

Honor Coolidge
GODY, Wyo. (U.P.)—The "President Coolidge Door" to the Buffalo Bill Museum here will be dedicated at formal ceremonies on July 4. The door was that used by the late President and Mrs. Coolidge to enter the museum, August 27, 1927.

Notes From Washington

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Congressman, 17th District

It was at twenty-two minutes past one o'clock, Friday morning, June 16th, 1933, when the good citizens of California were sound asleep, that Joseph Burns, the Democratic Floor Leader, tall, lank, alert, keen-eyed, grey-haired Tennesseean, almost as homely as King Barton, hurled the last shot of the first session of the 73rd Congress when he arose and above the din and confusion of the restless and weary members shouted, "Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn sine die." And thus ended an eventful session of the Congress of more than one



hundred and twenty million people. The House met at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. After a brief period of routine business the House took a recess and the Democratic members held a conference over the Steiwer-Cutting amendment approved by the Senate and which pertained to a greater liberalization on veteran legislation. I have rarely attended a meeting of such high tension as this conference developed. In every meeting on the veteran problem there were impetuous expressions and members were wrought to a high pitch by their earnest conviction. After two hours of frenzied debate a large majority of the members of the conference took the practical view of the situation and decided to reject the Steiwer-Cutting amendment. It was conceded that the Senate proposal was more liberal than that which had been obtained for the veterans by the House committee which had been in conference with the President on numerous occasions and for a total period of 15 hours. The president had privately and openly declared, and his words were re-

ported to the Senate and the capitol seniors continued their debate far into the night. Senator Cutting of Oregon tried to rally the Senate for the second time but when the roll was called they went down to defeat and the House amendment was adopted by 45 to 36 votes. A sigh of relief was given by all the members when the Senate vote was reported. The House and Senate had been deadlocked over this provision and the passage of the Steiwer-Cutting amendment and the veto of the President or the rejection of the House proposal by the Senate meant a legislative jam that might prevent the adjournment of Congress for days or weeks. It was a bitter contest. As soon as the Speaker's gavel fell at that late hour of night the tense-nerved members scurried to their hotels.

When Congress gets into these legislative tangles here I am reminded very much of the atmosphere of a national convention. It is rather a thrilling spectacle. The earnestness of those participating is shown in every move and every feature. Impatience and disorder is everywhere evident and when the program is finally concluded you feel relieved that you have escaped a riot.

During the last hours, while the Senators were debating and filibustering and filling page after page of the Congressional Record, the House members took a recess and put on a jollification party. Tom McKeown, a popular member from Oklahoma, who is held as Frank Merriam of Long Beach, was called to the chair and a smoke meeting was conducted. William F. Conner of Massachusetts, the leader of organized labor in the House, sang songs and told funny stories and proved himself a first-class attraction on the stage as well as being one of the most serious members of the House. When Conner is on the floor he is full of fight and he rarely smiles, but put him on the platform and he is a horse of entirely different color. He was formerly on the stage.

A number of the members engaged in singing old-time songs and I began to think I was back in Watts at the Kiwanis Club. Everybody Works But Father, Happy Days and many other popular numbers rang out through the hall, much to the gratification of the galleries that were crowded with visitors. It was a fitting atmosphere for the dying hours of a strenuous session.

The customary speeches were made just before the final closing. Speeches made in praise of the Speaker and both the Republican and Democratic floor leaders. Some of the Democrats in their speeches paid high tribute to the public leaders and the Republican leaders replied in kind. All the fight was taken out of them at last. Many bitter words were said by the members of the two parties across the aisle from each other during the course of political struggles throughout the session. But after the battle is all over the members forget their strife and partisanship and join hands in good humor, for all, at last, are loyal citizens of one great country.

Somebody paid a tribute to the new members. Will Rogers, a new member from Oklahoma, replied. He had a nice little speech and recited some high school poetry and as he proceeded the members cheered him lustily until the entirely out of place until the speaker had difficulty in restor-

ing order to enable him to proceed. There isn't anything the House enjoys much more than giving some member a good razzing. And the new members, because of their lack of experience and because of their amateur efforts are unfortunately quite likely to invite the razzing.

