

Stevenson Leads Ike in Straw Vote

Adlai 8 Per Cent Over Ike

Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson proved to hold a lead of 8 per cent over General Dwight Eisenhower in a straw ballot tally conducted last week by the Torrance Press.

Stevenson garnered 380 votes, while Ike pulled up with 349 Torrance supporters, according to the results of the poll.

Registration figures from the June 3rd primary election indicated that there are 3 registered Democrats for every 2 persons registered as Republicans. In the 1948 presidential election, registration figures indicated that there were twice as many Democrats at that time as Republicans in Torrance.

The tally, therefore, shows a slight upsurge in enthusiasm for the Republican candidate this year.

The AF of L's endorsement this week of the Democratic candidate may, however, give Stevenson a more substantial lead as the election date draws near.

Another straw poll will be conducted by this newspaper in the issue of Oct. 9. Watch for it, and be sure you cast your vote in the Torrance Press straw ballot.

Light Vote On Water Annexation

The Carson, Keystone, and Dominguez districts will be annexed to the West Basin Water District and the Metropolitan Water District after ballots cast here Tuesday showed that a majority favored annexation to these bodies.

Officials of the West Basin group announced today that only 12 per cent of the eligible voters turned out, and the tally was 656 votes yes, and 400 votes no. There are 8,357 registered voters in the area.

The vote to annex means that a special tax of 9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, sufficient to raise \$31,412, will be levied against the communities. This figure represents the cost that would have been paid to the district by the communities if they were members of the district when it was formed in 1948, according to Carl Fossette, secretary of the water district.

The special tax is in addition to the \$3,834,000 in back taxes the areas will pay to the Metropolitan Water District, parent organization of the WBWD.

The larger sum will be paid by Carson and Dominguez property owners in equal annual payments over a 30-year period. The share of the average property owner in Carson will be approximately \$9 a year for the 30-year period, it was reported.

Council Awards Sewer Contract

The City Council Tuesday night awarded the contract for the construction of a sewer system in Seaside Ranchos to the Economy Sewer Co.

The Economy Co. entered low bid of \$78,104.77 for the job, it was reported.

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End Near for Recreation Commission

By M. L. O.

The big question around City Hall this week is, "Is the city going to be without a recreation commission after Sept. 26?"

For some time now the recreation commission has been operating with a bare quorum, and no action has been taken by the City to bring the group up to its established number.

Tomorrow, the new recreation commission, established by ordinance last month, comes into being, and the old commission is no more.

It was indicated at Tuesday's Council meeting that the recreation dept. would get some attention at the next gathering of the city governing body, on Oct. 7.

However, the recreation commission, if such existed after tomorrow, would hold its regular meeting on Oct. 6.

"Now," asks one commission member, "how can we meet and take official action of the many matters before the commission, if we don't exist?"

Cheer up, sir, maybe those matters can hold over until the new commission meets in November.

"Sold"

"My husband said give 'em away".

But Mrs. Leslie Johnson, of 2073 1/2 Carson St., thought it might be worth a try to advertise them for sale.

So, she placed a small ad in the Torrance Press classified section, and reported this week that she was glad she did.

"I sold both the washing machine and the bed the day the paper came out, and at the prices I asked," she stated.

This small ad got those fine results for Mrs. Johnson:

For Sale. Washer, \$20. Good cond. Bed, \$10. 2073 1/2 Carson St.

You can get the same results. Just call Torrance 1185, and a courteous ad writer will help you with an ad that will really get results.



CHIEF COOK—Bill Laster will oversee all activities in the food booths on Treasure Island, during the Treasure Hunt to be staged there this Saturday. Bill, who is the chairman of the Kiwanis Club food committee, promises to have plenty of the best for young and old alike come Saturday.

