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Light Vote In School Election

More than four-fifths of a million persons were qualified to cast votes for members of the Los Angeles board of education at the general Los Angeles city election held Tuesday but only about a third of them went to the polls to nominate these eight out of a field of 39 candidates.

John F. Dalton, George W. McDill and Edward W. Hauck, incumbents; Lawrence L. LaRabee, former president of the Los Angeles Bar Association; Robert Kee, advertising man and president of the county board of education; Dr. Edwin Vincent Askey, secretary of the County Medical Association; Dr. Clarence W. Pierce and Stewart O. Mertz, incumbents.

They will be named on the May general election ballot for the four positions open and Torrance voters will again have an opportunity to express their selections. Tuesday's voters, in choosing the above nominees, selected from four slates and also placed three independents in the final race.

Hot Fight Certain
The grand total registration for the school district is \$25,527, a gain of 101,512 from the registration for the last school election held in May of 1935. A gain of more than 10,000 voters during the past two-year period was reported for the communities outside Los Angeles city who are served by the L. A. school system, including Torrance, Lomita, Bell, Maywood, Huntington Park, Florence and San Fernando.

Los Angeles electors gave Mayor Shaw a lead of more than 26,000 votes over Supervisor John A. Ford but this lead is no assurance to Shaw's supporters that Ford cannot overcome this margin in the hot fight which is certain to rage for the next four weeks. The May 4 general election will settle this issue as well as two run-offs for the L. A. city council, second and ninth districts. Councilman Buyer was elected in the 15th district, adjoining Torrance, getting 7,511 votes in his opponents, Draper, Fisher, Gallagher and Nixon's combined, 7,399.

Officials elected at the primary were City Attorney Chesbro, City Controller Hoyer and seven incumbent municipal judges. The Sunday dancing initiative ordinance carried by a narrow margin.

Harbor City Man Takes Own Life

Family trouble and despondency are believed the reasons why Leroy Hunt, Jr., took his life by inhaling exhaust fumes from his car in the garage at his home, 1713 26th street, Harbor City, Monday afternoon.

Hunt, who was about 30 years of age, left no note but did leave a wife and two small children.

His mother and sister, who live in San Pedro, found his lifeless body in the machine. Mrs. Hunt and the children were away from home at the time. The funeral service was conducted in San Pedro.

Western Paintings On Exhibition

An exhibit of paintings from the Academy of Western Painters will open Sunday, April 11, at the Palos Verdes Art Gallery. The Palos Verdes Community Arts association announces that many of the painters will be present for the opening, when tea will be served from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The exhibit will be on view to May 7 and the gallery is open to the public every afternoon except Saturdays and open Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

10 ARRESTS HERE
During the first five days of this month, the police department made 10 arrests, an unusually high number, according to Police Chief G. M. Calder. Four were for intoxication, two on warrants from the sheriff's office, and one each for drunk in auto, drunk driving and a felony.

LET'S GO ADVENTURING!

Richard Halliburton Has Rare Yarns to Spin at Civic Auditorium

WILL MAKE TWO APPEARANCES ON MAY 3

All over Europe, Richard Halliburton's dramatic exploit of crossing the Alps riding an elephant like Hannibal did to conquer Rome caused one of the greatest sensations of 1936. His own account of this unusual trip, only one of hundreds he has made throughout the world, will be given audiences attending the afternoon and evening lectures the famed author-traveler will give at the Civic Auditorium May 3 under the auspices of The Herald.

Despite rumors to the contrary circulated in America, Halliburton's elephant expedition was a complete success, just as Hannibal's was when that great Carthage general performed the impossible—and it provided him with the most dramatic and amusing story he has ever had to tell.

Tickets On Sale Now
Halliburton, in person, will describe this feat and many others in his own inimitable manner at a students' matinee and an evening appearance here. To give every resident of Torrance and vicinity an opportunity to enjoy this unusual treat, The Herald has arranged exceptionally low prices for admission tickets to the Civic Auditorium. Adult tickets for either the afternoon or evening appearance are only 50 cents, tax included, and student admissions for the matinee will be but 25 cents.

Tickets for the Halliburton lectures are now on sale at The Herald office, 1338 El Prado; Torrance high school, Narbonne high school and Gardena high school. Sale of admissions will be limited to the seating capacity of the Civic Auditorium so early purchases are advised.

