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COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING HIGHWAY

Water Problem Gets Further Consideration by City Engineer

LEONARD GOES ON

Will Continue Tabulation of Facts Regarding System
SHOW WHAT BEST Engineer in Partial Report Favors City Wells for Torrance

City Engineer Leonard, after reporting a week's investigation of the Torrance municipal water question, was authorized by the city trustees Tuesday night to continue his investigation and to make a complete report as soon as possible on the cost and advisability of development of municipal sources of water, as against purchase of the present water system or any other plans which might develop.

In his report to the trustees Mr. Leonard said the question was one that could not be answered in a week, but declared that he believed that Torrance should own its own water system in most cities, he said, water systems which are operated by the municipalities are operated at a profit and pay for themselves.

"I have stressed many times in recent years the need for an independent source of water for Torrance," Mr. Leonard said, "for use in emergencies. I believe Torrance should locate some wells, and I believe we can obtain enough water at a not great depth to place Torrance on the safe side. Then we might tie in with the present distribution system."

He cites several wells, among them Columbia Steel's No. 1, well, 14 inches, 630 feet deep, and with a flow of 600 gallons of water per minute under 75 pounds pressure.

"I urge that some wells be developed as soon as possible," he continued. "There is no question that the city could develop water." He said the number required to supply the city if the city were to be supplied entirely from wells would depend on how many of the industries here now or to come later developed their own water. He suggested that the time was coming when Colorado River water from Boulder Dam also would be available.

Maj. Jamieson, addressing the trustees from the floor, declared that if the city of Los Angeles ever made a move toward annexation of Torrance, the move would be based on the municipal water question.

City Engineer Leonard was authorized to continue his investigation by unanimous action of the board, on motion of Trustee Brooks.

WOMEN'S BENEFIT

Members of the San Pedro organization attended the meeting of the Women's Benefit Association Tuesday evening. A social hour, with refreshments, followed the regular business session.

Everything in building materials. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

COLLEGE FADS USUALLY BECOME POPULAR—I HOPE THE SUICIDE ONE DOESN'T.

Torrance High School Graduates 36

JUNE GRADUATES

Leonard D. Babcock
Genevieve E. Barber
Dorothy Darling
Paul S. Denny
Thomas E. Dougherty
Johnny M. Fiesel
Maurice Fyfe
Mary R. Guyan
Cassie Hansen
Edith I. Harshman
Toshi Kiyomura
Ben Lepkin
Ruth M. Lingenfelter
Martha Liser
Eustus Long
Ruth McMaster
John Warren McMillan, Jr.
Pauline Mayhew
Luella Morrison
Ruth Murray
Allan Musselwhite
Harry W. Phillips
Russell E. Roberts
Clifford E. Ruppel
Ray Steppy
F. Elizabeth Stafford
Ted William Troost
Ruth Warren
Eileen Woodburn
Ehelen Woodington

RICHARD R. VON HAGEN

FEBRUARY GRADUATES

Floyd Chandler
Charline Edwards
Dee Williamson
CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION LIFE MEMBERS
Toshi Kiyomura
Ruth Lingenfelter
John Warren McMillan, Jr.
Richard Von Hagen
EPHEBIAN SOCIETY MEMBER
Harry Phillips

Graduating Class Makes Ready For Commencement Exercises

Torrance High School's class of 1927 will receive its diplomas in the high school auditorium next Thursday evening. Thirty-six graduates, four of them having completed their work last February and the remainder this month, will receive the coveted sheepskins.

Seven members of the class have won the honorary life membership in the California Scholarship Federation. This honor came to them only through hard and consistent work, as the requirements for life members make necessary the making of "A" grades in nearly all subjects during the entire high school course. A student taking five subjects in his course is required to make a grade of "A" in at least three of them, and at least a grade of "B" in the fourth, for six of the eight semesters of his high school life, if he is a four-year student, to meet the life membership rating.

Students who received this honorary rating this year are Toshi Kiyomura, Ruth Lingenfelter, John Warren McMillan, Jr., Eileen Woodburn, Harry Phillips, Allen Musselwhite, and Richard Von Hagen.

Harry Phillips was accorded a second high honor in being chosen the 1927 Torrance member of the Ephebian Society. This honor is bestowed by the faculty and the senior class. It is based not only on scholarship, but on character and general fitness for the tasks ahead.

