

Expect Governor to Call Election for Geyer's Successor

Gov. Culbert L. Olson is expected to announce a special election tomorrow for the selection of representative from 17th Congressional district to fill the unexpired term of Congressman Lee E. Geyer of Gardena, who succumbed last Saturday at Walter Reed hospital in Washington of bronchial pneumonia.

The governor is due to return to his Los Angeles office from San Francisco and will act then on the Geyer succession.

The congressional term does not expire until Jan. 1, 1943. The next regular election primaries will be in August, 1942 and the finals in the following November.

Funeral service for Congressman Geyer was held Tuesday afternoon at Wetmore, Kansas, where he was born 53 years ago. Rev. Charles Fritchett, a schoolmate of the Congressman, conducted the rites. Accompanying the funeral train, which left Washington Sunday evening, was a Congressional committee composed of Representatives John M. Coffee (D.) Knute Hill (D.) both of Washington, Jerry Voorhis (D.) Calif., and Lambertson (R.) Kan.

Tributes Expressed

The House adjourned in respect to Mr. Geyer on the day of the funeral after members of the California and Kansas delegations and Majority Leader McCormack (D. Mass.) paid tribute to his memory. Rep. Lea (D. Calif.), speaking for the state's delegation, praised Mr. Geyer's ability, integrity and energy. Reps. Elmer Ford and Gearhart, California Republicans, joined in the tribute.

McCormack said that Mr. Geyer died in the line of duty, having insisted on remaining at work when the ailment from which he suffered was rapidly undermining his strength.

The Los Angeles county board of supervisors also extended sympathy to the Geyer family and the Los Angeles city board of harbor commissioners, meeting in Los Angeles at noon yesterday, adjourned with an expression of condolence to the family.

Plan Memorial Service

Robert Lee Geyer, 17-year-old son of the Congressman and a star Gardena high school football player left last Saturday for Wetmore, Kansas to attend the funeral. His younger brother John J. Geyer, 13, was in Washington with Mrs. Geyer when the end came. Ed Means, district representative for the Congressman, accompanied Bob Geyer to Kansas.

Tentative plans are being arranged under the auspices of the Gardena Townsend club for a community memorial service. No date has been set as yet for this public event. The Townsend club is expected to memorialize the Congressman, good friend of the Townsend pension plan, at a meeting in the near future.

Instructor at Gardena

Mr. Geyer had been ill for some time although he had been confined at the Walter Reed institution only a few days. He had been seriously ill for almost a year with a throat ailment and in recent months had been under treatment by U. S. naval doctors, among whom was Admiral McIntire, chief of staff, and President Roosevelt's personal physician.

The Congressman was a World War I veteran and a teacher by profession. He received an arts degree from Baker University at Baldwin City, Kansas and took

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GIVEN HIGH TRIBUTE



LEE E. GEYER
House adjourns after eulogies

District Awaits Olson Decision on Congress Post

The death of Representative Lee E. Geyer last Saturday has prompted discussion among Democratic party leaders whether it is wise to fill the vacancy in Congress from this district.

Governor Olson has two courses open to him. He may either allow the vacancy to exist for the balance of the term, or he may call a special election in the 17th Congressional district to select a representative, who would serve until Geyer's term would have expired, Jan. 1, 1943. Attached to the Governor's office in Los Angeles state that they expect a decision will be made by the state executive tomorrow.

In the event a special election is called, the candidate receiving the highest vote, regardless of party affiliation, will be elected. It is this point that is causing a little discussion among Democratic party leaders, as it is feared that a large number of Democratic candidates may run and split the vote sufficiently to allow a Republican to be seated, although the registration in the district is preponderantly Democratic.

District Enlarged

In order to qualify at a special election, candidates are required to obtain signatures equal in number to five percent of the vote at the last election. This is no small task in a district as large as the 17th, which has recently been further increased to include the 46th State Assembly district, embracing the entire city of Inglewood.

If a special election is called, among those who have indicated their intention of filing for the Washington post is Roy Rosenberg, editor of the Inglewood Daily News. Rosenberg is a registered Democrat. He has a large following in the Inglewood

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Assailant of Stabbing Victim Under Arrest

Acting on a tip that the unknown Mexican who stabbed Pablo Picaso, 51-year-old Torrance farm laborer, the night of October 9 might show visible evidence of having been involved in a fight, police arrested Elzvio Cota, 59, at the Pico late last Thursday. His face was ample proof that he had been in a battle.

