

Hot Congress Race is Vote Feature; Two Judges Re-Elected

More than half of this city's and Lomita's qualified electors marched to the polls Tuesday to vote on nearly 200 candidates and precipitate one of the hottest races this congressional district has ever seen. Late today with scattered precincts still dribbling in tallies, Lee Geyer, stormy petrel of the teaching profession, was holding a slight lead of about 2,000 votes over Mrs. Clara N. Colden, widow of the late representative, for the 17th district congressional Democratic nomination.

With 413 precincts out of 434 reporting, the county for the Democratic congressional race was:

Geyer 12,467
Mrs. Colden 10,330
Boyle 8,770
Buyer 6,522
McQuarrie 5,066
Hix 2,891

Clifton Hix swamped Lee Monroe, Lomita real estate broker, for the Republican nomination and will oppose Geyer or Mrs. Colden in the November finals.

O'Toole Strong Second

Secondary local interest in the lengthy ballot—the last tally here was reported at 9:25 Wednesday morning—centered around the Democratic assembly result. With only a few precincts remaining to be reported, the incumbent, Fred Reaves, is assured of a place on the November ballot against Charles M. Smith, unopposed Lomitan who is the Republican candidate for the state legislature.

James J. O'Toole of this city made a splendid debut into politics as he ran a strong second to the incumbent. The latest available count on this race with 112 precincts out of 115 reporting:

Reaves 5,182
O'Toole 3,665
Rawls 2,329
Genter 1,410

Both of the incumbent justices of the peace, Frank Carrell and A. F. Monroe won re-election to the Inglewood township bench with the latest incomplete returns showing:

Office No. 1—162 precincts out of 181:
Carrell 15,592
Welch of Torrance 6,668

Office No. 2—161 precincts out of 181:
Monroe 14,135
Bridge 8,893

In the justice of peace contest four years ago, Welch ran far ahead of Carrell in both Torrance and Lomita, altho he received fewer votes in both towns than he was given this year when Carrell lead him in both cities. In 1934, the vote was: In Torrance, Welch 739, Carrell 287; in

Lomita, Welch 311, Carrell 208. The vote this year was: In Torrance, Carrell 1,257, Welch 853; in Lomita, Carrell 784, Welch 489.

Local Committee Results

For Republican committee, J. C. Smith, local realtor, received 281 votes here and 128 in Lomita. He was the only local candidate for a position on the committee. The election of members to this group and the Democratic committee will not be tabulated for several days, according to the county clerk.

Local candidates for the Democratic county central committee and their tallies were: Albert Isen, attorney, 528 in Torrance, 158 in Lomita; Neil McConlogue, steel worker, 708 votes here, 267 in Lomita, and Harry Minor 721 in Torrance and 361 in Lomita.

LOSERS EXPRESS THANKS FOR SUPPORT

Proving that they are good losers, the following candidates who were defeated at the polls Tuesday have requested The Herald to express their gratitude and appreciation for the support given them by local citizens: Dr. C. W. McQuarrie, Judge Collamer A. Bridge, Torrance C. Welch and J. J. O'Toole.

Standard Oil Brings in 1,000-Barrel Well Here

Giving further evidence that the largest oil production lies in the southwest portion of the South Torrance-Lomita field, Standard Oil finished its Marble No. 1-12 early this week to report a flowing 1,000-barrel well showing 24.0 gravity cutting seven percent. This well was bottomed at 4,988 feet. It is located slightly southwest of the Silver Strand project which came in for 1,160 barrels a day to hold the field record.

Another 1,000-barrel flowing well developed Tuesday when California Star's O'Brien No. 1 on a test between 5,120 and 5,295 feet came in. This well is located in the new Lomita extension of the South Torrance field. Blue Bell Oil's wildest, contest No. 1, situated a half mile south of the proven area on 21st street, found only barren gray sand in the lower zone after drilling to 5,240 feet. Operators there are now plugging back and testing about 17 feet of oil sand encountered near the 4,850 mark.

To Work Old Wells

Other developments in the field this week were: Packard Petroleum finished its Lomita No. 6, flowing 450 barrels of 26.5 gravity, cutting 3.4 percent from 4,990 feet. At the southeast corner of 235th and Pennsylvania, Freeman Holding is finishing No. 1 on 3,901 feet. Across the street, Flat Oil is completing its No. 1 from 4,908 feet. Pennsylvania Oil's Lomita No. 1 on the southwest corner of 237th and Pennsylvania is reported to have cored into gray sand at 4,961 feet and plugged back to 4,928 feet.

