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MAJORITIES IN LOCAL VOTE SIMILAR TO STATE RESULTS

Repeal Wins By Over Two to One; Vote In Torrance and Lomita Reflects Sentiment Throughout Entire State

Results of Tuesday's election in Torrance and Lomita accurately reflect the sentiment of voters throughout the state. A compilation of local ballots reveals that in every instance the propositions which won in the state-wide tally were given similar majorities in Torrance and Lomita. Repeal of the Eighteenth amendment carried by over two to one in Torrance and by over two and one-half to one in Lomita. Horse racing and pari-mutual betting also received substantial majorities locally. Proposition No. 4, exempting private schools from taxation, was defeated in both Torrance and Lomita and seems definitely lost in the state-wide totals. Propositions 9 and 10, diverting the gas tax, were both decisively defeated in Torrance and Lomita as elsewhere throughout the state. Only 1681 votes were cast in Torrance and 920 in Lomita, which is about 45 per cent of the registration. The complete and final figures for the 12 Torrance precincts and the eight Lomita precincts follow:

REPEAL OF 18th AMENDMENT:	
Torrance—For Repeal	1127
Against	500
Lomita—For Repeal	641
Against	252
TOTAL—For Repeal	1768
Against	752

PROPOSITION NO. 1	
Torrance	461
Lomita	496
TOTAL	957
PROPOSITION NO. 2	
Torrance	1136
Lomita	340
TOTAL	1476
PROPOSITION NO. 3	
Torrance	879
Lomita	466
TOTAL	1345
PROPOSITION NO. 4	
Torrance	638
Lomita	339
TOTAL	977
PROPOSITION NO. 5	
Torrance	1053
Lomita	579
TOTAL	1632
PROPOSITION NO. 6	
Torrance	425
Lomita	354
TOTAL	779
PROPOSITION NO. 7	
Torrance	876
Lomita	273
TOTAL	1149
PROPOSITION NO. 8	
Torrance	823
Lomita	366
TOTAL	1189
PROPOSITION NO. 9	
Torrance	307
Lomita	114
TOTAL	421
PROPOSITION NO. 10	
Torrance	282
Lomita	156
TOTAL	438

Merchants Elect Parks President Of Retail Bureau

Merchants Ask \$1000 Appropriation From 10 Cents Tax To Promote Trade Development

F. L. Parks, proprietor of the Torrance Plumbing Company, was elected president of the Retail Merchants' Bureau of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Monday evening, F. M. Buffington, manager of the J. C. Penney Company, who acted as temporary chairman of the meeting, was also nominated to head the group, but withdrew from the nomination, stating that as he was a director of the chamber, he thought it would be better to have some other retailer as president of the merchants' bureau. Leslie L. Prince, proprietor of the Beacon Drug Company, was chosen secretary. A board of directors was selected, consisting of Sam Levy, chairman; G. L. Sears, Harvel Guttenfelder, Asa Graham and J. M. Christensen.

A special committee to cooperate with the American Legion starting the world's largest card party on August 5 was appointed as follows: Ed Little, chairman; Bernard Mattison and F. M. Buffington.

It was decided by unanimous vote of the merchants at the meeting to request a \$1000 appropriation from the ten-cent promotion fund with which to finance trade development during the next year. A committee to contact officials of the Chamber of Commerce and city councilmen was chosen, and consisted of S. S. Worch, chairman; Ed Schwartz and Al Harder.

Regular meetings of the bureau will be held the first Monday of each month, but owing to the Fourth of July falling so near the next regular meeting date, it was decided to postpone the next meeting to July 10. All retail merchants in Torrance are invited to affiliate with the newly organized merchants' bureau and to be present at the July 10 meeting. It was decided not to levy membership dues.

Sam Allen Charged With Manslaughter

Sam Allen, said to be a Torrance roofer, plead not guilty to manslaughter when arraigned in superior court before Judge Percy Hight Monday. Allen was accused of having caused the death of Josephine Lyles, age 49, of 1127 East 49th street, Los Angeles, in an automobile accident, May 31, on Gaffey Road near Anaheim boulevard. Allen was arrested after police had traced the car to a Torrance address. His case will come up for trial on July 12.

