

"Midge" Higgins Second Girl to Become T. H. S. Student Prexy

In the closest election ever held at Torrance high school, pert, auburn-haired Mildred Higgins, who will be 17 years old on Monday, emerged as president-elect of the student body Tuesday. The election was held last Friday but the results were so close that Principal Thomas Elson members of the faculty and students re-checked the tallies several times in order that no error would creep in.

There were only a few votes difference between the totals given Miss Higgins (who is popularly known as "Midge") and Leonard Harris and James Herlett for the presidency of the senior student body. "Midge" Higgins will be the second girl (the first was Bertha Fix in 1922-23) to win that office in the local school.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Higgins of Hermosa Beach and she has been living with her sister at 644 Sartori avenue while attending school here. Miss Higgins has been president of the Girls' Athletic association, editor of The Flame, commissioner of entertainment, a member of the student board of control, student council and California Scholastic Federation. She instituted the "Senior Kid Day" event last year and has been interested in dramatics.

Fellow students who know "Midge's" irresistible good nature and keen interest in student affairs expect her to give them a splendid administration during the 1937-38 term. Other officers elected Friday were:

Louis Madore, vice-president; Harry Bell, commissioner of finances; Alice Taylor, secretary; Tom Wilkes, commissioner of athletics; Hans Sommer, advertising manager; Weston Leech, commissioner of entertainment; Wilbur Frank, boys' league; Norma Jacobs, girls' self-government; Addison Smith, boys' self-government, and Leroy Benner, group control.

Donald Hitchcock was elected president of the Junior high school student body. Members of the Girls' league elected Doris Kresse, president; Marion Spehner, vice-president; Joan Rammer, junior vice-president, and Merle McHenry, secretary and treasurer. Merle was carnival queen a few weeks ago.

The Boys' league chose Louis Briganti, Richard Miller, Donald Hitchcock, John Keating, Charles Steadman, and, because they were tied for sixth place, Marvin Lee and Gerald Sterling, as their representatives. The senior division picked Tom Wilkes, Louis Madore, John Schmidt, Weston Leech, Leo Rosset, Leonard Harris and Ray Richard as representatives.

SHOP TALK By RAY BROOKS

(Continued from Page 7-B) boulevard and Holberta street he wheezed again, climbed out. But during the wheezing he mentioned that he was 72 years old come next rainy day, that his father had built the ramshackled old house to which he pointed and that said house was 64 years old. But the interesting thing was this: the house was planned by his father with the intention of adding 16 feet to the front. Upon observation I could easily see that such was the case; there before me was only half a house.

Having been built in 1873, when the only other resident of Redondo was the man who ran a salt works down near Hermosa, you would think that in 64 long years SOMEBODY could have found time to build on that other 16 feet.

Now wouldn't you?

Appreciation Letters Read to Council

"Thank you" letters—three of them—were read to the city council Tuesday night by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and were filed among his "Posies and BrickBats" collection of communications. The Torrance Townsend club was grateful for the use of the city park for a recent mass meeting, and the American Legion and V. F. W. leaders in Gardena expressed their appreciation for the concert by the Torrance Municipal band at the recent Memorial Day program at Roosevelt park.

RENEW POLICIES

Public liability insurance on city buildings and the city ball park was renewed with companies now protecting the city at council meeting Tuesday night.

PRAISES WORKERS

Councilman Thomas McGuire commended the street department highly Tuesday night at council meeting for its splendid work in "taking a dump yard and making it into a garden spot" back of the Public Library.

Police Chief's Pay Upped \$25 Per Month By City

An ordinance which advanced Police Chief G. M. Calder's salary from \$175 per month to \$200 and set City Judge Robert Lessing's monthly stipend at \$135 was read for the first time at council meeting Tuesday night. The increase for the chief represents the first pay boost since his salary was reduced under former Mayor William Klusman's administration. Previous to the depression, Chief Calder was drawing \$235 per month.

School Board Fails to Return City's Courtesy

The Los Angeles board of education appreciates the offer of the city for the use of the Civic Auditorium for commencement exercises late this month but does not plan to return the courtesy by operating playground facilities at the high school this summer. This was learned Tuesday night at city council meeting. Mayor William H. Tolson said he had conferred with the school board official relative to conducting playground work at the high school but had been informed that there was little likelihood of this being done. The Fern avenue school playground will be supervised during the vacation months.

"I tried to tell the board official I talked to what good boys we were down here but it didn't do any good," Mayor Tolson said. Councilman Thomas McGuire suggested that "it might pay us to be bad boys and refuse some school board requests ourselves for a change."

Alice Street Will Be Opened Up

On City Engineer Frank R. Leonard's recommendation, the city council voted Tuesday night to open Alice street in the southern part of the city. This artery will extend to Ocean avenue from recently-opened Martha street. Leonard reported there is considerable oil development in progress in that vicinity now and two derricks are being erected. The expense will be about \$100 to the city if the lot owners in the vicinity approve the opening, he said.

"Electric Eye" Guards Prison - MENARD, ILL. (U.P.)—Visitors to the Menard branch of the Illinois state penitentiary will be searched with a photo-electric eye hereafter, according to prison officials.

Small Stows Away - LORAIN, O. (U.P.)—Bill Wells, grocery clerk, found a two-and-one-half inch snail in a South American stalk of bananas.

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