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# COLDEN WINS IN TUESDAY PRIMARY ELECTION

## State Officials

### Approve Plans For Administration Building Offered As Federal Project

Favorable action by district and state PWA officials have advanced the plans for a new administration building in the city of Torrance to a new stage, according to advices received by city officials this week, says Mayor W. H. Stanger. The project is now in Washington for the approval of officials there.

Word was received yesterday that the second project offered by the city of Torrance, the rebuilding of the fire hall to conform to the architecture of the new civic buildings, has also been approved here and forwarded to Washington.

Action by the PWA officials however does not commit the city to acceptance of the offer, which will be considered from all angles before final action is taken.

The plans, as outlined by City Engineer Frank Leonard, call for a building 40x22 at the rear of the lot north of the auditorium, where a door in the structure will give access. This section of the building will be used principally for storage of auditorium equipment. Extending on the north side of the lot from the storage room to the front line of the auditorium will be another section of the building, 71x30, with a kitchen, small assembly room and other offices. Between the auditorium and the administration building will be a 10-foot walk, which will widen out about midway to form a small patio.

The plans, says Mr. Leonard, are tentative and subject to change, but the general idea will be maintained. Cost of the building is set in the PWA estimates at $11,000, but may not reach that figure. Of this 45 percent will be an butright grant from PWA federal funds, and the balance of 55 percent will be paid by the city of Torrance.

Other building activity in Torrance of an important nature is the construction of a boys' physical education building at the high school to cost $28,000, on which the Board of Education is now calling for bids to be opened Sept. 15. The present gymnasium at the high school is inadequate.

Building permits issued during the past week from the city engineer's office include an addition to a storehouse, 40x60, at the Columbia Steel plant, to cost $2,660; a five-room stucco dwelling at 1217 Cota avenue, to cost $3,100, to be built for Jack Miller, of Miller Furniture Company, and a $550 improvement to buildings on the G. M. Green hog ranch near Coyote Station in the west part of the city.

## Young Men Held On Theft Charge

Forest McKinley, 1417 Cota avenue, was arraigned in the Hermosa Beach police court Tuesday on a charge of grand theft preferred by a Los Angeles resident, alleging the theft of a Lincoln Zephyr automobile. Donald Kedzie, also residing at the above address was held as an accessory.

McKinley was taken into custody early Monday morning in Redondo Beach when radio patrol officers noticed a car with engine running parked in the 800 block on Guadalupe street. Kedzie ran when the patrol car drew up, but McKinley remained in the car. On being questioned at the Redondo police station he gave the name of his companion who was picked up later by police.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Friday morning at 10 o'clock at Hermosa Beach.

### HOME FROM VACATION

Miss Birda Paddock, postmaster at Lomita, has returned from a vacation of two weeks, which she spent visiting friends and resting at a resort in Silverado Canyon.

## Around the Council Table

Formal notice was received in a letter from the board of supervisors that Cedar avenue, completed as a county road project, had been withdrawn from the county system of highways and rededicated to the city of Torrance as a completed project.

Councilmen and city officials were invited, in a letter from the mayor of Santa Monica, to attend the 38th annual convention of the League of California Municipalities, to be held in that city Sept. 9-12.

Following the reading of a letter from Supervisor Leland M. Ford, regarding the improvement of Sepulveda boulevard thru Torrance, City Engineer Frank Leonard informed the council that he had already placed plans, specifications and profile maps in the hands of George Jones, county road commissioner.

Report submitted by the Torrance Municipal band, of its receipts and expenditures for the year, was made in detail, said City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, showing that the band had performed a great deal of civic work at an expenditure of $588.53.

A resolution allotting the Chamber of Commerce $7,100 for its work during the fiscal year 1936-37 was approved. While this sum was not itemized, City Attorney Chas. T. Rippy explained, all expenditures are required to be audited and approved by the city council. Last year the Chamber was allotted $8,500, of which $7,100 was used, and for this reason the new contract was drawn up at this figure.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was authorized to purchase two tires for the fire truck in Walteria, from Harvel's, at a price of $69 each. The purchase of a hose tester for the fire department at a price of $100.94 was also authorized.

Although the council was informed at a previous meeting that the city had received all money due from the government under the PWA grant for construction of civic buildings, it now appears that there is still due the sum of about $18,000, according to the city auditor. Checks for the amount due are expected in due course.

## Girl Injured In Car Crash

In a collision at Cota and Manuel avenue Friday evening, Miss Eleanor Smith, 1407 Cota avenue, received a deep gash on her chin which required several stitches to close. Miss Smith, accompanied by her sister, Marcella, was driving south on Cota when a truck driven by John C. Aggola, 4542 169th street, loomed up at the intersection, and a collision ensued. Aggola took the girl to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for first aid. The others were not injured.

