



EIGHTEENTH YEAR—No. 20

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1932

SECTION A

5c PER COPY

DISTRICT DEMOCRATS RALLY BACK GOLDEN FOR CONGRESS

Former Harbor Commissioner Outlines Platform; Gives Views On Eighteenth Amendment

Leading Democrats of this Congressional district gave Charles J. Golden a rousing sendoff when he formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as a member of the house of representatives this week. More than 250 persons attended the rally held in the San Pedro high school.

Golden is a former Los Angeles City Councilman from the Harbor District and one-time head of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission, both of which positions he filled with signal success and satisfaction to the Harbor District. Party leaders who spoke briefly at the rally included Dr. Z. T. Malaby, state Democratic chairman, and Monroe Butler, county chairman, who presided.

Mr. Golden's nomination by John T. Gaffey was seconded by party leaders from all parts of the new seventeenth district. County Chairman Butler pointed out that there was scarcely 5000 more registered Republicans than Democrats in the seventeenth congressional district, and predicted that sufficient Republicans would swing over to the Democratic banner before election to give this district a Democratic majority.

In a carefully prepared speech, Mr. Golden outlined his platform, and gave many constructive ideas for the solution of both national and local problems. The complete text of his address follows:

"When I was a boy on the farm, about 18 years of age, I began my first community service as secretary of a local unit of the Farmers' Alliance. All of my life since then I have been identified with community and civic activities. I became active in community work because I enjoyed assisting in the solution of the problems of my friends and neighbors. In none of my civic or political positions have I been prompted by financial motives for I always received a greater financial compensation from my private business activities. In service I have found my greatest happiness and that is a sufficient reward for my civic labors.

"When I retired from the city council of Los Angeles, I did so with a feeling that I had discharged my duty to my community and that I was free to restore my impaired health and to fulfill every dream of travel and writing. I devoted two years to my hobbies and again with restored health and renewed ambition I stand before you asking for your confidence and support. Because of the problems so vital to Southern California, the development of our harbor in which I have shared an enthusiastic part, because of the serious social and economic problems facing our entire nation, I feel a stronger urge to serve in public capacity than ever before in my life. I have always aspired to be independent, progressive and charitable in my views and while I have registered as a Democrat and am a firm believer in the ideals of Jefferson and Wilson, I am not appealing to you in this great crisis as a partisan to the degree that I am appealing to your citizenship. If my appeal meets your approval I hope to merit your renewed confidence and support.

Harbor Program
Two important federal programs are vital to the future progress of Southern California—development of the harbor and the construction of the Pacific fleet at Los Angeles.

"1. The construction of the Outer Breakwater and Harbor Development and the completion of Boulder Dam are of major importance to Southern California.

"2. Protection of the oil and the fishing industries of California from ruinous foreign competition is vital to our state.

"3. Development of foreign markets for California fish products and California fruits and our factory output by reciprocal trade treaties and by judicious tariff revision is necessary to our future growth and prosperity.

"4. Restore ship building on the Pacific coast and maintain and encourage American shipping to Oriental and Latin-American ports.

"5. The proper maintenance of the Army and the Navy and Aviation is the best guarantee of world peace. Retain the base of the Pacific Fleet at Los Angeles Harbor.

"6. Restrict alien labor that floods Southern California with unfair competition and unduly burdens our taxpayers and our charitable institutions.

"7. Prevent the return of the saloon, eliminate the bootlegger and the source of much of our crime and our political corruption, restore the respect of the law and promote temperance by a more practical and more liberal interpretation of the Eighteenth Amendment.

"8. Adequate compensation for War Veterans.

"9. Balance governmental budgets by reducing expenses and not by raising taxes. Simplify the tax system.

"10. No cancellation of foreign debts.

"11. Rigid regulation of stock exchanges and prohibit fraudulent promotion and profiteering.

"12. A Federal plan for the insurance of bank deposits to protect the savings of the people.

"13. Give government aid to the farmer and the homeowner as well as to big business and give small business a chance.

"14. The most important problem of our country is to restore the buying power of the farmer and the worker by a Federal program of reforestation, power development, irrigation, drainage, flood control, highway, waterway, and public building construction. The six-hour day and the five-day week is necessary for the wider employment of labor. Every worker is entitled to steady employment at a fair wage every mother to a decent home and health protection; every child to an education and an opportunity.