REMOVAL OF HANNEBRINK IS AGAIN POSTPONED

No action on the removal of Fire Chief Hannebrink and the appointment of one of the full time firemen to the post will be taken until after the vacation period, it was decided by the city council last evening on recommendation of Councilman Conner. However, Conner stated that no additional men would be employed during the vacation period.

Lomita Couple Will Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Cox Wed Fifty Years Ago

When the friends and members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Cox, 2111 240th street, Lomita, gather at their beautiful home next Tuesday afternoon, they will join in the celebration of a rare event, the 50th wedding anniversary of this esteemed couple.

Fifty years ago, on July 4, 1883, Miss Emma Alsworth became the bride of Thomas H. Cox, at a simple ceremony performed in Mitchell, South Dakota, where Mr. and Mrs. Cox continued to reside for a number of years following their marriage.

Invitations to the golden wedding have been sent to friends and relatives, including a number who formerly lived in Mitchell, and who are now residents, like Mr. and Mrs. Cox, of California. A reception will be given at the Cox home, from 2 to 5 Tuesday afternoon, where the bride and groom of half a century ago will receive the congratulations and best wishes of their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were the parents of six children, all of whom it is expected will be present on this happy occasion. They are Miss Laura Cox, who resides with her parents; Mrs. W. D. Lockhart of Lomita; Mrs. Frank Way and Mrs. John Bauer of Long Beach; Mrs. Sam Edwards of Fraser Mountain Park, and Irvan H. Cox of San Diego.

Since the family came to reside in Lomita, at their present address located on what was formerly known as Beacon street, they have developed their property there into a bower of beauty where flowers, flowering shrubs and trees and many kinds fill every nook and corner. An aviary with its troop of singing birds stands at the back of the house, flanked on either side by pools filled with aquatic plants and rare tropical fish. Pens for pheasants, valley quail and strutting bantams occupy the rear of the lot, and by the time the guests gather for the golden wedding celebration there will be a little flock of baby quail to be exhibited to admiring callers. Specimens of cactus from the desert and a coral tree, very rare, with its scarlet blooms, from the far East Indies, add an exotic note to the charm of the gardens. All has been the work of years, and a labor of love on the part of the owners, who have achieved a success in beautifying their home that is a source of great satisfaction.

Bessone Faces Third Count of Manslaughter

Mrs. Andrew Randazzo Dies of Burns Received in Auto Crash

A third count of manslaughter today faced Dominic Bessone, following the death last week-end of Mrs. Andrew Randazzo at a Los Angeles hospital. The mother, after putting up a heroic fight for life following severe burns received after Bessone's machine had rammed into the Randazzo car while parked on Hawthorne boulevard near Waverly, was the third member of the family to die as a result of the tragic accident several weeks ago.

Two children, Mary, 10, and Pete, 4, were cremated in the family car when it was crushed by flames ignited by the collision. As a result, Bessone was charged with two counts of manslaughter. The mother's death was expected to result in a fourth count being lodged against Bessone by the district attorney's office in Los Angeles. In addition to being charged with responsibility for the deaths of the two children, he also has been charged with driving while drunk.

Bessone's trial has been set for Thursday of next week, July 6.

THEATRE SAFE LOOTED

Burglars pried open the safe at the Fox Redondo Theatre Sunday night after all attendants had left for the night and secured about \$68 in cash and checks. The discovery was made by Mrs. Honor Halla, theatre cashier, the following day. The intruders are supposed to have concealed themselves in the building or to have entered by means of a passkey.

RESCUED FROM SURF

Donald Hitchcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock, of the C. E. M. O. was rescued from the surf while swimming at Redondo Beach Tuesday afternoon by lifeguards who aided the exhausted youth to shore. He was able to go to his home after receiving first aid.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. Margaret Hutchins, clerk at the Torrance postoffice, entered the California Lutheran hospital, Los Angeles, Monday, where she underwent an operation Tuesday morning. Her condition is reported as satisfactory by the attending physician.

Rojo Rescues Man Swimming Far Off Shore

W. H. Rojo, proprietor of the Torrance Laundry, effected a timely rescue Sunday of E. O. Sier, 609 North Monterey avenue, Alhambra, who was found in a nearly exhausted condition in an attempt to swim from Long Beach to the U. S. S. Saratoga. Mr. Rojo and a party of fellow fishermen were returning from a fishing trip in Mr. Rojo's yacht, "Gill Friend," about 1 p. m. Sunday when they sighted Sier about 2 1/2 miles off shore from Cherry avenue, Long Beach. He was waving frantically and was nearly exhausted when pulled aboard the yacht.