The fact that the House did not adjourn on Saturday evening saved the life of one of the most important bills of this session. The Glass-Steagall bill had become tied up in the conference committee and was threatened with strangulation. Senator Glass was determined to force branch banking in all the states of the union and was determined to defeat the guarantee of bank deposits. The House members of the committee including Mr. Steagall, were bitterly opposed to the branch banking provision and were endeavoring to save the provision for the guarantee of bank deposits. The conference committee had worked many hours, night and day, and it finally appeared hopeless and that the bill would be lost. But after the decision not to adjourn Saturday night a renewed effort was made and the compromise was worked out, the bill saved and finally passed by both Houses. And Secretary Woodin received much criticism for his opposition. To my mind no measure passed by Congress will do so much to restore the confidence of the people as the guarantee of bank deposits.

The credit for this new step in banking to protect the depositors is due to Henry B. Steagall of Alabama. Mr. Steagall stated at the time the bill was passed in the House that he had labored for 15 years to carry out this principle in banking. In his first campaign in Alabama, 15 years ago, he had promised his constituents that he would introduce this bill, taken and he introduced his bill and worked for it. In the beginning he was laughed at, his idea was ridiculed and called socialistic. When he finally got to a point where his measure was receiving serious consideration, many of the most powerful bankers of the country frowned for Steiwer of Oregon tried to rally the Senate for the second time but when the roll was called they went down to defeat and the House amendment was adopted by 45 to 36 votes. A sigh of relief was given by all the members when the Senate vote was reported. The House and Senate had been deadlocked over this provision and the passage of the Steiwer-Cutting amendment and the veto of the President or the rejection of the House proposal by the Senate meant a legislative jam that might prevent the adjournment of Congress for days or weeks. It was a bitter contest. As soon as the Speaker's gavel fell at that late hour of night the tense-nerved members scurried to their hotels.

"When a man starts down hill all nature seems to be greased," wrote Josh Billings when I was a boy. I have often witnessed examples of this philosophy throughout the years. And I have witnessed the detronement and the loss of prestige of one of the ablest members of the Senate during my six months in Washington. It was during the Lame Duck Session that Senator Glass received a hard defeat to his many years of prestige. For years he has been considered as the most influential member of the Senate committee on banking. When he was elevated to the secretary of the treasury he occupied a very high place in the financial councils of the country. But in the Lame Duck Session Senator Huey Long, the "King-Fish" of Louisiana, began a terrific battle against Glass' branch banking proposition. The "King-Fish" was berated and misrepresented in his fight from one end of the country to the other, but the "King-Fish" won and the Senator from Virginia saw his favorite proposition stricken from his bill.

In the present session of Congress the Glass bill was reintroduced. In this session Senator McAdoo of California was a member and he was intent on the insurance of bank deposits. Senator Glass was much opposed to Senator McAdoo's proposal but Glass was obliged to yield and this provision was made a part of his bill. Senator Glass is a six old fox and he had a chance to eliminate this provision in a conference committee, but again he failed.

The third discomfiture of Senator Glass came in the inflation program of President Roosevelt in the Agriculture bill. Senator Glass was horrified at the proposed restoration of silver, the proposal of the reduction of the gold content of the dollar and at the idea of issuing three billions of money in paper currency. He made a bitter attack on this measure, but again he went down to humiliating defeat.

Senator Glass' clash with Pecora and his apparent cost him much of his prestige and many of his friends throughout the country. So it goes with the old-timers and the pillars of legislation who one by one reach a peak of power and then begin to slowly recede and some other member takes their place. Several of the very prominent Senate leaders of the Republican side were defeated last November and now the Democratic side is doing some unbraving on its own account. All of which indicates that new ideas bring forth new leadership and the old must yield to the new.

One of the representative citizens of Torrance, De Kelly Spurlin, paid me a visit on his way to New York City. De Kalb is as handsome as Huey Long, the famous "King-Fish." De Kalb is one of those hopeless Hooverites who has not yet climbed on the Democratic band wagon. But Spurlin is still a young man.

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IN SOCIETY

GUESTS AT COMMENCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMaster, son, Thomas, and daughter, Jane, and Henry McMaster of Fullerton, attended Torrance high school commencement exercises last Thursday evening when Helen Florence McMaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McMaster, was a graduate.