Federated Oil has staked location for its No. 1 northeast of 238th and Pennsylvania. Jones-Long Oil has staked for a right to top its Theresa No. 3, slightly south of 235th and Eschelman and Kreiger Oil has made location for Pierce Community No. 1 southwest of Lomita and Normandie. C. H. Lebow has staked location for Ellis No. 1 southeast of 235th and Eschelman and Pacific Oil is readying to develop its Marble No. 4 at the northeast corner of the Marble lease.

Standard Oil will re-drill a number of its old Del Amo zone

producers in search of deep sands on its extensive Marble leases between Sepulveda and Lomita boulevards west of Pennsylvania. Foundations are going in now for new rigs over wells Nos. 2-7, 2-8 and 1-14. The Standard wells, especially since No. 1-12 came in so good, would

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Shipbuilding is Rotary Topic

"Shipbuilding in Southern California" will be the topic of a talk to be given this evening at the Torrance Rotary club by Owen E. Durkin, manager of the marine exchange department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

"Washington authorities have pointed to Los Angeles as a desirable center, economically and strategically, for major shipbuilding in conjunction with the new federal two-and-one-half billion dollar merchant marine and naval expansion program administered by the United States Maritime Commission and the Navy," commented Durkin.

"Climaxing many years of sustained effort grappling with the problem, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce board of directors has initiated a program to interest local shipbuilding concerns in undertaking a comprehensive share of this construction work," says Durkin.

President W. S. Rosecrans of the L. A. Chamber has designated Durkin to bend the chief energies of his department to speeding up these developments which will mean additional thousands of men and millions of dollars on Los Angeles county payrolls, and will rejuvenate Los Angeles Harbor facilities for merchant marine construction.

Drunk Driver Hits Parked Car

Returning to their Los Angeles home from Redondo early Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hicks ran out of gas on Torrance boulevard near Maple street. Hicks started out on foot to the nearest gas station while his wife remained in their sedan. A few minutes later the machine was struck from the rear by a car driven by Clifford Wilson, 38, 2165 240th street, Lomita, who, police say, was very, very drunk.

Wilson got out of his car and took out across the fields without stopping to render aid, ascertain the extent of damages or inquire if his companion Bert Boice, 52, of Halidale avenue in the Shoestring strip, or anyone in the parked car were injured. Boice was removed to Torrance Memorial hospital by police for attention to numerous cuts, bruises and abrasions. Mrs. Hicks suffered from nervous shock but was otherwise unharmed.

Held to Answer

After a stay at the hospital Boice was returned to the city jail and booked on charges of being drunk in an auto and violation of probation from a previous offense. Three hours later local police arrested Wilson at his home where he was cleaning up his cuts scratches and bruises—most of which were the result of his headlong flight. He was given preliminary hearing yesterday on charges of driving un-

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How the Primary Went Here and in Lomita

Complete (for the leading candidates) but unofficial results of Tuesday's primary election in Torrance and Lomita precincts were as follows:

	Torr.	Lom.
GOVERNOR (Dem.)		
Doekewiler	753	303
Olson	549	450
Legg	183	179
—Republican—		
Haight	109	55
O'Connor, J.F.T.	96	55
Murphy	55	38
Neblett	29	22
Tomasini	7	1
—Republican—		
Merriam	433	168
Haight	117	62
Hatfield	68	43
—Republican—		
Leut-Gov. (Dem.)		
Rolph	546	382
Seawell	152	101
Sheldon	115	51
—Republican—		
Franklin	210	94
Rolph	144	62
Patterson	72	38
SEC. STATE (Dem.)		
Jordan (inc.)	460	331
McGroarty	383	250

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Big Demand for KNX Dinner Tickets Here

Window-Crashing Burglars Nabbed by Local Police

Somewhere in the mire and silt of the Pacific more than \$330 worth of watches and jewelry is sinking—no man knows where.

But the whereabouts of the men who tossed them there after extracting them Aug. 22 thru a shattered plate-glass window at Howard's Jewelry store is well known to local police. One is in the city jail, the other in the Redondo Beach jail and both were arraigned on charges of burglary and theft yesterday morning before City Judge Robert Lessing. Both were bound over to the Superior Court for felony trials.

