolution so awarding the contract was made by Councilman Maxwell and carried unanimously. All councilmen except Mayor Dennis were present.

It was evident at Tuesday night's meeting that several improved districts of the city not included in the area to be improved by ornamental lights desire that overhead lights be installed. Dr. G. A. R. Steiner brought this fact to the attention of the council and Mr. Leonard pointed out that a map contemplating overhead lighting installations had been prepared. The council decided to study the map at the next meeting. It is conceded that overhead lights will be installed in the Madrid-Cedar Vista district in parts of Tract 4076, in Vista Highlands and possibly on some other streets. There is no cost for installing overhead lights and maintenance would be paid out of the general taxes from which costs of maintaining the ornamental system will also be taken.

N. A. Becker efficiency and consulting engineer of the Columbia Steel Corporation wrote a letter to the council thanking the city for its promptness in installing overhead lights on Border avenue near the company's mills. Mr. Becker declared that the company is contemplating endeavoring to employ more men and that co-operation by the city in improvements to make Torrance a good place for workmen to

Auditor Criticizes Loose Handling of Culver City Finances Under Reve Houck, Supervisor Candidate

Pointing to asserted "loose handling" of Culver City's finances and questioning the legality of methods of municipal handling of funds under the regime of Reve Houck, mayor and candidate for supervisor of the Fourth District, a report of an audit just completed was handed over to Houck Tuesday. It contained many criticisms of the financial methods of the city of which Houck is mayor and revealed a substantial excess of expenditures over receipts. Mr. Houck declined to comment on the report, but added that details of the audit would be made public later. The audit was made by the firm of MacLeod and MacFarlane.

The audit showed expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30 last were \$74,486 or 20 percent over receipts. In respect to the handling of street bond issue funds, the audit declares that sufficient records were not maintained in control of disbursements and receipts and that cash in hand has not been reconciled with book balances.

Discrepancies Found The statement is made that Charles E. Shillito, who retired as city treasurer last April 16, gave the auditors a cashier's check for \$409, which covers discrepancies during his term of office. The discrepancies the report quotes Mr. Shillito as saying, were due to his inexperience, lack of help and rush of business.

The report cites several instances, totaling \$15,160, where receipts from collections under bond money were credited for a time to the city's general

Observations

Our Sharp Note to Britain and France—Shall We Bow to John Bull?—The Navy, Our Prosperity and Herbert Hoover

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

COUCHED in the sharpest language which has characterized any American diplomatic note since the Wilson interchange with Germany, the American rebuke to Great Britain and France regarding their secret naval pact startled the world last week. Responsible administrations do not send forth utterly blunt diplomatic messages such as the Coolidge-Kellogg note unless the conditions which called forth the document are of deep international concern. That our relations with Europe have grown steadily more strained since Versailles every student of foreign affairs admits. That these relations have reached a serious stage is clearly evidenced by the sharp language of the naval note.

THERE exists a status in our foreign relations which should be studied and understood by every intelligent American citizen. We regret that limitations of space prevent us from going fully into the details of naval limitations discussion which led up to the events of last week. However a summary of the main points may suffice.

NEGOTIATIONS for naval limitations began under Harding. He called a conference of the five naval powers at Washington. They all responded—Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan. At that conference the United States agreed to limitations of battleships and aeroplane carriers which necessitated the scrapping by the United States of a large tonnage of new and partially completed ships. In addition we agreed not to strengthen our naval bases at Manila or Guam. A zone in which no power could fortify in the Pacific was drawn. Singapore, strategic naval center of the Pacific, was just outside the zone.

THE ink was scarcely dry on the Washington treaty, when Great Britain announced plans for the development of the base at Singapore which would make it the strongest naval point in the world. France and Italy hurried home to adopt great submarine building programs. So did Japan. Six years later—in 1927—Japan owned the largest fleet of small submarines in the world, Japan (Continued on Last Page)

Series of Fine Lectures Are Announced at Baptist Church

Heralded by the committee arranging the project as an "extraordinary opportunity for Torrance, a series of lectures and sermons will be given at the First Baptist church of Torrance by Rev. Clarence E. Hedrick, every night except Saturday and starting Sunday. Rev. Hedrick has been engaged for eleven years in evangelistic and religious lecturing work in Washington, Oregon and California. He recently conducted a noteworthy series at the Central Church of Los Angeles. He began his religious work through inspiration received from Dr. Brougher at the Temple Baptist church of Los Angeles and

GRID TILT HERE ON FRIDAY

Torrance High Opens Season With New Coach at the Helm

NYLANDER IS MENTOR U. C. Man, Pupil of Famous Coaches, Stirs Spirit at Local School

The underdog in football for center-guard; Clyde Bodley, guard; itself with hopes of a championship within the next year or two. The reason is Coach Sigurd Byron Nylander, popularly known as "Sig".