From Rome at the conclusion of his elephant ride over the Alps, Richard Halliburton went to Ethiopia where, as the guest of exiled King Haile Selassie, he was allowed to observe at close range the progress of the Italian-Ethiopian war. He spent two months in this strange land and has some gripping first-hand impressions of that conflict



• RICHARD HALLIBURTON IN TRACKS OF HANNIBAL

and some startling conclusions.

Heard Assassin's Story
In the Siberian town of Ekaterinburg, the chief assassin who carried out the massacre of Czar Nicholas and his family in 1918, in a death-bed confession revealed to Halliburton the complete and final truth of this 19-year-old mystery. Not one smallest detail was withheld. Exactly who was killed, and how they died, and how their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered—all this was poured out recklessly and deliciously by the Bolshevik who did the killing and who disposed of the corpses. It has been a long time since a more thrilling and terrible and historically important and authentic story has come to the American lecture platform.

Halliburton typifies the undaunted spirit of youth and every so often he does these spectacular things that most people believe to be impossible. The story of his latest adventures will attract wide attention when he speaks here on the afternoon and evening of May 3 at the Civic Auditorium under the auspices of The Herald.

HERE'S ONE FOR RIPLEY:

First "Sit-Down Fight" Staged By Rival Auto Salesmen Here

What is believed to be the first "sit-down fight" on record was staged this week by two rival automobile salesmen for local agencies.

Cause of the battle has been obscured in the gales of laughter that has followed telling of the story up and down the city's "automobile row."

Instead of selecting a ring, back lot, side street or alley for their fistfights, the embattled salesmen fought their engagement in the front seat of a sedan in the presence of several delighted spectators. The arrival of a police officer who advised them to pick a place for some footwork halted the show and neither brawler took advantage of the cop's suggestion.

It seems that Salesmen A and B (ask any motor car dealer for their names) had been sparring for several weeks, perhaps B sold one of A's prospects a car or vice versa. A had threatened to "have it out" with B one sunny afternoon appeared at B's agency evidently intending to do so.

He was driving his car and B, an observant fellow, saw him pull in the used car lot. Not wasting a moment, he rushed over and entered A's car. Then the "sit-down fight" started in the front seat with both doors closed. The sound of the melee attracted spectators who crowded around the car arena watching A and B struggle amid the gear shift,

brake lever, steering wheel and dashboard gadgets.

Then the police officer arrived, opened one of the doors to survey the muddled up salesmen and proffered his suggestion. Salesman A drove off, Salesman B retired for repairs. The "sit-down fight" was over.

Harbor Chambers Gather At U.S.C.

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce dinner meeting will be held tonight on the University of Southern California campus in the Town and Green tower, 699 West 36th place with Dr. Rufus B. von Kleinams, president of the University, as master of ceremonies. Dr. Balahtyne Henley will be the principal speaker and there will be some student entertainment.

Dole Continues As Relief Crisis Ends

Some 650 charity cases in the Torrance welfare district, which includes Redondo Beach, continued to receive their regular doles from the county welfare department this week, following a supreme court decision late last week that ended the county's relief crisis.

When the available funds have been exhausted, the county now has provisions to borrow from other funds, and to issue warrants against anticipated revenues if necessary.

In order to relive the celebrated Carthaginian's elephant march on Rome in 215 B. C., Richard Halliburton, famed adventurer-author who will present two lectures, afternoon and evening, at the civic auditorium, May 3, rode an elephant over the Alps last year. The above exclusive photo shows the writer-leader crossing the Alps via the great St. Bernard's Pass. From that point he continued his strange journey 109 miles into Italy.

Head Rotary Club



GROVER C. WHYTE
... chosen president for ensuing year.



DAVID L. ROBERTS
... continues to serve as club secretary.

While slick marcelled hair may win popular favor for movie actors, the lack of such hirsute adornment did not deter the Torrance Rotary Club from electing two bald-pated members pictured above to head the club's activities for the coming year.

Following election of five directors last Thursday by club members, the five new directors and retiring president, Charles V. Jones, chose Grover C. Whyte, editor-publisher of the Torrance Herald, president, and David L. Roberts, secretary-treasurer of the United Concrete Pipe Corporation, secretary. H. E. Appenzeller of the C.C.M.O. was named vice-president. Other directors include: Leslie Prince, proprietor of the Beacon Drug Company; Bernard Bunje, superintendent of the Edison company sub-station; and Charles V. Jones, co-partner of the Torrance Lumber Company.

