

# CITY GOES DEMOCRATIC 3 TO 2

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### Tartars Agree to Post-Season Tilt

A green light was flashed by school officials for a post-season football game, it was revealed yesterday at the same time that a group of local pigskin fans announced they were financing the erection of an all-electric scoreboard for the students at Torrance High School.

### School Suit Lists 31 as Defendants

Thirty-one different companies and three individuals are named defendants in the condemnation suit filed by the Torrance Unified School District to acquire title to a 10-acre parcel of land north of the Higgins brick plant in North Torrance for a new elementary school to serve the area.

Heading the list of defendants in the civil action are Mamie Higgins, Josephine M. Watkinson and P. H. Lisman, along with the 31 companies. Property being acquired does not front on 174th street, according to Supt. J. H. Hull, but on a new street at the easterly edge of the Torrance Manor subdivision. The center of the site is approximately one-half mile from the east city limits of Torrance and three-fourths of a mile from the north city limits.

### Weather Is Like Politics, Says the WM

"Dark day today," commented the man outside the door to the Weather Man's office. We shrugged and went inside. "Swell day today," said the man studying the isobars over the WM's shoulder. "Looks good for the next four years, too. Was just a dewey mist, wasn't it?" "That's the difference between a Republican and a Democrat today," mused the WM, who had his red flannels on a nearby shelf. "I thought I was going to need these Halloween night, but it warmed up election night. Here's the tally:

Oct.	Maximum	Minimum
27	62	55
28	63	56
29	67	50
30	69	48
31	69	48
Nov.	74	46
2	78	46

### Ever Wonder?

### Water Meter Almost Foolproof; If It Lies It's in Your Favor!

Few householders realize that their homes are equipped with a record-keeper that protects their pocketbooks from over-spending. Underground and out of sight the water meter comes in for little attention until some customer suddenly gets a high bill and yowls: "My water meter is running high. I didn't use that much water." The meter must be stuck.

Recently two next-door neighbors were stunned when they received water bills, each for a different two-month billing period, stating that they owed \$24 and \$30 water bills, respectively. In each case the preceding bill and the one following the high bill dropped to a normal statement of approximately \$9 for the two month period. This may happen to you also. But the chances that your meter was at fault, as in the case of the two neighbors, is one chance in a million—perhaps more.

Officials of water companies in this area, of which there are no less than eight supplying the greater Torrance area, state that it is impossible for a meter to "run high." They state that the meters are a product of years of en-

The after-league game will be played to raise funds to reimburse a number of local citizens who have advanced \$800 to insure the delivery of a 12-by-20-foot scoreboard in time to be erected along with bleachers and field lights now being installed at the local high school. Frank Dominguez, head of six-man committee, said that school officials, Coach Eddie Cole and

### Dominguez at Head of Group

Bacon and eggs and pigskin must have some value as an energy-building diet. This week six men who have been attending the Tuesday morning Pigskin Breakfast Club raised \$800 in six days to make possible the erection of a new scoreboard on the athletic field at Torrance High School. Frank Dominguez was chairman of the group composed of Ray Rogers, Milt Isbell, Dr. Rowland Smith, Mike Fenwick and Al Turner.

members of the varsity had expressed a desire to play a "bowl game" on a local gridiron. Coach Eddie Cole said: "I think I speak for all the members of the squad when I say 'name your team, preferably a tough one, and we'll play them in the morning, in the afternoon or in the middle of the night in somebody's backyard, on a slow boat to China or anywhere you name.' Personally, I think it is a swell idea and am all for it."

Cole said that he felt the naming of the opponent who would be invited to play the game should be left up to the team. Although Narbonne and Gardena would make a "natural" contest, little hope was held that either school would be able to meet the Tartars. Both schools are members of the Los Angeles School District which prohibits post-season games. The actual contest probably would be played in the Seahawk Stadium in Redondo Beach since Torrance's own field would not be a satisfactory site while the construction of new bleachers and installation of lights is under way. The rather sudden decision to purchase the elaborate scoreboard was made to take advantage of a sale.

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BY 3-TO-2—This photograph of President Truman reveals some of the determination in the make-up of the nation's Chief Executive who "wouldn't give up the fight." Torrance voters gave him three votes for every two cast for Dewey.



RUNNING MATE—The United States will have a vice president again next January, when Senator Alben Barkley, the senator from Kentucky, takes office as the result of Tuesday's balloting which swept him into office along with Harry S. Truman.

### Contract Let for Leveling Athletic Field

Expenditure of another \$12,150 on the Torrance High School athletic field to bring it up to standard was voted by the Board of Education Tuesday night, making a total of \$25,000 to be "borrowed" from the high school cafeteria fund. This action disclosed that a survey of the football field showed that the field is "out of level"—27 inches higher at the north end of the field than it is at the south end. The discovery was not made by the architects, it was explained, until the contract had been awarded on the bleachers and work was ready to begin.

