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FIFTY-SEVEN GRADUATES TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS FROM H. S.

Commencement Exercises to Be Held in Gymnasium On Thursday Evening, June 22; Large Class to Graduate From Junior High

Commencement exercises for the summer class of 1933 at the Torrance high school will be held this year on Thursday evening, June 22. School will close on June 23, a few days earlier than usual, because of the interrupted schedule caused by the earthquake.

Members of the senior graduating class this year number 57. They are Robert W. Atchison, Mildred Grace Austin, Lita Ann Barrikan, Louis J. Briganti, Aldine Mildred Brown, Henry Bruhanski, Robert Carson, Andrew J. Cline, Frederick H. Currier, Jasper Dally, Matthew E. Doner, Margaret Louise Dove, Albert M. Dumont, Cecilia Bernice Ernst, Pauline Angela Falla, Gene Esther Falk, Carl A. Fiesel, George V. Figueredo, Paul J. Getz, Sophie Patricia Grasso, Harry F. Green, Laura Mae Guy, Herman J. Hamman, George Katherine Higgins, Rose Hannah Higgins, John R. Hilbert, Melvin H. Howard, Chikara Kazama, Alfred Takao Kobayashi, James F. Lanz, Francis M. Laven, William E. Laven, Wendell Leatherman, Jessie Mae McCray, James T. McLean, Helen Florence McMaster, Marion Mintun, Elmer J. Munson, Deloss P. Noal, Ruth Geraldine Nelson, Myron S. Nightingale, Mary Michiko Oyata, Herbert A. Otto, William Fawke, Wilber Patchin, Gertrude Louise Peterson, John E. Phillips, Hortense Beatrice Price, Carl Quayle, Raymond Rogers, Betty Ann Rohr, Ethel Barbara Slepny, Lucille Sylvia Thompson, Valeria Earlene Tucker, Dorothy Dorothea Whalin, Jean Lenore Whiston, Vivian Beatrice Young.

Sixty-seven junior high school students will move into the upper grade to more than fill the places of the departing seniors. The list includes the following: Lee Allen, Billy Anderson, Lena B. Andrews, Billy Atchison, Robert W. Austin, Patricia Baker, Ruth Bernard, Eva M. Basile, Clarence Ray, Max Briney, Rosalie Brisson,

Excursion Bus Fares Offered For Torrance Silver Dollar Days, Next Week, Fri.-Sat.

Special round-trip excursion rates to Torrance from near-by communities will be given by the Motor Coach Company Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, for Torrance Silver Dollar Days, it was learned today from A. L. Owens, traffic manager of the company. The round-trip excursion rates, which are based on one and one-half of one-way fares, will be as follows: South Lomita, 20c; Lomita, 15c; Redondo Beach, 20c; Hermosa Beach, 30c, and El Segundo, 40c.

At a meeting last evening in Chamber of Commerce rooms, Torrance merchants perfected elaborate plans for holding the Silver Dollar Days event, June 9 and 10. Bulevards leading to Torrance will be decorated with flags and banners announcing the outstanding bargain festival. Business sections of the city will also be decked with flags.

The merchandising committee reports that many sensational bargains will be offered by Torrance retailers and the co-operative trade event is destined to be the most outstanding value-giving opportunity that has been offered in this district in many years. Complete details of Torrance Silver Dollar Days will be given in a special tabloid section of the Torrance Herald, which will be distributed next Thursday. Over 8000 copies of this special edition will be printed and distributed in Torrance and surrounding communities.

Building Permits In Torrance Show Increase Over Year

May building permits in Torrance totaled \$4575. It was announced this morning by City Engineer Frank Leonard, as compared with \$86,800 for May last year. However, of the last year total, \$84,000 was for the Fern avenue school permit, leaving only \$2800 in general construction. So far this year, Torrance permits total \$591,748.90, as compared with \$54,385 for the first five months of 1932.

Library Building Rentals Reduced

New leases for buildings to house county branch libraries at Torrance and Lomita were authorized this week by the board of supervisors, at the request of Helen E. Vogelsong, county librarian.

The county entered into a one-year lease with the Trabe Phipps Corporation for rental of the building at 1317 El Prado street, Torrance, at \$65 a month. This represents a reduction of \$10 a month, and becomes effective next July 1, Miss Vogelsong reported.

The Lomita premises are located at 1202 Narbonne avenue, and owned by S. D. Patterson, with whom the county entered into a three-year lease, effective next July 1, at a rental of \$40 a month, \$10 a month less than the present lease calls for.

Weighing Devices In Torrance Stores Are Found Reliable

Ever watchful for short-weight scales, inspectors for the county sealers department made 59 inspections in Torrance within the past month, but condemned no weighing devices, according to a report made today to the board of supervisors.

