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### **Police Chief Selection** Hot S.C. Ballot Issue

SANTA CLARA - Whether the Freeholders urging the "No positions of police chief and city vote ask that citizens give the nev clerk in Santa Glara shall become also advanced by the incoming elective or remain appointive City Manager, Joseph F. Base, who under the new City Charter will begins his duties Monday. be decided by voters here-Tuesday. In a statement released through the city council, Base says:

tual operation."

SANTA CLARA-Mrs. C. G

Neeley, mother of Mrs. Lowell

holders which drew up the charter are urging a "No" vote on the offers the hest opportunity yet measure - "Proposition C" on devised to achieve democratic Santa Clara portion of the ballot. efficiency in public administra-Primarily at issue in the argu- tion because of the responsibilments for and against the charter ity centered in the manager for amendment is the office of police its successful operation. chief, with the same contentions servant of the people through holding true to a lesser degree in the city clerk's post.

/ Those favoring the charter change are headed by former Police Chief John J. O'Neill and are waging an active campaign for an approving vote. A statement signed with O'Neill's name is being circulated house-to-house and asks for restoration of the police chief's and city clerk's jobs to their former elective status on grounds that Santa Clarans are being deprived of a democratic privilege in the right to vote on these two

The freeholders and those opposing the amendment point out that if the police chief is elected. S.C. Resident's he must campaign for office and in so doing, raise funds, solicit Mother Dies support from powerful individuals and organizations and frequently make advance commitments. They argue that a police chief pratt, 1195 Inverness Ave., died in who is dependent upon the voters' Pomona Thursday night after a whims must necessarily avoid of- long illness. She was 93. Besides fending any possible supporters—
a situation which is likely to result in a "do-nothing" policy not in the best interests of the com-

This stand is supported by J. D. Holstrom, Berkeley police chief and an official in the International Goodwill Workers Polic Chiefs' Association, and by the International City Managers, Schedule Party

Holstrom points out that in all of Santa Clara County will hold a of California, less than six small cities elect a police chief. He adds:

"I believe it reasonable to assume that if there was real merit in the method, far more cities would have adopted it."

Halloween party tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Goodwill offices, 351 Lincoln Ave. Games and dancing will be held. Refreshments will be provided by Goodwill Cheerup Club. would have adopted it."

The ICMA goes further in citing statistics disclosing that in the entire country only 36 per cent of cities in Santa Clara's population bracket elect their police chief and only 26 per cent their city

The new charter provides that the chief shall be appointed by the city manager and the clerk by the city council.



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Charles S. Gubser (left), Republican candidate for U.S. Representative from 10th Congressional District, gets handshake and good wishes from Retiring Congressman Jack Z. Anderson. Viewing scene with approval is Gov. Aldred Driscoll of New Jersey who stumped through California recently on behalf of GOP national ticket.

Sisters-in-Law Give Birth To "Council-manager government Girls, Same Day

daughters, their first children. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. after a short illness. /
Donald Kincannon, 15798 Linda Mrs. Nolan was a memb "The manager is strictly the Ave., arrived at 1:28 a.m. and Immanuel Lutheran Church. their elected representatives (the "Thus he must be more responsive to the wishes of the 3, Box 830, Los Gatos, was born San Jose, people and more responsible to at 7:05 a.m. and weighed four the policies of the council. pounds 141/2 ounces. Should he tail in these respects

or usurp their authority in any manner, he may be promptly re-Dance Set Tonight Ted Johnson and his "Western- morial Park. moved by a majority vote of the ers" orchestra will play tonight "I earnestly urge that you in Balconades Ballroom, 181 W. defer from making these or any Santa Clara St. for public Halother drastic changes in your loween dance. Best costumed new charter unless and until its dancers will be awarded prizes, shortcomines can be demonstrated under a fair test of ac-



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BEBOUT—In Morgan Hill. October 29. 1952. Jennic E. Bebout. beloved wife of the late Helmer Nelson: devoted mother of Mrs. Olga C. Tennis of Grass Valley. Calif., and Mr. Carl H. John Lindley of Morgan Hill. Mrs. Thomas Rasmussen of San Martin, Stephen R. Bebout of South Dakota. Mrs. Alice Culet of Oakland, Mrs. George King and Alfred F. Bebout of Oregon, Mrs. George Classen of Washington, and the late Mrs. Thomas Sharpe. Dear sister of Mrs. Mae McMillan of Fort Lauderdale. Fla. Grandmother of 20 and great-grandmother of six. A native of Iowa. Aged 75 years.

Friends are invited to attend services tomorrow. Sat.. Nov. 1. at 10 a.m. from the Johnson Funeral Home, Morgan Hill. Interment, Mt. Hope Cemetery.

MERCHANT—In Detroit, Mich.. Oct. 29, 1952. Roy C. Fowler, loving husband of Clara D Fowler. A native of Blandersville, Illinois, aged 80 years

Funeral services were held Thursday at 7:30 o'clock at the Melvin Mortuary.

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DANISH ORANGE ROLLS Catherine Nolan

Succumbs at 65 Two sisters-in-law, occupying the same room in O'Connor Hospital, of San Jose for 40 years, died yesterday morning gave birth to yesterday at the home of a son, Mrs. Nolan was a member of the Funeral services will be tomor-

weighed five pounds, seven and a Besides her son, she is survived half ounces. The daughter of Mr. by a brother, W. C. Haffner, Stock-and Mrs. Orville Kincannon, Route ton, and two grandsons, both of row at 1 p.m. at Darling-Fischer Garden Chapel with the Rev. Elmer Friedlund officiating. Entombment will be in Oak Hill Me-

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