



BOY DIES CHOKED BY FOOD

Three days after the antiposition death of his sister, Roy Raymond Lemmon, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Lemmon of Lawndale, died last Friday of strangulation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Cariens, 22516 Hawthorne blvd. The little girl, Patricia Ann, 3, succumbed at the same place on Aug. 11.

Following examination of the boy's body, Dr. W. W. Gogol, coroner's autopsy surgeon, said the autopsy revealed a quantity of food in the trachea and lungs of the boy who had apparently vomited after eating a stew mixture. Because of the girl's poison death, Dr. Gogol said the coroner's office is making a chemical analysis of the stomach contents for traces of antiposition in a search for the cause of the boy's fatal illness.

The surgeon said, however, it was his opinion that poison played no part in the case and that whooping cough predisposed the boy to the stomach reaction. The child was found lifeless on a bed by Mrs. Cariens, a friend of the parents, when she returned home after purchasing flowers for the little girl's funeral. These rites were postponed until yesterday afternoon when a double funeral was held at Stone and Myers' chapel.

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County Tax Rate Reduced 11 Cents

Table titled 'OLD AND NEW TAX RATES COMPARED' showing tax rates for 1942-43 and 1941-42 for various items like Municipal, Mun. Water Dist., Met. Water Dist., County Tax, Sanitation, School Tax, and Flood Control Tax.

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Election Interest Here is Confined To Two Races

With the chief local interest centered in the Congressional and Assembly races, the 1942 primary campaign boiled into its final five days today. Voters in this preponderantly Democratic area are paying small heed to the governorship battle waged by Olson and Warren forces and are devoting what time they can spare to political prognosticating to opinions on the hectic Congress battle.

This struggle is being fought on two fronts—the regular primary with 12 candidates and the special election with four in the non-partisan firing lines. Winner of the special will go to Washington to represent the 17th District until Jan. 1, 1943—a four months' term.

The Assembly race will probably be the most clear-cut decision of the entire election next Tuesday, Aug. 25. James O'Toole of Torrance is contesting this office with the incumbent, Vincent Thomas of San Pedro. With only two in the running, the outcome is certain to give each candidate a granche's share of the number of supporters he has in the 68th District.

Some of the voters in the 17th Congressional District, which includes all territory south of Slauson, will participate in the two elections—special and primary. These electors are residents of the old 17th District who will be asked to mark ballots carrying the names of John A. Shidler, who was Torrance city judge until he was inducted into the Army yesterday; John Rawls of San Pedro, Howard J. Sparling and Cecil King, both of Los Angeles.

Electors in the new addition to the Congressional district, annexed as result of the Reapportionment Act of 1941, are not permitted to cast ballots in the special election but they will have their say in the regular primary. Candidates for the primary include: DEMOCRATS: Shidler, Rawls, George Moore, George N. Kramer, C. Ed Jones and Harry A. Galbraith; CROSS-FILES: Wilder, Witty, Leonard King, Victor D. McCann, Leonard J. Roach, Harold A. Sparling and Ernest A. Stewart.

The Congressional district has a total registration of 215,082, as compared to the 1940 total of 145,840. The gain of 69,242 is caused by increased population and the addition of the 46th Assembly district which had been previously composed of the 66th, 67th and 68th Assembly districts.

Democratic affiliations in the Congressional area total 151,231 as compared to 53,793 Republicans. Other party registrations are 156 Socialists, 323 Prohibitionists, 18 Commonwealth, 48 Progressives, 47 Townsend, 48 Communist and 8,588 who declined to state party affiliation.

WHERE TO VOTE AUG. 25

- List of polling places for the August 25 election, including addresses like 1-Residence, 18211 Prairie ave., 2-2576 Eldorado, 3-Residence, 716 Border ave., etc.

Following are the precinct polling places for next Tuesday's Special Congressional and primary election. The polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

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Control Center Sheathed for More Security

"We're going to make the control center as strong as a bank vault," City Engineer Glenn Jain declared Tuesday as he directed extensive "sandbagging" emplacements about the former Chamber of Commerce building on El Prado.

"Workers at the control center believe that the building does not offer much in the way of protection in event of an air raid and so the city is going to practically encase it in sheathing of sand," the engineer said.

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Upon his first review of the law on the matter, O'Conner said he was of the opinion the election would not be invalidated if no notices were published. However, it appeared there might be persons who would seek to attack the election's validity in court, after it was held on August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt recently returned from a short vacation spent at Santa Barbara.