## Oiling Alleys Good As Done Says Hitchcock

### Street Department Will Lay the Dust In Residence Section

"Alleys in the residential section of Torrance are terribly dusty," said Councilman Tom Maguire, Tuesday night. "Many complaints have come to me about their condition, and I think we should do something about it."

"The cost will come out of the street department's budget, won't it," said Mayor Stanger. "How about it, Mr. Street Commissioner?"

"It's as good as done," said Councilman James E. Hitchcock.

"And while we're on the subject," continued the mayor, "what about the road into the city park? There's a dusty road for you, something ought to be done about that too. What do you think, Mr. Hitchcock?"

"There's an oil shortage, Mr. Mayor, or hadn't you heard about it?" retorted Hitchcock; "but I'll be asking for a few loads of crushed rock pretty soon."

## Brother of Leo Habig Killed

Accidental discharge of a rifle, carried in a car in which three hunters were returning from a trip after deer, caused the death of Frank Habig, 49, of Antioch, Calif., last Thursday. Habig was a brother of Leo Habig, employe of a Torrance manufacturing concern who was recently in the limelight as the result of an asserted kidnapping.

According to newspaper reports of the tragedy, Frank Habig, with his son Emil and another Antioch man were returning from a hunting trip. Emil, who was driving, attempted to move the rifle, a 25-20 caliber, which was placed on the seat between him and Angelo Compromiso, when the gun was discharged and the bullet struck the elder Habig, riding in the rear seat, in the head. He was taken to a hospital, but died soon afterwards.

## Lone Fireman Puts Out Blaze

Fireman Ben Hannebrink, Jr., was the right man at the right place Tuesday evening. Driving along Carson street Ben saw smoke issuing from the front of the Smart & Final wholesale grocery, 1971 Carson street. He drove to the fire station, secured a portable extinguisher and single-handed put out the blaze, which destroyed the awning and damaged the store front. A cigarette butt, tossed into the rolled up fabric, is believed to have been the cause.

Yesterday afternoon shortly before 6 o'clock, the department was called to North Torrance to put out a blaze which damaged a Chevrolet truck.

### AN OLD MEANIE

Sam Webb, 1003 Cota, reported to Torrance police last Thursday that someone had entered his home and stolen $26. The unknown meanie took the cash out of the baby's bank.

### VISITS FRIENDS

Richard Schroeder, 1016 Arlington avenue, is visiting this week with friends in Los Angeles.

## Roosevelt Park Area

### Will Be Center of Immediate Oil Development Interest, Says Geologist

With exploratory drilling activity beginning to get up steam in the Gardena area centered about Roosevelt Memorial Park, says the Nation Oil Derrick, interest in the Gardena district today was given a decided impetus by the report of one of California's leading geologists stating his belief that an oil structure exists there and that commercial production will be found.

Andres J. Poser, the geologist and engineer, is well-known thruout the petroleum world for having done the most accurate early geology on the Los Angeles basin.

It was Poser who accurately described and predicted the largest oil pools found in the basin following a detailed examination back as far as 1906.

Instead of an uninterrupted syncline between Torrance and Dominguez, Poser has long held that there is a distinct monocline about midway between the two anticlines. According to his report this monocline passes under the Gardena "hot-spot" in a northwest-southeast direction.

**Two Formations**

"There are two principal formations in the Los Angeles basin," Poser states, "which yield practically all of the oil, and they are known as the Puente and the Fernando.

"The Puente formation is the oldest and the lowest of the two. I am satisfied that the real course of all the oil is the Puente. The experienced driller knows it once he strikes it—a true brown shale.

"The Fernando formation lies upon the Puente, and is composed of a number of thick stratas of soft sandstone, shales and gravels. It is now established that the best wells are found in the coarse sands of the Fernando, which lies close to the Puente. There is no doubt that the oil itself originally comes from the Puente, but the overlying coarse stratas of the Fernando have been surcharged by hydrostatic pressure and hence are now the real producing sands."

**Edington Sets Casing**

Gardena has been a leasing hot-spot for some time. Now, wells are beginning to move in

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**REWARD**

**The Revolver and Rifle Association of Torrance will pay a suitable reward for information leading to the recovery of two telephone instruments and wiring, stolen from the range this week-end. No questions will be asked if the guilty parties whose identity is known will return the property to the Torrance police station.**

## Benefit Dance To Be Given For Disabled Player

### Rogers and Thomas Invite All to Help Poncho Pay Pay Medical Bills

Bill Thomas and Johnny Rogers who are staging a series of civic dances, have turned their next affair into a benefit dance for Poncho Fabregat, who is laid up with a broken leg.