Tickets on Sale Now For Treasure Hunt

\$2,400 in Prizes Await Kiddies and Parents in Greatest Search Yet

Tickets for the gigantic Treasure Hunt slated for National Kid's Day, next Saturday, Sept. 27, are going like the proverbial "hot cakes", according to Dr. Alden Smith, publicity chairman for the Kiwanis sponsored event.

Available at all local stores and banks, there will also be a ticket booth set up in front of the Torrance Civic Auditorium today and tomorrow, it was reported.

Hunting Tags

Hunting licenses for children cost 25c and entitle Torrance youngsters to "dig" for tiny capsules hidden on Treasure Island, El Prado Park, all day Saturday. Each capsule contains a numbered slip for any of the many prizes on display at the Park.

Movie Star Hank Caldwell, of the Saddle Kings, and of Doye O'Della's TV Show, will appear from 10 to 12 at Treasure Island in El Prado Park, Smith announced. Hank appears with his orchestra at 5:30 Sunday evenings over KNX radio.

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Pittsburgh Paint Plays Host to Building Firm

Owners and sales staff of Paramount Builders Supply Co. of Torrance were guests of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. paint factory here Monday evening.

Following dinner at a Manhattan Beach restaurant, the Paramount representatives were invited

to participate in a course in paint and painting as related to modern interior and exterior decorating.

Kon Daniel, sales representative for the paint company, directed the instruction course.

Dutch Horlander and Jack Phillips, owners of Paramount Builders, and their staff, including E. A. King, Danny Theodosis and Stewart Todd, attended the affair.

Vincent Thomas Pledges Support in Armory Drive

Local State Assemblyman Vincent Thomas promised this week that he would do everything within his power to press for an appropriation to construct an armory in this city.

In answer to inquiries made by the Torrance Press, Thomas stated that he would begin an investigation of the delay in building a home for the National Guard unit here.

Land Deeded

The City of Torrance deeded a piece of ground to the Guard several years ago. Since that time the Korean and the activation of the local unit has held up progress on the project.

The 57th Engineers Battalion, composed largely of Torrance men, has been returned and demobilized, and is now meeting in San Pedro and Manhattan Beach.

Previous to Sept. 1, 1950, the 57th was housed in buildings at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Deed to City

High officials in the Guard indicate that the organization is anxious to retain their deed to the Torrance property. This deed expires in March, and the land is to be sold.

The Armory would serve as an additional civic building, available for assemblies, meetings, and other civic and social function.

In addition, the building would serve, in the event of disaster, as a headquarters for rescue operations, temporary housing, or an emergency hospital, it was reported.

REALTORS TO HEAR NOTED LECTURER

"Little Holes Sink Big Ships" is the title of an address by Bert Stewart, Jr., who will speak before the Torrance-Lomita Realty



BERT STEWART, JR.

Board at their regular meeting to be held Friday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m., in Torrance City Hall.

Stewart, field secretary of the National Automobile Club, will be introduced by the President of the Board, C. J. (Paddy) Ryan.

Stewart will draw on his experience of more than a decade in the field on public relations and (Continued on Page 6)

Set Clocks Back Sunday

The Clock Watchers Society, composed of many anonymous members, warns all non-clock watchers that next Sunday, Sept. 28, is the day to set clocks back one hour, as the west coast returns to Standard Time.

Officially slated for 2 a.m. Clock Watcher officials (also anonymous) happily point out that no one need stay up until 2 in the morning to adjust the clock. Just set it back before you go to bed.

Democratic Headquarters Opened Here

Councilman Nick O. Drale, president of Torrance Democrats Inc., announced this week the opening of a Democratic headquarters in Torrance.

Slated to begin operations today, the new political office is located at 1342 El Prado Ave.

Volunteer workers will staff the

office, supplying information about Congressman Cecil King, who seeks reelection in the 17th District, Adlai Stevenson, Democratic nominee for president of the United States, and John Sparkman, Democratic nominee for vice-president.

Literature, automobile stickers and emblems are available at the headquarters, Drale said.