New this Sig Nylander brings to Torrance a full-fledged knowledge of the pigskin pastime plus plenty of experience as a coach of same. He is a U. C. man from Berkeley. He coached the strong Oakland High School team for two years and in 1927 over at Alhambra



"SIG" NYLANDER

turned out a Class A basketball championship. He is a former pupil of Knute Rockne, "Gloomy Gus" Henderson and the late Andy Smith. That's saying heaps.

Nylander has instilled a new spirit into athletics at Torrance high. He understands youth and is a natural leader. He is energetic, resourceful and interested in his job. Students say team aspirants never had such enthusiasm before.

All of which is good. Torrance doesn't expect to win the title in the Marine League this year, but students feel that with Nylander on the job this year and next he may turn out a winner before Time crosses over into the '30 column.

Torrance plays its first football game of the year here Friday afternoon against Banning of Wilmington. The rest of the schedule follows: Oct. 12, Torrance at Riles; Oct. 19, Narbonne at Torrance; Oct. 26, Washington at Torrance; Nov. 2, Torrance at Bell; Nov. 16 Gardens at Torrance.

The names of the aspirants for places on the team this year follow: Al Pennington, quarter; Ralph Harder, half-quarter; Bob Bartlett, half-full; Gerald Clark, full-back-guard; Al Mintun, end; Joe Taven, tackle-half; Elliott Cowan, guard-tackle; Forrest McKinley, center-guard.

Wm. Agapito, tackle-half; Ray McReynolds, guard; Leslie Mintun, center-guard; Clyde Bodly, guard; Earl Taven, tackle; Toshiekie Sumitango, end; Howard Totten, full-back-tackle; Joe Lupo, half; Lewis Pearson, guard-tackle; Henry Cooke, guard; John Getz, guard; Richard Walker, tackle; Theodore Eldridge, guard-tackle; Louis Eldridge, tackle-end; Earl Cook, tackle-end.

3 Million Dollar Refinery to Go Up Here Immediately

General Petroleum Announces Construction of First Units of New Plant in Torrance; Surveyors Now at Work

Immediate construction of the first two units of its three million dollar refinery at Torrance was announced yesterday by the General Petroleum Corporation, subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, of New York.

Surveyors were at work today on the company's 1000-acre site here and ground for the new units and additional storage will be started at once. The immediate program of building calls for construction of a new 30,000 barrel refinery and an addition of 1,200,000 barrels storage on the site. The expenditure will aggregate \$2,050,000. The new refinery will consist of two distillation units. The additional storage will comprise nine new tanks, each with a capacity of 134,000 barrels.

The new refinery at Torrance will be in operation by Feb. 15, it is anticipated. Construction of the refinery is in line with the company's announced policy of building its huge ten million dollar plant by gradual stages. The company's great refinery at Vernon will eventually be replaced by the larger plant at Torrance. When the Torrance units are all in operation several thousand men will be employed.

Commenting on the G. P. announcement the California Oil World of this week says: "Two years ago the G. P. purchased 950 acres to be used as a refinery site and tank farm at some future date. The plan at that time was to locate the Vernon refinery at the new concentration point. The unexpected influx of new flush production from the two big fields of Los Angeles Basin has anticipated this move by several years, and a complete new refinery will be built instead."

"The work to be undertaken at the present time will include two crude distillation units with a total capacity of 30,000 barrels per day, with necessary run-down tanks, boilers, gasoline treating apparatus, pump house, and office buildings. The plant will be completely equipped with foam fire protection. The program will call for an expenditure of about \$3,000,000. "In addition to the refinery plant, contracts have been let for the erection of nine 134,000-bbl. steel tanks to be erected on the refinery site to supplement the four 80,000-bbl. tanks already in place. These 134,000-bbl. tanks establish a new record in point of capacity for steel tanks on the Pacific Coast. Heretofore 120,000-bbl. tanks have been the largest capacity. This will give the G. P. an additional storage capacity of 1,200,000 barrels, and very likely an additional tankage will be erected shortly after the first of the year. "According to present plans the new refinery will be in full operation by Feb. 15, 1929. This will be in time to assist in handling the expected increase in production resulting from completion of the 50 deep-zone wells the General Petroleum is now drilling in the Santa Fe Springs and Signal Hill fields."