LIGHTS DIMOUT ON TIME

Although new dimout regulations did not go into effect in Southern California until one minute after midnight this morning, most local business firms extinguished their ornamental lighting systems well ahead of the deadline. No general enforcement of the dimout has been planned here with the use of such Civilian Defense workers as air raid wardens and auxiliary police, it was reported, because residents and business men are believed ready to follow the regulations to the letter.

Compliance with the dimout rules were voluntary until 12:01 a.m. today but now any person violating the order is subject to exclusion from the territory, according to the Ninth Regional Defense board.

All law enforcement officers have been instructed to report any violations to Army authorities but not to make arrests unless ordered to do so by Army officials.

Several new interpretations of sections of Proclamation No. 10 were received here Monday from the Office of Civilian Defense. One of the most important of these, as regards the effect on business establishments, is that "interior signs and ornamental lighting immediately within unobstructed window areas" (such as show windows having neon signs or bright lights within them) must be extinguished unless the lights are set back a distance of three times the height of the window pane.

In the case of a display window eight feet high, this would mean that the lights would have to be set back 24 feet, it was explained.

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Shidler Forced Into Whirlwind Campaign Finish

Three different jobs in one week. That's the goal sought by John A. Shidler of Torrance. He resigned as city judge yesterday to become Private John Shidler, U. S. A., and confidently expects to change that rank to Congressman from the 17th District next Tuesday when the special Congressional election is held in conjunction with the regular primaries.

With a group of 78 other selectees who were ending their 14-day furlough following induction into the Army Aug. 5, Shidler reported for duty yesterday. He spent his last two weeks as a civilian in an intensive personal campaign, filling 32 speaking engagements, making scores of visits and hundreds of telephone calls throughout the district.

He also found time to make two recorded speeches which will be broadcast over KPAS (1110 on your dial) Saturday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p. m., and KFXR (1280) Monday, August 24, at 7:30 p. m. In these two talks he has summed up the issues of the campaign and expressed his "desperate desire to fight the war in Congress with the same hard blows that our fighting men are delivering to the enemy."

Shidler is a candidate to succeed the late Congressman Lee E. Geyer in the Special election and is also Democratic aspirant for the full Washington term in the primary. A resident of this district for 19 years, endorsed by Dist. Atty. John Dookweiler, senior citizens and more than 12,000 registered voters, he asks for "the vote of all Americans who believe that winning the war should be the sole aim of every Congressman, every citizen. Nothing must be allowed to side-track us from that objective."

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Kiwanians Boost Carrots as Aid to Dimout Driving

Carrots for dimout driving. That's the theme of an informal half-serious campaign the Torrance Kiwanis club is launching among its membership.

Pointing out the mounting toll of dimout traffic deaths and the popularity of carrots—especially an Arizona super vitamin type—with British RAF night pilots, the club is urging its membership to scorn them no more.

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Many Respond To 'Raid' Calls

An exceptionally large number of all registered Civilian Defense workers turned out last Thursday night for the series of practice "bombing incidents," according to Police Chief John Stroth, coordinator of the community precaution system. The "incidents" were scattered throughout the city and only air raid wardens had advance notice of where they were located and their details.

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Disaster Award Won by Legion

In recognition of the local post's activities over the last Nov. 14 when the earthquake hit Torrance, the California Department of the American Legion awarded the Joseph S. Long perpetual trophy to the Torrance Legion at the state convention Monday.

The trophy is a large cup and will be on display throughout the year at the Torrance National bank.

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Council's Plan to Change Some City Workers' Pay Schedule Meets Disfavor at Hearing

A plan to put city employees who are in the lower \$140 a month and under pay bracket on an hourly wage basis instead of salaries and pay them at the rate of 84 cents an hour for common laborers and 89 cents for equipment operators was announced by Mayor Tom McGuire yesterday. He revealed this change in the city pay rates at an informal meeting of the city council with representatives of the municipal workers' C.I.O. union and those from other C.I.O. unions in the city.

While the proposal was not definitely rejected by the workers' representatives, it came in for considerable adverse comment and it is likely that city employees will demand its revision and probably a larger increase. The wage plan had been unanimously agreed to by the council, McGuire said.