A total of 48 scales were sealed, seven were adjusted, and four tagged. Seventeen stores and business places were visited. The inspectors are particularly watchful for short-measure strawberry boxes, and in the past month have inspected more than 20,000 articles of package goods, including bread, butter, meat, gasoline and berries. A total of 18,454 inspections were made during the 30-day period.

Prisoner Sobs When Sentenced To San Quentin

Jimmy Vienne One of Trio Arrested In Assorted Plot Case

Sobbing aloud when the realization came to him that he would have to go to San Quentin penitentiary, Jimmy Vienne, who was arrested in connection with the asserted torture plot on Walter D. Hammond and his sister, Eunice F. Hammond, stood before Superior Judge Charles W. Fricke Wednesday and heard the court pronounce the sentence "for the period prescribed by law."

Vienne was a much different character than he was the night deputy sheriffs surprised him with two Negro companions several weeks ago, when it was believed deputies nipped a cruel plot to torture Hammond and his sister in an effort to obtain money from them. Recently he pleaded guilty to the theft of a Packard sedan in Hollywood, and it was upon this count he was sentenced Wednesday. The other counts pending against him were dismissed.

When Judge Fricke denied the young man probation, his mother rushed through the gate in the railing separating the spectators from the attorneys' tables and before a well-filled courtroom pleaded with Judge Fricke that she be allowed to speak on her son's behalf. Judge Fricke refused to hear her. He then pronounced sentence and Vienne was led back to the prisoners' room where he continued to sob until he was chained to two other felons and taken up the iron steps to the jail. Vienne, barely past 21, resided at 183 South Martel avenue, Hollywood.

Los Angeles Man Takes Own Life By Asphyxiation

Body Found In Car Parked In Palos Verdes Hills

Jack S. Rugharden, age 41, a service station operator residing at 184 South Vermont, was found dead in his car in the Palos Verdes hills near Rocky Point about 4:45 yesterday morning, apparently having taken his own life.

Rugharden's body was found by Hugh Nabors, his wife, their nephew, Stanley Eels, and Mrs. E. A. Guest of Los Angeles as the party was leaving the steel garage, which is grounded seven miles south of Redondo Beach, and on which Nabors is employed as a watchman. The party had climbed the cliff after leaving the garage, when they came upon a car apparently abandoned but whose motor was still running.

On investigation they found the car full of smoke, and the body of a man lying on the back seat, with fumes from the exhaust pipe pouring into the car from a point flexible pipe which had been brought up through a hole in the flooring.

Mr. Nabors shut off the motor and attempted to revive the man, but was unsuccessful. The matter was reported to Constable Charles R. Taber, who, with his deputy, E. B. Straight, went to the scene. Officers from the Vermont station No. 3 and the coroner were also notified.

Rugharden's identity was established from effects in his possession. A note gave financial troubles as the reason for his act. The body was taken to Niland's mortuary in Redondo Beach, and the car to Joe's Garage in Lomita.

Noted Divine to Speak In Torrance

Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, dean of the school of religion, University of Southern California, will be the speaker at a union service to be held in the Central Evangelical church next Sunday evening, June 4, at 7:30 o'clock.

The congregations of the Christian, Methodist, Episcopal, and Evangelical churches will join in this service. Dr. Baxter will speak upon the theme, "The Most Versatile Man In The World." The general public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Baxter's address. Special musical numbers will be rendered.

GLADIOLUS SHOW
The ninth annual exhibit by the California Gladiolus Society will be held at the Billmore garden room, June 5-9.

'Special! Roosevelt vs. Madison'



No slouch at parting the waves himself, Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President, engaged in a friendly swimming match with Helene Madison, Olympic champ, on a recent stopover at Agua Caliente.

Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden
Congressman, 17th District

The second invasion of Washington by the veterans demanding adjusted compensation has been a quiet affair so far as the capitol city is concerned. There has been considerable discussion and differences of opinion among the veterans themselves, but there have been no disquieting events such as occurred upon their former visit.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was one of the callers at the camp where the veterans were afforded tents and rations and sanitary living conveniences at the expense of the government. Mrs. Roosevelt lead the veterans in a good old-fashioned sing and all were made happy.

Some of the veterans called at my office and were canvassing the members to find out how they stood on the so-called bonus. These veterans were courteous, presented their proposition in a citizenship-like manner and departed on their way rejoicing.

So far as I observed, they were treated with courtesy and as American citizens have the same right to present their grievances as any other group in the nation. Those who called at my office expressed a determination to join the unemployed camps and take advantage of the President's offer. By his sympathetic policy, President Roosevelt apparently has avoided the troubles that involved his predecessor.

