

Williams, Penniman, Burton Elected

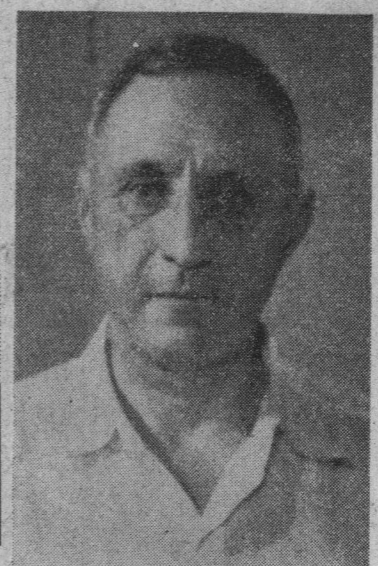
Winners In City Council Election



Tom Polk Williams Sr.



George N. Penniman



Robert E. Burton

MAYOR CHIORINI UPSET; GARBAGE MEASURE WINS

Two new men and one incumbent were elected to the city council yesterday as Santa Cruzans held their biennial municipal elections.

Tom Polk Williams Sr., retired banker, and Robert E. Burton, retired school teacher, were elected to four-year terms on the council. Councilman George N. Penniman, incumbent, was reelected for the same period.

Unsuccessful candidates in the election were Mayor Jack L. Chiorini, running for re-election, and garage owner Willis E. Fry, making his second unsuccessful attempt for the municipal legislature.

The voters approved a proposed ordinance making subscription to the city garbage pick-up service mandatory upon each householder and adding periodic pick-up of trash and debris at no extra cost. A second ordinance, allowing sale by the city of a parcel of land once occupied by the park warden, failed to gain the required two-thirds majority, although it was passed by a simple majority.

Voting was light, with only 46.8 per cent of the city's 13,085 registered voters casting their ballots, including 92 absentee voters. Total vote yesterday was 6038.

Williams was high man all the way, topping every one of the 20 special precincts, and garnering 4065 votes. Penniman ran second with 3594 votes, followed by Burton with 3221 votes.

Chiorini and Fry lagged with 2774 and 2401 votes, respectively.

Burton defeated the incumbent mayor in all nine East Side precincts, where he obtained a plurality of 485 votes over his opponent. This was more than made up for the loss of six out of the 11 West Side precincts, where Chiorini edged Burton by 38 votes.

Total votes on the East Side was 3002, and on the West Side 3036.

Higher vote cast in the city was at 404 Pacheco avenue, where 408 ballots were cast. The lowest was at the Garfield Park school, where 226 voted.

Penniman, second-highest vote getter, beat his runner-up in five of the nine East Side precincts, and in all 11 West Side precincts.

The garbage ordinance passed by a vote of 2996 to 2800. It gained plurality of 370 votes on the West Side, enough to wipe out a deficit of 174 votes in the East Side precincts. It won in only two out of the nine East Side precincts, and in seven out of the 11 West Side precincts.

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First mayor under the new city charter was Sam C. McNeely, who served two terms from 1948 to 1950. Councilman George N. Penniman served as Mayor 1950 to 1951, and Councilman Jack L. Chiorini, defeated for re-election yesterday, was mayor from 1951 to-date.

There were 163 write-in votes.