"Some day this field has to be leveled," Supt. J. H. Hull told the board, "and if we do not level the track now we will have to do it all over again later. The money we have left for a cafeteria—\$75,000—is not sufficient now anyway."

Board Member George Thatcher said he felt the district may as well go all the way, while the job is under way. President Howard A. Wood said it appeared to him it would be an economy in the long run to increase the present contract and have the grading done at this time.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, board member, said she believed the board had a moral obligation in regard to the cafeteria, since the people were asked to vote bonds for the cafeteria and would be asking why it was not provided. Hull said that higher costs of construction were beyond control of the board, and the school district could only do as well as possible with the funds available when conditions changed.

Thatcher said he believed the athletic field would earn some money back for the district, and that savings could possibly be made to apply toward construction of the school cafeteria. "Perhaps it would produce more revenue than a cafeteria, but it's hard for the mothers to see it that way," observed Mrs. Grace Wright, board member.

Carl D. Steele, the fifth board member, said he could not see any other better solution to the grading problem than to incorporate it into the present contract.

It was on Thatcher's motion that the board authorized the additional expenditure of \$12,150 for grading, scarifying the field, seeding it at a cost of \$2500, allowing 15 percent or \$375 for fees and another \$4675 for the track, curb and grading.

### Ruth Oriani Sits at Desk of President

Ruth Oriani, 17-year-old heroine who rescued a young child from an oil sump near Gardena recently, was visiting relatives in New Jersey this week after a trip to Washington, D. C., where she received two medals for her bravery.

While on a visit to the White House she was permitted to sit behind President Truman's desk. Although she did not have an opportunity of meeting the President, she thought she would vote for him if he ran again in 1952—she then would be 21 years old.

### Legion's New Clubhouse Is Well Started

Work now is well under way on the new clubhouse for Bert S. Crossland Post 170 of the American Legion on Border avenue. The new building will serve both the business and social needs of the veteran and will provide the Torrance post with its own home, after being without a meeting place for seven years.

"We hope to have the new hall ready for occupancy within 60 days," said Commander Thomas Babbitt. "Being without a home for so long has caused our membership to suffer. We feel that this may be the turning point in our history and that the younger veterans will feel that the Legion is aware of their needs and will quickly align themselves with us in the fight for the perpetuation of veterans rights and benefits." Until the new hall is ready the Legion is meeting at the V.F.W. hall on Washington avenue, on the first and third Tuesdays.

### Rites for War Hero Planned

Funeral arrangements will be announced next week for Edgar Clifton Smith, Marine Corps war hero who was killed in action in the Philippines Sept. 20, 1944. The war hero is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smith, of 21820 W. Halldale avenue.

### How Torrance Voted on State and County Propositions Told:

	Torrance		Lomita	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1.—Veterans' Tax Exemption	2791	2361	1881	1549
2.—Local Control Liquors	1752	3678	1115	2411
3.—Railroad Brakemen	2408	2678	1281	2101
4.—Aged and Blind Aid	3329	2014	2366	1165
5.—Compensation of Legislators	1847	2944	1316	1921
6.—Regulation of Commercial Fishing	1804	3327	849	2516
7.—Residence of Voters	2860	1765	1713	1336
8.—Superior Court Vacancies	3359	859	2061	711
9.—Succession of Governorship	3147	1205	2120	791
10.—Initiatives	2462	1648	1502	1249
11.—Municipal Charters	1892	2101	1108	1470
12.—Local Control of Intoxicating Liquors	1809	3655	1259	2277
13.—Senate Reapportionment	2074	2623	1505	1670
14.—Housing	1641	3493	1195	2206
15.—Fish Nets	1667	3278	795	2571
16.—Chiropractors	2942	1626	1859	1117
17.—State Civil Service Exemptions	1360	2908	770	2018
18.—State Payment of Tax Exemption Loss	2192	2159	1453	1369
19.—Fish and Game Commission	3249	1142	1913	933

	COUNTY QUESTIONS			
	Yes	No	Yes	No
A.—Juvenile Hall Bonds	2917	1561	1987	1005
B.—County Court House Bonds	1953	2223	1315	1537
C.—County Charter Amendment No. 1	1511	2265	1035	1497
D.—County Charter Amendment No. 2	2313	1408	1459	1068
E.—County Charter Amendment No. 3	1621	1962	943	1445
F.—County Charter Amendment No. 4	1801	1694	1037	1251
G.—County Charter Amendment No. 5	1846	1718	1071	1308
H.—County Charter Amendment No. 6	2022	1516	1191	1177
I.—County Charter Amendment No. 7	2047	1491	1214	1186
J.—County Charter Amendment No. 8	1677	1947	1127	1299

### Steel Men to Convene at San Francisco

One of a series of regional technical meetings will be held at San Francisco tomorrow by American Iron and Steel Institute, to be attended by about 125 members of the Institute, employees of company members, and specially invited faculty members of engineering colleges.

