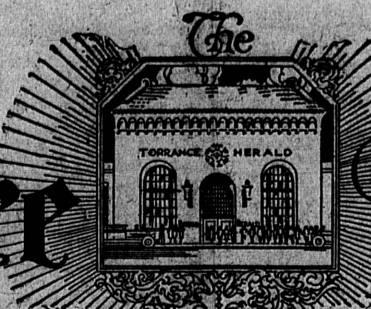




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HITCHCOCK, STANGER, TOLSON
ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Bartlett Is Re-elected City Clerk By Huge Vote; Dolley Wins City Treasurer Race Easily; 1839 Votes Cast

The Hitchcock-Stanger-Tolson ticket for city council won a sweeping victory at the Torrance municipal election Monday, carrying all five of the larger "old town" precincts by substantial majorities. Beverly B. Smith lead in the two smaller precincts at the McDonald Tract and South Torrance.

POLICE-FIRE CHAIRMAN



WILLIAM H. STANGER

newly elected member of the Torrance city council, was appointed chairman of the police and fire committee, Tuesday night by Mayor Scott Ludlow.

C. of C. Members Urged to Attend Meeting Tuesday

Noted Authority On Retailing Will Address Gathering; All Urged to Come

An interesting discussion of an important issue has been arranged by President B. W. Lenz for the third quarterly meeting of members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 p. m., in the chamber rooms.

High School Girl Enters Contest For U.S.C. Scholarship

Helen Smith, annual editor and prominent senior of Torrance high school, forwarded on Tuesday to judges of the U. S. C. Journalism scholarship competition, her essay on "Why I Want to Go to U.S.C."

Lomita Woman Named in Will

Lena Haller of Lomita will share in the estate of her late aunt, Christina Niner, who died February 15, according to the petition for probate of the will filed in Los Angeles superior court early this week.

Teachers injured Mrs. Jessie B. Rogerson, 1131 Tenth street, San Pedro, a teacher at Dana junior high school, is at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital recovering from fractured ribs. Mrs. Rogerson was injured in an automobile accident at 190th and Western on Friday.

Valuable prizes will be given away at the Safeway Stores Cooking School. See next week's paper.

Public Schools Week Observed April 23-27; Visit the Schools

Parents of pupils and friends of the schools are invited and urged to visit the schools during the week of April 23-27. The school staff is glad to answer any question school operation.

Friday evening, April 27, the week culminates in an entertainment and dinner at the Woman's club. The dinner will be cooked and served by the high school domestic science class and is guaranteed to be high above the average. Get your tickets early as the capacity is limited.

The condition of our schools is a vital problem and it is your problem. State of California, department of education in bulletin No. 4, dated February 15, 1934, makes the following statement: "The maintenance of understanding and co-operation between the public schools and the public is one of the most important functions of educational administration."

"Public Schools Week offers one of the best opportunities for bringing the public into a closer relationship with their schools. This year Public Schools Week has been scheduled for the week commencing Monday, April 23, 1934. During previous years the institution of Public Schools Week has proved to be one of the most effective forces in public relations throughout the state. This was particularly true during the critical period last year when educational services and expenditures were under such severe attack. This year, concentrated attention must be devoted to securing restoration of school finance and educational services which were so severely reduced because of the depression."

"During the past four years the assessed valuation of property taxable for the support of schools has rapidly declined. In 1930-31 the total assessed valuation of property taxable for the support of schools was \$7,487,521.473. In 1932-33 this school tax base declined to \$6,376,856,499, a decrease of \$1,110,664,974 amounting to 14.7 per cent. This tremendous reduction in school district tax rates has so seriously curtailed the financial support of many school districts that they can not expect to render effective educational services."

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Early construction of La Tijera boulevard, which is a connecting link in the Sepulveda boulevard extension, was urged in a resolution adopted by the Torrance city council Tuesday night and dispatched to county and state road officials.

City Engineer Leonard stated that the construction of La Tijera boulevard would facilitate work on Sepulveda boulevard through Torrance, as in his opinion the county will do nothing in Torrance on the project until the northern link is completed.

See next week's issue for big list of prizes to be given away at the Safeway Stores and Piggly Wiggly Cooking School, April 25, 26 and 27.

Early Morning Bandits Sent to San Quentin

Jack Jensen, Inglewood; R. S. Lawrence and James Herrington, both of Lennox, who were arrested some time ago in Torrance after a series of early morning hold-ups in this vicinity, plead guilty to two counts of highway robbery and one count of grand theft in superior court recently.

Judge Ray Schauer, department 26, before whom the case was heard, sentenced Lawrence and Herrington yesterday to an indeterminate term of from 21 years to life at San Quentin. Jensen, who is a minor, was sentenced to Preston Reformatory to serve until he is of age when he will come before the court for further consideration. Probation was denied.

Suit Filed For Damages Against Pacific Electric

Wigwag Signal Not Operating Cause of Accident, Says Plaintiff

Charging that the automatic wigwag signal at the intersection of the Pacific Electric tracks and Hawthorne boulevard between Torrance and Redondo Beach was not operating and that as a consequence he collided with a train which was passing, Leon M. Smith filed a suit against the railway company asking \$11,600 for injuries and damages in Los Angeles county superior court early this week.

Smith asserts in his complaint that the accident happened the night of January 3. He states that 12 oil tankers were being pulled across the intersection at a slow rate of speed, it was dark as he approached the tracks, Smith asserts, and although he took all due precautions he collided with the train because there were no lights on the cars and the signal was not going.