Water Official Will Come West to Discuss Sale

When the city is ready to negotiate for the purchase of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, the president of the Associated Public Utilities, parent company of the local water system, will come to Torrance from Columbus, Ohio, to expedite the negotiations. E. C. Nelson, manager of the water company, told the city council last evening.

Mr. Nelson stated that his company had made no overtures to the city previously as he felt that there was nothing to discuss until the city decided whether it wished to buy the present water system or construct an entirely new plant. Now that the bonds are being printed and a consulting engineer is making an appraisal of the water company's system, the water company is ready to discuss the question of selling its system, as there is obviously no room for two water systems in the city, Nelson stated.

It is expected that the consulting engineer's report will be ready in about a week, and that the bonds will be ready to market in two weeks.

Seek Portion of Funds For Local Projects

Congressman John F. Dockweiler, now on his way home to California since the close of the session of Congress in Washington, gives his itinerary in a letter to the editor and the probable date of his arrival in Los Angeles, about July 15 to 18.

Mr. Dockweiler will conduct his Congressional work during the recess from his office in the Van Stuy building after his return to this state.

The congressman is making the trip west by motor, stopping at Chicago and various other cities in the middle west to study local conditions and learn the reactions of the people to various bills adopted by Congress for the relief of the economic situation. He plans to visit the reforestation camps enroute, and the oil fields of Oklahoma and Texas, as well. Mr. Dockweiler says, "I feel that after having made the survey above mentioned, I shall be in better position to serve my constituents, as I will have secured first-hand, practical information, not only in cities but in the rural districts of the country."

That the California members of Congress are making a vigorous effort to secure the distribution of a portion of the public works funds for the completion of projects in this state is shown in Mr. Dockweiler's reply, a copy of which was inclosed, to Senator William G. McAdoo, who had requested memoranda as to projects in the state which the Congressional district which were meritorious.

Mr. Dockweiler's recommendations were first, the development of the Roosevelt highway through Santa Monica, which has recently been incorporated into the state secondary highway system. Second, the construction of postoffice buildings in the 14 municipalities in the sixteenth district for which appropriations were allocated, but later held up under Presidential order, and third, the construction of a breakwater at Santa Monica harbor for the protection of the beaches in that area.

Completion of the Roosevelt highway which provides a shortcut from the San Fernando valley to the harbor, will route a great deal of traffic through this section. The highway traverses the South Bay cities of Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beach, to turn east along the old Wilmington-Redondo boulevard through Waverly and South Lomita, to Long Beach and points south.

Torrance may profit directly from the proposed construction of public buildings, by renewed local pressure to secure the release of funds for the new postoffice building for which an allocation was made some time ago but which has been delayed because of the necessity for reducing expenditures to meet the requirements of the budget.

County Asks Large Share of Federal Funds For Public Works

Chairman



John R. Quinn, who has been named chairman of the Board of Supervisors, following the election of Frank L. Shaw as mayor of Los Angeles, Quinn was elected supervisor from the Fourth district of which Torrance is a part.

Drop Letter Postage Reduced to 2 Cents; Effective July 1

Reduction in postal rates for first class mail which originates and is delivered within the territory of the local postoffice will go into effect July 1, according to an announcement by Postmaster Alfred Gouillard yesterday. The new rate on all letters mailed in Torrance which can be delivered by the city-carriers, rural mail carrier, or distributed to customers' boxes in the postoffice, will be two cents an ounce. Letters intended for delivery outside the Torrance territory will continue to carry the three-cent rate.

Exception to the new rate is given in the case of Waverly, Hollywood Riviera, and the McDonald tract, since mail for these points must be rehandled by other postoffices. Mail for Waverly and Hollywood Riviera is distributed through the Redondo Beach postoffice, and that for the McDonald tract through the Redondo or Gardena offices, according to the location of the addressee.

Wants McDonald Tract Mail Sent Thru Torrance P.O.