O. E. S. OFFICERS AT GARDEN PARTY
Garden parties seem to have gained favor and one of the loveliest was arranged by officers of the Order of Eastern Star, 1931, 1932 and 1933. The affair honored the birthday of the present worthy matron, Mrs. Carrie Parks. Hundreds of the group were invited to participate in the affair which was held in the lovely garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babcock, 2348 Mariposa Place, last Saturday evening.

Tables were beautifully arranged and after dinner the group joined in a treasure hunt, at the end of which Mrs. Parks found an Italian pottery vase, a gift from the assembled guests.

Those serving on the committee were Mrs. Leithel Kerber, Mrs. Minnie Brooks, Mrs. Lois Babcock, Mrs. Edith Kasper and Mrs. Juliette Johnson.

W. B. A. MEETS THURSDAY
The W. B. A. will meet on Thursday, July 6, at the home of Mrs. Jessie Reeve, 1824 Arlington avenue.

SCOUT MOTHERS' AUXILIARY

Scout Mothers' Auxiliary of Troop No. 3 met Monday evening at the home of the president, Mrs. Joe Peterson, 1738 Manuel avenue. Plans for a card party, which will be given Monday evening, July 10, at the K. of C. hall, were completed. After the business session a social hour was enjoyed. A game prize was presented to Mrs. Smith.

MR. AND MRS KING ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King, 1604 Cedar avenue, entertained an informal group at dinner Friday evening. Gracing the tables with covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Walden Hearst of Los Angeles, J. R. Wilkes and Mr. and Mrs. Tom King. Bridge furnished entertainment and prizes for high scores were presented to Mrs. Herbert Robinson and Harry Higgins. A consolation prize was presented to J. R. Wilkes.

ATTEND SAN PEDRO CHAPTER O. E. S.

Members of Torrance Order of Eastern Star were guests of the San Pedro Chapter last Friday evening when they observed Matrons' night and matrons of the surrounding chapters filled the chairs. Mrs. Carrie Parks of the Torrance Chapter served as treasurer. Torrance Star members who attended were Mrs. Carrie Parks, Mrs. Willis Brooks, Mrs. Edith Oliver, Mrs. Loraine Ulrich, Mrs. Leithel Kerber, Mrs. Juliette Johnson, Mrs. Stella Graham, Mrs. Gwendolyn Knudson and F. L. Parks.

American Legion Auxiliary News

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular business meeting in Legion hall, Monday evening, July 3. At this meeting nomination of officers for the ensuing year will be opened and candidates nominated for the state convention which will be held in Pasadena, August 11, 15 and 16.

A special meeting of past presidents was held at the home of Dorothy Harder last Tuesday evening, at which time plans for a past presidents' parley were completed.

Our Juniors

Juniors of the American Legion Auxiliary with their chairman, Mrs. Lucille Lawellen, attended the Nineteenth district picnic of the Junior Auxiliaries at Cabrillo Beach, last Saturday. Those who attended the affair were Patricia Jean Doan, Betty Mallin, Hazel Burchette, Magda Semenz, Karna Delinger, Lillian Prince, Helen Greiner and Mary Intermill.

Canine Hobo

CHICO, Calif. (U.P.)—A little dog that originally belonged to an Oroville hawkeeman has been riding the trains for eight months. He changes cars at frequent intervals and apparently has no destination in view. Trainmen see that he doesn't go hungry.

CONDUCTRESS NIGHT AT O. E. S.

Torrance Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will long remember Conductress night, as it was one of the nicest affairs of the chapter year. Last Thursday evening conductresses of the district were guests of Torrance Chapter and took part in the program.

A one-act play, "Mrs. Johnson, Entertains Her Club," a drill by Messiah Chapter drill team and several musical selections made up the program, after which refreshments were served in the dining room. The tables were decorated in blue and gold and tiny umbrellas marked places for 150 Star members.

Myrtle Givens, conductress of Torrance Chapter, was chairman for the affair.

ATTEND NEIGHBOR CHAPTER O. E. S.

Mrs. Myrtle Givens and Mrs. Lillian Dye attended the Playa Linda Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at Hermosa, last Monday evening.

Mrs. E. C. McCannell and children of San Francisco, are visiting at the home of Mrs. McCannell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson, 1813 Cota avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Billini and daughter, Teala, visited over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stewart of Ventura. Mrs. and Mrs. Stewart are former residents of Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Corithers of Los Angeles, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Neelands, 1833 Engracia avenue, Sunday.

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