State President of W.C.T.U. Will Speak at Union Church Services in Torrance Sunday

Several churches of Torrance will join in a union service Sunday night at 7:30 at the Methodist Episcopal church to hear Mrs. Ella B. Wheeler, president of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union speak on "The Issues of the Day."

Sharp Word Battle Marks Council Refusal of Pool Room License

That the policy of the Torrance city council is opposition to any more pool rooms in the city was set forth Tuesday night when, after a sharp discussion, the application of Frank Murray for a license to operate such a place of business in the building formerly occupied by the Dominguez Land Corporation at El Prado and Border avenue was refused by a vote of 3 to 1. Councilmen Maxwell, Wolfe and Raymond voted for a motion to deny the application and Councilman Inman voted against the motion.

Mr. Murray was represented by Attorney J. R. Jensen who requested that the license be granted. Councilman Wolfe replied sharply, saying, "There has been a lot of talk about this license. Mr. Murray recently made an application for the license and when the board decided to consider the matter and make a decision later, Mr. Murray seemed to think we should act immediately. He said he would open the pool room whether we granted the license or not. He might as well have told the council to go to hell. He did open up without a license and Chief Calder had to notify him to close. I don't think he deserves a license."

Mr. Jensen declared that "cer-

LISTS ARE NOT YET CLOSED

Inactivity in Early Stage of Race Opens Way for New Entrants

ONLY FEW ARE ENTERED Live Wires Named Now Have Good Chance at Big Prizes

Today it appears—the first published list of nominations and first vote standing in The Herald-News Big \$3,600 Free Gift Offer. Nominations are NOT closed, in fact the campaign is just starting for live wire workers! Opportunity without handicap is here for new entries who will enter and carry on.

This small list must not be misunderstood; a very large number in the list are candidates in name only and, indeed, a very small number are active. Many who have entered or have been nominated have failed, so far, to turn in one single subscription to the Herald-News; they are so far only candidates in name only, nothing more.

Subscriptions Will Win Candidates who will not get out and devote a little spare time in securing subscriptions can not hope to win. But those who will show a little inclination and desire to make some additional money in a spare time way and who will actually get out and start their work in going to get their share of subscriptions and stand a dandy chance of winning one of the big awards.

Nominations Just Start Simple nomination of a candidate does not mean anything. The nomination is but the first step, the starting point. Anyone content to rest after nomination will not get far in this election. Active work, honest effort, some attention to the business in hand, and that alone can get votes and votes win. And subscriptions mean votes.

With so few candidates entered, and so many of those not yet, at least, manifesting any life or activity, the opportunity is here for some live ones to enter and "carry on" to win.

In fact, the more candidates entered the less votes it will take to win. If two candidates are running for office they must have all the votes between them. The winner must have a majority, over half of all the votes cast. But if five candidates seek, the same office the winner only needs to have more than the next higher candidate.

Then, too, in this campaign "Everybody Wins Something." There is the Buick sedan, the Chevrolet coupe. There are purses of gold and silver, totalling hundreds of dollars. And, remember, too, the cash equivalent of fifteen percent paid all active non-winning participants. In an election for office, but one candidate wins. In the Herald-News election "Everybody wins—you win."

Anderson Given Term at Folsom

Former Chief Police Sentenced for Long Beach Attempted Robbery

B. M. Anderson, former chief of police of Torrance, convicted of the attempted robbery of the Citizens State Bank, First Street, Long Beach branch, and of the robbery of the California Bank of Lomita was sentenced to serve from one to 10 years in at Folsom for the Long Beach crime but was granted a new trial on the Lomita charge. The case as it was related to the Lomita count was taken off the calendar and Anderson required to serve his sentence at Folsom.

An informal dance, under the auspices of the Torrance High school alumni, will be held at the Redondo Country Club Friday evening, October 5.