

REFINERY ERECTION RUSHED

Mayor John Dennis Drives the First Rivet
MANY ATTEND OPENING
City and Factory Officials
Hall New G. P. Plant

Mayor John Dennis drove the first rivet in the new \$10,000,000 refinery of the General Petroleum Corporation on its thousand acre site on Western avenue in Torrance Monday noon of this week.

The ceremony was attended by General Petroleum officials, executives from several Torrance industries, city officials and officers and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The first unit of the giant refinery will call for an expenditure of \$2,050,000, to be completed and in operation by March 1, 1929. Other units will be added until there is sufficient capacity to replace the company's plant at Vernon, it is stated by G. P. officials.

New Home to Be Built for Chevrolet

Ground was broken yesterday afternoon for an article new home for the Torrance Motor Company, distributors for Chevrolet automobiles, on Cravens avenue opposite the City Hall.

The new building will adjoin the super service building now being erected by Fred Palmer, tire merchant, and will carry out the same architectural lines, with the Spanish motif predominating.

The Chevrolet building will have a frontage of 30 feet on Cravens avenue and a depth of 130 feet to the alley. It will be two stories high, the entire lower floor to be occupied by the Torrance Motor Company and the second floor will be leased by a local lodge, according to Sam Levy, who owns the property and is erecting the building for Mr. Levy.

Jack Hanson, proprietor of the Chevrolet agency here, stated that he planned to make the new sales and service building a model for the harbor district. The showroom will embody the newest lighting and display facilities and the shop will include the most modern equipment, he said.

Pending the completion of the new structure, the Chevrolet headquarters for this district will remain at the present Day & Night Garage building on Cabrillo avenue, Mr. Hanson stated.

Four hour drying enamel \$4.95 gal. Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv.

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TORRANCE 4 TO 1 FOR HOOVER

McClellan Winner Here; Doran Gets Large Local Vote

Hoover Carries City Over Smith by Vote of 1587 to 440; Houck Loses Every Precinct in Torrance

DORAN FAVORITE BY MORE THAN 2 TO 1

People Here Register Emphatic Opinion in Regard to Many State and County Proposals

Torrance Tuesday voted almost four to one for Hoover, gave R. F. McClellan a wide majority over Revo Houck in the supervisorial race, ran up a large vote for Judge William C. Doran against Municipal Judge Georgia Bullock and registered unmistakable choice in the matter of state and county propositions.

The Torrance vote for Hoover was 1587 as against 440 for Smith, with Varney, Prohibitionist receiving 33 votes and Thomas, Socialist 24. Hoover carried every precinct here by a wide majority.

In the hotly contested supervisorial race Torrance gave R. F. McClellan 1171 votes as against 709 for Revo Houck. McClellan won every Torrance precinct.

That the issue at stake in the long contest for the Superior judgeship was understood here is revealed by a Torrance vote of 1234 for Judge Doran and 592 for Georgia Bullock. The ratio of two to one for Doran prevailed in a majority of the precincts.

The Torrance vote for United States Senator was as follows: Johnson, 1476; Moore, D., 288; Randall, P., 118; Lewis, S., 37.

Joe Crall incumbent congressman won the city by a vote of 1599 to 96 for Sherr, Socialist.

No votes were cast against Henry Carter for the state senate who received 1474 votes.

In the contest, if it could be called such, for the assembly, McClellan of Wilmington, Republican polled 1193 votes here. Purpus, Democrat, 277 and Anderson, Socialist, 119.

The totals for Torrance on the state propositions were as follows:

- No. 1—Reapportionment: Yes, 417; No, 1009.
- No. 2—Olympiad Bonds: Yes, 1298; No, 364.
- No. 3—Taxation of banks: Yes, 1097; No, 337.
- No. 4—State Park Bonds: Yes, 1168; No, 390.
- No. 5—Prohibit Boxing: Yes, 655; No, 1156.
- No. 6—State Board Education: Yes, 559; No, 956.
- No. 7—Water Rights: Yes, 967; No, 809.
- No. 8—Amend Vehicle Act: Yes, 1131; No, 355.
- No. 9—Right of Way Power: Yes, 1107; No, 253.
- No. 10—To Acquire Lands: Yes, 929; No, 435.
- No. 11—Court Expansion: Yes, 752; No, 692.
- No. 12—Aid for Cripples: Yes, 1129; No, 416.
- No. 13—Water Law: Yes, 620; No, 704.
- No. 14—Life of Corporations: Yes, 838; No, 373.
- No. 15—Jurors' Fees: Yes, 847; No, 557.
- No. 16—Stockholders' Liability: Yes, 724; No, 550.
- No. 17—Grade Separation: Yes, 693; No, 662.
- No. 18—Absent Voters: Yes, 1089; No, 306.
- No. 19—State Aid for Blind: Yes, 1281; No, 210.
- No. 20—Waive Jury Trial: Yes, 984; No, 364.
- No. 21—Prohibit Rodeos: Yes, 591; No, 962.

The vote on the two county propositions was as follows:

- No. 1—Million Dollar Bond Issue for site for State buildings in Los Angeles: Yes, 823; No, 577.
- No. 2—Reasoning Proposition: Yes, 519; No, 637.

The vote by precincts for contests of chief interest follows:

President	
Hoover, R. Smith, D	1587
Smith, R. Hoover, D	440
No. 1 is in Moneta.	

Observations

The Presidential Election—What the People Wanted They Got and How—Smith a Smiler to the End—Shal the City Machine Run the County?

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE American people take the American presidency seriously. They are easily distracted by skyrocketers. They may cheer loudly at every display of political pyrotechnics, but when they step into the polling booths they invariably cast their ballots for him who has conducted a sustained, dignified and conservative campaign.

It is easy sometimes for a rough and tumble campaigner to win his way to local or even state office by showering sparks all over his district. Not so with a candidate for the highest office in the land.

WITHOUT any disrespect to Gov. Smith it must be said that his campaign was not conducted in a manner which wins the suffrages of the American people. It is natural for the out to attack the ins. But when they consider national issues and presidential candidates the people want to know not what bad things have been done in the past but what good things will be accomplished in the future.

Smith led an adroit, energetic campaign. But it smacked largely of ballyhoo.

HOOVER on the other hand, stood before his public with only constructive proposals, almost no criticism for his opponent and with a dignity which the people like to associate with the highest office at their disposal.

So much for the two types of campaigns.

IN personality Gov. Smith and Herbert Hoover are as opposite as the two poles. Smith is magnetic, breezy with a dash. Hoover is calm, retiring but forceful, not so personable as Smith, but somehow seeming more stable.

That the American people preferred the Hoover type to the Smith type in the White House was unmistakably proved by the landslide of ballots which insured the Republican victory.

That victory means many things. It means that the people are not yet ready to transfer the traditional rural control of government to the large cities. It means that the public prefers to regard prohibition as a "noble experiment" rather than as a dismal failure. It means that the people think more in terms of national prosperity than they do of past oil scandals when they go forth to choose a president. It means in short that the country is by no means ready to delegate its important affairs to a graduate of Tammany.

WITH the contention that Smith would have been elected were he not a Catholic we are not in accord. Of course the religious issue counted for something. But we believe that Smith would have met defeat regardless of his religion.

The defeat of "the happy warrior" seems to sound the doom of Democracy. Smith was far the outstanding man of his party from a political standpoint when the party nominated him at Houston. Now that he has been subjected to a tremendous defeat where will the party turn for another leader?

Republican principles, the high tariff, assistance of business by government benefitting men and women in all walks of life are guaranteed for the country for at least four, and probably for another eight years.

IT has been a heated campaign. Traditional passions have been aroused. The American people have spoken. Those passions, fanned to fever heat, should subside and die out.

Gov. Smith, in his last pre-election message made such a plea. Defeated, he met his defeat like the good sport that he is. The American people, even those who opposed him most vigorously owe him a pleasant place in the national memory. He treated us all to a good show and though overwhelmingly trimmed, he died politically with a smile on his face.

As an individual Smith is a human magnet. But the people did not want him for president.