Pastor of Central Church Is Retained
Rev. O. D. Wonder, pastor of Central Evangelical church, has returned from Anaheim where he attended the annual conference of Evangelical churches in California. The conference assigned him to Central church for another year. Former pastors F. A. Zeller and G. G. Schmid were returned to their churches in Burbank and Glendale. Rev. A. J. Boelter of Los Angeles, who has been district superintendent of the conference for the past eight years, was assigned to the pastorate of the First church of Los Angeles.

TURN TO STORY ONE
Page 5

Aviators Take Long Lease On Flying Field

Mitchell Brothers Establish Headquarters at Pacific Airport On Western

With the signing of a five-year lease securing the Pacific airport on Western avenue and Ninety-first street, Ted and Jim Mitchell, experienced aviators and aeronautical instructors, are now actively engaged in flying passengers and operating a ground school of instruction.

Negotiations were being made through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to acquire a flying field on the outskirts of Torrance, but as the deal for the proposed site fell through, the Western and Ninety-first street field was leased.

Grading, rolling and oiling of the field are now complete, and the Mitchell brothers have transferred their airplanes from their former quarters at the Dyer airport to this new airfield.

Plans are being made to install a new gasoline pump system. New hangars will also be erected. Flood lights will be installed soon to provide night flying, according to Ted Mitchell.

The Mitchell brothers signified their intention of establishing at some future date an airport in Torrance. At present they are sponsoring a flying club composed of members from Torrance and Lomita.

When organization of the club is complete, a drawing will be held, the lucky member to get five hours free instruction or five hours free soloing. Original promoters of the flying club are Ted and Jim Mitchell, Allen Stevenson, assistant fire chief of this city, and his two sons, Harold and Lawrence Stevenson.

Flying and ground school instruction is being given by Ted and Jim Mitchell, who have a record of six years flying experience. For the past five years the Mitchell brothers have done all commercial flying with no accidents to a ship or student. They were formerly with the Pacific Southwest Airways Corporation and the Buckley Aircraft Company at Wichita, Kansas.

Other members of the flying club are Albert Dumont, William Laven, John E. McMasters, Jr., of Torrance and Misses Helen Geist and Margaret Rogers of Lomita.

Trade Talks Are Given Each Week at High School
A series of talks on vocation subjects is being given on Friday of each week at the Torrance high school, in response to a demand from the students who are interested in trades and professions for more specific information as to requirements to enter on such a life career.

Leonard Austin, auto shop instructor, through questionnaires distributed to the students, learned that the occupations most appealing to the majority, included aviation, commerce, auto-mechanics, agriculture, dramatics, architecture, printing, wood-working, and law.

Principally the students wished to learn something about the requirements for entering upon a trade or profession, the salaries usually paid and the length of time necessary for training.

Already the students have heard Miss M. Jones, a Torrance high school teacher, who has had training in commercial work and teaching, Harold H. Hess, of the auto-mechanics department of the Frank Wiggins Trade school, and L. A. Job, also of the Wiggins school, who spoke on the training necessary to enter the printing department and the lines in which the individual may specialize.

According to Mr. Austin, a trade talk will be given each Friday until the end of the school year, the primary purpose of the discussions being to prepare pupils of the eighth and ninth grades to choose a trade or profession in which they may begin training.

Japanese Girl Is Awarded Cash Prize In Recent Contest
Yoshie Nagayama, 14-year-old daughter of H. Nagayama, a farmer residing on So. Normandie avenue, was recently notified that she had been awarded fourth prize in a contest conducted by a Japanese magazine, published in Japan. The contest which closed in April called for essays written in Japanese on some famous American of the past.

Yoshie's prize, which amounted to about \$1000, has been deposited to her credit in a Japanese bank. The young lady is a student in the 10th grade, Torrance high school.

