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Epochal Event Tonight in the Lives of High School Seniors

TORRANCE HONORS 36

Diplomas Will Be Given in High School Auditorium
MANY WILL STUDY
Big Percentage of Class Plans Careers at College

Tonight is the night of nights at Torrance High School. Thirty-six seniors will pass down the aisles of the high school auditorium for the last time as members of the undergraduate body and will sally forth to do battle with the world.

An unusually large percentage of this year's graduating class have made plans to continue their education in higher institutions of learning. Of the class of '36, 18 have made definite arrangements to enter colleges, universities, or special schools. This is in contrast with three last year and four or five the year before.

The class is described by Principal Herbert S. Wood as one of the most splendid aggregations of young men and women he has seen graduate from any school. The students who are planning to continue their studies are of the type who are fully fitted for higher education, and Principal Wood foresees that they will advance rapidly and carry the Torrance High School spirit into many fields.

Of those who will not cease their studies with the acquisition of their high school diplomas, Floyd Chandler will enroll in the University of California at Berkeley.

Dorothy Darling, Ruth Lingenfelter, Warren McMillan, Harry Phillips, Elizabeth Stafford, Eileen Woodburn and Richard Von Hagen will enter the University of California Southern Branch at Los Angeles.

Paul Denny, Johnny Fiesel and Russell Roberts will attend junior college.

Charline Edwards plans to study nursing at the Lutheran Hospital.

Tom Jones will enter Southwestern University.

Ben Lepkin will do post-graduate work for a year and will then enter the College of Pharmacy of the University of California Southern Branch at Los Angeles.

Allen Musselwhite has arranged to enter the Agricultural College of the University of California at Davis.

Cliff Ruppel will study music.

Ray Steppy probably will enter Occidental College.

Tom Dougherty plans to enter advanced study of art.

In the commercial world, Lucille Morrison and Ruth Murray already have accepted positions. They are products of the Torrance High School business courses.

Others of the graduating class, who have not as yet announced their plans, include Leonard Babcock, Genevieve Barber, Maurice Effe, Mary Guyan, Cassie Hansen, Edith Harshman, Toshi Kiyomura, Martha Lizer, Eustas Long, Ruth McMaster, Pauline Mayhew, Ted Troost, Ruth Warren, Ethelene Woodington, Dee Williamson, and Everett Richhart.

The Ephebian Society member this year is Harry Phillips. This is one of the highest honors that can be accorded a high school senior, and is awarded on scholarship, leadership and service, by a vote of the faculty and the senior class. In addition to his high scholarship, Harry took part in many school activities. He was a member of the basketball team for four years, the baseball team two years, a yell leader two years, a member of the annual staff for two years, business manager of L. N. T., president of the cast of "Rickle," "The Junior," and "Amation Isle," and last, but not least, president of his senior class.

Observations

The Dogging of the D'Autremonts—The Moscow State Murders—Republished from The Independent
By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

(Republished from The Independent)
THE arrest in Steubenville, Ohio, of the D'Autremont twins for the murder of four trainmen in Oregon in 1923, wrote finis to a true detective story more engaging than most fiction which deals with the devious methods of sleuths. Details of the solution to the baffling mystery surrounding the identity of the bandits and the subsequent man hunt are rooted in modern chemistry, astute deductive reasoning, and the still existent capacity of federal detectives for taking infinite pains.

The work of Uncle Sam's sleuths in unraveling the mystery and catching the D'Autremonts revives a reputation unfortunately lost to the American detectives of late by virtue of their less important task of snooping for bootleggers.

On the night of October 11, 1923, a Southern Pacific express train was puffing through the Siskiyou tunnel in the Klamath range near the California-Oregon line when three bandits appeared on the tender of the locomotive, covered the engineer and fireman with pistols, and forced the trainmen to stop the engine. When the express car came to a halt the bandits killed the two men in the engine cab. A brakeman, hearing the shots, ran toward the head of the train. He, too, was murdered. The bandits then discharged a quantity of explosive at the head of the mail car, blowing it up and killing the mail clerk. The blast, however, started a fire which prevented the bandits from looting the car. Under cover of a screen of steam which hissed from a rended pipe and filled the tunnel, the murderers escaped.

