Council Elects McGuire Mayor

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firemen to battle a blaze in a chicken coop at 2245 239th street.

Following this hilarious interruption, Bartlett proceeded to swear in Babcock and McGuire, both of whom had to borrow pens from fellow members to sign their affidavits of election.

Hitchcock Consoles Tolson

New Councilman Babcock followed the style of brief speeches set by Tolson and McGuire when he said: "I will endeavor to the best of my ability to fill the office that the citizens of Torrance have bestowed upon me."

"I wish to thank my friends and supporters in this election, and I will ask the press to report this," Powell said.

Hitchcock, speaking to Tolson who was in the audience, said: "It has been a great pleasure to work with Bill these last number of years. It's just too bad, Bill, the election went the other way for you."

31 Absentee Votes Counted

After studying the precinct tally sheets, the old council headed by Tolson, counted the 31 absentee ballots with Clerk Bartlett.

The absentee tallies were: Wallace H. Gilbert, 13 for a total vote of 659 and seventh place in the final tabulation; Babcock, 12 for a total of 929 and second place; McGuire, 11 for a total of 889 and third place; Powell, 10 for a total of 1,122 and first place; Tolson, eight for a total of 788 and fifth place; William J. Loughridge, eight for a total of 830 and a tie with Carl D. Steele for fourth place; Gordon L. Mann, eight for a total of 759 and sixth place; Grant Barkdull, seven for a total of 633 and ninth place; James J. O'Toole, seven for a total of 636 and eighth place; Carl D. Steele, three for a total of 830 for a tie with Loughridge for fourth place, and Lewis M. Fernley, one for a total of 274 and tenth place.

NEW MAYOR RESIDENT HERE 17 YEARS

Tom McGuire was the first to file his nomination petition for another four-year term last February. He was first elected to the council in April 1936 and has served as chairman of the City Planning Commission.

He has been a Torrance resident for 17 years, coming here from Gary, Indiana. He is a native of that state and attended the University of Illinois. Since coming to Torrance he has been associated with the National Supply Company and for the past six years has been in personnel and employment work for that firm. He is married and lives at 1411 Beech avenue.

McGuire is the 10th local resident to serve the city as mayor. The others were: George A. Proctor, 1921-22; J. M. Fitzhugh, 1922-23; Wallace H. Gilbert, 1923-24; R. R. Smith, 1924-26; John M. Dennis, 1926-32; William H. Klusman 1932-33; Scott R. Ludlow, 1933-34; William H. Stanger, 1934-37, and William H. Tolson, 1937-40.

Palos Verdes County Park Plan Okayed By Citizens' Group

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John F. Dalton, Frank P. Doherty, Harold English, R. B. Hardacre, Paul E. Jeffers, Marco R. Newmark, Neil Petree, C. W. Pierce, W. S. Rosecrans, A. M. Rosenfeld, V. H. Rossetti, R. J. Schweppe, Rob Wagner, Oscar R. Trippet, Sheriff Gene Biscailuz, Ed DeGroot, regional commissioner of Boy Scouts; James K. Reid, L. A. county recreation commissioner; delegations from the Ebell club, Friday Morning club, Assistance League, as well as representative citizens from Long Beach, San Pedro, Pasadena and other municipalities. Representing Torrance were: R. R. Smith, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Grover C. Whyte, publisher of The Torrance Herald and Lomita News.

It was emphasized that every encouragement should be given members of the Board of Supervisors to initiate the plan. President Smith of the Torrance chamber stated he would urge this action in a letter to the county supervisors. Other organizations are asked to do likewise.

Jobless Payments Reach New Peak

Distribution of checks and money to unemployed workers in California reached the highest point during March in the history of unemployment insurance in this state. During the month, 488,458 checks were written by the department and $6,544,333.06 paid to insured workers.

Increases in the monthly amounts distributed, R. G. Wagenet, executive director, said, result from two causes, the first, seasonal unemployment, and the second, full effect of California's new benefit formula authorized by the 1939 legislature.

While New England's fresh water contains only 60 species of fish, and Ohio waters 163, New York waters boast about 200 varieties, according to Dr E. C. Raney of Cornell University.

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