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MAYOR JAMES ROLPH JR., IS SPEAKER TO CROWD MONDAY

Ends Visit of Bay District by Engagement Here; Attacks Young Administration for High Taxes; Makes Good Impression with Local Voters

That much-traveled and distinguished Californian, James Rolph, Jr., addressed an audience estimated at about 200 residents of Torrance late Monday afternoon at the end of a tour of the Bay district.

Although somewhat tired from a fatiguing day of speech-making in behalf of his candidacy for governor, Mayor Rolph, nevertheless, treated his audience to an interesting talk at El Prado Park after being introduced by Rev. M. F. Cameron, who is a personal friend of the mayor.

On his arrival in Torrance, Mayor Rolph went immediately to the city hall where he called on Mayor John Dennis. The two city officials spent a quarter of an hour chatting about current subjects and both wished each other success at the polls August 26. Mayor Dennis is a candidate for the office of Justice of Peace of Lomita township.

To Let People See Him -- He has traveled 155 1/2 hours in the air, covering 65,000 miles in visiting all of the counties in the state. The visiting candidate said, "I have also traveled more than 16,000 miles in automobiles in behalf of my candidacy for governor. I have been in every county-seat, every city, town and hamlet that I could reach."

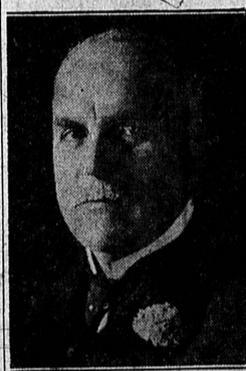
The mayor declared that he is the only gubernatorial aspirant to have ever covered the entire state previous to election day, and gave his reason for his travels that he believed that "no man should aspire to the high office of the governorship without having been to all the people, met them, talked with them about their problems and let the people see him to judge for themselves whether or not he is their choice for the honor."

After detailing to his listeners an account of a "dead-stick" landing made by his plane when the motor stopped in mid-air, an event which won for him an honorary membership in the Aeronautical Association, the San Francisco mayor swung into the subjects of his campaign.

Would Use Surplus -- In regard to unemployment Mayor Rolph repeated his assertions that the state should make use of the \$20,000,000 dollars "lying idle in the state treasury" to give work to carpenters, builders, artisans and workers of all kinds. This has not been touched by the present administration, he said, despite the fact that unemployment is great in this state.

Numerous public works could be created from this sum, Mayor Rolph continued, to the betterment of the state and the people. "If the Columbia Steel plant should close down here, you would be confronted with a big unemployment problem," the candidate said in bringing home his assertions. "That wouldn't do the city or yourselves any good. We must furnish work to these men who

VISITING MAYOR



James Rolph, Jr.

Manslaughter Is Charged To Woman Driver

Is Confined in Prison Ward of Hospital Following Accident Aug. 11

Charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles F. Leach, well known Torrance merchant, Miss Catherine Booth, 30, Beverly Hills cosmetician, is being held in the prison ward of the General Hospital.

Miss Booth, who was severely injured in the crash August 11, that cost Mr. Leach his life, will be arraigned in San Pedro as soon as she recovers. According to Deputy Lieutenant Evans, of San Pedro, she is expected to be ready for arraignment in a few days. Bail is set at \$5000, he said.

The warrant for Miss Booth's arrest on the manslaughter charge was served on her shortly after the coroner's inquest held at Stone and Myers here last week. It was issued by Deputy District Attorney William Brayton, of Long Beach, at the request of the San Pedro police. Late last week Miss Booth was removed from the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital to the General Hospital in Los Angeles.

Plans Advanced for More Police Protection Here

Walteria, McDonald Tract May Get Additional Service

Additional police protection for the outlying communities of Walteria and the McDonald tract were discussed at length at council meeting Tuesday night but nothing definite was decided.

There are two plans before the council for this additional protection. One is to employ a special officer in each of the two districts, who will be subject to call at any time by residents in the communities. The other is that the city employ two additional officers and purchase a small car for them to use in patrolling the sections at night.

The council is awaiting Councilman Maxwell's opinion on the matter as he is a member of the Police Commission, and is expected to have a suggestion in the matter.

Similar Names Are Confusing

One of the unfortunate "oddities" of the present political campaign -- it might also be called by a more serious term of "despicable politics" -- is the similarity in surnames of many aspirants.

It behooves every voter to read very carefully the ballots as presented at the polls next Tuesday. Read the FIRST name or INITIALS and KNOW who you are voting for.

The most flagrant case of this sort of "politics" is evident in the race for nomination of County Assessor. Here are three OTHER Hopkins confusing voters on Ed Hopkins' name.

Other evidence of a shady political meddling is noted in the race for the governorship, nomination, and state treasurer.

READ YOUR BALLOT CAREFULLY TUESDAY!