Detectives found four clues—a pair of grimy overalls, a knapsack, an automatic pistol, and the magneto used to set off the explosive. To Dr. Edward Oscar Heinrich, chemist on the staff of the University of California, were sent the overalls and the knapsack. In a few days he made an astonishing report: "The man who wore the overalls was a left-handed, brown-haired lumberjack about 5 feet 8 inches tall, 25 years of age, thickest, clean shaven; he has recently worked in lumber camps in northwestern Oregon or Washington where fir trees are being felled. He was one of the three men who committed the crime."

When questioned, Dr. Heinrich explained that spots on the overalls had proved to be gum from fir trees. The size and cut of the garment had determined the approximate height of the wearer. Fabric under the left flap of the overalls was dirty whereas that under the right flap was clean, from which it was deduced that the wearer had removed them with his left hand. Douglas fir-tree chips and needles had been found in the overalls pockets. Two human hairs taken from a button on the garment and microscopically compared with standard tables had established the age of the bandit.

Hundreds of detectives began a search of northwestern logging camps. Ultimately, it developed that a man answering the description had lived in Eugene, Oregon, with his twin brothers, and that he, Hugh D'Autremont, had disappeared shortly before the Siskiyou affair together with the twins, Roy and Ray. Examination of the house where the three brothers lived convinced detectives that the twins were involved in the crime. Minute descriptions and pictures of all three were obtained. It was learned that one of the brothers was a voracious reader of Socialistic literature, that a second wore eyeglasses, that the mouth of the third was largely filled with bridge work.

Supplied with these facts, detectives began an international search that has seldom been excelled in thoroughness in the annals of American detection. More than 2,000,000 letters and pictures were mailed to a selected list throughout the world. Rewards aggregating \$20,000 were offered. Dentists throughout the country received a minute description of the bridge work in the head of one of the D'Autremonts. Optometrists and opticians were provided with the prescription of the eyeglass lenses of another. Librarians were exhorted to be on the lookout for a young man seeking radical books. Every letter contained pictures of the brothers.

Three months ago there came a private of the army to San Francisco from Manila. Reporting for duty he saw on the wall of the office a picture of the three D'Autremonts and declared that Hugh was a soldier in Manila, serving under another name. Hugh was taken into custody and is now being tried in Oregon. On the day his trial opened detectives, apprised that Ray and Roy were living in Steubenville, took the twins into custody. All three have confessed their identity, but deny the charges of murder. Roy and Ray will be tried shortly.

The success of the federal detectives in the D'Autremont case is refreshing in days when the once proud

PASTOR TAKES 'THE GOAL' AS ILLUSTRATION

Rev. Lingenfelter Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon at High School

"The Goal" was the subject of the Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter's baccalaureate sermon at the union church services in the Torrance High School auditorium last Sunday night. The First Christian Church, of which Rev. Lingenfelter is pastor, the Evangelical and the Methodist Churches united in the service, to which all pupils of the high school and their friends and relatives were invited.

Rev. Lingenfelter took his text from Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the goal of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"The term 'goal' is familiar to high school students," the pastor said. "The football team is a part of the program of every high school in the land. Every player has one definite aim, which is to make the goal. The author of the text was familiar with the Greek games and used them to illustrate a great game and we are players in the kindergarten, the grades, and even the high school, your program has been largely made for you by your teachers. From now on the responsibility of choice will rest with you. You must choose your goal."

"Paul says in the great amphitheater of life we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have been players in the game of life and set standards of attainment, which we are asked to reach and even go beyond. A good name is always characterized by an enthusiastic desire to win the goal. This has been the characteristic of the pioneer of every field of endeavor. The goal of Columbus was a new continent. Pearly sought the North Pole, and Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic Ocean.

"In the field of scientific research the players of the game have sought new goals and set new marks. In electricity Michael Faraday was a pioneer, but Clerk Maxwell and Michael Pupin went beyond him.

"In the field of missions the pioneers are Carey and Judson, Livingstone and Stanley, Morrison, Verbeck and Williams. These are but a few of the names that have set standards of heroism.

"But Jesus in the way of living has surpassed them all. He endured the cross; despised the shame for the joy that was set before Him.

