

# GREAT SEPULVEDA ROUTE IS ASSURED

## ROAD WILL BE BIG BOON

### Completion of Valley-Long Beach Cutoff Through Here in Sight

### FEW LINKS REMAINING

### Major Highway to Save Time via Torrance and Lomita

Completion of the great Sepulveda boulevard, the great Southern California cutoff from the San Fernando valley to Long Beach via Torrance and Lomita is approaching the stage where completion is in sight.

Providing a paved route which will enable motorists to cut about 15 miles off the route from the valley to Long Beach and avoid Los Angeles traffic congestion, the projected highway is completed in some of its links, being constructed in others and nearing the construction stages in the balance.

In this district the highway will follow Camino Real, or the old Redondo-Long Beach road from Redondo Beach, through Torrance and Watson and east to Long Beach, where it will intersect the main north and south arteries of that city.

Plans for the project also include a southern cutoff, leaving Camino Real at the Willow Park tract and running southeast to the Salt Works Road, or Watson street in Lomita and thence east to Wilmington.

The highway is already paved from the San Fernando valley highway system to Sepulveda canyon in the Santa Monica mountains, natural barrier between the valley and the Los Angeles basin. A preliminary survey of the road through the canyon has been made and the county and city of Los Angeles have each appropriated \$275,000 for the construction, which will include a tunnel under Mulholland drive.

The pavement is nearing completion from Sawtelle to Pico boulevard in Los Angeles. The next link, from Culver City to Ballona Creek will be built under the jurisdiction of Culver City and proceedings are under way.

The city of Los Angeles will construct the next link from Ballona Creek to El Segundo and the city of El Segundo has indicated its intention to do this work is slated to be passed by the Los Angeles council Friday night.

It is expected that Manhattan Beach will take jurisdiction of the proceedings for the highway from El Segundo through Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. A meeting on this link will be held at the Manhattan city hall Friday night and owners of the majority of the property in the area will ask that proceedings be started at once. El Segundo, Redondo and Hermosa have agreed to give jurisdiction to Manhattan Beach.

Torrance takes jurisdiction from Redondo Beach to Main street. A petition with signatures of owners of 88 percent of the property affected has been filed with the supervisors asking for the construction of this link and early action on the part of the supervisors transferring jurisdiction to Torrance is expected. Mayor John Dennis and City Attorney P. G. Briney were in Los Angeles yesterday conferring with county officials on the matter.

The southern cutoff will be put in under county proceedings. The road is under construction between Main street and Truck boulevard and was completed two weeks ago from Truck boulevard east.

Officials of the Southwest Organization, sponsors of the great Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway project report that this project is making rapid progress and that the supervisors will pass a resolution of intention to do the work about Sept. 1.

## P. O. Guy Active in Bay Builders

There were forty-nine persons interested in the various building trades present at the chicken dinner last night in the Arcade building, Redondo Beach. P. O. Guy, Torrance, chairman; Tom Alexander, Redondo, assistant chairman, arranged the program.

## Observations

It's Hoover—Did He Win the Nomination Last Summer?—Yes, Is Our Guess—Did Coolidge Run Away or Was He Driven?

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THIS is written on Tuesday morning. The opening session of the Republican National Convention has just adjourned. Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury and William M. Butler, chairman of the National Committee have issued statements which clinch the nomination of Herbert Clark Hoover. When the papers in which this is published reach the public the delegates will either be balloting for the nominee or the balloting will be about ready to start. In any event it is assured as this is written that Herbert Hoover will head the Republican ticket. Which leads to channels of conjecture as to the manner in which the powers of the G. O. P. shaped events for the desired result.

TAKING a flying guess at it, we venture the thought that Hoover did not clinch the nomination today, but that he had it in his pocket about this time last year. Consider a few significant events of the past few months. Consider them not in the light of their significance at the time of their transpiring but in the light of their meaning today.

A YEAR ago now the country was rife with discussion and debate about a "third term" for Coolidge. Everyone conceded that he could be nominated and re-elected if he so desired. And in the midst of it all the President started the nation by his statement made in the Black Hills that he did not choose to run.

Right then—or perhaps a short time before the issuance of the statement it is our guess that Hoover was nominated.