Next Saturday night, Aug. 29, is the date and the tickets are 75 cents, ladies free. Jack Gledhill's orchestra, which made such a good impression at the first dance held here two weeks ago, will play. The civic auditorium is large and attractive, with a fine floor and all those who attended the first dance had a fine evening's pastime.

For the sake of the most popular baseball player, who is now not only out of the game for the rest of the season, but also faces the loss of his income from his job, and will be saddled with heavy expenses as the result of his mishap, the sport fans and all others who like to dance are urged to turn out and make this affair a big success. All profits from the sale of tickets, after the expenses of the dance are paid, will be turned over to Poncho. He has entertained the fans by his comical antics in the ball park for a long time. Now is the time to show appreciation for the entertainment he has freely given, with a little contribution to his welfare fund.

## Elderly Woman Slashes Arm

Mrs. Lina Skansen, 2054 242d street, Lomita, is recovering at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital from a wound in her left arm, said to have been self-inflicted. A deep gash three inches long, severed a tendon, and Mrs. Skansen lost a great deal of blood, but her condition at present is not considered serious. Ill health which prevented her from working was given as the cause, according to a note found in her home.

Mrs. Skansen was found by her son Clyde, who summoned a neighbor. Deputy sheriffs' radio patrol was called and the elderly woman was removed to the Torrance hospital.

### PAYS A FINE

William E. O'Brien, 2364 246th street, Lomita, plead guilty in the local police court Monday to a charge of being drunk in an automobile and paid a fine of $15. O'Brien was found asleep in his car which had rolled into a plowed field at Hawthorne and 190th street Friday night.

## Four Bids On Garbage Disposal

Four bidders presented their offers to the city council Tuesday night for the disposal of garbage and waste materials, as requested in a recent advertisement for bids. They were G. M. Lyons, of the Lyons Fertilizer Company, Long Beach; G. M. Green, operator of a hog ranch in the western part of the city; L. M. Andrews and Horace Andrews, and Frogge & Willis, hog ranch operators.

Mayor W. H. Stanger appointed the whole council as a committee to investigate the merits of each bidder and consider their offers, to report at an adjourned meeitng of the council on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 1, at 4:30 p. m.

## Bike Owners Have Faith In Police

Ralph and Harriet Pegors, owners of new bicycles, are taking no chances of having the machines stolen. Monday they appeared at the Torrance police station and asked to have the bikes registered. Captain John Stroh with becoming gravity noted the request and wrote down the numbers and description of the bikes in a big book. All purloiners of bicycles are hereby warned to stay away from the Pegors property, which is now under the direct supervision of the police.

## City Asks Funds For Street Work Thru Torrance

### Two Main Highways In City Center To Be Resurfaced

At its meeting Tuesday night the city council adopted a resolution asking the county to release $8041.90 in the city's share of gasoline tax funds for the improvement of Cravens avenue and Marcelina and Arlington avenues. Cravens will be resurfaced from Cabrillo to Torrance boulevard. Marcelina and Arlington will be resurfaced from Cabrillo avenue to 218th street.

Later on as more funds are available, City Engineer Frank Leonard said it is planned to continue the improvement of Arlington avenue to the city limits, widening Narbonne avenue to a 30-foot width so as to improve traffic conditions for motorists passing thru the city.

The two projects will be handled in separate contracts, and both are expected to be completed in about six months.

## Woman breaks arm in Open Pit

Florence West, San Pedro, employed at the Fountain Cafe on Sartori avenue, is handicapped in her duties by a broken arm, said to have been sustained in a fall into a grease pit at a service station, corner of Redondo-Riverside boulevard and Western avenue Monday night.

Miss West left her place of employment after the cafe closed Monday night to go with James McLean and Charles Clayton to see the floor show at the Bal Tabarin, and on leaving the place went across the street to the service station, where she said all was dark, and walked into an open grease pit. Her right arm was broken in three places at the wrist.

## Ford Grateful For Support

Supervisor Leland M. Ford, in a statement issued to the press today is grateful for the support he received and renews his pledges for a business administration. He says:

"The returns from the primary election in the fourth supervisorial district naturally are gratifying to me and my friends because they indicate I have been elected.

"For this display of confidence in me by the voters I can only reiterate the pledge I made before the election. It is to instill the principles of business and economy into the county government for the saving of taxpayers' money.

"I shall support any constructive changes or legislation which will modernize the county government on a more practical basis. To the voters of the fourth supervisorial district who honored me with their ballots, I express deepest appreciation. I ask the support of all citizens of the district regardless of whether they supported me, for the welfare of the entire district must not be forgotten. My great desire is to justify that confidence that my friends have placed in me.

"LELAND M. FORD."

### DINNER GUESTS

Olive Lee and Sylvia Nelson were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Juliet Young in Los Angeles.