"May the class of 1927 say with Paul 'I press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'"

July 2 Is Last Day For Vets Insurance

July 2 will be the last date on which war veterans may take out insurance under the government plan.

Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion will have, at its regular meeting in Torrance next Tuesday night, application blanks which veterans who have not yet applied for insurance may fill out. All veterans who have not yet taken care of their insurance are urged to be present and to take the necessary steps to assure themselves of the government protection.

City Asks Crossings Over P. E. Trackage

Application has been filed with the Railroad Commission by the City of Torrance for authority to establish grade crossings over the tracks of the Pacific Electric railway at 46 points in the corporate limits of the city. The crossings requested are for the most part at street intersections in Border and Cabello avenues and Redondo boulevard.

SANTA FE IS MOVING DIRT

Steam Shovel and Graders on Job at Industrial Tract

Dirt has begun to fly on the Santa Fe industrial tract. Clark and Fellows, the Los Angeles contracting firm to whom the contract for the grading of the tract was let by the Chaslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, has moved in an elevating grader and a steam shovel, and expects to have several more graders on the job shortly. A large force of workmen and teams is engaged.

Action of the Torrance city trustees Tuesday night cleared the way for procedure of the work, which temporarily was handicapped by discovery of a number of oil company pipe lines through the tract, many of them above the level of the proposed grade. These lines were laid some years ago under franchise from the city in then existing streets. The streets in which they lay were abandoned by the city to the C.-C. M. O. Company, in return for which the company agreed, upon completion of the industrial tract plan, to dedicate to the city certain new streets which are included in the layout of the tract.

The trustees Tuesday night authorized City Engineer Leonard to issue immediately temporary permits to the oil companies involved for removal of their pipe lines to new locations, designated by the C.-C. M. O. engineers as being on the lines of the new streets which later are to be dedicated to the city. The permits contain provisos that the company make formal application to the city within two weeks for franchises in the new locations, the franchises to be in effect continuations of the present franchises held by the company.

W. L. McMaster, managing engineer of the Chaslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company, addressed a letter to the trustees asking that action be taken to allow the removal of the pipes. Mr. McMaster was present at the board meeting and assured the trustees that the companies involved all would comply with the city's requirements. He said he had been in touch with representatives of all of them, and that all were ready to co-operate to the utmost extent to aid the industrial tract development work.

Work of moving the lines was started yesterday.

The present operations of the contracting graders will cover an area of approximately 150 acres. During the grading process 145,000 cubic yards of earth will be moved to bring all sections of the area, which is unit No. 1 of the Santa Fe plan, to the present grade level of the Santa Fe lines.

Important Meeting Scheduled at Venice For Sepulveda Blvd.

An important and what promises to be an interesting meeting in regard to the Sepulveda boulevard project, which will extend from Torrance, will be held in Venice with the Venice branch of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, June 24, at 8 o'clock.

Many large property owners along the route of the proposed boulevard are expected to be present, as will also Fred Beatty, superintendent of the First District and district chairman of the Los Angeles County Roads Commission.

Mrs. Lily Ressler Dies at Her Home

Mrs. Lily Ressler, 59, died at her home at 2129 Main street last Friday. Heart trouble is given as the cause of death, which ended several years' illness.

Mrs. Ressler, who came to Torrance five months ago from Milwaukee, Wis., was born in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. William Kimball and Mrs. E. J. Dalton, of Milwaukee, and two sons, Norman E. and Earl E. Ressler, who live at the Main street address.

Rev. H. B. Trueschel conducted funeral services Monday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Coach Ben Comrada To Direct Community Summer Playground

The community summer playground, on the grounds of the Torrance Elementary School and the Torrance High School, sponsored by the Los Angeles School District, this year will be under the direction of Ben Comrada, athletic coach at Narbonne High School.

"A vacation at home without expense" is the slogan of the summer playground program, which is being arranged for children and adults alike. The playground will be for the use of the entire community, and Director Comrada has announced that Lomita residents will be welcomed. In addition to the regular playground activities during the day, picnics and entertainments will be arranged for the evenings.

Playgrounds will be open from 1 to 7 p. m. every day in the week except Sunday, starting July 5.

During the early afternoon hours games will be arranged for smaller children. Later in the evening older recreationists and adults will be cared for.

