

CITY OFFICIALS

Randall, Charles Hiram

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PUBLIC OFFICES HELD

DATE

CITY:

Park Commission .....	1909-1911
City Planning Commission.....	1911-1912
City Council.....	1925-1933
President.....	1931-1933

COUNTY:

STATE:

House of Representatives....1911-1912

FEDERAL:

64th Congress.....	1915-1917
65th Congress.....	1917-1919
66th Congress.....	1919-1921

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Prohibition and reform activities.  
 Vice-president of the M.E. National Board of Tem-  
 perance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Publisher and editor  
National and state congressman  
City official  
Prohibition Party leader

PORTRAIT:

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Los Angeles Times..Aug. 29, 1932

ANCESTORS OF DISTINCTION OR LOCAL INTEREST:

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, etc.)

Public schools of Nebraska (Auburn)

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

Vice-president of M. E. National Board of  
Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION      Methodist

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS      Progress, Democrat, & Republican

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE: 1904.

## SKETCH:

Charles Hiram Randall was born July 23, 1865, in Auburn, Nebraska and educated in the public schools of the same place.

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~~SKETCH~~

(Please make this as full as possible, giving business affiliations, positions of honor or trust with dates if possible.)

From the prairies of the middle west to the Halls of Congress of the U.S. is the path blazed in the public career of Charles H. Randall, the man who by self education eventually came to be held in highest esteem by his fellow citizens. As a young man in his native Nebraska, Mr. Randall was founder of the Western Nebraska Observer, of which publication he served as editor and publisher in 1885 at Kimball, Neb. He also edited papers at Harrisburg and Hazelton, Neb. His first government work was as a postal clerk in the U.S. Railway Service. He left this job to come to California in 1904. In 1906 He founded the Highland Park Herald, in the L.A. suburb of that name after a two year service with the passenger department of the Santa Fe. He was in the California State Legislature 1911-1912, while still retaining his newspaper work. in 1914 he was elected to Congress of the U.S. on a Progressive ticket, but with the support of other parties as well. He was the author of the War Prohibition Act which prevented the use of foodstuffs in the making of liquor. Always an ardent dry, Mr. Randall has always had the backing of the various temperance societies. In 1921, after a six year Congressional term, Mr. Randall went out to the San Fernando Valley where he was instrumental in municipal improvements. in 1925 he ran for City Council from that district and served four terms. The find roads and lighting system now in the valley are through his efforts. He gained his points by keeping after his opponents until they tired.. In June of 1928 he ran for U.S. Senate on a prohibition ticket with the Republican party but lost. As city councilman he seved as president in 1931-1933 and directed his efforts toward a war on the water and power trust.

At the present time he is running for Congress as candidate from the 13th district.

Luella Sawyer

Oct. 22, 1934

Luella Sawyer

(Please include names of local interest as "forty-niners," or any one connected with the affairs or development of the state or city, as officials, professional men, merchants, etc.)

EDUCATION (Schools, Colleges, Degrees, Etc.) educated in  
Public Schools in Auburn.

CLUBS, LEARNED SOCIETIES, ETC.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION Methodist

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS Progressive and Democrat

RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1904

NAME: Randall, Charles Hiram

OCCUPATION: Editor and publisher

ADDRESS 1263 N. Mariposa Avenue

BIRTH (Date and Place) July 23, 1865, Auburn, Nebraska

FATHER Reverend Elias J. Randall

BIRTH (Date and place)

IF DECEASED, WHEN.

MOTHER Sarah F. Schooley

BIRTH (Date and place)

IF DECEASED, WHEN

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM: 1st-May E. Stanley  
2nd- Mrs. Edith B. Leake of  
Highland Park, formerly of Dixon, Ill.

BIRTH OF SAID (Date and place) 1st. Gardner, Ill.  
2nd. Dixon, Ill.

IF DECEASED, WHEN. 1st. November 14, 1931

WHEN MARRIED. { 1st. November 15, 1885  
2nd. November 26, 1932

CHILDREN (Married names of daughters)

Mrs. Clyde Cassels

ANECDOTES AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS:

Charles Hiram Randall is the first candidate of the Prohibition Party to be elected to the United States Congress.

He was the primary nominee of Prohibition, having been endorsed by the Republican, Democratic, and Progressive parties.



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SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

BOOKS:

Who's Who in California...1928-29, page 224

Who's Who in America.....1934-35

Congressional Record

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS:

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~~PERSONAL~~ INTERVIEW:

INTERVIEWED BY: Luella Sawyer

DATE OF INTERVIEW: Oct. 22, 1934

REWRITTEN BY: Clare Wallace

August 28, 1936

**First District****Charles Hiram Randall**

Member of City Council President	July 1, 1925 - June 30, 1933 1931 - 1933
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DICKSON FILE

# RANDALL LOOMS AS NEW HEAD OF COUNCIL

While the city council today started the work of canvassing the vote of last Tuesday's election at which six of its members who were supporters of Mayor Porter's administration went down to defeat, plans were under way for organizing the new council which will take office on July 1, next.