A search of his dwelling place revealed a bloody pocket knife and shirt. Cota, a small man, claimed at first that his black eye and damaged nose was caused by his being hit by a board the week before. He later changed the date of his "accidental injury" to two days before his arrest.

Later, after physicians had told police Cota's injuries appeared to be less than 18 hours old, the elderly Mexican admitted his battle with Picaso. The wounded man is at the Los Angeles general hospital, still in a critical condition as result of two knife wounds in his abdomen.

Arraigned Today

Cota was arraigned before Judge John Shidler this morning on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for next Monday morning. In default of bail, he is being held at the city jail. He has retained counsel.

Cota said he and Picaso had a fight on their way out to the Pueblo from Torrance. They had been drinking heavily. Cota asserted he attempted to escape from Picaso who provoked the fight, after being badly beaten but the latter pursued him down the road and caught up with him. Indicating that he would plead self-defense, Cota said he stabbed Picaso when the latter seemed to "want to kill me."

Week's Building Totals \$12,350

Permits issued for new construction here during the past week totaled \$12,350, according to records at the city engineer's office. They were issued to: A. Van Vliet, 2244 Hawthorne ave., for a frame garage at 2288 Hawthorne ave. \$300; Allen H. Paul, 1420 Cabrillo ave., for a frame storage shed at 1424 Cabrillo, \$80; and Clayton Severns, Long Beach, for repairs to the front and service porches at 1307 Amapola ave., \$150.

SILK FROM BRAZIL

Brazil produced 126,902 pounds of raw silk in 1940, according to reports of the U. S. Dept. of Commerce. This is the only Latin American country successful in silk production so far.

They Rejected Strike Proposal



AFL machinists stream into polling place at San Diego plant of big Consolidated Aircraft Corp. to accept a compromise wage proposal that averted strike which would have tied up production on huge quantities of bombers for U. S. British.

First Anniversary of Selective Service Finds 3,224 Registered Here

One year ago today the National Selective Service Act went into effect with the first "R" (registration) day being held throughout the nation. In the Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Gardena, El Nido and Redondo Beach area — served by Board No. 280 — a total of 1,892 men between the ages of 21 and 35 filled out cards that day.

29 Leave For Army Training

Members of the 17th contingent who left Gardena yesterday morning for Army training following a breakfast given by the Gardena American Legion Post and Auxiliary were: Eugene Frederick Stegelmeyer, 24, liquor store clerk and student, 1104 Beech st., Torrance; Walter Toshiki Miyamoto, 21, farm laborer, M. R. 4 Torrance; Ralph Kenyon Palmer, 21, heat treat trainee, 2442 Los Cedona; Walteria Adolph Didrik Anderson, 21, apprentice carpenter, Rt. 1, Box 229, Lomita; Wilfred Arbutnot Walker, 26, petroleum clerk, 1104 Beech st., Torrance; Joseph Frederick Jusino, 24, aircraft production control, 1642 Halldale ave. Gardena; Theodore Charles Luck, 24, general laborer, 447 Soledad st., Salinas; Mace McCracken Morse, Jr., 21, bookkeeper and salesman, Box 234, Rolling Hills; George Wilbur Franklin, 22, laborer, 23010 Narbonne ave. Lomita; Yamo Hirata, 23, farm laborer, 2451 Chapman st. Lomita; Kiyoshi Kido, 26, florist, Rt. 1, Box 115, Torrance; Akira Roy Shimatsu, 24, farmer, 5851 West Boulevard, Los Angeles; John Richard Medicus, 25, grocery store clerk, 1141, West 162nd st. Gardena; Kazo Minami, 21, nursery laborer, 14101 Budlong st., Gardena; Jesus Martinez, 26, laborer, 2200 W. Main st. Hollywood; George H. Okada, 23, horticulturalist,

To Attend Party

Five selectees and volunteers who entered service from this district have received Army discharges during recent weeks because they either became or were 28 years of age or older. The local Selective Service board which began operations in a Narbonne high school bungalow Oct. 12, 1940, transferred its headquarters to 1337 El Prado, Torrance, on Oct. 21, 1940. The board now consists of Carl Steele, chairman; James W. Loughridge, Walteria, and H. C. "Jack" Barrington, Torrance.

They, together with Carl Marsteller, clerk; Mrs. Doris Watson, assistant clerk, and Miss Florence Wilford, typist, have been invited to attend the "First Anniversary Selective Service party" scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) night at Manchester hall, 1131 West Manchester ave., for all Selective Service board members, officials and aides.

