

County School Elections Feature Few Surprises

There were few surprises in yesterday's county-wide school trustee election. Less than 3 per cent of the registered voters turned out in the seven northern county districts where there was competition among the candidates.

Incumbent Alice Earl Wilder was easily re-elected to the county board of education, area one, by a total vote of 577. Donald G. Fraim followed with a total vote of 356 and Irene Ray with 57 votes.

Mrs. Wilder took second only in precinct 45, the Felton district, where Fraim received 100 votes to her 87 and Mrs. Ray's 6. In Boulder Creek precinct 43, Mrs. Wilder led with 158 to Fraim's 85 and Mrs. Ray's 28. She led in Ben Lomond precinct 44 with 258 votes to 120 for Fraim and 21 for Mrs. Ray. Mrs. Wilder led with 69 votes in Zayante precinct 46 to Fraim's 48 and Mrs. Ray's 2 votes.

Uncontested for election to the county board of education were incumbents Paul Opdyke and P. W. Bachan and Robert Millslagle. Opdyke received 638 votes, Bachan 256 and Millslagle 221.

Three incumbents were unopposed for re-election to the Ca-

brillo college board of trustees. Carl R. Conelly, area one, received 796 votes; Albert W. Rice, area two, received 622; and Harold A. Hyde, area six, received 608.

In the hotly contested Watsonville city school board election, incumbents Rex Huff, Baun Jordan and Elmer Pybrum were re-elected and Lloyd Smith Jr. was seated on the board. Huff was high with 1326 votes, Pybrum second with 1239, Smith, third, with 1169 and Jordan, fourth, with 1160.

Totals for the seven other candidates were Robert Spung, 724; Georgia Brauer, 683; Robert Bennett, 574; John Litchfield, 545; Knute Hylen, 501; W. H. Munson, 425; and Lurene Crocker, 413.

Voting in the Aptos precinct of the Watsonville school district placed Jordan first with 207 votes, Huff second with 195 and Bennett and Pybrum tied with 186 each. Other Aptos totals were Spung, 169; Brauer, 103; Smith, 95; Litchfield, 49; Hylen, 48; Crocker, 32; and Munson, 28.

Dr. Charles C. Smith was uncontested for a seat on the Santa Cruz city school board in the high school district. Smith received a total of 1799 votes.

One of the few surprises of the election was the victory of Verner Carlsen as a write-in candidate for the vacant seat in trustee area one of the San Lorenzo Valley school district. Carlsen was recalled from the board in 1958 by a 2-1 vote in a battle over the proposed ousting of district superintendent Howard Wire. No official vote county was available by press time, but Carlsen's nearest competitor was Wesley Toy.

Here are unofficial totals on races in other northern county districts:

San Lorenzo Valley — Rolfe Denniston, incumbent, defeated Richard G. Watson Jr. in trustee area two by 543 votes to 276. Incumbent William D. Gwinn was re-elected in trustee area four with 687 votes.

Valley voting by precinct — Boulder Creek: Gwinn, 180; Denniston, 149; Watson, 75. Ben Lomond: Gwinn, 263; Denniston, 208; Watson, 116. Felton: Gwinn, 145; Denniston, 103; Watson, 63. Zayante: Gwinn, 99; Denniston, 83; Watson, 22.

Live Oak. Incumbents Marion Reynolds and Alice Wilson were re-elected and Robert M. Carle was seated on the board. Totals Carle, 248; Wilson, 247; Reynolds, 226; and Royce Krilanovich, 136. Live Oak precinct: Wilson, 121; Carle, 120; Reynolds, 102; Krilanovich, 77. Del Mar precinct: Carle, 128; Wilson, 126; Reynolds, 124; Krilanovich, 59. Each precinct had 153 votes cast.

In Soquel, incumbents William Hellier, Eugene A. Johnson and Richard Page were re-elected as was Lula M. Anderson. Totals were Anderson, 287; Johnson, 280; Page, 273; Hellier, 252; and Norman Dober, 104. Soquel precinct 23 had 176 voters with totals of 157 for Anderson, 155 for Johnson, 153 for Page, 144 for Hellier and 46 for Dober. Capitola precinct 24 voted Anderson, 130; Johnson, 125; Page, 120; Hellier, 108; and Dober, 58. That precinct had 155 votes cast.

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Scotts Valley — Incumbents Edward Koch and C. R. Roberson were re-elected and Stewart Cureton won the third seat. Totals were Roberson, 137; Koch, 130; Cureton, 106; and William Charles Green, 76. Unopposed for his expiring term was C. E. Scarborough with 128 votes. A total of 163 votes was cast.

Bonny Doon — All candidates were unopposed. Re-elected were Donald S. Bailey, 40; Albert G. Swain, 39; and Dorothy Strong, 38. New members seated were Phillip V. Feltis, 39, and Margaret Merha, 39. Votes cast: 41.

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2 Americans Executed By Cuba Regime

Washington (AP). — The state department today accused the Castro government of executing two U.S. citizens without their trial, in violation of "elementary standards of justice practiced by civilized nations over the world."

The department also sought anew assurances of safety for U. S. citizens in Cuba, but reported a communications blackout had cut the normal diplomatic channels to Havana.

It noted press reports of arrests of a number of Americans, including news correspondents.

The two Americans whom the pro-Communist Castro government announced today it had executed had been arrested before the current outbreak of fighting. They were charged with anti-Castro activity. They were Angus Jack McNair Jr., of Miami, Fla., and Howard F. Anderson of Yakima, Wash.

State Department press officer Lincoln White said: "As far as we know, these executions have taken place, perhaps without a trial, and in any case without a fair trial, and we are asking the Swiss government to give us reports on what is taking place."

Explosions Rock Downtown Area

Two exploding 50-gallon lacquer drums rocked the upper Pacific avenue area and fire seared the storage yard behind the Santa Cruz Hardware store paint department shortly before noon today.

No one was injured.

The tandem explosions occurred at about 11:50. City firemen rushed to the scene and cooled a third drum which had pooped out at both ends.

Fire Chief Jack Sinnott said the exact cause of the explosions probably cannot be determined. He opined the empty barrels were heated by fire, expanding vapor causing the blasts.

Co-owner Jack Martin said no burning is done in the enclosed area.

Clerk Charles Petrie was closest to the blast, standing near the entrance to the paint sales room.

"When I heard the explosions and the glass breaking I thought we were being bombed," he said.

Smoke poured through shattered windows into the store at 1522 Pacific avenue, Watsonville.

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Happy Valley — Incumbent Charles Larsen was re-elected with 56 votes. Walter Vane was elected to the other seat with 53 votes. Cynthia Vincent trailed with 35. Votes cast: 74.

Central — Incumbents Fred Hector and James Meador were re-elected. Both received 9 votes. Votes cast: 9.

Mountain — Incumbent Gerald Harn was re-elected with 56 votes and Lillian Sloan was seated on the board with 51 votes.

Seaside — Incumbents Homer T. McCrary and Helen West were re-elected. Each received 14 votes. Votes cast: 14.

Pacific — Incumbent Francis Gregory and June Giovannoni were elected to the board. Giovannoni, 30; Gregory, 28. Votes cast: 33.

Bald Mountain — Incumbents L. John Lingemann and Anthony Silva were re-elected. Both received 16 votes: Votes cast: 16.