WHAT followed? Friends of Coolidge, such friends as William Butler and Andrew Mellon declared publicly that the President should be drafted, that he might re-consider, that the country needed him. BUT—Hoover's intimate political allies immediately started organizing the country for their candidate. In doing so they made it clear everywhere all the time that Mr. Hoover would not be a candidate against Mr. Coolidge.

It is apparent now that President Coolidge meant what he said last summer. In view of the Hoover declaration made repeatedly that the secretary of commerce would not oppose Coolidge it is also obvious that there was an understanding between Coolidge and Hoover—and quite apparent that Mr. Mellon and Mr. Butler knew of it.

Mr. Work of the Coolidge cabinet went to work for Hoover. So did Ogden Mills, assistant secretary of the treasury under Mr. Mellon. Meantime the question mark over the matter of the willingness of Coolidge to run if drafted continued plain as the light-keeping other friends of the administration out of the race. Get the strategy?

It was easy for the administration to oppose Dawes and Lowden, because Dawes and Lowden have long been anti-administration. But suppose one or two powerful pro-administration statesmen threw their hats into the ring. Then would the administration force and the other regular Republicans have been forced to turn down at least one or two trusted allies.

As long as Coolidge remained an unknown quantity the Hoover boom could be allowed to proceed, gradually gaining strength. Then when the time came the whole force of the administration's weight could be thrown into the balance for the secretary of commerce without treading on any friendly toes.

EARLY in May Secretary Mellon issued a statement of friendliness to the Hoover candidacy. This morning he strengthened it by going step-length for the secretary and reading Coolidge out of the picture. Possibly he was forced to this action in some degree by the decision of Vare to throw his strength in the Pennsylvania delegation to Hoover. But we don't know whether this was in accordance with an agreement between Mellon and Vare or not.

MAYBE we are wrong. But one good guess is as good as another. And if the play wasn't written for Mr. Hoover a year ago we are very much mistaken and very ignorant of the manner in which the great game of national politics is played. The strategy of it all seems so clear now that we wonder we didn't see it months ago. Anyone will grant that the administration held the key to the door which leads to the nomination. And as Sam Hlythe astutely observed a key isn't any good after the door is open.

FOR the administration men to have supported Hoover openly during the past year might have ruined his chances. Congress just adjourned. Had Coolidge and Mellon been outwardly for Hoover then, had their allegiance to the secretary been public property the congress would have accomplished nothing. As long as the favorite of the administration was not known the administration had many a good whip to use over the House and Senate. To have been openly for Hoover would have showing the world the administration's hole-card. The Hoover candidacy would have been the target of fiery speech after fiery speech. It was much better to keep the whole matter a secret. That was tactics of a superior political order.

Of course Mr. Coolidge has not come out for Hoover as against the field even now. But Mr. Butler has said, and Mr. Butler knows whereof he speaks, that Mr. Hoover would be "acceptable" to our "beloved President."

THAT settles it. And that settled it at Kansas City. When the Mellon and Butler statements were made public the balloting was all over except the shouting. But the nomination wasn't made at the convention. It was made many months ago. Big league politicians don't leave such important items as a Presidential nomination to chance. Make no mistake about that.

NOW what about the people. Fortunately there has been a great hullabaloo, and a justified one, against hotel room nominations. Fortunately, too, the Republican elephant has ears—very large ones. They heard the hullabaloo. This year they had to heed it. Oil scandals and all that you know. And fortunately again they had a man acceptable to the bulk of the people, except some in the farm states. And fortunately he was a broad-gauged man, able, brainy, capable, dignified, honest, outstanding—Herbert Hoover. So they worked out a masterpiece of a campaign, employed their tactics expertly and clinched the nomination for the Californian.

WHAT about Coolidge? What made him choose not to run? Why did he eliminate himself? Did he run or was he pushed? We have our own idea, gleaned through considerable conversing with some very astute political observers in Massachusetts last summer. One of the predicted ven before the Black Hills statement that the president would not be a candidate. Did he run or was he pushed. We think he was pushed, but you can write your own answer.

## Sanctum Is Very Roseate

Ye Ed Merger From Blue Funk and This Tells Why

The law of compensation always works—always. Even for editors. Every time we get a job in the law for some error in typography, every time some irate subscriber vehemently disagrees with us on some opinion we have put into print, it seems that someone else pings out a checker of admission to eliminate the disagreeable taste from our bitter cup. We don't print them all. That would be a little too much.

