

BLOUNT, ISEN NAMED TO COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTER, SWIM POOL DENIED

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37 Per Cent Vote Record Tuesday

Incumbent Willys G. Blount and Attorney Albert Isen have been elected to the Torrance City Council over five other candidates, and Mrs. Harriett Leech was returned to her post as City Treasurer, as a result of Tuesday's balloting.

Defeated on the ballot were bond issues for a new civic center and swimming pool. Two other bond measures, one for a new central fire station, a new south Torrance fire station, and

Joel Hagberg	1
A. L. Avis	1
CITY TREASURER	
Leech	4254
Dean	1389
BOND PROPOSITION	
No. 1 (Civic Center)	
Yes	3819
No	1993
No. 2 (Fire Stations)	
Yes	4603
No	1318
No. 3 (Park Improvement)	
Yes	4296
No	1584
No. 4 (Swimming Pool)	
Yes	3785
No	2132

Blount and Isen will be sworn into office on April 20, accord-



WILLYS BLOUNT



ALBERT ISEN

Vote Chart Inside

A complete precinct breakdown of Tuesday's voting may be found in today's Torrance Herald on page 12.

The completion of voting for the various candidates and ballot propositions throughout the city's 54 precincts is unofficial and is subject to change with the final canvassing of votes April 20.

ing to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. The Council was slated to meet last night to canvass the 44 absentee ballots and consider a lengthy agenda which included a hearing on rezoning of Torrance Blvd. from Madrid to Crenshaw for commercial use.

When the new councilmen are sworn in next week, the City Council will consist of Victor E. Benstead, Willys G. Blount, Nicholas O. Dralle, Albert Isen, and Mervin M. Schwab.

Protest Permit To Sell Liquor Near El Camino

A public hearing was to be held yesterday by the State Board of Equalization on a protest against the application for a liquor license that would permit the sale of liquor near El Camino College.

The application was made by Sam H. Shipp for an off-sale distilled spirits license at 16544 Crenshaw Blvd. The protest was filed with the Board by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office on grounds that a license in that area would be contrary to public welfare and morals because the place of sale is located in proximity to El Camino College.

Evidence obtained at the hearing is to be forwarded to the State Liquor Administrator in Sacramento for review and his recommendation to the Board which will make a decision at its next meeting, to be held May 20.

Retail Clerks Authorize Strike Mediator to Hear Matter Today

Three-Year Pact Offered By Clerks

Retail clerks of Local 905 voted 2 1/2 to 1 in favor of authorizing a strike against their employers in a special meeting of the union in Wilmington Tuesday evening, it was learned yesterday.

The strike vote, taken at a meeting at which 98 per cent of the membership was present, authorized union officials to call a strike "in the event no proposals or unacceptable proposals" are offered by employers. Negotiations between the clerks

and employers have been in progress for some time. The contracts expired Feb. 2, 1954.

F. S. Solover, executive secretary of the Harbor Area Employers Council, reported yesterday that a meeting of employers was being held last evening. Outcome of the meeting was not known at press time.

Last-ditch efforts to avert a walk-out was scheduled for 10 o'clock this morning when the negotiating parties will lay their case before State Conciliator Edward Peters in Los Angeles.

"The union has done everything in its power to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the matter in the interests of the communities," Ben Scott, secretary of Local 905 told the Herald yesterday.

The union has offered to accept a three-year contract calling for a flat 12 1/2-cent raise. Employers ask for a one-year pact with no raise.

Ministers' Group To Hold Services For Good Friday

The Torrance Ministerial Society will sponsor traditional Good Friday Community services tomorrow at noon at the First Baptist Church, Carson and Manuel Sts.

The service will be under the direction of the Rev. John Taylor of the First Methodist Church and will last for one hour. Speaker will be the Rev. J. J. Walker of the First Christian Church who will talk on "The Implications of the Cross."

Ministers from all of the operating churches in the Association will take part in the service and the youth choirs from the Methodist, First Lutheran and St. Andrew's Episcopal churches will sing.

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock the oratorio "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois, will be sung by the chancel choir of the First Methodist Church under the direction of Earle Peterson, minister of music. Accompanist will be Mrs. Eva Brundin.

Rites Held Here For Hermosa Tot Drowned in Surf

Funeral services were held here yesterday for little Michael Lewis McDonald, 19-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. McDonald of Hermosa Beach, who wandered into the surf and was drowned two weeks ago.

The infant's body, the object of a long search, washed ashore Monday in Manhattan Beach, about a mile from the place where the child walked into the ocean.

The Rev. Arthur Bello conducted the rites at St. Andrew's Church and interment was held at Green Hills Cemetery. Stone and Myers handled arrangements.

The tot's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Prince of 1618 Acacia Ave. Mr. Prince is the former operator of the Beacon Drug Store in Torrance. Other survivors are Grandmother Sarah H. McDonald, of 22402 S. Main St., three uncles, Lawrence L. Prince, Long Beach, Clyde McDonald of Torrance and Robert McDonald of Santa Ana, and an aunt, Barbara Dee McDonald, of Los Angeles.

The child's mother has been staying with the Princes since the day after the disappearance.

Deadline Today To Register For June Primaries

Today is the last day to register for the June primaries and the City Hall will be open until 9 o'clock tonight to accept registrations.

Anyone who has moved since they last registered or who did not vote in the last election must register in order to be eligible to vote in the primaries for county, state and national officials.



C. A. WOODCOCK
New Optimist Leader

Optimists Name Woodcock as New President

Certified Public Accountant C. A. Woodcock was named president of the Torrance Optimist Club Monday evening to succeed Chris Sorenson, it was announced yesterday.