Mayor Klusman, acting as a committee of one from the city council, will contact Congressman C. J. Colden upon his return from Washington in an effort to have the McDonald Tract, Waverly and Hollywood Riviera served from the Torrance post office. At present, these communities, while within the corporate limits of Torrance, receive mail through Redondo and Gardena post offices. The matter was brought to the attention of the council by Mayor Klusman, who stated that he thought all residents of Torrance should get their mail through the Torrance post office. Congressman Colden is expected to return to Southern California in a week or ten days, at which time Mayor Klusman states he will take up the matter with him.

Dockweiler to Aid Depositors In Closed Banks

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Isidore B. Dockweiler of Los Angeles, former Democratic national committeeman, will lead a movement on the Pacific Coast to negotiate arrangements to provide for repayment of depositors in closed and restricted banks, the National Depositors' Committee announced here tonight.

Dockweiler, father of Congressman John Dockweiler, will serve as regional chairman of depositor groups in California, Oregon and Washington, and will serve as counsel for the national committee in matters relating to these states.

Notable Speaker On Masonic Program

A. P. Entenzia, Los Angeles attorney, will be the speaker at a program given tomorrow evening, June 30, at the Masonic Temple, beginning at 7:45 o'clock to which all Masons and their wives are invited.

Mr. Entenzia is a speaker of national reputation, forceful and direct. He is past national commander of the U. S. War Veterans. Other features of the program will be a reading by Fred Hopkins, music by the Torrance male quartet, Messrs. Williams, Lewis, Curtiss and Lessing, accompanied by Mrs. Juliette Johnson, and pictures of Europe and the Holy Land, shown by Rev. F. D. Mechling, which were taken during a recent trip abroad.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

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Case Against Berry Called For July 7

July 7 has been fixed for the superior court trial of Donald Frank Berry, former Keystone resident, who recently was returned to Dominguez township in answer to charges of robbery.

Berry's companion in the robbery has not been apprehended, it was learned today. Berry was being held in the county jail in default of \$10,000 bail fixed by the justice of the peace of Dominguez when Berry was bound over to superior court on May 29.

Berry pleaded not guilty in superior court when he was arraigned recently.

SAILOR SHOT IN CHEST BY FRIEND DIES

Victor Koleck of Harbor City Held Under Suspicion of Murder

Victor Koleck, a laborer residing at 261st street and Cayuga avenue, in Harbor City, was lodged in the Torrance city jail Saturday night under suspicion of murder in the shooting of Joseph Wojcik, a sailor of the U. S. S. Virginia, whose address is given as 1718 260th street, following an altercation over a proposed trip to Santa Ana.

The shooting took place at the pretense of calling a doctor, in Koleck's body was the only witness to the shooting, stated that he believed the affair was accidental, and that Koleck had no intention of killing his friend.

Wojcik is survived by a widow and an infant child. Deputies Aires, Morrell and Morford of the homicide squad of the sheriff's office took charge of the case. Wojcik's body was removed to the county morgue pending the inquest, and Koleck was taken to the county jail on Monday to await a hearing.

Torrance High School May Lose Local Identity

Change of name for the Torrance high school looms on the horizon, if the policy of the Los Angeles city board of education is carried out along the lines recently adopted. Under this policy, all schools of the system will lose their local identity, as the board, according to an announcement from Charles A. Baskerville, president, "will follow its long established precedent of naming high schools of the Los Angeles high school district for men of letters, statesmen, and other notable personages."

A change of name for the Gardena high school will be made shortly, it is stated, and no doubt the same proceeding will be carried out in respect to the Torrance high school, Los Angeles high, Bell, Eagle Rock, Hollywood, North Hollywood, San Fernando, Van Nuys and Venice, which are all the schools now operating under local names.

That such a change would not be agreeable to local residents was forecast today, judging by the storm of protest which has descended upon the board following a sudden decision to change the name of Beverly Hills high school to "Louis Agassiz high school." No hint of the proposed change was made until the action of the board at its meeting Monday night, June 19.

Whether local taxpayers who support this district will be consulted beforehand or whether they will be given any choice of names was not announced. The day following the name change and since then several thousand signatures have been obtained on petitions protesting the board's sudden action.

SMALL ABALONES COST JAPANESE FINE

H. Uyeno, 311 Temple street, Los Angeles, was fined \$50 in the Lomita justice court Monday for the possession of undersized abalones. Half of the fine was suspended and the balance paid.