Councilman Charles H. Randall of the First district, who was re-elected at the May 5 primary, appeared to be in the lead for president of the new council and was said to have been pledged several votes. Councilman Howard W. Davis of the Seventh, also re-elected at the primary, was understood to be a candidate, but, as Davis is allied with administration forces, his chances were regarded as slim.

## COUNCIL MAJORITY

Municipal ownership forces will have 10 votes in the next council, eight constituting a majority. Randall, as a municipal ownership advocate, was endeavoring to unify this group to support him for the presidency.

One of the newly elected councilmen, Thomas F. Ford of the Twelfth district, was to take his seat today, having been chosen by the council to fill the unexpired term of the late Thomas W. Williams.

The other new members who will take office July 1 are: James M. Hyde, Second district; James S. McKnight, Third; Roy L. Donley, Fifth; George W. C. Baker, Ninth; Clarence E. Coe, Eleventh, and Edward L. Thrasher, Fourteenth.

Members re-elected, beside Randall and Davis, are Robert L. Burns, Fourth district; J. G. McAllister, Sixth; Evan Lewis, Eighth; E. Snapper Ingram, Tenth; Carl I. Jacobson, Thirteenth, and A. E. Henning, Fifteenth.

Donley, who defeated Virgil A. Martin, regarded as Mayor Porter's spokesman in the council, issued a statement declaring he would support the municipal power bureau.

"I shall carry out every pledge I made during my campaign," Donley said. "I consider my election a mandate from the people of the Fifth district to replace three members of the board of water and power, and from my people I shall take my orders."

The council already has before it a resolution demanding the resignations of Arthur Strasburger, Frank H. Brooks and O. T. Johnson jr., water and power commissioners named by Mayor Porter. This resolution is to be considered in committee of the whole.

Municipal Judges William S. Baird and Charles B. MacCoy, re-elected Tuesday, also were preparing to qualify for new terms. The bench will have a new woman member, Miss Ida May Adams having been chosen by the voters Tuesday.

## 10 COUNCILMEN TO BE HONORED AT VICTORY LUNCHEON TOMORROW

Preparations were completed today by the Municipal Light and

Power Defense league for a "victory" luncheon to be held tomorrow noon at the Biltmore in honor of 10 city councilmen and councilmen-elect who are pledged to support the bureau of light and power and opposed to the "power trust."

The league, headed by Will H. Anderson, led the municipal power forces in the recent election. The successful candidates they supported are Charles H. Randall, James M. Hyde, James S. McKnight, Roy L. Donley, James G. McAllister, Evan Lewis, G. W. C. Baker, Thomas F. Ford, Carl I. Jacobson and Edward L. Thrasher.

In a statement issued by its executive board the league declared the election to be a "signal victory" for the people, but declared it to be "but the beginning of the fight for the defense of this great municipal enterprise against its enemies and for the final restoration of the bureau to its former efficiency and success."



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# To the Voters of the First Councilmanic District:

THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT IS COMPOSED OF SOME OF THE MOST PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN IN CIVIC AFFAIRS IN THIS DISTRICT.

This Committee has opposed and will continue to oppose any and all un-necessary improvements or assessments. This Committee feels that this District is well improved and that no MORE improvements are necessary.

This Committee after careful consideration of all the candidates has endorsed the Candidacy of COUNCILMAN CHARLES H. RANDALL (Incumbent), because of his character, ability and experience.

This Committee and the PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT have had the co-operation of COUNCILMAN RANDALL in every important matter concerning this District.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, PART OF THE DISTRICT HAD CONFIDENCE IN COUNCILMAN RANDALL TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY DID NOT PUT A CANDIDATE IN THE FIELD TO OPPOSE HIM.

Councilman Randall's two opponents are men with no Legislative Experience, and have taken no active part in Civic Affairs of the District, they were practically unknown in the District until they became candidates for the office they are now seeking.

This Committee holds no grievance or enmity toward either of these two Candidates, nor does it want to have this article misconstrued as such. We are giving you this information solely from Civic and Property Owners point of view.

Below is a list of some of the endorsements given Councilman Randall by prominent men and women of the District.