The program for the Thursday night commencement, at which orations will be delivered by Harry Phillips, Ruth Lingenfelter, Tom Jones, and Richard Von Hagen, follows:

Commencement Program
Recessional (De Koven)—Class of 1927.

Invocation—Rev. Green.
Violin Solo, "Liebes Freud" (Kreisler)—Clifford Ruppel; accompanist, Eileen Woodburn.

Oration, "What Shall I Do With My Life?"—Harry Phillips.

Senior Quartet, "A Brown Bird Singing" (Hayden Wood)—Mary Guyan, Ruth Lingenfelter, Tom Dougherty, John Fiesel; accompanist, Eileen Woodburn.

Oration, "More Stately Mansions"—Ruth Lingenfelter.

Piano Solo, "Nocturne" (MacDowell)—Eileen Woodburn.

Oration, "The Voice of Youth"—Tom Jones.

Soprano Solo, "Spring Dropped a Song Into My Heart" (Beatrice Fenner)—Dorothy Darling; accompanist, Eileen Woodburn.

Oration, "The Value of an Idea"—Richard Von Hagen.

"The Call of Spring" (Hawley)—Combined Glee Clubs.

Presentation of Pins for Life Membership in the California Scholarship Federation—Miss Mills.

Presentation of Class for Graduation—Principal Wood.

Awards of Diplomas—Member of the Board of Education.

Class Song—Words by Ruth Lingenfelter, music by Dorothy Darling.

The seniors will hold their class-day exercises in the auditorium on Tuesday. At this time they will put on an entertainment for the entire school, read their class will, and make presentation of the class gifts.

On Wednesday the ninth graders of the junior high school will come into their own, when they will receive diplomas. This will be the first year that junior high school (Continued on Page Three)

MRS. BROOKS IS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT

Receives Women's Club Gavel From Mrs. Mabel Muller of Los Angeles

Mrs. Willis M. Brooks yesterday was installed as president of the Women's Club with a colorful and interesting ceremony. Mrs. Mabel Muller, president of the Cosmos Club of Los Angeles, acted as installing officer. In responding to the presentation of the gavel, Mrs. Brooks said:

"In accepting this gavel, as your president for the ensuing year, I receive it into my hand as a symbol of those things for which this club stands dedicated—kindness, tolerance, understanding, and progress.

"It is a grave responsibility to undertake the presidency of an organization such as this and I am filled with mingled feelings of apprehension and hope. Apprehension (Continued on Page Three)

New Paint Co. Plans Locate In Torrance

Lucile Products Company Is Purchasing Land Near Glass Factory

The Lucile Chemical Products Company, manufacturers specializing in shoe's bottom paint, plan to build a plant in Torrance on a two-and-a-half-acre tract south of the glass factory on Border avenue. The purchase of the property, through the Torrance Investment Company, has gone into 60 days escrow. The plant, which is now operating in Vernon, will move here under present plans, with a payroll of approximately fifty men. Arrangements for the company's location here were handled largely by Leslie R. Chanborne, acting as survey engineer.

President Chanborne of the company has said that the success obtained by the company in the manufacture of its products makes it necessary (Continued on Page Two)

FATHERS' DAY



Next Sunday is dedicated as Father's own. A day for paternal reverence. A day on which the Dads of the nation, so often unintentionally forgotten in the hurry and bustle and confusion of growing families, may be made to realize anew the love that is theirs.

Observations

Mortals Take to Upper Levels—Flyers Turning Backs on Fortune—Does Aviation Create This Type? Nature Changes Men to Meet Environment

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

AS aviation gains in popularity and more and more mortals take to the upper levels, a new and engaging field for observation will invite the attention of seers who are prone to probe into the mysteries of human reactions to changed environment. Already the psychoanalysts have before them the opportunity to conjecture whether the insignificance of worldly affairs as viewed through many long hours in the air contributed to Lindbergh's laudable disdain of fat contracts from the stage and screen and his refusal of a preferred annuity which would have guaranteed his financial independence through life. The effect of aerial environment upon other aviators in the public eye likewise opens new vistas for students of the human mind.

