

HAGGARD, POWELL AND DRALE ELECTED; CITY MANAGER PLAN WINS APPROVAL

POKER PARLORS BARRED; BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS ARE REELECTED

In a political upheaval at the polls Tuesday, the Councilman majority of Torrance changed, placing three new men on the City Council.

They are: George C. Powell, Bob L. Haggard, Nicholas O. Drale.

An unusually heavy vote was cast, but the status of the incumbent members of the Council, W. H. Tolson, B. C. Buxton and C. M. Gilbert, who were defeated, was not known until the last returns were in and tabulated.

The City Manager amendment to the City Charter was approved by a majority of 104.

The amendment to prevent the licensing of draw poker in Torrance was carried with an overwhelming majority.

Councilman salaries of \$50 will be paid only to the incumbent members of the Council (including the new members) and withdrawn as to future members, under the decision of the people in voting to eliminate the pay of council members.

Three members of the Board of Education were reelected by substantial majorities.

They are: George P. Thatcher, Mrs. Grace Wright, Carl D. Steele.

The amendment to elect members of the Board of Education in accordance with the Education Code rather than the Elections Code carried, and Board elections will be held separately from municipal elections in the future.

The Civil Service proposition permitting removal of members of the Police and Fire departments for cause carried.

(Complete tables of the vote on all candidates and propositions, by precincts, will be found on pages 7 and 8 of this edition.)

In the sweeping change on the City Council, outlying sections of Torrance got representation on the Council which they had sought for years. While both Powell and Drale were popular in the voting throughout the city, their election was clinched with the balloting in precinct 12, which includes the new home tract of Seaside Ranchos.

Powell is a resident of the WALTERIA section of Torrance and Drale of North Torrance.

Haggard, a prominent realtor, (Continued on Page 4-A)

Drale Gives Voters Thanks

Nicholas O. Drale, a resident of Torrance for the past 10 years and an employee of the Columbia Steel Co. for 12 years, who was elected to the City Council in Tuesday's election, yesterday issued the following statement:

"I wish to express my appreciation to all those who helped in any way with my campaign for the City Council. As I have stated before, I will carry out the expressed wishes of the people and work for a good, clean city government."

Drale lives in North Torrance, and is a table operator in the rolling mill at Columbia.

PILOT DIES IN LOMITA MIDGET PLANE SMASHUP

A midget-type Johnson racer airplane crashed into a plowed field near Narbonne High School Tuesday evening, killing the pilot and sole occupant, Robert J. Johnson, 31, of 5022 W. 129th street.

Witnesses said that the single place 15-foot plane went into a spin at 1000 feet elevation after the craft's rudder had become dislodged and fallen away from the plane.

The crash occurred approximately 40 feet north of 25615 Esheiman avenue about 6 p.m., deputies said.

An open parachute near the scene and the fact that the pilot's body was discovered a few feet from the plane led deputies to surmise that the pilot may have attempted to bail out.

John Thomas Bennett of Inglewood, co-owner and co-builder of the craft with Johnson, said

George Powell Thanks Voters For Confidence

Councilman-elect George C. Powell yesterday expressed his appreciation for the vote which makes him a member of the City Council for four years, starting April 20.

"Your confidence in me is the greatest challenge ever offered to this humble correspondent," he said in a statement handed to the Torrance Herald, addressed to the voters.

"Words at this time are of small importance. A state of mind however is expected, so to you who look to me for representation I say:

"I would appreciate an invitation to your organizations so that I might personally thank each of you.

"I would request that any communication to me regarding the affairs of our city be made in writing.

"I would further ask that you people who have proven your civic interest at the election (Continued on Page 4-A)

Haggard Voices Appreciation For Election

"This expression of approval of my stand on the government of our city humbles me, and I am deeply grateful to each and every voter who cast his ballot in behalf of my candidacy," said Bob L. Haggard, successful in his campaign for election to the Torrance City Council in Tuesday's municipal election.

"To those who did not vote for my candidacy, I extend the assurance that as a member of the City Council I shall act independently, fairly and in the interest of all the people of our fine, growing city.

"I previously have stated my endorsement of the City Manager plan of operation of the business of the City of Torrance, a half-million dollar-a-year enterprise involving more than 15,000 taxpayers. I am most happy that the voters have approved this plan and I pledge myself and my time and efforts to the attainment of a well-balanced, business-like, economical city government administration, where each tax dollar gets its maximum worth for the people of Torrance.

"Once again, let me thank the voters for their endorsement of me at the polls."

Haggard has been a resident of Torrance since 1911, coming here from Ventura, Calif., where he was in the real estate business for 17 years.

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Councilman-Elect



GEORGE P. THATCHER
Member of Board of Education



MRS. GRACE WRIGHT
Member of Board of Education



CARL D. STEELE
Member of Board of Education

AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON SCHOOL SITE FOR BIG NEW WESTON RANCH DEVELOPMENT

Breaking of the stalemate between K. Sande Senness, prominent Southern California land developer and purchaser of the last 400 acres of the Weston Ranch, and city school officials over selection of a school site in the new residential development was accomplished at a meeting of persons concerned.

Senness and his engineer, Mark A. Robin of Seaboard Engineering Co., of Beverly Hills, and his press representative, Charles King, attended the conference of principals. School officials and the land developer settled on a site of between nine and ten acres immediately west of the nursery, and starting approximately 150 feet south of Newton street.

Senness agreed to sell the site to the school system for \$2500 per acre, plus cost of improvements, or actual cost to him.

It was believed that the site finally agreed upon will be the most centrally located for between 500 and 600 elementary school children who soon will be living in this rapidly expanding residential area. Because of the contour of the site, Robin expressed the opinion that upon this location can be erected one of the most beautiful one-story elementary school institutions in the nation.