The local robbery is not the only accusation faced by Albert Eugene Poole, 23-year-old Wilmington oil worker, and worthy G. Evans, 33, a Wilmington painter. They are also charged with the burglary of a Redondo Beach jewelry store and 10 traffic violations in Hermosa Beach. Director John Stroth said that both men confessed smashing Howard's window and scooping up most of the merchandise Alden W. Smith had on display there.

Caught After Chase

After pilfering the local store window about 5:30 in the morning of Aug. 22, Poole and Evans returned some 45 minutes later to pick up some pieces of the broken glass which they thought bore their fingerprints, it was learned. They failed to get all the tell-tale prints and those

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LUD GLUSKIN... CBS West Coast music director who will be in charge of the music for the dedication dinner-broadcast here Sept. 16, is a native New Yorker. After graduating from Yale he toured England and the continent with his own orchestra for 12 years before he joined the Columbia Broadcasting System. Among the programs on which Gluskin's music is heard is "On the Air," broadcast each Friday evening over KNX and Columbia Pacific network stations.



MARY LOU COOK... petite song-chamber who will be heard in the Civic Auditorium broadcast here, is a featured other performer with the orchestras of Lud Gluskin and Ivan Dilmars. She hails from Honolulu.



CHIKUITO... young Cuban tenor learned the tangos, rhumbas and gay French tunes which he will sing at the festivities here Sept. 16 in his native Havana and on the European Continent.

Total Tax Levy Compiled

Here are the individual tax levies totaling \$5.10 or \$5.07 which Torrance property owners must pay this year as compared to 1937 rates:

	1938-39	1937-38
Municipal	\$1.10—\$1.07	\$1.10—\$1.07
County	1.51	1.41
L. A. School	1.62	1.70
M. W. D.	.40	.40
Co. Sanitation Dist.	.26	.27
Co. Flood Control	.21	.19

TOTAL Municipal Water District tax of \$5.10 this year (the same as last year) is levied on land only—not on improvements—and covers only property within the water district.

Property owners in Los Angeles city will pay a total tax of \$5.45—17 cents more than last year. For the greater part of the county unincorporated area the tax bill will be \$1.85, exclusive of school district rates. In the case of Lomita and Shoestring strip territory there will be an additional \$1.62, making the total \$3.47.

Council Fixes Sept. 20 for Bond Election

With the legal publication of Ordinance No. 307 in today's Herald, the machinery is set in motion here for the special recreation bond election on Tuesday, Sept. 20. At that time qualified Torrance voters will decide three separate and distinct propositions, all of which, however, relate to the expansion of municipal recreation facilities.

At an adjourned meeting last Thursday afternoon the city council approved the election ordinance on its first reading and yesterday it was adopted. At the earlier session the council passed two resolutions pertaining to the proposed recreation project. One of these repealed a previous resolution because of changes made in the estimated cost of the improvements due for voters decision in 20 days.

The second resolution set forth the division of costs (the Public Works Administration has been asked to pay 45 percent of the expense for each project) of the recreation proposals. The bond election ordinance, published elsewhere in today's edition, sets forth all details of the propositions, names the precincts (all 13 are to have polling places instead of being consolidated) and election officers. To carry, each proposition must receive two-thirds of all votes cast for each bond proposal.

Propositions Detailed

The propositions will be: (1) For or against the acquisition and construction in the city park of a municipal swimming pool (Continued on Page 2-A)

Building Total Now \$2,710,623

Will Torrance see \$289,327 worth of additional construction during the next three months? If it does then this city will have a year's building amounting to \$3,000,000. Many observers believe that with a number of large construction projects yet to be developed from prepared plans, that amazing total will be reached. The past nine months has seen \$2,710,623 worth of new building here as compared to \$1,017,481 in 1937 and only \$321,334 in 1936.

Last month's construction amounted to \$241,257 as against \$21,436 for August, 1937, and \$49,750 for the same month in 1936. The August building included a record number of new oil derricks—42 which added \$210,000 to the building permit total. Other new construction last month included: five homes, \$12,000; seven private garages, \$21,436; two alterations and repair jobs on homes, \$1,500; six non-residence structures, \$5,625; one oil rig repair job, \$1,500; six oil tanks, \$9,807, and two tank demolishing jobs, \$225.