Mass Meeting Called Tuesday
Unemployed men in Torrance have called a mass meeting in the city hall next Tuesday at 2 p. m. A notice of the rally, signed by Bert Anderson, has been posted at the city yard office, and states that the meeting is being arranged in the interests of the unemployed.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY WILL MEET WEDNESDAY
The Torrance Hospital Auxiliary will meet to sew for the hospital Wednesday, May 25, at the Nurses' Home, 1414-Cota avenue. All women of Torrance who wish to attend are invited.

Kingsley Announcer In News Broadcast
Beginning this week, the Long Beach Morning Sun will come on the air over KFOX, in a nightly news broadcast at 9:45 p. m. W. Harold Kingsley, news editor of the Sun, former co-owner and editor of the Torrance Herald, will be the announcer.

Council Pays \$7,850 Due On Health Center Site

The final step in the long chain of negotiations to secure the County Health Center for Torrance was taken this week when the Torrance city council authorized the payment of \$7850 to complete the contract price of \$15,000 for the three and one-half acre site at Carson and Plaza del Amo.

The final step in the long chain of negotiations to secure the County Health Center for Torrance was taken this week when the Torrance city council authorized the payment of \$7850 to complete the contract price of \$15,000 for the three and one-half acre site at Carson and Plaza del Amo. A \$150 cash discount was allowed by Dominguez Land Corporation executives on the unpaid balance of \$8000.

By the terms of the agreement, the city reserves a small triangular piece of the property with 60 feet frontage on Carson at the corner of Plaza del Amo and decides the balance of the property to the county. The small triangular piece reserved by the city is intended to be used as a well site whenever the city acquires its own water system.

The county board of supervisors has agreed to appropriate \$50,000 for the immediate erection of a district health center. This appropriation will cover only the cost of the building and additional expenditures will be made for equipment. The health center will serve Torrance, Lomita, Redondo, Hermosa Beach, and possibly Manhattan Beach. Plans have already been drawn for the health center building and it is expected that work on the structure will begin very soon.

Two Seniors Are Elected Members Ephebian Society
George Lancaster, Lawrence Stevenson, are awarded coveted honor.

At a recent faculty meeting held at the Torrance high school, George Lancaster, W'32, and Lawrence Stevenson, S'32, were elected to membership in the Ephebian Society, an honor coveted by all and awarded annually to the two seniors who have noteworthy records in scholarship, citizenship and all-round merit as students during their four years of high school work. The honor is one that is coveted by all students and the final choice of an Ephebian member marks the individual as one who has maintained a high average in all departments of school work.

Lancaster is past president of the Student Body, and Stevenson, president of the senior class, manager of the stage crew and active in athletics. The two were chosen by the faculty which becomes a court of last resort, from a group of ten seniors selected by their classmates. The other nominees were Lendel Elder, Charles Montague, Bertha Hinman, Mary Nady, Margery Roeloffs, Ruth Wilhelm, Pal Marie Henry and Robert Nourse. Qualifications required for the selection of nominees are first, service; second, leadership; third, scholarship.

Japanese Girl Is Awarded Cash Prize In Recent Contest
Yoshie Nagayama, 14-year-old daughter of H. Nagayama, a farmer residing on So. Normandie avenue, was recently notified that she had been awarded fourth prize in a contest conducted by a Japanese magazine, published in Japan. The contest which closed in April called for essays written in Japanese on some famous American of the past.

Japanese Girl Is Awarded Cash Prize In Recent Contest
Yoshie's prize, which amounted to about \$1000, has been deposited to her credit in a Japanese bank. The young lady is a student in the 10th grade, Torrance high school.

Mass Meeting Called Tuesday
Unemployed men in Torrance have called a mass meeting in the city hall next Tuesday at 2 p. m. A notice of the rally, signed by Bert Anderson, has been posted at the city yard office, and states that the meeting is being arranged in the interests of the unemployed.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY WILL MEET WEDNESDAY
The Torrance Hospital Auxiliary will meet to sew for the hospital Wednesday, May 25, at the Nurses' Home, 1414-Cota avenue. All women of Torrance who wish to attend are invited.

Kingsley Announcer In News Broadcast
Beginning this week, the Long Beach Morning Sun will come on the air over KFOX, in a nightly news broadcast at 9:45 p. m. W. Harold Kingsley, news editor of the Sun, former co-owner and editor of the Torrance Herald, will be the announcer.