The friends of the wider use of silver scored another victory through the appointment of Senator Key Pittman of Nevada as a delegate to the international conference in London in June. Senator Pittman is not considered an extreme in his silver views as Senator Wheeler of Montana, but is considered a very strong friend of the white metal. The friends of silver are fortunate to have one of their number at the important conference in London, which may have a very wide effect upon the future use of silver as money.

I had the privilege of voting for the Muscle Shoals bill, that much discussed project. This is the third time the Muscle Shoals bill has been passed by congress. It was vetoed by Presidents Coolidge and Hoover but this time the measure has a friend in the White House.

This project has cost the government more than 150 million dollars and has been fought for 20 years by the competing power interests of Alabama and Tennessee. It is significant that the measure received 259 votes to only 112 against it.

One feature of the bill that was objected to was the provision that gives Alabama and Tennessee five per cent of the gross receipts of the hydro-electric power developed by the project. Many of us thought that the percentage to be paid the states should be based upon the net profit and not upon the gross receipts. Again it was an instance of the rules which prevented the offering of amendments except by the committee. The committee had labored so many months over this bill and some of the members had engaged in so many battles that they were fearful that the offering of amend-

Alumni Day to Be Observed On June 21

Alumni Day, when all the old grads return to Torrance high for a day of reminiscing and greetings to old friends, will be held on Wednesday, June 21. The graduating students will spend the day visiting classes with a dinner dance at the Woman's clubhouse to complete the program. Service for the dinner will start at 6:30 p. m. Members of the graduating class of summer 1933 will also attend the banquet.

Three Directors of Chamber Will Be Chosen Mon.

Incumbents Renominated to Run Against 3 Additional Nominees

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will vote Monday, June 5, on the selection of three directors, whose terms expire July 1. All three incumbents have been nominated by the nominating committee to run against additional nominees. They are: J. W. McQuaid of the D & M Machine Works (incumbent), and Steve Kral of the United Concrete Pipe Corporation, representing the industrial membership; Bronson C. Buxton, real estate investments (incumbent), running opposite W. H. Gilbert, real estate and insurance; Frank Buffington, manager of the J. C. Penney Company (incumbent), running opposite H. L. Alcorn of the Alcorn Drug Company. The latter four nominees represent the general membership. All three successful candidates will serve a three-year term, beginning July 1, 1933.

The nominating committee consisted of Bert W. Lanz, president of the chamber; C. W. Kolner, district manager Southern California Edison Company; Scott R. Ludlow, councilman and paymaster at the National Supply Company; Frank R. Leonard, city engineer, and J. C. Smith, realtor.

Hold-over directors, whose terms do not expire this year, include Bert W. Lanz, DeKalb Spurlin, Fred Isaacs, Donald Findley, R. R. Smith and Sherwood McIntyre.

Chamber members will cast their ballots at the Chamber of Commerce offices, Monday, June 5, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

GEO. SHIDLER IS PRESIDENT STATE GROUP

Torrance Man Chosen Head of California Young Democrats

George Shidler, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. George P. Shidler, 1448 Post avenue, was elected president of the state organization of Young Democrats, in their first annual state convention, held at Santa Barbara Friday and Saturday, May 25-27.

Since the beginning of the presidential campaign which culminated last November with the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president of the United States, Mr. Shidler has been actively identified with the Young Democrat movement and was instrumental in organizing a group in Torrance to take part in last year's campaign.

Other officers who were elected Saturday are Miss Patricia Neely, vice president; Morris Curran, secretary; and George Brownard, treasurer.

David Gill was chosen permanent chairman of the convention and Mrs. Hattie Summerville, secretary.

Among the distinguished guests who attended session of the convention were Assemblyman John T. Rawls of this district, who presented the group with a bound copy of the state constitution; J. J. Irwin, Los Angeles attorney and national committee man; Ruth Lockett, national committeewoman; Dr. Z. P. Malady, former head of the Democratic state central committee, who delivered an address; Mrs. Lois Sterling, niece of Vice President; Morris Curran, secretary; and George Brownard, treasurer.

LOS ANGELES MAN HURT IN COLLISION

Oliver Haney, 2498 Granville, West Los Angeles, was treated at the Jafed Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital Saturday for a cut on his head, following a collision at 190th and San Pedro, when cars driven by himself and E. Long of Torrance, collided. Long and his passengers, H. A. Marshall, 1415 Madrid, and Eldon Thistle, of Lomita, were not injured. Haney was able to go to his home after receiving first aid.