31 In Next Call

Members of the local board and its staff who have been engaged in the work since it began include Steele, Marsteller and Mrs. Watson. Clerk Marsteller announced today that a group physical examination will

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\$32,500 Damage Awarded in Crash Suit

A superior court jury last Friday night awarded damages totaling \$32,500 in settlement of a demand of \$104,000 as result of an automobile and truck collision near Westminster last Nov. 5, in which Clifford King of this city was killed and James Belte of Gardena Grove suffered injuries from which he later died.

The jury allowed \$9,000 to Mr. and Mrs. John E. King of Torrance, whose son was killed; gave \$2,500 to Thomas W. King, an injured passenger in the death car; \$4,000 to H. J. Zorn of Torrance, owner of the car in which the Kings were riding; awarded \$13,000 to Goldie Belte and her son, Ronald, for the death of the husband and father, and \$4,000 to Mrs. Frances Belte, the victim's mother.

The verdict was returned against the Challenge Creamery Co., the Los Angeles Mutual Dairymen, the Dairymen's Mutual Haulers, J. C. Laurenzo, an Artesia dairyman, and John R. Maciel, who was driving a milk delivery truck which crashed with the King machine.

The decision followed more than three weeks of trial and resulted in one of the largest damage awards ever made in Orange county.

City Judge John Shidler represented Mr. and Mrs. King in the litigation.

Gardena Men on Trial in Glendale; 500 Subpoenaed

With more than 500 witnesses, an all-time record for a Glendale trial or series of trials, subpoenaed to testify, the first of three jury trials for 11 men charged with soliciting by mail patronage to assorted gambling clubs in Gardena and Hollywood is now in progress in Judge Frank H. Lowe's court in Glendale. Warrants against the defendants were issued by the Glendale court.

Gardena defendants are Woodson Philbin, Lester Tupper, E. J. Prim and Franklin Cogswell, asserted proprietors and employees of two night clubs on Western ave., recently raided by the sheriff's vice squad headed by Captain Ray Morris. Philbin and Tupper are on trial today and Prim and Cogswell are scheduled to appear Nov. 24.

Subpoenas were issued by District Attorney John Dockweiler's office for Police Chief Elmo Field and men of his Gardena department, City Attorney Lester O. Luce, Police Judge Elmo Morris and Justice of the Peace Frank R. Carrell all of Gardena. The sheriff's vice squad confiscated paraphernalia during the raids which resulted in arrest of the four men.

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Bids Due Soon on National Supply's \$2,000,000 Addition

Plans and specifications for the new two-million dollar addition to the National Supply Co., plant in Torrance are in the hands of prospective contractors and the steel bids are due next Monday while the general construction cost estimates are scheduled for opening October 24, it was learned today.

Zamperini Likes Army Life Even Though Shoes Too Big

Even if his shoes are too large, Louis Zamperini likes Army life at Camp Roberts. "I guess they're supposed to be that way," the Torrance and Trojan miller is reported to have commented late last week in press dispatches from the camp. Since he was inducted at Ft. MacArthur, Sept. 29, Zamperini has gained four pounds to weigh 150 pounds now.

City Officials At Convention; Hallanger Solos

While six city officials — four of them accompanied by their wives — were enjoying the sessions of the League of California Municipalities this week at Sacramento, I. J. "Jack" Hallanger, deputy city clerk was performing a strange rite precisely at 10 o'clock each morning in the council chamber.

He was presiding over regular postponed meetings of the city council, sans councilmen, sans city clerk, sans city attorney, sans audience, sans business and sans a gavel.

The officials left Sunday for the state capital. They included Mayor and Mrs. Tom McGuire, Councilman and Mrs. Vern Babcock, Councilman and Mrs. James Hitchcock, City Clerk and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett, City Treasurer Mrs. Harriet Lewis and City Attorney John E. McCall.

Daily Postponements

Deputy Clerk Hallanger "presided" over the regularly scheduled meeting of the city council Tuesday night, and, in the absence of all members, declared no quorum present. He adjourned the session to yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Then on the telephonic instructions from Mayor McGuire at Sacramento, Hallanger repeated his ritual yesterday — postponing the meeting to this morning. Today he staged his solo postponement act again and will do so Friday and Saturday mornings. The council will meet — with all officials expected to be present — at 7:45 o'clock next Monday night, October 20.

"They didn't even leave me a gavel to pound on the council table when I do my presiding over the vacant council chamber," Hallanger lamented today.