ELDERLY MAN HURT

Minor injuries were sustained by Frank J. Kluska, 51, of 1608 W. 223rd St., when he was hit by a car driven by Paul Robert Krank, 26, of the Park Hotel.

The accident, which occurred at Western Ave., and 224th St. on Saturday night, was termed unavoidable, and Frank was not held. Kluska was treated at Harbor General Hospital, according to records of the Torrance Police Dept.

Hit \$2 Million Mark This Month

Construction in Torrance continues to race toward the all-time high of \$16,009,783 set in 1950, after nearly \$2,000,000 in building permits were issued by the city up to last Tuesday.

School Tax Plea Gets Cold Shoulder

Councilman Nick Drale got no response from the rest of the City Council Tuesday night when he delivered an impassioned plea for official city support of Proposition 3 on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Drale pointed out that a "yes" vote on this measure would free non-profit schools, run by religious or charitable organizations, from the penalty tax they now pay.

Better Education

"In the name of better education for our youngsters, I feel that the city should throw its weight behind the drive to pass this legislation," Drale said.

The pleas came after City Manager George Stevens asked the governing body of this city to act officially against Proposition 10, which would prohibit the use of public funds for the support of private groups such as the Chamber of Commerce.

Drale said that he felt the city should not act on one measure only, but rather should act on all or none.

Stevens Admitted

Stevens did not lend approval to Drale request for support of Proposition 3, but nor did he withdraw his plea for official denunciation of No. 10.

Termining the measure a "split ticket" of old-age pension promoter George McLain, Blount declared the Proposition 10 would cut off the life blood of the League of California Cities, a lobbying group which is reportedly wholly or partially responsible for the in lieu tax refund received by this city from the state.

The Council voted 4 to 1, Drale dissenting, to issue a resolution against Prop. 10. Drale stated that he cast a "no" vote because only one measure was being acted upon, and not because he favored the measure No. 10.

Total so far for this year stands at \$14,739,092. Tract maps awaiting official approval call for an additional \$2,000,000 in new homes and industries to be built this year. City officials estimate that the record high will be far exceeded within one month. Last year's total of \$12,805,814 has already been left behind in the dust.

Total for the first eight months of this year was \$12,932,216 as compared with \$10,570,520 for the same period in 1951.

August of this year slowed down somewhat, totaling \$815,962 in comparison with \$1,979,657 for August of 1951.

This month's soaring total includes several large housing tracts. Mark Investment Co. is preparing to begin construction now on 28 additional homes, and the Princeton Construction Co. has begun work on 45 more single-family dwellings.

Arcadia Savings and Loan Co., reportedly owned by Truman Browne, will erect 35 homes beginning this month, and Berman Garber Co. has slated 9 additional residences.

Building Dept. records show that the January Co., has started work on 172 more homes at Crenshaw Blvd. and 101 Hiway.

Goodyear to Start Building Store Soon

Final plans are being completed this week by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. for the construction of a retail sales and service store to be located on the northwest corner of Torrance Blvd. and Cravens Ave., it was announced by E. I. Hobensack, real estate representative for the Company.

Plans for the building were approved two weeks ago by the Torrance Planning Commission with the provision that ample off-street parking be provided.

Progress on the project was halted temporarily when difficulties developed in escrow, but final authorization was received this week, Hobensack indicated.

Construction is expected to begin in the very near future, Hobensack stated, and completion date has been set for Nov. The site contains 13,000 square feet.



GUESTS OF Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., at their local paint factory, were the owners and staff of the Paramount Builders Supply Co. of Torrance. Shown above are (left to right) Danny Theodosis, Jack Phillips, Stewart Todd and Dutch Horlander. Standing at right is Ken Daniel, sales representative for the paint company.



COUNCILMAN NICK DRALE puts last nail into huge sign over the new Democratic headquarters, across from the Civic Auditorium on El Prado Ave. Open daily, the office will be staffed by volunteers, Drale said.