But this week a lot of things have gone haywire. And we claim the right to flaunt a couple of bouquets. An hour ago our office was all blue.

Now it is roseate. So you'll pardon us—and forget personalities—if we submit herewith two bunches of posies which the mail this morning brought from Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The first is from Herbert Lapham, land agent of the Santa Fe Railroad Company. It makes us feel that after all an editor's life isn't so hard. Here it is: "Mr. Harold Kingsley, Torrance, Calif. 'Dear Mr. Kingsley: 'We have just received a notice of expiration of our annual subscription for the 'Herald,' and hasten to forward a voucher covering another year's subscription in order that we may not suffer the calamity of the loss of a single copy.

We very much appreciate the paper, not alone for the news of the district, with which we are of course more or less familiar at all times, but for the kindly constructive attitude and the exceptional quality of its editorial and special article comments. 'Please have the paper sent to: 'Santa Fe Land Improvement Company, Cio U. T. Clotfelter, '30 Kerckhoff Bldg., 'Los Angeles, Calif. 'With kindest personal regards to yourself and Mr. Whyte, I remain, 'Sincerely yours, 'Herbert Lapham.'"

Thanks Mr. Lapham. Then comes another from William H. Wallace of Long Beach, and here it is: "Mr. W. Harold Kingsley, 'Editor, Torrance Herald, 'Torrance, Calif. 'Dear Sir: 'In enclosing herewith check for another year's subscription to your paper, it seems to me fitting to express again my appreciation of your success as an editor and publisher. Obviously I know nothing concerning the financial success of your enterprise, aside from certain easily distinguished 'tax' marks, but it is not of this I wish to thank you. It is something more to be desired and harder of attainment, the desire and ability to give to your readers a part of yourself as well as gathering news.

"I read your 'Observation' somewhat as I read my 'Alumni Quarterly,' without delay. Cords in our hearts are tuned alike. You strike music. 'Strong arm to you. Keep the source clean and you will continue to do more good to our readers than you ever dream of. 'Sincerely yours, 'Wm. H. Wallace.'"

We strike music, eh, Mr. Wallace? You too. You too. And thanks. So does our cash register. In each of those letters there was a check. Say it with flowers and don't forget to enclose a voucher.

## Forty Bus Men Visit Torrance

Forty agents of the Motor Transit Company, operators of Sunset Lines were guests of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at the Legion clubhouse today and in the afternoon visited Torrance industries. The agents came from many cities in Southern California and were amazed at the industrial development here. Dick Richards of the Motor Coach company induced the agents to hold their monthly meeting in Torrance. Carl L. Hyde and W. Harold Kingsley spoke at the luncheon.

## WHO OWNS BIKE?

Torrance police have in their possession a bicycle picked up on Torrance street. The owner may secure the vehicle at the police station by calling and identifying it.

## He Puts Out \$84,500 Every Month to P. E. Shop Workers



Joseph L. Smale, paymaster of the Pacific Electric Railway, storing cancelled pay checks which the law requires be retained for seven years. In the picture are more than \$40,000 of them representing an outlay of \$70,000. Katherine Cox of the railway accounting bureau is assisting him.

One hundred million dollars is a sum "high, wide and handsome." The world knows such a sum is plentifully caused dyspepsia, and Joseph L. Smale, paymaster of the railway who has just completed his thirtieth year in that capacity.

Mr. Smale travels over the system in a pay car and delivers 650 checks to the railway's workers twice monthly in the Torrance shops.

The total sum paid to local employees of the Pacific Electric averages \$84,500 each month.

## Name Three Notables to Judge Legion Flower Show July 13-14

C. B. Bell, chairman of the Legion Flower Show which will be held here on July 13 and 14 yesterday announced the judges of the event. They will be Charles A. Brazee of Keystone, president of the Southern California Bulb Growers' association; Mrs. Henry Buxton, Santa Monica flower expert; and Stanley Keane, prominent Los Angeles expert.

Mr. Brazee is widely known as a judge of flower shows, notable among them being the mid-winter show at Encinitas. Mrs. Buxton is chairman of the garden section of the Santa Monica Women's club. She recently judged the California Gladioli society's show at the Biltmore hotel in Los Angeles and is a judge and director of the Southern California Dahlias society. Mr. Keane has judged many important shows in the east.