He was a personal friend of William Rojo, proprietor of the Torrance Laundry, and it is believed that he was on his way to this city to visit Rojo when the accident occurred.

Edward Eby, a resident of Los Angeles, was killed Saturday afternoon, when his auto was struck by a street car at the south end of Catalina avenue, Redondo Beach. The machine was dragged for 150 feet. Eby was alive when taken from the wreckage but died soon after.

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Planning to make the excursion truly a good will tour representative of California, leaders in all walks of life in this state are being invited to join with the Al Malakiah Temple of Los Angeles in the Shrine's first official excursion to old Mexico, which leaves Los Angeles, Sunday, May 6, with a special Southern Pacific train bound for Mexico City. Two weeks will be consumed in the junket of the wearers of the fez and their friends.

Confering of an honorary membership in the temple on General Abelardo Rodriguez, president of Mexico, will be one of the highlights of the pilgrimage.

Local Postal Sales Reflect Business Gain

Receipts Increase 16% Over Last Year; Payroll to Be \$1557 Higher

Postal receipts at the Torrance post office for January, February and March this year reached the highest point of any first quarter since 1931. Postmaster C. Earl Conner announced this morning. Receipts for the first three months of this year exceeded the corresponding months of last year by \$770.88, representing better than a 16 per cent increase. Postal sales for the first three months this year totaled \$5593.72 and those of the first quarter in 1933, \$4722.86. Postmaster Conner stated. These figures include only actual postal sales and do not cover postal savings and money orders.

Post office receipts are considered a reliable barometer of business and the marked increase for the first quarter is interpreted as indicating a general improvement in business conditions.

The recent action of Congress in increasing the pay of federal employees will add approximately \$1557 to the payroll for this year at the Torrance post office, it is reported by Postmaster Conner. Post office employees were given a 5 per cent increase in pay retroactive to February 1 and a 10 per cent increase beginning July 1.

William Virgil Morgan, "blond burglar" of the Palos Verdes captured recently by deputy sheriffs, pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary when he appeared in superior court for arraignment and plea and asked for probation.

Morgan, who gave his address as the Holmuick hotel, Wilmington, had five counts of burglary charged against him when arrested. Deputies believe he committed at least 12 other burglaries in the Palos Verdes section, but since he has pleaded guilty, it is probable that the other three counts pending will be dismissed.

Disposition of the other three counts is scheduled for April 29, when the court is to pass upon his application for probation, and pass sentence.

Fire Clerk Bartlett was authorized to give permits for the use of fireplaces and other facilities at the municipal park. Purchase of a gas heater for the grandstand at the park was approved.

Protests were voiced by residents of Gramercy and Andrea avenues that trucks were still using these streets in spite of the erection of "heavy trucking prohibited" signs. More substantial signs were ordered erected and the police department instructed to watch for violators. The numbers of two trucks, the owners of which were said to be persistently ignoring the signs, were given Police Chief Calder.

The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday, April 16, when the old council will meet to canvass the election returns and swear in newly elected members.

LAST SESSION CITY COUNCIL CLOSURES EARLY

Mild Excitement As City Dads Close Firm 2-Year Term

The lame-duck session of the Torrance city council, held Tuesday evening, was confined to routine matters, and aside from an occasional flare-up by Councilman Klusman and a recital of a long list of criticisms by Councilman Wright, there was little to indicate that the meeting was the last round-up of the quintet of city officials which has witnessed so many fiery battles during the past two years. The meeting adjourned at the unusually early hour of 9 o'clock.

Councilman Wright broke a long meeting when he sided with Councilman Klusman in an effort to postpone action to appropriate \$150 from the promotion fund for the purchase of new uniforms for the Torrance Bluebirds night ball team. However, they were blocked in their attempt and a motion by Councilman Hitchcock to authorize the appropriation was passed by a three-to-two vote. The request for the \$150 fund was made by directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Hitchcock stipulated in his motion that the baseball uniforms be purchased locally.

The highway sign at the corner of East Road and Harbor boulevard was ordered removed and put in storage, following the reading of a communication from the board of supervisors denying permission to move the sign to Carson and Harbor boulevard. Erection of signs over county highways is a violation of the county ordinance, it was explained, but any existing highway signs are permitted to remain. Members of the city council did not feel that the location on East Road would be beneficial because of the bad condition of this road leading into Torrance, and the sign was ordered put in storage until a suitable location can be found.

Purchase of a group of lots adjoining the municipal park property on Santa Fe avenue at a cost of \$600 was authorized. The city for some time has held an option on these lots and the action Tuesday night was to exercise this option.

Ordinance 243, regulating fire hazards in the oil fields, was adopted at its final reading. The complete text is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Shriners on Tour to Old Mexico On Sunday, May 6th

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Final and Official Tally of Votes by Precincts

Table with columns: Councilmen-Long Term (Hitchcock, Murray, Bev. Smith, Stanger, Wilkes, Williams, Wright), Councilmen-Short Term (Conner, Leasing, Simmons, Tolson), City Clerk (Bartlett, Beach, Curtiss, Courdier), City Treasurer (Bowen, Dolley, King, Tomkins, Townsend), Propositions (Proposition No. 1 Council Salary, Proposition No. 2 Civil Service), and VOTES Cast. Rows list precincts A through G and a TOTALS row.