The meeting will make available to men of the steel industry and to those who teach metallurgical students a wide variety of timely technical problems which the technical committees of the Institute are engaged in studying. J. L. Porry, president of Columbia Steel Company, will preside at the afternoon session.

"Flat Rolled Steel," is the subject of a joint study by R. G. Glass, vice president of the Geneva Steel Company, and O. L. Pringle, vice president of Columbia Steel Company.

### New Maps of City Sent to Water Meet

Information about Torrance will be made available to the 1500 delegates, who will attend the convention of the National Reclamation Association to be held at Oklahoma City Nov. 17 to 19.

One hundred new maps of the city, published by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will be placed in the education exhibit at the convention. The maps show the location of the city's industrial plants, most of them large water-users, together with a complete list of the factories in the city.

Reed H. Parkin, secretary of the Donk Aircraft Company, is a member of the executive committee of the Colorado River Association. The conventions are attended by many thousands of persons in addition to the delegates.

### Torrance Casts Record Vote for Truman-Barkley

Torrance voters gave President Truman 3400 votes and Thomas Dewey 2300, or a substantial 3-to-2 preference, according to results of Tuesday's balloting that literally knocked political prognosticators for a loop and returned a Democratic administration for another four years.

### Confusion

### 'Never Again' Say Election Board Clerks

"Never again!" "This is the last time I'll serve on an election board."

"Wouldn't do it again for \$50." These were typical of expressions of most of the election board members who trudged into the Torrance City Hall Wednesday after an all-night session of counting the votes in what was believed to be the heaviest balloting this city has ever seen.

Obedying instructions of the office of Registrar of Voters, adopted following criticism of the County Grand Jury as to how the ballots should be tallied, the clerks in many cases found the new procedure confusing, they said.

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At a late hour Wednesday night the final returns were in for all Torrance precincts but one—No. 24 in Hollywood Riviera.

Balloting in Torrance was believed to have set a local record in the opinion of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. The vote in this city was like that in many other sections of the nation—a sprinkling for Henry Wallace, and a token vote for Watson, the prohibition candidate.

Lomita gave Truman nearly 2-to-1 over Dewey, with a few more votes for Wallace. Dewey carried two precincts in Torrance—No. 14 by 170 to 115 and No. 18 by 95 to 82. He also nearly tied with President Truman in two precincts—No. 2 by 100 to 102 and No. 8 by 135 to 139.

In Lomita Dewey carried one precinct—No. 3, by 302 to 199, and tied in No. 11 with 139 for each presidential candidate.

The total of votes cast in Torrance, complete except for precinct 24, was as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL	
Truman	3404
Dewey	2281
Wallace	229
Watson	26
CONGRESSMAN	
King	4582
STATE ASSEMBLY	
Thomas	4227

### GP Engineer Elevated to Design Post

A. K. Brumbaugh Jr. has been advanced to the post of engineer-in-charge of design for the General Petroleum Corporation, it was announced at the company's home office in Los Angeles by C. M. Reading, acting manager of the engineering department. In his new post Mr. Brumbaugh will be in charge of the design of all new installations and improvements to the manufacturing plants and refineries of the company.

Brumbaugh's work since 1944 has been primarily concerned with the expansion of General Petroleum's Torrance refinery. First as an assistant engineer and later as project engineer he has been connected with the engineering work on many millions of dollars worth of refinery improvements.

He joined the General Petroleum Corporation in May 1939 as an inspector in the engineering department having previous

### Truman Wins!

### High School Election Gives President Substantial Edge

As goes Torrance High School so goes Torrance! Junior Statesmen at Torrance High sponsored the special assembly in the auditorium Tuesday and conducted an "election" as a climax to social study classes which had previously discussed the candidates, issues and propositions on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Results were: Truman and Barkley, 305; Dewey and Warren, 196; Wallace and Taylor, 30; Watson and Learn, 5; J. Strom Thurman, 1 vote.

On the question of lowering the voting age to 18 years, 307 were in favor, 270 opposed. The procedure was part of the preliminaries to American Education Week, Nov. 7 to 13, said Principal John Steinbaugh. There were brief talks on the significance of election day, and a 30-minute color movie of the Fifth Winter Olympiad.

Milo Goettsch, vice-president of the student body, presided. Miss Barbara Specht, president of the Torrance H. S. chapter of the J.S.A., gave a brief talk on the significance of election day.

Roland Homolka, parliamentarian of the chapter, outlined the coming events to be sponsored by the group this year. Edward A. Reynolds, social studies teacher and sponsor of

the Junior Statesmen, spoke briefly on the significance of the election. The world situation and the Olympic Games, and introduced Mr. McKay.

The school orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Abe Milstein, played several selections. All present voted it a most enjoyable program.

Miss Dorothy Adams, high school librarian, has arranged a display of books and book jackets which emphasize the fact that education is necessary for a sound Democracy. Edmund Lindrope's history classes are discussing the value of history in helping to guide the peoples of the world in the development of a better and sounder democracy.

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