STRANGE MEN ENTER HOUSE AFTER "GIRL"

The presence of two strange men in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr, 1752 Andree avenue about 1 o'clock Monday morning has continued to be a mystery the rest of this week to the Carrs and police. One of the men, who are as yet unidentified although good descriptions of the pair have been given police, was according to Charles Carr, 18-year-old son of the family, who notified the police of the nocturnal trespassers.

Mrs. Carr told the Herald that she was awakened shortly before 1 a. m., by the sound of someone knocking the key out of the rear door and of the door being opened. When she investigated she found one of the men in the house. Asked as to the reason for his presence in the house, the man said, according to Mrs. Carr, that he "wanted his girl," and named a girl known to the Carrs. The name was not revealed.

After telling the man, whom she said had evidently been drinking, that no girl was in the house, Mrs. Carr notified her husband. The intruder then became angry and grappled with Mr. Carr. During this time the second man remained at the rear door and kept urging his partner to leave. The second man was seen holding a revolver. Charles Carr noticed after he had been awakened by the sound of his room at the rear of the house to see what was the matter. This caused him to run to a neighbor's house and inform the police. The men had departed before the officers arrived.

Mr. Carr was treated by a local physician for a severe bruise on his chest where the first man had grabbed him. Police are at a loss to explain the case and have conducted a diligent search for the men since the event occurred.

Three Jolly "Liars" Hard at It

Oratorical "Big Berthas" Enter Final Offensive With Tongues Lashing Each Others "Statements"

SACRAMENTO, (U.P.)--Rumblings of the final offensive on California's political battle front were being heard today as primary election day appeared just over the horizon. This week the oratorical "Big Berthas" boomed forth liquid fire, T.N.T., barbed-wire and Rough-on-Rats. Candidates marshaled their forces for last instructions before going over the top. A few more days and it will all be over.

The hottest developments in the week's campaigning were as follows: 1. Accusation by Governor Young's forces that Fitts and Rolph had entered a conspiracy to defeat the governor; that the two candidates are using identical campaign literature, and that letters are being sent to corporations promising tax reductions if Governor Young is defeated.

2. Response by Mayor Rolph that the charge is a "series of unqualified lies," and a challenge to Irving Martin, Northern California campaign manager, and Clem Whitaker, Young's publicity director, "to produce one iota of evidence to prove that I am working with Fitts to defeat Young."

Taxation stood out far ahead as the leading controversial issue of the campaign as the final week of radio and stump speaking neared. Just A Few Days More -- "Governor Young muddled up the tax laws," charged Fitts. "If you are paying \$100 taxes on your home, it is four times as much as the largest oil company in California paid in state taxes last year."

"That's an unfair statement," retorted Governor Young. "He's comparing local taxes and state taxes. Standard Oil paid more than \$4,572,000 on its real and personal property last year, in the same manner as the home owner."

"Oh, yes?" interrupted Mayor Rolph. "Well maybe you'll tell us how much money was paid into your campaign fund by Standard, Union, Shell, Associated and Richfield oil companies, all of whom got big tax reductions?"

And the dispute ends with all hands cordially calling each other liars, and appealing to the voter with a sense of justice and fair play to support the candidate who tells the truth.

At the present time it appears as if the victor may not be the candidate who has the most constructive platform; to the contrary, it may be he who can show that the other fellow is the biggest liar.

Oh-hum! Just a few more days to August 26, and then we'll know all about it.

NET COST OF TAXES WILL BE LOWERED

12 Per Cent Valuation Cut Justifies Slight Rate Increase

Despite the fact that there was an average cut of approximately 12 per cent on valuations in Torrance, which thereby deprived the city of a large amount of tax money, the new tax rate for 1930-31 was only increased slightly by the city council this week.

The new tax rate in the original incorporated city will be 55 cents and the rate in the annexed territory will be 53 cents. It was announced by the council late Wednesday afternoon. Last year the rates were 53 cents in the original incorporated territory and 49 cents in the annexed territory.

Net Tax Cost Lower -- Because of the 12 per cent cut in assessed valuation, taxes this year on any particular piece of property will be between 7 and 8 per cent less than last year. Thus, when the new tax bills are received, it will be noted that the amount of city taxes will be lower this year than last, because of the smaller valuation figures for property in this city.

Because of the retirement of some of the bonds against the original city, the differential between the original and annexed portion of the city has been reduced this year from four to three cents. In announcing the new tax rate, the council pointed out that there have been no increases in any salaries. No additional men will be employed in either the police or fire departments with the exceptions of specially appointed deputies to guard life and property in the newly annexed territories. When these deputies, who will be available for service to the outlying communities at all time, are appointed they will be employed at a salary not to exceed \$50 per month.