The play program will include all regulation playground games, such as hockey, handball, volleyball, tennis, indoor baseball, and some table games, such as checkers.

Various features also will be arranged from time to time for the youngsters, including a pet parade.

For the adults competitive tournaments are to be arranged in tennis, handball, horseshoe pitching, and perhaps miniature obstacle golf.

One of the most important features of the adult section of the playground program will be the twilight indoor baseball league. Last year, the first year of playground operation, Rotary, Kiwanis, Union T. Co., Merchants, Firemen and High School Boys' teams were entered in the league, with games every night. This summer as many

Clagstone To Speak Before Business Men Next Thursday Noon

Paul Clagstone, manager of the western division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, will address business men of Torrance on Thursday, June 30, 1927. He is visiting a number of Southern California cities.

The western division held a very successful midyear meeting at Colorado Springs last December, when matters of great interest to western business were discussed. The next western divisional meeting will be held in Honolulu on February 8 and 9, 1928.

Mr. Clagstone has just returned from the annual convention of the national chamber in Washington, D. C., where he has gathered some exceedingly interesting material. The subject of his address will be "The New Business Era," and he will analyze present conditions in the United States and prospects for the future. He will discuss many matters connected with the organization of business in the local, national and international fields, though he will devote particular attention to problems vital to the west.

Mr. Clagstone will speak concerning the effect on business of legislation passed during the recent session of Congress, and will report on present activities of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 477 of the International Chamber of Commerce, with which there are now affiliated 40 nations. The Torrance Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and it is through the offices of the local bureau that Mr. Clagstone

LETTER IS SENT TO BOARD

Brooks Is Absent as Resignation Is Accepted

PASS ORDINANCES
Three Statutes Get Final Reading; No New Police Car

City Trustee Willis M. Brooks presented his resignation at Tuesday night's meeting of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Brooks was not present. His resignation, received by the board in a letter, was accepted with regret. It was forecast that early action would be taken to fill the vacancy on the board, probably at the July 5 meeting. No candidates were discussed at Tuesday night's formal meeting. Mr. Brooks' letter to the board was brief. It follows:

Honorable Board of Trustees, City of Torrance, Calif.: Gentlemen: I hereby submit my resignation as a trustee of the City of Torrance, and suggest your early action thereon. My resignation will also create a vacancy in the City Planning Commission, which I presume you will fill at your pleasure.

Respectfully,
WILLIS M. BROOKS.

What will be done regarding the Planning Commission vacancy was not discussed by the board. Their action in the case Tuesday night consisted merely of accepting the resignation.

The trustees rescinded their action of last Tuesday looking toward the purchase of a new police car. Trustee Inman, as police commissioner, reported that it had been found necessary to purchase new tires for the present car at once, and that therefore it was felt to be to the best interests of the city to withhold action for a new car for ten months or a year. With new tires the present machine was declared serviceable for the present. At the last meeting City Clerk Bartlett had been authorized to advertise for bids for a Buick and a Hudson, one to be purchased. This authorization was rescinded.

City Engineer Leonard reported that progress was being made in his investigation of the Torrance city water problem, but that it had not as yet progressed far enough for further report. He was authorized as the last meeting of the trustees to continue an investigation of ways and means and desirability of acquiring a municipal water system for Torrance.

Three ordinances were adopted. Ordinance 154 permits the construction of corrugated iron buildings in Fire District 1 and 1-A for industrial purposes only. Ordinance 155 provides for a set-back building line in Sonoma avenue and other streets, and Ordinance 156 orders an annexation election to be held in WALTERIA on July 29. WALTERIA seeks annexation to Torrance.

Action was taken by the board to release a bond, drawn in favor of Los Angeles County before the City of Torrance was incorporated, guaranteeing certain grading on tract 3758. The county was willing to release the bond. The county rights had passed to the city with Torrance's incorporation, the bonding company asked a release of the city. City Engineer Leonard reported that the grading on the tract more than covered that required by the bond. The company which did the work has been dissolved for several years.

DON'T BE LAZE

The classified advertising pages of the Torrance Herald and The Lomita News close at 5 p. m. Wednesday each week. Much as the publishers would like to do so, it is impossible to place classified ads in the current week's issue which are received later than Wednesday.



COACH BEN COMRADA