"I believe Torrance is fortunate in securing the services of three such competent and well-known persons to judge our show," said Mr. Bell.

Entrants for the Torrance show are still being received.

## Car Is Battered; Occupant Sleeps; Nabbed and Pays

J. A. Hines of Inglewood was sound asleep in his automobile on El Prado as dawn ushered in a new day Monday. He was very sound asleep. The posterior portions of his automobile were smashed and battered, almost completely wrecked. Mr. Hines said he did not remember any accident. A half filled bottle beside the occupant told police why. Hines pleaded guilty to possession, paid \$50 and agreed to pay another \$50 by July 12. Leaving Torrance he still insisted that "nobody ran into me."

## Calder Puzzled by Garbage Can Daily Complaint

Chief Calder is in a quandary. Complaints keep coming in to the police department against open garbage cans and residents who do not see to it that garbage cans are covered. Investigations have established that dogs and children are largely responsible for uncovering the cans. The chief requests all residents to co-operate with the department by seeing that their garbage cans are covered at all times.

## Rotary Barbecue at Johnston Ranch Set for July 6-7

The Rotary Club of Torrance and their families will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Johnston at their ranch near Escondido on Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7. On Saturday afternoon Mr. Johnston will serve a barbecue. The club will install its newly elected officers. The whole party will return home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have invited all former members of the Torrance club. Mr. Johnston was a member of Rotary until he moved from Torrance, to manage his dairy ranch.

## CARNIVAL HERE ON FRIDAY

### Elementary School Pupils Will Stage Event on Athletic Field

### U. S. BAND WILL PLAY

### P.-T. A. Will Serve Plate Dinner in Bungalow, 5:30 to 7 p. m.

A carnival given under the auspices of the Torrance Elementary School will be held Friday, June 15, from 4:45 to 9:30 p. m. The program will open with folk dances at the athletic field from 4:45 to 5:30. From 5:30 till 6:30, Torrance music lovers will have a real treat for the Regimental band from Fort McArthur will provide the hour program.

The Parent-Teachers Association, which boasts of its good cooks, will serve a plate dinner in the bungalow from 5:30 till 7.

Outside talent has been provided for the evening shows, one of which will be from 7 to 8 and the other from 8:15 till 9:15.

The Metropolitan Four quartet will sing a number of song hits, the drama, class of the Torrance evening high school will present a one act play, "Bridal Cake," Betty Blodgett of the San Pedro School of Arts will dance two numbers, and Edward C. Swayne, pianist-composer, the man who wrote the song "Together," will entertain.

## Alumni Day at High, June 25th

### Grads Arrange All-Day Program in First Annual Home Coming

Inaugurating an event which they hope will become permanent a group of grads of Torrance high have arranged an all-day program for Monday, June 25 and called the date Alumni Day.

Harry Phillips originated the idea and is being assisted in making arrangements by Miss Virginia Watson, Turner McLean and Bob Lessing.

In the morning alumni will register and take an old time at the high school. In the afternoon there will be a pep rally in the auditorium, followed by a ball game between the grads and the high school team.

At 6 o'clock a banquet will be served in the school cafeteria in honor of the graduating class.

At 7:30 in the auditorium a vaudeville show will be presented to the public and students of the school. Features of this show will be stunts by Miss Virginia Watson and local talent from the stunt night performance of 1925. Miss Jimmie Peole, dancer in the musical comedy, "Tell Me Again" will favor with several dances. The public is urged to attend this performance, as profits will go to the student body fund.

After the vaudeville show the grads will put on a dance in the gymnasium with the graduating class as honored guests.

## Invite Legion to L. A. by Air Mail

The Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion is distributing attractive California circulars for dispatching over the air mail on Saturday, June 16. All over California these red, white and blue circulars invited the world to California are being given away to citizens by Legionnaires. They will go out in a veritable avalanche of California publicity Saturday. If they are mailed early they will be here by the post office for dispatching Saturday. The cost of mailing each circular is 10 cents.

The circular invites the American Legion to hold its national convention in Los Angeles in 1930. It is expected that the air mail shipment will be the largest ever dispatched in a single day.

The circulars may be obtained at the Torrance and Lomita post-offices.

Roland Sanderhoff was called to Pasadena Monday afternoon by the sudden death of his uncle, Richard Sanderhoff.