HOOVER will take office March 4. He ought to make a wonderful president. He knows his country. He knows the world. He grasps the intricate interplay of social and economic forces. A master executive with a genius for piercing through flubdub into the facts he should lead this country to great achievements.

AS this is written the contest for supervisor of the Fourth District is not yet decided. No matter what the outcome a few remarks on the campaign and the issues it involved will be pertinent.

During the last week of the campaign the quiescent

Parade and Address by First Division Hero Will Feature Legion Program for Armistice

C. C. McGonegal, hero of the famous First Division in France, will make the Armistice Day address at the American Legion Clubhouse in Torrance.

Following the program at the clubhouse, a patriotic parade will form at the corner of El Prado and Sartori and march up El Prado to the Legion Clubhouse.

The parade is scheduled to form at 8 o'clock, facing the west front of the Dolley Drug store. In the line of march will be the following organizations: Torrance band, Legion Auxiliary with the colors, Gold Star Mothers, Spanish War Veterans, City Officials and Fire and Police squadrons, service clubs, Boy Scouts, school children and the public.

The program at the clubhouse will open with a number by a quartet followed by a short prayer by Rev. R. A. Young, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Then will follow a martial piece by the band and introduction of the speaker.

After the speech by C. C. McGonegal, hero of the First Division, there will be a flag raising ceremony and exhibition drill by the Legion Centennial Valley Drill team.

The committee in charge of the Armistice day program and parade which will be held on Monday, November 12, are urging the public to participate in the tribute to the fallen heroes.

On Sunday, November 11, the public and especially all service men and their families are invited to attend the patriotic services at the Methodist Episcopal church at 11 a. m.

County Outside of City Polls Victory Vote for McClellan

Cities and districts outside the city of Los Angeles saved the Los Angeles county government from control by the Los Angeles city machine Tuesday when they offset the heavy vote polled by Revo Houck in city precincts by a heavy poll for Supervisor R. F. McClellan.

Houck received a heavy vote in city precincts, which on early returns made it appear that he had won the election. Slowly as returns came through from precincts outside the city McClellan's total crept slowly upward. Early Wednesday morning his election seemed assured.

Houck was strong in Inglewood as well as in the city. McClellan carried Long Beach by better than 2 to 1 and was equally strong in Santa Monica. Long Beach gave the supervisor a majority of about 8,000. When it is realized that McClellan won the election by about 6,000 votes, the importance of the Long Beach poll may be appreciated.

Councilman Shaw defeated Jack Bean in the second district. Almost complete official returns from the fourth district are as follows: McClellan, 66,671; Houck, 60,820.

Women's Club Enjoys Fine Meeting at Clubhouse Tuesday

Robert Bartholomew, accompanied upon the piano by Miss Althea Fraser, both of Inglewood, gave a delightful musical afternoon at the Women's Club Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Bartholomew sang four groovy songs. Miss Fraser gave three piano numbers.

During the business session Mrs. W. M. Brooks, president, stated that instead of a Reciprocity Day, the board had granted her request to have eight or ten presidents of the nearby clubs present at the luncheons during the year.

She also stated that a husband's night would be held some time soon. Mrs. Brooks thanked Mrs. George D. Watson for her work as chairman of the dance committee.

Mrs. Watson's report which was read later by Mrs. O. W. Hudson showed that \$109 had been cleared at the dance. Mrs. Watson thanked Mrs. Frank Weiss for work at the punch table and Mrs. J. H. Milburn for taking charge of the cloak room.

Mrs. S. C. Collins gave a very interesting report of the philanthropy chairman to the different institutions in Los Angeles, kept up by the various organizations.

Mrs. J. Rosoff gave account of the motion picture chairman's conference at the Carthy Center when the picture "Mother Knows Best" was seen. The next conference will be held at the Chinese Theatre on November 20. The picture is "Noah's Ark."

On Tuesday, November 20, the chairman of co-operation with ex-service men from the different clubs will have a bridge luncheon at the Elks Hall in Los Angeles. The proceeds will go toward furnishing the Christmas boxes for the disabled ex-service men.