ALL of the flyers whose achievements have stirred the admiration of the world seem to possess characteristics in common. All obviously are courageous. Lindbergh, Chamberlain and Byrd are modest, dignified and retiring. All have accepted fame with admirable calm and poise. All seem to regard the world as one large landing field rather than a preserve in which big game awaits the hunter for mundane reward. Lindbergh turns his back on fortune to be gained by showing off. Not one of the three will desert aviation for more financially profitable and less hazardous pursuits. All give the impression of laughing politely up their sleeves at prizes on which mortals generally set great store. Nungesser, the intrepid Frenchman, had high disdain for success outside the realm of flying, albeit his attitude toward life was that of a cynic as evidenced by the gloomy skull and coffin painted on the wings of his ill-fated plane.

WHETHER aviation attracts men of this type or whether the types are made by aviation are questions for the psychoanalysts to answer. It is probably true, however, that an affirmative would be correct in either case. The testimony of the war-birds reveals that flyers in the battle zone soon developed into cynics with calm disdain of all things of the earthly earth. While this attitude was probably attributable in some measure to frequent contact with the Grim Reaper it is noteworthy that the dangers attendant upon aviation even in peace time drove almost none of the war aviators out of the flying game after the guns had ceased. At the same time the birdmen, now famous, who never stepped into a cockpit during the war seem to possess much of the same attitude towards life as their wartime predecessors.

AT any rate consideration of the manner in which today's famous pilots regard accepted standards of worldly success gives rise to interesting questions. To what extent, if any, are men affected in their attitude toward modern life and worldly success by frequent and extended birdseye views of humans intent on little affairs? Is it likely that increasingly popular travel by air will alter world standards by broadening human viewpoint and revealing unimportant mortal activities as truly trivial?

Will aviation, placing more and more humans in a new environment pave the way for new habits and customs and bear any relation to economic, social and political standards as the viewpoint of more and more persons is widened by ascension to high altitudes?

IF we have learned the lessons of evolution aright, nature has changed men and animals to meet each succeeding new environment and it is logical to conclude that as flying becomes common (Continued on Page Three)

DENNIS NAMES MEN

To Consider Cabrillo-Eshelman Highway Project Carefully
VIEW ALL ANGLES
City Engineer Reports Such Development Desirable

Definite steps toward investigation of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce's suggested project of a major boulevard through Cabrillo and Eshelman Avenues, connecting with Western Avenue at Torrance, were taken by the Torrance City Trustees Tuesday night. Mayor John Dennis was authorized to appoint, with himself as chairman, a committee to consider from all angles the feasibility and desirability, as a whole or in part, of the plan offered by the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce plan was embodied in a formal resolution adopted by the directors of that body last month and forwarded to the Trustees.

The motion for appointment of the committee of investigation, made by Trustee Inman and seconded by Trustee Raymond, was passed unanimously.

To serve with him on the committee Mayor Dennis named City Engineer Leonard, Charles Vonderahe, Sam Rappaport and Charles Schultz. The committee members got down to work at once and had their initial meeting with the mayor yesterday afternoon.

Discussion by the Trustees of the Cabrillo-Eshelman project, which was one of the major questions for study of which Tuesday's special meeting was called, was featured by a report from City Engineer Leonard, and several expressions of opinion by visitors to the Trustees' room.

Leonard Reports
Mr. Leonard, in his report, pointed out that at the present time Torrance has but one outlet to the harbor, and that a roundabout one. He said he believed the people of Long Beach would be largely in favor of the Cabrillo-Eshelman project, as creating desirable business localities, particularly in view of the fact that the projected Sepulveda Boulevard would cross the proposed Cabrillo-Eshelman route, forming an important intersection in Long Beach. The route under consideration, he further pointed out, would afford almost a direct route through Torrance to the Wilmington-Redondo road and the harbor.

"Think it is of vital importance to Torrance as a necessity," Mr. Leonard said, "and of far greater value than the extension of Western Avenue at the present time." He said the Western Avenue extension would be both desirable and necessary later.

The City Engineer suggested one change in the plan as outlined by the Chamber of Commerce directors, in the matter of the connection with Western Avenue at the Torrance end of the proposed new boulevard. He proposed that instead of cutting El Prado through to Western Avenue at the Pacific Electric station property, which would necessitate perhaps fifty feet off the station property to allow the connection, that the route be continued along the present course of East Road, which is really El Prado, as far as East Road parallels Western, and that far greater be asked for a crossing over the Pacific Electric tracks between East Road and Western at the point where Western turns away from East Road. This would allow traffic entering Torrance to continue on Western Avenue straight through to Redondo Boulevard if bound for Redondo, or to cross the tracks and flow into the El Prado-Cabrillo-Eshelman route at once if bound for the harbor or the main (Continued on Page Two)

Faith and Justice

Never in this world does faith quite expire. And justice always stalks.