Aged Woman of Harbor City Is Found Murdered

Body of Recluse Discovered In Yard In Rear of Her Home Sunday Morning

Mrs. Andrea Kurman, aged 63, residing at 2075 W. 255th street, Harbor City, was found dead in the rear of her home early Sunday morning under circumstances indicating murder. Mrs. Kurman's skull was crushed and a black pocketbook had been stuffed in her mouth to stifle her cries for aid.

Mrs. Kurman lived alone at the Harbor City address for many years. She married Antone J. Kurman at Santa Ana in 1914 but the couple separated soon afterwards.

Mrs. Kurman's body was found at 6:45 Monday morning by Francisco Martinez, a Mexican, who notified Wilmington police. Investigation showed that she had been dead a number of hours and it is thought that the crime was committed between the hours of 8 o'clock and midnight.

Police in charge of the case located Kurman and questioned him as to his whereabouts at the time of the murder but he was later released.

Mrs. Kurman was reputed to be wealthy, although she lived in circumstances quite the opposite. Papers found in the house where she lived indicated that she owned considerable property in Harbor City and other harbor communities.

The body was taken to Cleveland & Barker's Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Local Families Receive Nearly 200 Sacks Flour
Local Distribution of Government Aid Proceeding Satisfactorily, Says Agent

Including Saturday of last week, 159 sacks of flour had been furnished to applicants at the Red Cross headquarters in the Levy building at the corner of Marcellina and Craven avenues, according to Mrs. Caroline Collins who is the agent in charge of the Red Cross distribution of free flour furnished by the government.

Only those families who are receiving local or state aid are furnished with the flour here. Families who are receiving county aid are taken care of at the county headquarters. Arrangements are being made to take care of Walteria families through the Red Cross agency at Palos Verdes Estates.

Regarding the matter, the following letter from Mrs. Esther P. Chadbourne, director of branch activities, to Mrs. Collins will outline her limitations as regards the supplying of flour to those receiving county aid:

"Los Angeles, California, May 13, 1932.
"Mrs. Caroline Collins:
"111 Sonoma Avenue,
"Torrance, California.
"My dear Mrs. Collins:
"I am so glad that the distribution of flour in the district of Torrance is proceeding so satisfactorily. It is much better to have it handled by one person in charge than to have several points of distribution or several persons responsible. If you keep open two mornings a week to receive requests from families, I think that would be adequate since the initial distribution has been finished.
"I am writing Palos Verdes Red Cross to take care of all Walteria relief cases applying for flour. Cases not in the vicinity of Torrance should be referred to the nearest community, as all communities have their own supply of flour.
"As you already know, all county cases are to be referred to the county for their supply. If you hear of certain county cases not receiving what they feel is an adequate amount of flour, please take their names and addresses and refer them to me. I will take the matter up with Mr. Price, Mothers' receiving state aid, however, should come to you for their allowance of flour.
"We are ever so grateful for your splendid help in this undertaking.
"Sincerely yours,
"ESTHER P. CHADBOURN,
"Director Branch Activities."

Memorial Day Services Held At Roosevelt
Legion, Drum Corps and Auxiliary to Take Part in Two Programs

Plans for observing Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, are being worked out by Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion, and will include the appearance of the drum corps, Post members and members of the American Legion Auxiliary at services of a patriotic nature at Redondo Beach and at the Roosevelt Memorial Park.

In the morning, the Post, drum and bugle corps and members of the auxiliary will go to Redondo Beach where a parade will be formed, with patriotic exercises to follow at the Hermosa theater.

In the afternoon at 3:30 the Legion will join with the Gardena Post in exercises to be held at Roosevelt Memorial park. The complete program of this event will be published in the Herald next week. Judge Robert Scott of the Los Angeles Superior Court will be the principal speaker.

KLUSMAN RENEWS ATTACKS ON OLD AND NEW COUNCIL

Business and Contractors' Licenses Prompt Heated Discussion; Councilmen Criticize Mayor's Methods

Mayor Klusman renewed his double-barreled attack against his fellow councilmen at another heated session of the city council Tuesday night. As the shots were fired by the mayor from a long list of notes, they met with sharp counter fire from members of the council and even from the audience, which again crowded the council chamber.