The new tax rate for Torrance is considerably lower than that to be in effect in neighboring cities. Compton's new rates are \$1.20 for the original city and \$1.12 for the annexed territory, as compared with \$1.07 for the old city and 95 cents for the annexed territory in 1929. Both Hawthorne and Inglewood have a 90-cent rate this year. Redondo's tax rate has not been set yet, it was reported by the city clerk of that city today, but is expected to be similar to the 1929 figures which were \$1.59 for the original city and \$1.21 for the Villa Tract annexation.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION -- Mayor John Dennis and Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink will be delegates from Torrance to the annual Fire Chiefs' Association convention to be held at Oakland, September 1 to 4. The two officials represented the city at the last firefighters' convention.

Friends Aid Guy To Return Here Without Charges

Believe Contractor Will "Make Good" His Checks Here

Confident that P. O. Guy will "make good" his asserted worthless checks here, a number of local citizens and business men forwarded a railroad ticket from Denver, Colo., to this city this week and are awaiting the well known contractor's arrival here before any charges are made against him.

Mr. Guy was reported to have given himself up to the Denver authorities after leaving the city about a week ago. He is alleged to have passed a number of worthless checks and to have failed to meet checks he drew in favor of sub-contractors who worked with him in the re-construction of the I. H. Hawkins store which is now the A. & P. store.

Hawkins in Statement -- However, friends of his here have faith in his ability to straighten (Continued on Page 7)

Herald To Give Election Service

Bulletins on the course of the election will be issued and distributed by the Herald and News as soon and as often after the election Tuesday as the returns come in. Information as to the ballot-box will also be given over the telephone, but it is likely that no definite information will be available until Wednesday morning because of the size of the ballot. The bulletin boards will be placed in front of the Dolley Drug store, at 1225 El Prado; Beacon Drug Company, on Cabrillo avenue; Torrance Pharmacy, 1648 Cabrillo; First National Bank, Bank of Italy, and the Herald office on El Prado.

Local Pythians To Have Sister Lodge Started

The Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 357, will hold an open mass meeting Monday night, August 25, at 8 o'clock when the lodge will sponsor the organization of a Pythian Sister lodge at the hall at 211 Redondo boulevard.

Besides the work of organizing the sisterhood lodge, a program of music and entertainment will be given. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Among the notables in the lodge to be present are Judge Harry W. Falk, supreme grand chancellor; Tom Hicks, deputy grand chancellor and organizer of the local lodge; Fay Dimon, district grand chancellor of district 32; the chancellor commanders and their wives from San Pedro, Wilmington and Redondo.

The entire order of Pythian Sisters from San Pedro and a delegation of knights and sisters from Long Beach will also be present. According to J. S. Bartlett, vice chancellor of the Torrance lodge, the local fraternity has 65 members and has a class of eight going through initiation work now. Wallace Gilbert is chancellor commander of the lodge here.

Sidewalks at Madrid and Redondo Desired

City Engineer Leonard was instructed by the city council Tuesday night to inform the Santa Fe Railroad Company that sidewalks on both sides of Redondo boulevard at Madrid avenue are desired by the city to protect pedestrian traffic.

Councilman Ed Nelson in bringing up the matter stated that pedestrians are now forced to walk in the street when crossing the tracks at Madrid avenue and declared that this was dangerous in view of the high speed traffic at that point.

CRAGS TO LEAVE -- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craig of Keystone expect to leave Tuesday for Oklahoma City, Okla., to visit a son. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are the parents of Theodore Craig, a student fireman, who fell to his death from a training tower in Los Angeles last June.

TOWNSHIP VOTERS RALLY IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR DENNIS

Veteran Public Servant May Receive Majority of Votes for Justiceship at Primary Election; Has Fine Record of Impartiality and Fairness

"Elect John Dennis at the primary, August 26" is the rallying cry of friends and supporters of the popular Torrance mayor who believe that if they can get all the Dennis supporters to the polls next Tuesday that he will receive more than half of the votes cast for the office of justice

of peace in Lomita township, and thus eliminate the necessity of again campaigning at the general election in November. The office of township justice is non-partisan and in the event any one candidate polls a majority of all votes cast at the primary, he is elected. If no candidate receives more than 50 per cent of the total vote cast, the two leaders on the ticket must again run at the general election in November.

The Lomita vote will be badly split between Judge S. D. Patterson and Norman P. Herr, battery dealer, both from Lomita. Both Patterson and Herr are attempting to pit the Lomita vote against Torrance. Nicholas C. Bleeker, of Palos Verdes, another candidate, is not expected to poll many votes.

A recent canvass made by Dennis supporters in Lomita, revealed that a large number of Lomita residents are disgusted with the sectional squabbling inspired by the Lomita candidates and their followers and are determined to cast their votes for Dennis because he is advocating harmony among all residents of Lomita township. Dennis supporters in Lomita also recognize the fact that a Lomita man has always held the office of justice and in a sense of fairness to Torrance, they Lomitans are supporting Dennis.

