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Congressman Colden at the Capitol

By CHARLES J. COLDEN
WASHINGTON, June 24. (Special to The Herald)—One of the outstanding events in the life of a member of Congress is to have an invitation to visit the White House and confer with the President. This occurs frequently with the Speaker, Floor Leader and also chairmen of the ways and means committee and the appropriations committee, but it happens but occasionally in the activities of the average member. Five members of the rivers and harbors committee, including myself, were recently requested to meet the President.

Boulder dam was the first great pioneer project for public power. Before a dollar was expended in the construction of the dam, the Bureau of Light and Power of Los Angeles, the Metropolitan Water district, and some smaller private utilities, were required to underwrite the whole proposition and provide for repayment within a period of 50 years at four percent interest. The underwriters were also required to repay the federal government \$25,000,000 for the flood control portion of the dam. The government does not require the power plants of the T.V.A. project to pay for flood control. At Booneville, on the Columbia river, the government does not propose to require the power plant to pay the money expended for navigation of the river. Also the rate of interest under consideration for other projects is considerably less than the four percent at Boulder dam.

SUPERMAN'S TASK . . . As a member of the rivers and harbors committee the task has fallen to me to secure a reduction in the rate of interest charged to the Los Angeles Bureau of Light and Power and the Metropolitan Water district.

I succeeded in getting the committee to reduce the rate of interest from four to three percent, but the President desires to control the rate of interest as well as the selling price of the electricity at Boulder dam, Booneville, Grand Coulee, Fort Peck and in the Tennessee valley. Our battle was to secure the same rates at Boulder as were enjoyed by other similar government projects and our committee was glad to accept the President's suggestion.

The President's ability to keep his finger on every project in the country borders on the marvelous. It is a superman's task. It requires not only a tremendous amount of work, but it requires a very alert mind to keep in touch with all these government affairs.

SEES F. D. R. . . . Our committee expected about a five-minute interview but we spent 30 minutes with him in vivacious conversation and argument. Another Congressman, Hutton Sumners, of Texas, and the chairman of the House judiciary committee, that will have to wrestle with the President's Supreme Court program, had just preceded us with an interview with the President.

The President's desk was cluttered up with dishes and knives and forks and spoons. I counted seven Democratic donkeys on his desk and five more on side tables. Donkeys seemed to be favored by the President as there was only one elephant and he did not look so good all by himself. The President's flat top desk also held two ash trays, several books, ink pens, and three coin slot pigs. I forgot to ask the President whether he was taking up a collection for charity or for the Democratic campaign fund.

So far as I can observe the President is in good health and in fine trim. He is full of good cheer and his conversation is witty and vivacious. A number of us are looking forward to our visit with him on Jefferson Island on the week-end.

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Widow to Receive H. J. Walter Estate

Mrs. Ruth I. Walter of 1424 Beech avenue, is to receive the entire estate of her late husband, Herman J. Walter, according to the will filed for probate this week in Los Angeles. Property in Pennsylvania is the principal item in the estate. Walter died last May 22. The widow's petition asking that the will be admitted to probate is set for hearing on July 20.

Schools Close With Term's End GRADUATES FETED AT COMMENCEMENT

Brave in their wide-eyed expectancy of vacation ahead, jobs ahead or more years of education in college or university, 50 young men and women composing the summer class of 1937 received their Torrance high school diplomas last Thursday evening from George W. McDill, member of the Los Angeles board of education. The commencement exercises at the Civic Auditorium were attended by a large crowd of parents, friends and fellow-students of the graduates.

Down at Narbonne high school, the 23rd commencement was held the same night and 62 students ended their secondary education when Mrs. Margarete L. Clark, another member of the board of education, presented the diplomas. At both graduations, interesting programs by student speakers, soloists and singers made the closing events memorable.

Friday morning report cards were issued to other high school and grammar school students and before noon the summer vacation period began. The 1937-38 term will start Sept. 13. This week only the custodians and a few members of the office personnel were at the schools.



PRINCIPAL THOMAS H. ELSON . . . he released half-a-hundred charges



THE MADRIGAL SINGERS OF TORRANCE HIGH . . . they sang for graduates, parents and friends

ROOM BURGLARIZED
Sixty dollars worth of clothing and \$7 in cash were reported stolen from the Roi-Tan hotel room of Jeff Holland Monday afternoon. Holland gave police the name and description of a possible suspect.