In the annual election of officer of the Torrance service club, a slate of officers to serve with Woodcock during the coming year were elected in a unanimous ballot. Reid Bundy will serve as first vice-president; Robert Evans, second vice-president; and E. V. Winkelbauer, secretary-treasurer.

President-elect Woodcock was president of the student body at Torrance High School before his graduation in 1939.

He received his degree in accounting at UCLA after a three-year interruption during the war as a member of the U. S. Marines. He is married, has two children, and lives at 911 Kornblum. He is a charter member of the Torrance Optimist Club.

Youth Dies In Truck Crash

A young cyclist was killed Tuesday when he collided with a pickup truck driven by a Torrance man at the intersection of Banning Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd.

Dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was James B. Murphree, 15, of Long Beach. The truck driver, Sam Harris, 32, of 1776 Marinette St., was not held.

Officers said the youth was turning west on Sepulveda when he collided with the truck, which was headed north on Banning



RED CROSS AID . . . D. M. Sowle, left, hands check for \$1200 to J. Hugh Shirley Jr., chairman of the local Red Cross fund campaign, as a contribution from National Supply Co., while George Wahler, of the Red Cross Commerce and Industry staff looks on. In addition to this contribution, National Supply Employees gave about \$1700.

HOUSEWIFE TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Mrs. Opal Wells, Redondo Beach housewife, this week announced her candidacy for Congress on the Republican ticket from the 17th Congressional District.

"I have entered the race for this congressional post," said Mrs. Wells, "because I want to push the fight for economy in government. I think a woman such as I, who has had experience in handling the complexities of a home budget would make a good aide to join the ranks of the present administration in the fight for lower taxes. President Eisenhower and the people need the help of public officials who are budget-conscious."

County Estimate Puts Population Here At 47,058

Torrance population has risen to 47,058, according to estimates released this week by the statistical department of the County Regional Planning Commission.

According to that group's figures, the estimated population represented an increase of nearly 10,000 persons during the past year.

Official census figures for the city, as of Nov. 4, 1953, put the city's population at 44,914—more than double the 1950 Federal census finding.

Suspect Nabbed Here Identified by Victim

A young Compton ex-Navyman, collared Saturday by Torrance Police Chief Willard H. Haslam, has confessed to the kidnaping and rape of a nine-year-old Bell Gardens girl on March 27, according to Norwalk sheriff's deputies.

The suspect, John R. Waltz Jr., 22, a Compton shipping clerk, admitted the attack Tuesday after he was identified by the girl at the Norwalk sub-station.

Waltz was captured here Saturday after an alleged attempt to lure a nine-year-old Torrance girl into his car near the Navy City Catholic Church. The girl's mother brought her to police headquarters, and as the girl was describing the suspect to Chief of Police Haslam, she looked out the window and saw Waltz pull up in his car.

"There he goes!" she shouted, and Haslam raced out of the office, overtook Waltz's car at Cravens and Marcelina Aves., jumped into the car and placed him under arrest.

Description Tallies

The suspect's description tallied with that given by the Bell Gardens girl of her assailant. He was taken to the Norwalk station and the girl identified him, deputies stated, and his confession followed.

The possibility that Waltz might be the man who brutally kidnaped and raped another nine-year-old Torrance girl last year was ruled out when it was found that he just got out of the Navy two months ago.

Denial Nolan Crime

Waltz has denied any connection with the kidnaping of Stella Darlene Nolan, 8, who disappeared from Auction City in Norwalk on June 6, 1953, and has not been seen since. The sus-

pect did admit, however, that he made an unsuccessful attempt to entice a small girl into his car on March 29 on Normandie Ave. in Lomita.

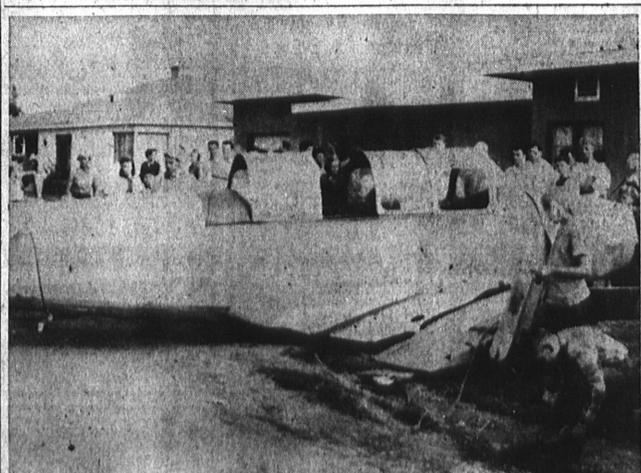
Police said that Waltz forced the Bell Gardens girl into his car on March 27 in the 6600 block on Florence Ave. He then drove to a vacant lot in the Downey area, officers stated, where he attacked the girl, then drove to the Old River School Rd. near Florence Ave. and released her. Waltz drives a 1951 two-tone green Plymouth tudor.

Banks to Remain Open Until 6 on Future Fridays

Torrance banks will be closed from 12 noon until 3 p. m. tomorrow, Good Friday, and will reopen until 6 p. m., according to Dean L. Sears, branch manager of Bank of America; and George Post, vice-president of Torrance National Bank.

The 6 p. m. closing time Friday will be continued each Friday, according to officials of both banks. Banking hours on Friday will be from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m.

Both banks have been closing at 5 p. m. on Fridays.



GROUNDLED . . . A crowd of Lomitanians gathers around the training plane which crashed on W. 251st St. Sunday, skidding 200 feet and snapping power and telephone lines. No one was hurt in the crash. The pilot, Rhondo Wheatley, and passenger, James Lawrence, both of Inglewood, walked away from the crashed plane. It stalled on an approach to Torrance Municipal Airport and skidded flying by Wheatley is credited with keeping the plane out of some Lomitan's living room.