Efficient Secretary
The multitudinous duties of club secretary are not new to Dave Roberts, as he had held this important post for the past two years, during which time the club's finances have been kept in excellent condition. His consent to continue to serve the local Rotary Club as secretary for another year is hailed by its members as indicative of a successful year ahead. On two occasions since Roberts has been a member of the club he has declined the honor of its presidency, preferring to perform the equally important duties of secretary.

President-elect Grover C. Whyte has been a member of the Torrance Rotary Club since its organization. Prior to coming to Torrance in 1923, Whyte was a member of the Flint,

Frank Maupin Fatally Hurt In Auto Crash

A victim of an allegedly drunken driver, Frank Maupin, 50-year-old resident at 1225 Beech street, died at 6:30 p. m. Monday as result of fatal injuries received in a collision Sunday night at Helberta avenue and Garnet street in Redondo Beach. His wife, Mrs. Lloy Maupin, was critically injured in the crash and is confined at the Hermosa-Redondo hospital.

Mr. Maupin, who was employed as a foreman at the Columbia Steel plant, was thrown from his car when it was assertedly struck by a machine driven by Meade T. Waybright, of Redondo. Waybright is being held by Redondo police on suspicion of drunk driving and hit-and-run. He was given a sobriety test and will probably face prosecution for manslaughter.

When received at the hospital, the fatally injured local resident was found to be suffering from a broken back, fracture of an arm and severe cuts and bruises about his head. Mrs. Maupin had to have about 30 stitches taken to close wounds she suffered about her face and head.

Redondo police report that Waybright left the scene of the accident after his car had overturned from the impact with the Maupins' machine. He was apprehended two hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Maupin are well known to a large number of local residents. Glenn Maupin, a nephew, has been living with them while attending a high school. His brother, who is training with the Pittsburgh Pirates at San Bernardino, and Mrs. Maupin's two brothers, one from Oklahoma and the other from Hollywood, came here for the funeral service.

Announcement was made today by Stone and Myers mortuary that the funeral service will be conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday at the chapel.

Machinery Due for New Plant

Machinery to equip the new Pons Corporation factory in the Alsapugh building on El Prado below the P. E. station is expected to arrive tomorrow morning on a ship which sailed yesterday from San Francisco.

The owners of the factory, who selected this city for their plant after they had been victims of Nazi oppression in Berlin, Germany, intend to set up the equipment to start production about April 15. The firm manufactures a new type of decorative wall and floor covering as well as several patented articles made of paper and straw.

Exposition Site to Be Picked By 15-Man Group

Site for the proposed Los Angeles Trade Exposition, to be held in 1940 or 1941, will be selected by a special committee of 15 to be named by Los Angeles city officials. It was decided this week by the Los Angeles city council. Alondra Park may be considered.

Action of the city council disclosed for the first time that Los Angeles city voters are to be called upon to approve the expenditure of \$1,240,000 of revenue funds of the Municipal Water and Power Department for purchase of a site for the proposed trade exposition.

Plans Being Made for "Boys' Week"

With Principal Thomas Elson taking a keen interest in the arrangements, plans were already being formed at Torrance high school for observance of Boys' Week, May 1 to 8. This event, national in scope, will give the future "makers of history" a chance to prove their potentialities in several fields. The week had been divided to allow boys to participate in recreation, church, industry, libraries, schools, citizenship, show their loyalty to the community and stress safety. Announcement of the local Boys' Week observance program will be made shortly.

Modernization of Columbia Plant Gets Under Way

An extensive program involving a large expenditure of capital for complete modernization and mechanization of the sheet mill and rolling mill departments of Columbia Steel Company's plant in Torrance was outlined today by E. M. Barber, general superintendent.

"White-Collar" Steel Workers On 40-Hr. Week

More leisure without loss of pay.

This was the glad news received by "white-collar" workers at the Columbia Steel Company's plant in Torrance today. Effective April 16, all office, clerical, technical and supervisory forces will be put on a 40-hour a week basis with no reduction in pay, it was announced by E. M. Barber, general superintendent.

Employees on wage payrolls were put on a 40-hour basis March 16, at which time pay increases for all plant and office workers were put into effect.