The city business license ordinance, building contractors' ordinances, a delinquent rental charge from the bankrupt Torrance Brick Company, and renewed attacks upon Councilmen Steiner, Ludlow and Wright furnished most of the ammunition for the verbal battle.

Klusman stated that the Torrance Brick Company owed the city \$2300 in rent, and asked why had not been collected before the company went into bankruptcy. City Clerk Bartlett said his office had tried to collect the brick company account but had been unable to do so. Councilman Steiner said the only thing the city could have done was to have forced the brick company into bankruptcy, and the city wouldn't have gotten any more than it will get now along with other creditors. Steiner also pointed out that the big hole which the brick company has excavated on the city property would make an excellent dumping ground, which would soon be needed as the present city dump is nearly filled. "They have left us with something we couldn't buy for \$50,000," said Steiner.

On request of the Automobile Club of Southern California, the council adopted a resolution protesting the diverting of gasoline tax money from the road fund to the general fund.

On motion of Councilman Ludlow, C. J. Rambo & Company, auditors, were engaged to make the regular bi-yearly audit of the city books. Their fee was given as \$300. It is the plan to have the auditors begin work at once, covering the past two years up to April 19 when the new council took office. The audit will be completed after June 30, when the fiscal year ends.

The advisability of paying for street lighting on a meter basis instead of the present flat-rate-per-light, was discussed and referred to committee. Engineer Leonard stated that when all the lights were used, he estimated the saving under the metered charge would be \$2150 per year; and under the present system of only burning half the lights, the annual saving would be half this amount. However, in order to put the city lighting on a metered basis, it will be necessary to purchase four meters at a cost of \$450 and to pay a maintenance charge on broken lamps and glassware, which the Edison company had agreed to do at 10 cents per light. The Torrance Electric Shop's estimate for this same work was previously quoted as 11 cents per light.

Mayor Klusman stated that the water committee was not ready to report, as its recommendations had to go to the Ohio office of the water company. He did say, however, that the Dominguez Water Company, which wholesales water to the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, had refused to lower its rate.

City Attorney Jensen was instructed to investigate the question of petitioning the state railroad commission for lower rates and to report at the next meeting of the council.

Councilmen Conner and Ludlow with Mayor Klusman were appointed to represent the council on the American Legion's unemployment committee.

City Clerk Bartlett was authorized to purchase 100 additional chairs for the council chamber, in order that so many in the audience would not have to stand during the meetings.

Mayor Klusman's plea for two clocks and Councilman Ludlow's request for a blackboard to be used in the council chamber, were discussed, but no action was taken.

Frances Tansey Returns to Work At Beauty Shop
Friends and patrons of Mrs. Frances Tansey will be pleased to know that she has almost entirely recovered from the serious injuries received a month ago and is again on duty at her shop, the Tansey Beauty and Barber Shop, 1623 Cabrillo avenue. "I will be glad to see all my friends and customers there at any time," said Mrs. Tansey this week. Mrs. Edna Schlick, who has been in charge of the shop since Mrs. Tansey's illness, will remain as her assistant.

Organize First Past Commanders Association Here
American Legion Posts of Nineteenth District Launch New Organization

Organization of the first Past Commanders Association in the United States was effected Friday night, May 13, at a meeting of commanders and past commanders of American Legion posts of the 19th district, held in Torrance at Earl's Cafe.

The movement originated with Charles McGonigle, of Bell, who launched the idea about a month ago. About 14 posts of the district were represented here Friday night and officers were elected. Past Commander Beese of Lynwood was named president; Ray Donnelly of Redondo Beach, first vice president; Arnold, of Bellflower, second vice president; Adams of Compton, chaplain; Lewis of Compton, secretary, and Miss Brown of the Women's Post of Long Beach, sergeant-at-arms. Other posts represented at the meeting were Bell, Artesia, Huntington Park, East Los Angeles, Torrance and others.

The next meeting will be held at Huntington Park on Friday, June 24.

The new organization starts out with a paid up membership of about 55. Of the posts in the district, it is estimated that there is an eligible list of about 125 or more commanders and past commanders.

TURN TO STORY 2
Page 4

TURN TO STORY ONE
Page 5