Public Invited to Hear Red Cross Speaker

"War Inquiries and Prisoners" will be discussed by Mrs. Marion Byam of Los Angeles at the open meeting of the Torrance Red Cross Monday night, Aug. 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the headquarters, 1529 Cravens ave. All residents interested in learning how they may contact prisoners of war or other matters relating to war inquiries are cordially invited to attend, Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman, announced.

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Furlough Ends for 48 Local Selectees

Forty-eight men reported for Army duty yesterday following a 14-day furlough that began after their induction in Torrance Aug. 5 as the 27th contingent to go from this district served by Selective Service Board No. 280. The group of selectees included Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance, who dropped his magisterial prefix for Private John Shidler, U. S. A., and confidently expects to change that rating with his election as War Congressman from the 17th District at the special election Aug. 25.

If he realizes this objective, he will be released from the Army to take office immediately and serve out the late Congressman Lee E. Geyer's term. Shidler is also a Democratic candidate in the primaries to win a full Washington term.

Other selectees from Torrance, Lomita and Gardena who began Army training today were: Joel R. Klink, 1521 El Prado, who has applied for Volunteer Officers' training.

William B. Dymond, 1748 Gramercy ave., Torrance. John A. Shidler, 1448 Post ave., Torrance. Martin Skubik, 1823 261st st., Lomita.

Raymond F. Spehoger, 1307 Portola ave., Torrance. Clyde McK. Henderson, 2538 Cypress st., Lomita. Robert W. Clayton, 1352 Engracia ave., Torrance.

Vance W. Wiess, Rt. 1, Box 587-K, Lomita. Elmo A. Richardson, 1909 Cabrillo ave., Torrance. Manuel Acevedo, Gardena. Roy E. Cook, Rt. 1, Box 93, Lomita. Robert R. Kigland, 2108 Cabrillo ave., Torrance. Donald W. Newbill, 24159 Ward st., WALTERIA.

Edward J. Shamer, 1622 Crenshaw blvd., Torrance. Durwell S. Dains, 2401 Torrance blvd., Torrance. Eugene H. Hakanson, 1754 1/2 Andrew ave., Torrance. Murdock E. Sier, 1720 Cabrillo ave., Torrance. Willard C. Child, 24122 Aliene st., Lomita. Owen C. Smith, Moneta. Carl P. English, Gardena. Genius G. Hackett, 24329 Narbonne ave., Lomita. Frederick D. Fix, 2271 W. 231st st., Torrance. Frank Schlapp, Jr., P. O. Box 512, Lomita. Roman Magana, Moneta. Fidel C. Yarb, Gardena. Roy Kessler, 25909 Hillworth ave., Lomita. Shelton Campbell, 802 Sartori ave., Torrance. John T. Forbes, 13557 Crenshaw blvd., Torrance. William J. Nagel, 2417 Andrew ave., Torrance. Oscar L. Hook, 1100 El Prado, Torrance. Frank E. Kroll, 921 Sartori ave., Torrance. Rudolph C. Gasser, Palos Verdes. Robert A. Sikes, 1962 Carson st., Torrance. Henry J. Brown, 2335 250th st., Lomita. Sany A. Almar, P. O. Box 72, WALTERIA. William J. Janssen, 1740 Gramercy ave., Torrance. Donald Hale, Gardena. Edwin C. Greenlee, 1305 Post ave., Torrance. Leslie C. Helmke, Gardena. Leslie C. Foster, 911 Cota ave., Torrance. Raymond A. Brooks, 1416 Elm st., Torrance.

Vacation Trips Curbed for City Police Officers

Temptation to invest precious rubber on a long vacation trip has been removed for Torrance policemen, Chief John Stroth revealed this week as Officers Thomas Perkins and Curtis Tolson went on leave.

Stroth said all of his officers are being required to spend their vacations within the county and to keep the department informed of their whereabouts.

Otto Willett Appointed City Judge

Otto B. Willett, attorney here for the past two years, was appointed city judge pro tem by members of the city council Monday, the appointment becoming effective yesterday when Judge John A. Shidler reported for Army duty. The council will officially ratify Judge Willett's appointment at its next meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The new judge is holding a temporary appointment. It is understood, because Shidler was under civil service. He must take the regular civil service examination for the position, which will be held within 90 days. A permanent judge will be selected from those who take that test, it is reported.

Judge Willett is a native of Effingham, Ill., who was graduated from the University of Illinois with a B. S. degree in Journalism. He was editor of the university newspaper. Later he received his law degree from U.S.C. in 1936, and practiced in Los Angeles until 1940 when he came to Torrance.