The Julian Petroleum Company stock debacle—A case in point. Two thousand five hundred shareholders in the Julian Petroleum Corporation gathered in Los Angeles at Trinity Auditorium the other night. As the result of a meeting which was heatedly near to reaching the ignition point many times, but which, nevertheless, displayed a solid undercurrent of sane thought, DeKalb Spurlin, Torrance property owner, heads a committee of five in executive capacity, to direct if possible the possibly, heretofore, somewhat faltering hand of the law in the over-issue middle.

Mr. Spurlin himself stands to lose \$150,000 in the Julian Petroleum Corporation. He and his committee represent by direct vote 2500 other shareholders with an untold number of shares, and they hold proxies from many others not at the meeting. They represent, by direct authority, the major portion of the holders of the Julian Petroleum Company's diluted shares. They will recover what they can of the scattered funds, and then—

"My greatest ambition just now is to see that the guilty are brought to justice," said Mr. Spurlin. Amid howls, jeers, catcalls, roars of approval and stamping of feet, he reiterated that thought at the Los Angeles meeting and then he hurried and frenzied shareholders caught a glimmer of the light, and ranged in phalanx behind the men who have not given up.

Out of the pandemonium, which finally crystallized into orderly action, touches of irony now and then crept. When C. C. Julian was striving to make himself heard in opposition to the Spurlin committee appointment, Al Jennings, diminutive and picturesque former train hand, now turned evangelist, fought his way to the stand and was warmly greeted by Julian.

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Torrance Heights, New Residence Section, Is To Be Opened Soon

Torrance Heights, a new 33-acre subdivision on Western avenue in the City of Torrance, is announced today by Gilbert, Hansen and Page, local representatives of the subdividers, the Boyce-Seely Construction Company of Los Angeles.

The new home district bids well to be one of the Southland's most delightful dwelling places. Its commanding view of the entire city of Torrance and much of the city of Los Angeles is outstandingly impressive.

According to the requirements of city ordinances, all improvements will be installed, including sewers. All streets in the tract, excepting 20th street, are to be paved, curbed, and five-foot sidewalks built. Sewer, water and gas will be placed in every street, and paid for by the subdividers, according to the announcement published on another page of this issue. These improvements are guaranteed and protected by surety bond filed by the subdividers with the city of Torrance.

Torrance Heights is restricted for residential purposes, including single residence, duplex, apartment house, bungalow court, and hotel. All must be set back 15 feet from the front property line. Lots facing on Western avenue and 20th street are designated as business lots, and may be used for residences, professional, commercial, and other business purposes. Torrance Heights fills a long-felt need for high class residential lots. It is ideally situated for employees in the Columbia Steel Corporation and other local industries, and is only ten minutes' walk from the present business district of Torrance.

Gilbert, Hansen and Page also announce that they have ample funds to loan for home construction. Besides in Torrance Heights is limited to the Caucasian race, excepting servants in the household employ of owners or tenants. Advance sales are now being made by Gilbert, Hansen and Page at their offices, 1339 Post avenue, Torrance, and a tract office will be opened Sunday, June 26. Salesmen will be on the property daily thereafter.

"We are making this preliminary announcement," said Mr. Gilbert, "so that our local friends may have the pick of the lots at the established opening prices and terms, as we expect material advances later."

Columbia Steel's Pioneer Car



First car of sheet steel shipped from the new sheet mill of the Columbia Steel Corporation in Torrance, June 2.

With the completion of the new sheet mill units in Torrance, work is being started on a new blooming mill which will greatly increase the range of Columbia Steel's products. W. L. Booth, Torrance plant manager, told the Rotary Club last week.

Nearly \$400,000 will be expended on this unit, which, Mr. Booth said, it is expected will be ready for operations late in the summer.

The first car of sheets from the new sheet mill was shipped from Torrance on June 2, via the Pacific Electric.

All present units of the Columbia Steel plant are now in operation, and gratification is being felt that more and more of the employees are making their permanent homes in Torrance. In the beginning some found it necessary to live elsewhere, but of these a large percentage are now moving to Torrance.

It has been a fixed policy of the Columbia Steel Corporation since its start of operations here several years ago to encourage local residence of its employees.

—Photo by La Plante