Canada Improves Roads
OTTAWA, Ont. (U.P.)—The Canadian government will spend approximately \$2,100,000 building and improving roads.

People and what they are doing . . .

Mrs. M. Kirkham and daughter, Miss Thurlow Kirkham, had as their guests the past week, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gammill and son, of Tulso, Louisiana, and Miss Daisy Gammill, of McNary, Arizona. The group spent many happy hours visiting and sight-seeing in the Southland.

Mrs. Helen Berry and Miss Genevieve Bowdry, 1750 Martina avenue, left early this week to visit for a time with Mrs. Berry's folks in Lewiston, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gilbert, 1511 Acacia avenue, have as their house guests, Mr. Gilbert's parents of Maricopa, California.

Mrs. Addie Clemmons of Post avenue spent last week-end with relatives in Pasadena.

Enjoying camp-life as only two boys can, Bob Lewellen, Jr., and Jimmy Higgins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewellen of Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Higgins of Manuel avenues are spending the week at the Boy Scout Camp Arthur Letts in the Hollywood hills.

Frank Scallen and his sister Miss Mary Scallen, 2204 Torrance boulevard, leave Friday to spend the week-end in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Strasser, of Torrance boulevard, celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Miller, 2807 Sonoma avenue, spent Sunday at Lake Elsinore.

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When Feds Dared Rebs On July 4 In L. A. County

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finished the crowd was invited to 'wade in' toward the picnic tables. Then followed a feast of reason and flow of soul. There were many hot arguments but no acrimonious disputes, for no 'Secesh' were present.

Prior to the Civil War the United States war department made a practice of sending young West Point graduates to Los Angeles county for seasoning. As a result of this policy many famous army men were familiar figures in the county. Just a few days before the celebration described above, Albert Sidney Johnston had announced his allegiance to the South, and departed with Alonzo Ridley's company for Texas, taking several junior West Pointers who sided with him. Tecumseh Sherman and Rosecrans, who had been stationed here, had already been called East.

Most famous locally of all the army men, and best known in Los Angeles, was P. G. T. Beauregard. In his salad days Beauregard clown around Los Angeles. Everybody loved him, and being a young West Pointer every home was open to him.

Angeleno Started War
In the 1850s Beauregard, in one of his gay moments, discovered that there was no place in Los Angeles where a gentleman could buy a drink. With a convivial friend he opened the first American saloon there in a building just south of the present Pico House on Main street. High-tone credit customers soon bankrupted the business, however, and it was remodeled to become the First Methodist church.

Beauregard later went East to join the Confederate forces. In April 1861, about two and a half months before the July 4th celebration, Beauregard was in military charge of Charleston, Fort Sumter was on a shoal in the narrowest part of the channel of Charleston Harbor, about three and a half miles from the city. When the Union commander, after several days parley, refused to accede to the Confederacy's demands, Beauregard ordered his cannon to fire. So, in a way, a former Los Angeles army officer started the Civil War.

Mrs. Lola Hoover, Mrs. Rolive Bever and Miss Bea Hughes attended a meeting of Compton Chapter O. E. S. in Compton, Monday evening.

James C. Brown returns to join his family at 2611 Arlington avenue, after two years shore duty at Honolulu.

Mrs. M. C. Lybch, 1646 1/2 Cabrillo avenue, left recently to visit for two months with her folks in Seattle.

Miss Frances Granger, 1738 Martina avenue, is spending the summer at the grad house and attending summer classes at Pomona College.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan and daughter, Dorothy, 1527 Post avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren McMillan and children of Westwood, leave today to spend the month of July at Balboa Beach.

Miss Edith Carney of Los Angeles was a guest Monday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte of Post avenue.

Mrs. R. J. Delinger, 2463 Carson street, visited with friends in Santa Ana, Wednesday.

Misses Louise and Wilma Harnes of Alameda, California, will arrive in Torrance Saturday to visit over the week-end with Mrs. Gertrude Hayden, 1914 Martina avenue.



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