## LEADS GEYER IN HOT RACE

### Supervisor Leland M. Ford Is Given Great Vote; Reaves Wins By Small Margin

**By the slim margin of 226 votes, Congressman Charles J. Colden secured the Democratic nomination for Representative from the 17th district Tuesday over his nearest opponent, Lee E. Geyer, backed by the Townsend Club forces. Colden's total vote in 417 out of 418 precincts was 15,408, Geyer 15,182.**

Rumors that Geyer will ask for a recount of the ballots have not been officially confirmed.

Opposition to Colden was divided between Geyer and A. P. (Tony) Entenza, who polled 7,731 votes, in a campaign that was waged intensively throughout the district.

Assemblyman Fred Reaves won out in the 68th district by 186 votes over John T. Rawls. Reaves polled a total of 3,658 in 101 out of 102 precincts. Rawls' supporters numbered 3,472, with Haskell Tidwell, former secretary to Congressman Colden third with 2,277, and Chaffee fourth with 968.

Supervisor Leland M. Ford received a great vote of confidence from the people of the Fourth district, who gave him 51,150 votes in 827 out of 828 precincts. Ford's total exceeded that polled by all other 14 candidates.

William R. Barclay, city engineer of Hawthorne, surprised by running second to Ford with 7,289. David J. Williams, Beverly Hills, was third with 5,986, and Paul H. Jarrett, city clerk of Culver City fourth with 5,887.

Dr. A. C. Van Velzer of Gardena finished in sixth place with 4,650.

The big surprise of the primary was the showing made by Harlan G. Palmer, publisher of the Hollywood Citizen-News, who polled 137,188 votes to take second place against Buron Fitts, 208,034, and will make the race against the incumbent district attorney at the regular election in November.

Unofficial returns of the vote cast in Torrance and Lomita, complete except for two precincts in the latter community, follow:

**Congress**

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| Colden | 551 |
| Geyer | 414 |
| Entenza | 362 |

**Assembly**

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| Reaves | 432 |
| Rawls | 369 |
| Tidwell | 240 |
| Chaffee | 123 |

**District Attorney**

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| Fitts | 836 |
| Palmer | 490 |
| Evans | 253 |
| Rochester | 211 |
| Johnson | 117 |

**Supervisor 1th District**

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| Ford | 803 |
| Van Velzer | 214 |
| Williams | 144 |
| Nelson | 134 |
| Barclay | 106 |
| Baldwin | 87 |
| Bittleston | 76 |
| Moore | 48 |
| Bahrman | 33 |
| Jarrett | 32 |
| Brinkley | 25 |
| Smith | 22 |
| Hiller | 17 |
| McGuinness | 15 |
| Schreiber | 6 |

The total vote cast in 12 Torrance precincts was 2,002, or a trifle less than 50 percent of the registered vote, which is 4,192.

In Lomita, eight out of 10 precincts showed a total vote cast of 1,069, about 30 percent of the registered vote, 3,866.

Total vote for the various candidates in the eight Lomita precincts, Nos. 9 and 10 at Miraleste and Malaga Cove omitted, is as follows:

**Congress**

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| Geyer | 323 |
| Entenza | 234 |
| Colden | 228 |

**Assembly**

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| Tidwell | 266 |
| Reaves | 236 |
| Rawls | 200 |
| Chaffee | 38 |

**District Attorney**

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| Fitts | 313 |
| Palmer | 287 |
| Rochester | 229 |
| Evans | 104 |
| Johnson | 79 |

**Supervisor, 4th District**

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| Ford | 370 |
| Van Velzer | 124 |
| Bittleston | 79 |
| Baldwin | 67 |
| Barclay | 57 |
| Williams | 51 |
| Moore | 31 |
| Nelson | 22 |
| Brinkley | 21 |
| Jarrett | 20 |
| Bahrman | 18 |
| Hiller | 15 |
| McGuinness | 12 |
| Schreiber | 10 |
| Smith | 4 |

In the Los Angeles shoestring strip, the following vote was cast: For Congress, Entenza 48, Colden 42, Geyer 45; assemblyman, Tidwell 40, Rawls 36, Reaves 32, Chaffee 11; district attorney, Palmer 60, Fitts 49, Rochester 19, Evans 17, Johnson 12.

### PEEPING TOM

A Peeping Tom has been keeping the residents of the 1000 block on Sartori avenue in an uproar recently. The identity of the curious one is pretty well known, and police are on the watch to catch him in the act.

### VACATIONISTS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quaggin, with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kelley, will leave shortly to vacation for one week at Crestline.

### EXHIBIT

City Clerk Bartlett was instructed Tuesday night to prepare an exhibit, pictures of the new civic buildings, to be displayed at the convention of the League of California Municipalities in Santa Monica next month.

### AT BALBOA

Mrs. J. O. Bishop and son Tommy, 2021 Carson street, are spending the week at Balboa Beach.