Vets Must Own Property to Get Tax Exemption

Ex-service men here and throughout the country are learning that unless they hold deeds to their property, their taxes are going to be considerably higher in 1937-38.

The cause of the increase is a ruling handed down by County Counsel E. W. Mattoon on March 11. This states that the county assessor is to consider veterans' property as not entitled to veterans' exemption unless it is actually owned by the ex-service man or his wife.

In former years this exemption was allowed on property being purchased under contract to the amount of the principal as of March 1 of any year. Now the exemption is only permitted when an outright deed to property is held by the veteran or his wife, according to word received by The Herald this week from R. E. Bouck, deputy county assessor.

61-Year-Old Girl Molester Admits Crime

Freely admitting all details of the alleged felonious molestation of a 10-year-old local girl and declaring that he intended to plead guilty to the grave charge when tried in Superior Court, Edgar J. Moore, 61-year-old bookkeeper for a local automobile agency for the past nine years, waived preliminary hearing in City Judge Robert Lessing's court Monday morning.

Although his attorney requested a reduction of bail, Judge Lessing held that the \$5,000 demanded was justifiable and so Moore was committed to the county jail to await his appearance in Superior Court on the morning of April 21. He had been arrested on a warrant signed by the father of the molested girl late Thursday afternoon and had been held in the city jail until the preliminary.

Moore, grey-haired, neatly dressed, small statured man, admitted the accusations that occurred April 1 and beyond a nervous tremor of his hands betrayed no emotion. His wife, modestly-attired, wept during the court procedure. Both parents of the girl and the child herself were in court, the mother had been required to testify as to the girl's age.

The defendant was a resident for seven years here until about three years ago when he moved to Los Angeles. He is the father (by a former marriage) of two grown sons whom, his attorney said, are coming from the east "partly as a result of this case." Harry Hale, deputy district attorney, appeared here as prosecutor.

Modern trends in steel manufacturing have made it essential to abandon old style equipment in order to meet competition, he said. All similar mills in the east have been so equipped and Torrance is one of the few remaining hand mills to be converted. Wornout and obsolete equipment is being replaced with modern machinery.

It is the general policy of the company to make the Torrance plant an example of the latest type of steel-making equipment. When present alterations are completed the local plant will be on a par with eastern mills manufacturing the same type of products, Barber stated.

Will Improve Products
The company's superintendent explained that the present construction program should not be interpreted as an expansion, as present plans call for modernization and mechanization on the basis of existing capacity.

Construction work is already under way and will be completed in July or August. The work will be done without any appreciable loss of time to employees or interruption of production operations.

The new type equipment will not only put the Torrance plant in position to meet competition on production costs but will result in a higher grade of products, company officials state.

Legion Raises Fund At Anniversary Dinner Event

The 20th anniversary of this nation's entry into the World War was observed Tuesday night by Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, American Legion with a "save the clubhouse" drive that spared none of the 125 men attending the turkey dinner program. Outside of a few reminiscences about "how I joined up in '17" and a three-minute period of silence in memory of comrades who have responded to the Final Assembly, the observance was confined to a vigorous dollars or dues session that netted the post about \$150.

Commander Pat Boyle presided over the opening of the program, presented Helmar Sunstead, Harbor City Scoutmaster, in two humorous readings and then departed for work. His place was taken by Postmaster Earl Conner, past commander of the local post, and he carried on the fund-raising drive with a heavy hand that touched all pocketbooks.

Among the speakers who gave brief talks were Mayor W. H. Tolson; Wallace Post, the Torrance Legion's first commander; Carleton Bell, W. H. Stanger, Miller Bailey and Robert L. Deininger. As result of the sizable collection, the post is expected to make a substantial payment on the \$2,500 mortgage still hanging over the clubhouse on Carson Street.

Ford Here Today for Western Ave. Project Parley

Supervisor Leland Ford was meeting with representatives from Gardena, Lomita, San Pedro and this city at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon regarding the proposed improvement and extension of Western avenue. B. C. Buxton, chairman of the Realtors' division of the local chamber, was presiding at this session. George Jones, county road commissioner, was expected to attend the meeting which was called to let Supervisor Ford know of the Realtors' intention to aggressively push the Western avenue project.

FOR YOUR PLEASURE

The Herald offers a rare opportunity to hear famed Richard Halliburton in person May 3 at the Civic Auditorium. Get tickets now.