NO DRIVERS' TESTS BEING GIVEN HERE

Every day from a dozen to a score or more local motorists call at the police station inquiring when and where drivers' license examinations are held in Torrance.

Patiently, officers on duty explain that the tests are not being given here and have not for about two years. They advise the inquirers to go to one of four nearby cities where State Highway Patrol officers conduct the tests.

Here are the locations and days when the examinations are given — the hours at each place are from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p. m.:

Inglewood police station, Mondays and Tuesdays; Redondo police station, Wednesdays; Hawthorne police station, Thursdays and Fridays; and San Pedro at the Armory building, 13th and Cabrillo streets, Thursdays.

TO DESCRIBE PORT

Roy Beaton, general manager of Los Angeles harbor, will describe the extent of the nearby port and the part it plays in the national defense scheme to members of the Torrance Rotary club at the regular dinner-meeting tonight in the American Legion clubhouse.

Business Men Elect Directors

At a dinner meeting in the Woman's clubhouse last evening, members of the Torrance Business Men's Association selected the following directors for the coming year: E. W. Quimby, Carney Emmet, Louis Leppé, E. E. Murchison, Jacob Koch, Sam Levy, Robert Delinger, William Kempen, C. Earl Conner and R. K. Daggett. At an early meeting of the new directorate, officers will be chosen and plans discussed for Christmas, it was announced.

High tribute was given Robert McCallum, retiring president, and other members of the board of directors for their services during the past year. Principal speaker of the evening was Lloyd G. Davis of Los Angeles, who gave a talk on the advantages of group organization.

Marlowe Martin, principal of the Torrance Evening high school invited local business men and women to participate in the courses in physical education, accounting and public speaking, now being organized at the night school.

Defense Gets First Call on Home-Building

Local Area Believed in Favorable Spot Because of Need for Homes to Accommodate Defense Workers

When Washington authorities last Saturday decreed a halt in 1942 for all building construction not essential to defense or vital public welfare, the general "stop" order became a "go ahead" signal for all-out production of badly-needed homes in this area, where there are a majority of defense projects in progress.

The "green-light" on construction applies only for those directly employed in defense industries — and there are thousands of those in the Harbor and South Bay area. While the new Federal construction regulations are regarded as a deliberate short-circuit of post-1929 recovery in most sections of the nation, Los Angeles county as a whole should be the beneficiary.

This county has been declared a national defense area and as such will enjoy the priorities for home-building. A person employed in a defense plant — such as Columbia Steel, National Supply, International Derrick or any of the shipbuilding yards at the harbor — will receive favorable recommendations on his application to build a home because this housing would be considered part of the defense housing work.

Need Homes Here

This does not mean that the non-defense worker may not build. Carl P. Dumbolton, housing priorities examiner in Los Angeles, explained this week. But if he does not already have his materials on hand he must wait until there are sufficient materials available beyond defense construction to allow completion of his project.

Because the major problem facing the housing division is to assure construction of dwellings where they are most needed for defense workers, this community is believed to be in a favorable position for continuing building. A survey of the local housing situation reveals that this area is in critical need of accommodations for defense workers and every home-building project proposed to meet this demand is certain to receive speedy approval in Los Angeles.

Regulations being enforced by the Los Angeles office of the Division Housing Co-ordination cover plans for both private and public multiple-dwelling units.

Must Speed Construction

Only multiple-dwelling units which may be constructed, Dumbolton explained, are those which will clear up within a 30-day month rental and which will be built expressly for defense workers.

Units which will be offered for sale upon their completion generally will be prohibited.

Once priorities and other clearances are established to permit beginning construction, the work must go ahead at top speed.

To assure greatest possible speed in the construction work, the housing division requires that foundations and footings of all such buildings must be complete within 90 days.

Three Steps Outlined

In addition, all construction work started now for defense housing must be complete and ready for occupancy within six months from last Sept. 10, date

from which defense housing quotas became effective.

New quotas will be established when a majority of the housing units are completed under the present quota.

Whether applications be for homes costing less than \$8,000, the only type defense housing homes allowed, or for multiple dwelling units, all must clear through three offices now.

Clearance Essential

First, the applications will be cleared through the Federal Housing Authority, which is handled by individual banks everywhere.

Second, the applications will be cleared through the local Defense Housing Co-ordinator's office in the Chamber of Commerce Building at Los Angeles.

Third, the applications will be cleared through the local office of the Supply, Priorities and Allocations Board, also in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

All projects of more than \$6000 will be sent to Washington for

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