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County Sees 'No Need' for Vote Machine Spending

At a meeting called this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn of key County officials, it was established that there is no need for the County to spend another \$2,000,000 in buying electronic vote counting machines (on top of \$1,000,000 already spent developing the machine over Hahn's opposition) when the job of counting ballots from Los Angeles County can be done better and faster by improving administrative procedures and by establishing regional vote tallying centers.

"By strengthening existing state laws covering election procedures and by using regional vote tallying centers it will be possible for final results of elections to be known by 7 a.m. the day following elections," Supervisor Hahn declared.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

In attendance at the meeting were Registrar of Voters Benjamin S. Hite, his chief assistant James Allison, Chief Administrative Officer L. S. Hollinger, and County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy.

Supervisor Hahn explained that the election board officials in his own precinct and in a number of other precincts in the same area which he visited last election night all had finished counting the ballots before midnight of election day.

It was pointed out that about half of the precincts had completed their task of counting all of the votes on all candidates and issues by about midnight but that the balance of the precincts reported later than that—some as late as 10 o'clock the following morning.

Hite indicated that the major problem in setting up the plan described by Supervisor Hahn would be in getting the individual precincts—of which there are nearly 12,000 in Los Angeles County—to submit their returns earlier.

Improvements Necessary

However, he stated that he felt that a number of improvements could be made which would speed up precinct returns. He pointed out that nearly 60,000 citizens serve on the election boards in Los Angeles County and that final returns are submitted from precincts to his office beginning at about 8 o'clock the evening of the election until after noon the following day. The majority of the returns, however, are submitted before 2 a.m. the day after election.

He would not explain why there should be such a wide variance in the time it takes the various election boards to complete their count.

It was agreed by all present that the following changes in the election procedure laid down in the state laws would expedite the counting of ballots in the precincts:

TWO MEMBERS

1. Legislation to allow two members of the election board to count ballots. Present law requires all five members of each board to count the ballots. If the law is amended it would double the speed of counting the ballots because each precinct would have two teams, instead of one, counting the votes. Hite admitted that many of the precincts are now following this procedure.
2. A provision which would give the Registrar of Voters the power to go beyond adjoining precincts to provide election officials in precincts where there is a shortage of qualified manpower. At present, only adjoining precincts can be used to meet manpower shortage problems. This change would also make it possible for government employees to serve as election board officials where manpower shortages exist.
3. Simplification of the ballot wherever possible—particularly in eliminating from the ballots judges who are unopposed for re-election.

PLANS FOR SPEEDUP

Supervisor Hahn's plan for speeding up the counting of ballots includes the following steps:

1. The voter follows the same procedure as at present marking his ballot in secret.
2. The precinct election board officials follow the same procedure as at present—starting the counting of ballots after the polls are closed and posting the results outside the door.
3. The precinct results are taken to a regional tallying center where they are tallied. For example, if 10 regional centers are used, it would mean that each center would have to tally or add up the total vote of about 1,250 precincts on each candidate and each issue.
4. The total tally from each regional center would then be sent by special messenger to the Registrar of Voters main office at 808 N. Spring where the regional tallies would be added together for the final results.

"This procedure would guard the sanctity of the ballot box and would make it possible for all of the returns of Los Angeles County—which has more registered voters than 42 of the 50 states—to be declared officially by 3 a.m. the day after elections," Supervisor Hahn declared.

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Expect Yule Phone Calls To Set Mark

With the Christmas season near, Pacific Telephone is preparing for another record holiday spurge of calls that may top the 400,000 mark for one 24-hour period.

According to Dick Pyle, manager, calls are expected to be completed quicker this year than ever before because more long distance toll circuits have been installed. Greater use of Direct Distance Dialing by Southland telephone users also will speed calls.

"He said to call early if users wish to avoid delays and resulting disappointments from calls that aren't completed on time. And he offered these telephone tips:

1. Plan your telephone holiday get-togethers for periods other than Christmas Eve, December 25 and 26. Reduced rates apply after 6 p.m. every evening and all day on Sundays.
2. Call by telephone number. Get it in advance if possible.
3. Dial Direct. Use your DDD service if you have it. More DDD lines are available after 11 p.m."

Attempt to Fire Own Home Brings Arrest for Arson

Torrance arson investigators last week arrested a retired painting contractor on charges that he attempted to burn his own home.

Officers said that Virgil Newberry, 59, of 1027 Portola Ave., was taken into custody after he apparently tried to set fire to the house by touching off cleaning waste soaked in paint thinner.

Firemen were called by excited neighbors and extinguished the blaze before damage could be done.

Newberry is alleged to have told investigators that he soaked rags and newspapers with the thinner in order to burn the house "to clean it up."

He was booked on suspicion of arson and then committed for psychiatric check at Los Angeles General Hospital.

Holiday Showing Set for The Gallery

The Gallery presents the works of Zan Wasser, a San Pedro resident, Miss Wasser studied at the Ontario College of Art in Canada and at El Camino College.

Her unusual ceramic sculpture and oil paintings have been exhibited at Lane Gallery, D'Acosta Gallery and the Co-op Gallery, and she is represented in numerous private collections.

In addition, a special Holiday showing of Gloria Klissner's "Angel Musicians" has been arranged. This magnificent canvas comprises an area of 40 square feet, and is particularly impressive at this season of the year.

Unusual Christmas gifts will be on display in The Gallery, in the form of handmade jewelry, decorative ceramic pieces and sculpture, as well as watercolors, oils, greeting cards and prints. Hours are 6:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Friday and 1 to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

Growing Family

Many growing families crowded for room inside the house, have converted garages into family rooms and added a carport for the family buggy.