Funds for the site and construction of the school will be provided by the June bond election.

Sycamore Grove Site Of Indiana State Picnic
Indiana semi-annual picnic will be held Sunday, April 18, Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles, according to President Lowell H. Coate.

CRASH SCENE . . . This midget type airplane plowed 2½ feet into the ground when it crashed Tuesday near Narbonne High School, Lomita. Pilot Robert J. Johnson was killed. Deputies in the picture are J. J. Dowd and Everett Lomholdt. (Photo by Arthur Willey).



AN EDITORIAL NEW COUNCIL OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR HARMONY WITH PROPER LEADER

By Grover C. Whyte

Ever since the North Torrance and the WALTERIA (or Southwest Torrance) areas annexed to the City of Torrance some 20 years ago, there have been repeated complaints by residents of these districts that they do not have representation on the City Council. Frequently, groups of citizens from North Torrance or WALTERIA have packed the Council chamber demanding action on some problems of their neighborhoods. And the results have not always been too satisfactory.

Repeated efforts have been made in the past to elect Councilmen from these fast growing districts, but without success, and resentment continued. Recently complaints and appeals for aid have come from the Hollywood-Riviera and the newer Seaside Ranchos developments near WALTERIA in the Southwest part of the City.

It is gratifying to the people of these areas, therefore, that at Tuesday's election both George C. Powell of WALTERIA and Nicholas Drale of North Torrance were elected to sit on the City Council. And for the sake of harmony and fair representation it also should be accepted in a democratic spirit by residents of the central part of Torrance.

Now that both North and Southwest Torrance have representatives sitting in on the overall municipal planning, it is to be hoped that the citizens of each of these outlying districts will channel their ideas and requests through the Councilmen of their districts so that these matters may be given careful study and a unanimous decision of the Council reached through thoughtful and sympathetic understanding.

Harmony on the City Council is essential to the most effective operation of the City Manager Plan, which was given approval at the election Tuesday. There is much work ahead. Most of the development scheduled for this year is slated for the North Torrance and Southwest Torrance sections. The City Manager will need the support of ALL members of the Council.

The new Councilmen from North Torrance and WALTERIA should always keep in mind that had it not been for the confidence placed in them by the City at large, even the magnificent majorities they received from their neighborhood precincts would have come far short of electing them.

Tuesday's election was a clear indication that the majority of the voters desires a change—as all incumbent members of the City Council up for re-election were rejected and three new men, constituting a majority of the municipal governing body were elected.

One of the first duties of the newly organized City Council after each biennial election is to choose a chairman—commonly called the Mayor. It would seem to be clearly evident that the majority of voters at Tuesday's election also wish a change in leadership, and it is to be hoped that a man will be chosen as Mayor who will not only promote harmony on the Council but will also reflect the expressed desires of the electorate.

Now that all citizens within the far flung boundaries of Torrance have a voice at the Council table, and the City is experiencing its greatest residential development there seems no reason why we cannot get along for the ultimate benefit of all. And we can with proper leadership and sympathetic understanding.

ANTI-PICKETING ORDER OF COURT AGAINST CLERKS UNION CONTINUED BY JUDGE

Superior Judge Clarence Hansen yesterday continued in effect the restraining order granted recently banning picketing by Retail Clerks Union No. 905 against three Wilmington stores, and set April 23 on the date for a hearing on a demurrer to the complaint which was brought by Wilmington Hardware Co., Caldwell Department Store and Spears Store for Men.

The three lawsuits involved complaints for preliminary injunctions and damages in the amount of \$25,000 per plaintiff that are based on the fact that Haskell Tidwell, secretary of Retail Clerks' Union No. 905 and his union, had picketed and struck the plaintiffs in their alleged efforts to force the defendants to sign closed shop contracts which the plaintiffs claim is in violation of the Taft-Hartley law.

Yesterday's hearing was to determine whether the temporary restraining order against Tidwell and the union should be made into a permanent injunction.

The hearing yesterday was one of several in which Tidwell and his Retail Clerks' Union have become involved recently. Today a meeting of the Union is scheduled to nominate officers. The election is set for May 20.

This new nomination is pursuant to an order of the Superior Court a short time ago. The Court set aside a previous union election on a petition of union members. The Court held that the Union constitution was not followed in this first election.

On Tuesday, April 20, there is further action against Tidwell in Justice Court. This action involves a criminal complaint against a Tidwell, on criminal charges brought by L. E. DeLaney. A trial date of May 25 has been set, a jury trial. Meanwhile on April 20 the court will hear arguments on a demurrer by Tidwell to the complaint.

On Wednesday, April 21, Tidwell will appear before the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles to answer a complaint charging three unfair labor practices. They are said to charge Tidwell and the Union with:

- 1.—Trying to get an employer to sign a closed shop agreement.
- 2.—Trying to influence employees and employers from arriving at a fair and reasonable agreement.
- 3.—Refusing to negotiate collectively.

CITY COURT LACKS CIVIL JURISDICTION

Torrance City Court does not have jurisdiction over civil cases due to an error in the City Charter, C. T. Rippey, attorney and president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has informed the City Council. He is asking that it be amended to give the court jurisdiction.

In preparing the draft for the Charter in 1946, it is said, attorneys failed to include the words "and civil actions" in setting up the jurisdiction of the City Court.

Section 1 of article XVII reads in part: "The City Court shall have the same jurisdiction as a Justice's court of Class 3 in all criminal actions arising within the corporate limits of the City and which might be tried in such a Justice's court." The sections should have included the words "and civil actions," it is pointed out.

The Class B Justice's court has jurisdiction up to \$800 in civil matters.

As a result of the lack of jurisdiction, all civil matters are being handled in Justice court of the local township, 166th st. and Western ave.