Mrs. J. F. Stone and her committee will hold a bridge luncheon at the clubhouse on Friday, Nov. 9. Out of 170 club members all but two had registered and only nine failed to vote at the recent election.

Print Name of Torrance on Roof of Union Tool Factory

The name of Torrance in yellow letters 10 feet high will soon greet aviators who fly over this city. At the request of the Department of Commerce and with the co-operation of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the National Supply Company, Union Tool Division is painting the name of the city on two sides of the roof of its big plant. The color is that recommended by the Department of Commerce as having high visibility both day and night.

Crash on Cravens Damages Two Cars

Cars driven by Mrs. Hellen E. Webb, 2214 Mariopa street, and Bertha Brown, 1818 Santa Inez street, collided at the intersection of Engracia and Cravens at 12 noon yesterday.

Mrs. Webb was going east on Engracia, while Miss Brown was traveling north on Cravens.

The cars were somewhat damaged, but occupants escaped uninjured.

Sudden Death of 3-year-old Girl

Edith White, three year old daughter of Mrs. Rosella White of 1948 352nd street, Harbor City, died suddenly Monday, November 5.

Cause of the death was attributed to enlargement of the liver and spleen.

Funeral services for the infant were held at the Methodist church in Harbor City yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Interment at Rosevelt.

*** OPENING POSTPONED**

Due to unavoidable circumstances, it has become necessary to postpone the formal opening and housewarming of the new Herald-News and Automatic Printing Company building until Friday, November 16. Complete details will be given in next week's issues of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News.

However, the new offices and plant at 1336 El Prado are now open for business. Telephone 444.

CATHOLICS TO BUILD CHURCH

Spanish Mission Edifice Planned for Torrance

MASS MEETING MONDAY

Drive to Provide Funds and to Pay Off Debts

A new church building and payment of the present indebtedness is the goal set by the Catholic church in Torrance. In a campaign to be launched Monday evening, a mass meeting in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

It is planned to erect a church edifice of the Spanish Mission style on the church property at the junction of Engracia, Manuel, Cota avenues and to pay off the present indebtedness against the church.

"Already much enthusiasm has been manifested and we are meeting with splendid co-operation Torrance people in our work," stated J. A. V. Mullen, who is directing the drive under the campaign leaders, J. C. Thompson and Dominic McNeil.

Rev. D. Hurley is urging every member of the congregation and friends of the church to attend the opening mass meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall Monday, November 12, at 8 p. m.

The committee in charge of the Monday meeting announce that they have secured several noteworthy speakers and it is expected that a large crowd will be present.

Sheriff Nabs 1140 Gallons on Carson St.

Officers Claim Grassos Selling to High School Pupils

Eleven hundred and forty gallons of wine which, according to officers, was being sold to high school children at Torrance, was under lock and key in the sheriff's liquor warehouse waiting to be poured into the sewer.

The sheriff's dry enforcement detail under Capt. Benton had just poured out thirty-two barrels yesterday when Detectives Kriehbaum and Murray took their crews onto Figueroa street, near Carson, and seized 1140 more gallons. They also arrested Mr. and Mrs. B. Grasso, who were taken before Justice Woods of Montebello. Each pleaded \$300 for sale and possession and her husband, \$250 for possession.

The arrests followed complaints that high school students at Torrance were being supplied with wine. An investigation was made and the arrests followed.

The above story was published in a Los Angeles newspaper, but when questioned later by Herbert Wood, principal of the Torrance High School, Deputy Kriehbaum is reported to have said that the county officials had no evidence of sale to Torrance high school students.

Torrance police stated that the young man taken into custody here for intoxication, and who admitted that he obtained the liquor from the Grassos, was not a student at the local school.

Cars Collide; One Damaged

A light car driven by Mrs. E. Kelley of Park street was quite badly damaged when struck by the car driven by R. R. Bell of Lomita Saturday night.

COLLISION

In an unavoidable accident November 1 on the Redondo-Wilmington boulevard, R. W. Kilham of Redondo Beach suffered slight injuries when the Buick 8 roadster which he was driving collided with a car driven by Victor Wittrock.