The veteran Torrance mayor has also shown his spirit of impartiality in his administration of the far-flung districts of Torrance. The people in Walteria, McDonald Tract, Hollywood districts of Torrance have received just as careful consideration from Mayor Dennis as have the residents in the original city of Torrance. Mayor Dennis has made frequent visits to these outlying districts to personally investigate community problems and has always given them the most sympathetic consideration. Residents of Lomita feel that anyone who can satisfactorily administer such a widely scattered city territory can be depended upon to be fair and square to both Torrance and Lomita people in the office of justice of the entire township.

Has Spottless Record -- John Dennis has an enviable record as a public official covering over 15 years of service. For the past five years he has been mayor of Torrance and Torrance citizens are rallying to his support almost unanimously in appreciation of his faithful and able administration of civic affairs. They point out that Mayor Dennis has given his entire time for the past five years without pay. His keen sense of honesty has even prompted

Enrollment in the 1930 summer terms of U.S.C. numbers 6,301, an increase of 1,068 over the 1929 registration figure. The summer student body at Southern California has nearly tripled since 1925. There were 18 Torrance students in attendance at the 25th annual summer school, it was reported by the university. August 30 is the final closing date of classes of the 1930 summer school of the University of Southern California.

R. A. Hoag and Doris R. Worrell, of this city, will complete the eight weeks' session August 25. Those from Torrance who attended the six weeks' session were James E. Burchett, Dorothy M. Carson, Mrs. C. C. Clapper, Guy L. Mowry, Mrs. J. L. McManus, George F. Shidder, M. Louis Woodruff, Virginia C. Watson and Mrs. F. M. Young. Two local students attending the past session courses, they were Alice L. Crothers and Robert A. Hoag.

Plans for Publicly-Owned Water System Formed by City Engineer

Ordinance No. 208, authorizing the special election to decide on September 25 whether or not residents in the original city limits of Torrance wish to be served by a publicly-owned water system, was read for the last time and passed by the city council Tuesday night. All arrangements for the special election will be made by the council in the near future.

With the passage of the ordinance calling a special election on September 25 to decide whether or not residents in the original city limits of Torrance are to be served sweet, clean water at a reasonable cost, the city engineer's office immediately became a beehive of activity this week.

It is the intention of City Engineer Frank Leonard to have all plans in readiness, formed at no extra expense to the taxpayers, at the time of the election. This means that, if the people want a change from the present water situation, actual work on a publicly-owned water system may be started within a few months after the date of the election.

Assistant City Engineer Herb Summers briefly outlined the plans for a better and cheaper water system today. The first move following the passage of the ordinance for the utility will be to drill the wells that will supply the original city of Torrance. "The number of wells depends, of course, on the quality and quan-

ity of water brought in," Mr. Summers said. "On the results of the first or second successful well, depends the exact type of purification plant to be constructed. There are many different types of purification plants and each type can be combined with another system in order to deliver to the consumers the finest of water. "We must find out the kind of water available in order to plan our purification plant. Engineers have told us that we can deliver sweet, clean and pure water from the underground supply beneath the city, so we are not concerned with the present situation of objectionable odor and taste during parts of the year. From the purification plant, the city water will be piped to a covered storage reservoir, the size of which is not known as yet. This tank will be built in such a manner that it may be given periodic cleaning without disrupting the water supply to consumers. A pumping station will then

Local Poets Have Only One More Week To Enter Herald's Contest

Only seven days remain for all followers of the Poetic muse to enter the Herald's first poetry contest.

To date we have received a few entries--but not enough to make the contest for the titles of Poet Laureate of Torrance and Lomita the interesting competitive tourney of wits and art that was expected.

Don't tell us that the spirit of Poetry is dead or languishing; we KNOW there are scores of hearts in Torrance and Lomita. In the past they have not hid their talent, but have favored the Herald with their contributions voluntarily.

Come On, Poets! Now we ask, demand, plead and urge those Poets, to come forth with their brain-children so that the title of Poet Laureate may be rightly bestowed on the best versifier in the two communities. Two poems--long or short--those are the only contributions necessary to enter. There is no entry fee or charge of any kind--you don't even have to mail your contributions--just leave them at the Herald office on El Prado BEFORE 12 o'clock, noon, August 23--one week from today.

Here Are the Rules The rules of the contest are, that the entrants must be amateur versifiers who have never received cash consideration for their efforts. This unique contest will be conducted under rigid rules, of which the first is the poet shall be an amateur. The remaining rules are: Contestants shall be residents of Torrance or Lomita. No "foreign" bard shall be permitted to enter the contest. Aspiring poets must submit two compositions. One shall verify a

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