## WEST END ASSOCIATED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTING SEVEN TOWNS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

A. B. Prior, Member Water and Power Board  
Hugo A. Carlson  
George W. Williamson, President of North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce  
Mark M. Sutton, President Board of Public Utilities  
John Kirkham, North Los Angeles  
Guy Weddington, Vice President North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce  
Chester Bowers, Banker, East Hollywood  
Mrs. Eva Craven Wheeler, State President W. C. T. U., East Hollywood  
Charles G. Young, Assistant City Prosecutor

Mrs. F. A. Gunther, East Hollywood  
Theorode Payne, East Hollywood  
H. R. McNair, East Hollywood  
C. E. Michales, East Hollywood  
G. W. Vandergrift, East Hollywood  
Dr. R. E. Monaco, Ivanhoe Hills  
J. H. Stage, Los Feliz Hills  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Butler, East Hollywood  
P. G. Breckenridge, E. Hollywood  
Mrs. R. Clinton, E. Hollywood  
Miss Millicent Eoill, E. Hollywood  
Mrs. G. Forster, E. Hollywood  
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gurth  
Mrs. W. M. Hurley  
Mrs. H. B. Hill, Silver Lake Dist.  
Mrs. Bertha Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kortz  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lampton

Lansing Sayer, East Hollywood  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond LaMoue  
Mrs. Ruby Miller  
Peter McCollough  
Walter Mitchell, Silver Lake Hills  
Mrs. Selma Morrow, E. Hollywood  
John Morrow, East Hollywood  
F. W. Butler, East Hollywood  
Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan  
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Moffatt  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Daniels  
Dr. W. G. Atwood  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Walker  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Widner  
George Spencer  
Dr. Verne H. Wilson  
John Seargent  
Mrs. Frances Home  
Mrs. L. P. Wedrick

It was on the above information and endorsements that the Citizens Committee of the First District has asked your support for COUNCILMAN RANDALL ON MAY 5th.

## Citizens Committee of the First District

WILLIAM M. KENNEDY, President  
GEO. E. MOZEE, First Vice President  
C. G. YOUNG, Second Vice President

MRS. E. V. BACON, Secretary  
M. J. CURRAN, Auditor  
DR. J. C. JACQUEMIN, Treasurer

# Four Million Dollars

## In Improvements for this Council District DICKSON FILE

The above is the vast sum which has been expended for this part of the First Council District, during Councilman Randall's service. A portion of these appropriations is here tabulated:

<b>Paving</b> —Glendale Boulevard from Glendale city limits to Alessandro Street .....	\$427,556
<b>Widening</b> —Glendale Blvd. from Glendale city limits to L. A. River .....	96,000
<b>Paving</b> —Silver Lake Blvd. from Glendale Blvd. to Temple street.....	250,000
<b>Viaducts</b> , on Silver Lake Blvd. under Sunset Blvd. and Temple street (Contracts Awarded) .....	375,000
<b>Paving</b> —Riverside Drive from Los Feliz Blvd. north through Griffith Park .....	300,000
<b>Paving</b> —Riverside Drive from Los Feliz Blvd. to Dayton Ave. bridge (Allocation) .....	223,000
<b>Viaduct</b> on Myra—Fountain—Hyperion project under Sunset Blvd., and paving .....	169,577
<b>Paving</b> —Los Feliz Blvd. from Glendale city limits to Vermont Ave. (Allocation) ..	59,000
<b>Paving</b> —Fletcher Drive from Glendale Blvd. to San Fernando Road.	50,000
<b>Glendale-Hyperion bridge</b> .....	<b>1,600,000</b>
<b>Fletcher Drive bridge</b> .....	185,000
<b>Sunnynook foot bridge</b> into Griffith Playground .....	5,500
<b>Griffith Park Community Building</b>	32,000
<b>Silver Lake Community Building</b> .....	20,000
	<b>\$3,792,633</b>

Many other projects have received substantial financial aid.

Councilman Randall has been a resident of this part of the district for the past two years.

He has fought to protect Los Feliz Boulevard from business zoning, and he carried on a successful battle to prevent oil wells being drilled in the Los Angeles river area.

He was active in the efforts to secure the construction of the John Marshall High School.

Supporters of Councilman Randall for reelection at the Primary Election on May 2nd, are calling attention to the fact that only three of the fifteen councilmanic districts have ever been honored by having their Councilman elected as President of that body. The First District