TORRANCE HIGH GIRL WINS HIGH PRAISE FOR ORATORY

Alice Burger In Finals Tomorrow Night At Los Angeles of "World Friendship Oratorical Contest"

Upon the diminutive shoulders of pretty little Alice Burger rests the high hopes of her fellow students at Torrance high for winning the Southland's high honors in the "World Friendship Oratorical Contest" tomorrow evening at Polytechnic high school in Los Angeles. While Alice is

scarcely 16 years old, she has already won first place in the Bay District oratorical contest, and those who have heard her predict that she will place high if not win in the final contest tomorrow evening at Los Angeles. Miss Burger has received many compliments for her forceful delivery and was enthusiastically applauded at the Torrance Rotary Club last week, when she gave her oration on "Youth and Internationalism."

Alice Burger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burger, 1104 Cedar avenue. She has been coached at Torrance high by Mrs. Lois Engel. It is hoped that a large delegation of Torrance students and other citizens will attend the final contest tomorrow evening at Poly high in Los Angeles.

In response to the requests of many readers who have heard Miss Burger's masterful oration, the Herald is publishing it below:

YOUTH AND INTERNATIONALISM
"Whether the world is to have Truth and Peace, or Untruth and War, will depend upon youth." These are words of the noted philosopher, Mahatma Gandhi. In this critical, testing time in the history of international organization and development, a challenge is thrown out to the youth of the world.

This war weary world of ours is in need of some radically new solutions for solving the gigantic problems of international politics. The only solutions that have been offered by past generations have been disarmament and international peace pacts. Both solutions have offered the same result, that is, no definite, lasting, understanding. The active, intelligent, and clear thinking young people of today realize the methods employed by their predecessors for solving these problems have been inadequate and impractical. Do treaties, arbitrations, and agreements not to make war really get to the root of the cause? No! Absolutely not! They are only of temporary use to prevent war. The real reason for war is something deep rooted and serious.

For thousands of years men have been seeking peace, and have been trying, in various ways, to find and abolish the causes of war for generations. The same challenge has been flung out to the youth of the world, upon whose shoulders the problems of conducting international affairs with justice and mutual understanding eventually fall. But never, since the beginning of history, has the challenge been more seriously considered, more fully comprehended, or more gloriously accepted.

World Friendship has a living significance to the youth of the world. They realize that a firm foundation is necessary upon which to build international confidence and good will. It cannot be built upon fear and distrust. The solid rock upon which World Friendship and future peace is to be founded can be none other than the doctrine of internationalism and of understanding among the nations of the world.

Narrow nationalism is out of date. The world has grown small by the inventions of the telegraph, radio, steamboat, and airplane. Today there is a higher ideal than national patriotism for which to strive. It is a world patriotism. The words of a Japanese Liberal statesman, Yukio Ozaki, are especially applicable. He says, "everything is getting internationalized except the human heart; true friendship can be cultivated only through internationalism." That expresses another of the challenges to the youth of today. The human heart must be internationalized.

Last August, immediately following the Olympic games, three hundred young people, representing thirty-three nations of the world, assembled together to discuss, informally, problems of their own country and of the world. This gathering was called the World Council of Youth. The purpose of the Council were:

To create international understanding.
To create a sense of fellowship and comradeship among the Youth of the World.
To bring about world co-operation, and to study the problems of Youth and the modern world and to begin their solution.

One of the most notable facts about this gathering was that there were delegates representing every race, every color, every creed, every nationality, and every economic understanding. The youth of this Council came ready to discuss problems, not as Frenchmen, Japanese, Mexicans or Americans, but as young people. They reached a definite understanding, concluded that there was but one way to bring about this much desired condition of World Friendship and peace.

What solution did they offer? Did they propose armaments, disarmaments, international peace pacts, or diplomats arguing among themselves? No! They concluded that the greatest hope for future international peace lies in fostering the will to understand.

It is only after we have come to understand the people of other nations and to appreciate their good qualities that we gain the fellowship and comradeship on which the hope of future peace must rest.

Boys Involved In House-Breaking

Three young boys of Torrance were turned over to the juvenile court authorities Wednesday, following their detention on charges of entering the home of O. S. Breeze and appropriating property to the value of about \$245.

Mr. and Mrs. Breeze, who reside at 1338 Engracia, were away from home between 7:30 and 10:15 Saturday night, and on their return found that someone had entered through the bathroom window and had ransacked the house. A box containing valuable papers, a string of pearls, fountain pen, field glasses, some cigarettes and a revolver were missing. City police who were notified found the boys in the vicinity and discovered that the shoes of one fit the tracks in the soil under the window. On being questioned they admitted the deed and returned all the articles which had been taken from the house.

As the boys are under age the matter was turned over to the juvenile court.