Permits issued during the past week included two for new oil derricks—to the Flat Oil company No. 2 at 2408 235th, and to John Aford of Long Beach at 2055 238th. The Maldum Petroleum corporation of Long Beach is installing two 1,000-barrel bolted steel oil tanks at (Continued on Page 2-A)

RADIO PROGRAM FOR DEDICATION OF PLANT ANNOUNCED

Advance sales of tickets for the dinner-broadcast entertainment to mark the dedication and formal opening of the new \$350,000 KNX-CBS transmitter station Friday night, Sept. 16, indicate that the Civic Auditorium will be filled to capacity that gala evening.



D. W. THORNEBURGH... vice-president in charge of CBS Pacific coast operations, is taking an active interest in planning the principal entertainment to follow the dedication-dinner here for the new \$350,000 transmitter station.



BILL GOODWIN... one of the most popular KNX-CBS announcers here when radio makes its Torrance debut at the gala celebration dinner-broadcast to dedicate the new transmitter station.



CLARK ROSS... romantic-voiced Hollywood songster who serenades Columbia Pacific network listeners, will broadcast at the Civic Auditorium during the KNX-CBS ceremonies. His repertoire combines popular and classic songs.

If You Voted It Cost County 63 Cents

The general primary election in Los Angeles county cost approximately 63 cents per registered voter, while in San Francisco city and county the cost was slightly over \$1 per voter, according to a study just completed by the county department of budget and research. Costs were based on election figures from 1933 to 1937.

Other comparative figures for the two counties show that total election costs here were 3.89 times greater than in San Francisco while Los Angeles county registration is 4.41 times greater, the population 4.06 times greater and the votes cast in November, 1936, were 4.32 times greater than in San Francisco.

The dinner-ducats are available—until they give out—at the Chamber of Commerce at \$1.50 each.

This week KNX-CBS officials announced the features of the radio program which will be broadcast by remote control from the Auditorium to all Columbia Pacific coast stations. The radio executives informed the local committee in charge of arrangements that they desired to present an entertainment that would be in keeping with the dedication of the new plant at Columbia Park, Hawthorne boulevard and 180th street.

Famed Orchestra Coming

The dinner will start promptly at 7 o'clock Sept. 16 followed by an informal program of short talks and presentation of distinguished guests. Promptly at 9:30 Bill Goodwin, noted KNX announcer who will be master-of-ceremonies, will start the radio broadcast from Torrance.

Music will be furnished by Lud Gluskin and his famed 24-piece orchestra. D. W. Thorneburgh, vice-president of the Columbia Broadcasting System in charge of the Pacific coast network, will speak as will other CBS officials and Mayor William H. Tolson.

Singers to be heard will include Mary Lou Cook, Clark Ross, the Westerners Quartet and Chiquito, Cuban singer who will appear in native costume. The party coming here from Columbia Square in Hollywood is also expected to include a number of other noted radio entertainers.

"First Come, First Served"

At the closing half-hour dedication broadcast, all attending the dinner-program will be invited to go to the new transmitter station to be the first escorted party to visit the completed plant after it has been formally placed in service.

Because of the keen interest shown by local residents who have already obtained their tickets, L. J. Gilmeister, chairman of the arrangements committee, said today that others who desire to attend should get their pasteborders at once.

"We are limiting the attendance to 750 and will include a large reservation taken by KNX-CBS—so the tickets available in Torrance are on a 'first come, first served' basis," he said. "We know definitely that we cannot make any changes in the seating arrangements after Sept. 10 and the way the tickets are going now it looks as tho we'll exhaust the supply by that date."

Test Signals Are Strong

Engineers and technicians at the KNX-CBS plant here are elated over the successful penetration into heretofore "fade areas" of the new 50,000-watt transmitter. A series of tests has shown that the radiator has given out with a lusty signal down near the border where reception formerly was very spotty and weak.

Reports received by James H. Middlebrooks, liaison engineer for CBS, and Leo Shepard, transmitter supervisor, from San Diego this week revealed that the test programs came thru with 10 times the intensity of broadcasts off the soon-to-be-abandoned Sherman Oaks transmitter in the San Fernando Valley.

Oceanside also reported a clear and firm signal. KNX-CBS engineers claim that strengthening the throw to the south has not affected other areas and that the new transmitter is all that it was hoped it would be. The old antenna at Sherman Oaks will be dismantled and sold when the Torrance plant is formally put into regular service thru the broadcasting day and night.

Car Robbed at City Park

While parked at the city park Monday night between 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock a sedan owned by Mrs. E. A. Paton of Los Angeles was robbed of a white leather purse containing \$80 in traveler's checks, \$6 in cash and valuable papers, according to police.