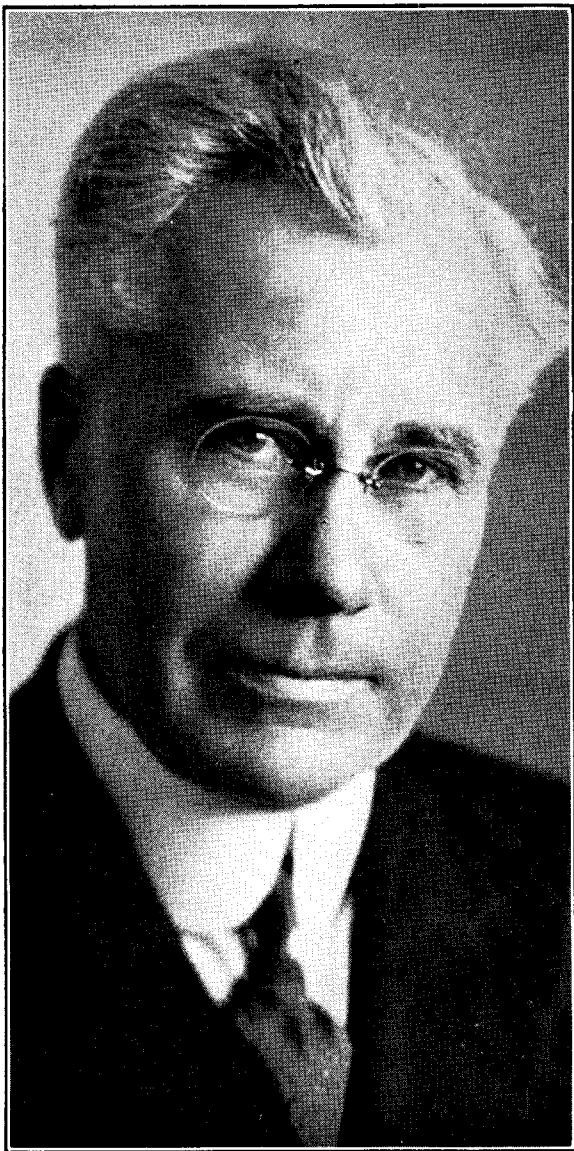


**CHARLES H. RANDALL**  
President City Council

now enjoys that distinction, and it is of highest importance to the interests of the district to retain this honor. The President of the City Council is the Acting Mayor during any absence from the City of the Chief Executive and becomes Mayor if a vacancy occurs in that office.

The President of the Council appoints all of the committees, and these, including the powerful Finance Committee, have jurisdiction over all the vital problems of our district. He appointed the Budget Committee of the Council which reduced the expenditures of the city during the present fiscal year more than five million dollars and he has re-appointed the same committee, with instructions to make further reductions next year.





CHARLES H.  
**RANDALL**  
COUNCILMAN



# TO VOTERS

## OF THE FIRST COUNCIL DISTRICT:

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Los Angeles taxpayers are stockholders in a great municipal utility which has paid dividends of millions of dollars. Water and electricity are served to the consumer at rates which have given Los Angeles a lead in the industrial field, challenging the attention and admiration of the world. Without our municipal power bureau, no Boulder Canyon dam could have been built by the government, according to Secretary Wilbur himself. I shall continue to support and demand administration of this municipal enterprise free from the efforts of private power interests to cripple it.

A group of commercial brigands is fastening "spot zones" on high class residential corners. The zoning laws are being corrupted into destructive instead of protective channels. Witness the recent attempt to raid the beautiful Los Feliz boulevard section, again defeated but in constant danger of a return of the ghouls. As a member of the zoning committee, I shall redouble my efforts to protect the residential districts.

Reform of the special assessment evil is a favorite platform pledge, but the only effective way to abolish this monster is to lay down hard and fast rules in the Council requiring the cost of projects to be made known in advance, so far as humanly possible; that the overlap and district assessment be strangled and that "major" highways be paid for out of public funds, charging only the cost of a local street improvement to the frontage on such streets. As chairman of the Public Works committee, I am preparing a detailed program to enable the above policy to be placed in effect by the Council.

I am asking for your support for re-election to a fourth term in the City Council, with the pledge that the above reforms and others will have my earnest support.

Very cordially yours,

**CHARLES H. RANDALL.**

# Randall—Dry Senator

Councilman Charles H. Randall, former Congressman from California, Ninth District, and dry leader of national fame, is on the Republican primary ticket for United States Senator.

Mr. Randall introduced the War Prohibition Act in Congress, and was the author of much dry legislation. He introduced the Eighteenth Amendment in the House of Representatives.

While a member of the California Assembly Mr. Randall took a leading part in the enactment of the Women's Eight Hour law and for the submission of the Equal Suffrage Amendment to California voters. He was honored by Speaker Champ Clark of the national House of Representatives by selection as presiding officer during consideration of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

After a battle in the Finance Committee and in the City Council, Mr. Randall succeeded in overriding the Mayor's veto of a

Thirty Thousand Dollar appropriation to be used to secure evidence against violators of the prohibition law in Los Angeles. This fund was established more than two years ago upon Councilman Randall's motion



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Councilman Ninth District 1928