

SUMMER CLASS OF 1941 - 81 STUDENTS - GRADUATE HERE TONIGHT



Commencement Program Starts at 8 o'Clock at High School Assembly Hall With Student Speakers Participating in Traditional Exercises

Columbia Steel and Nat'l Supply Plan Huge Expansions

A proposal to add \$1,750,000 in open hearth furnaces and rolling mills to its huge steel plant in Torrance has been offered by the Columbia Steel Corporation in conjunction with other west coast steel plant expansion projects, the Office of Production Management in Washington revealed late last week.

O. P. M. officials disclosed that negotiations involving emergency plant facility contracts with the Navy Department are also under way to expand the production of heavy forgings at the National Supply Company in Torrance.

It was announced that the government is seriously considering proposals of West Coast steel companies calling for a \$100,000,000 expansion of their facilities to increase their annual output by 1,556,000 tons.

At the same time the O. P. M. indicated it has dropped the plan building plant proposed by Henry J. Kaiser, West Coast industrialist.

The proposals of west coast steel firms exceed by 500,000 tons the program suggested by the federal government to make the Pacific coast independent of the east in steel production. From Washington comes the report that the Columbia proposal calls for additional coke ovens, blast furnaces, open-hearth plant, bloom and slab mill, sheet bar mill, jobbing and mill, plate mills and a steel foundry to be constructed at Provo, Utah, at a cost of \$27,200,000; additional open hearth furnaces and rolling mills at the Torrance plant, and additional open hearth furnaces, blooming mill, billet mill and merchant mill at Pittsburg, Calif., to cost \$5,250,000.

Until final arrangements are completed, there will be no announcement of the expansion project by Columbia Steel officials, it was learned this week. At the local plant, inquiries concerning the proposal must be answered from the San Francisco main office of the company. However, Washington reports state that Columbia, under the proposal, would finance 10 per cent of the expansion program with the government putting up the cash for the balance.

Columbia Steel here now operates four open hearth furnaces and extensive rolling mill equipment at full capacity with more than 1,500 men employed. It has been estimated that expansion of the local plant, as proposed to O. P. M., would increase the Torrance pay roll by approximately 1,000 men, however, local officials of the company would not comment on this or other factors in the Washington report.

School Budget Hits New High Despite Pleas

Pleas of hard-pressed taxpayers and the condemnation of its own president failed to stop the Los Angeles board of education Monday night from skyrocketing the school tax levy to approximately \$2 for each \$100 assessed valuation. Six members of the board approved a revised tentative school budget of a staggering \$45,206,327 for 1941-42. The proposed fiscal plan is unequalled in the records of the Los Angeles school system and it was fought by Board President Dr. E. Vincent Askey and a dozen organizations including the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.

Superintendent Vierling Kersey submitted the revised budget totaling \$43,229 more than the original \$44,594,723 plan in the afternoon. This started the heated protests which were climaxed by Dr. Askey's strong condemnation of huge spending program.

Among the increases authorized by six out of seven members in the face of determined opposition were: Additional teacher salaries, \$400,962 (including a \$30,200 additional step for elementary instructors); reclassification of classified personnel, \$12,771; retention of 27 junior college probationary teachers, \$80,000; new buildings, \$259,700; out-of-school youth defense program, \$45,000; junior college summer session, \$19,200; and minor items, \$1,750.

Entitled to 'Degree' Reductions effected included \$207,784 saved by not filling certain teaching positions vacated by retirement and \$31,700 slashed from the fund for junior college probationary employments.

Sole board opposition to the staggering budget was voiced by Dr. Askey, who bluntly ascribed salary boosts to "perverted paths" factors and the (Continued on Page 8-A)

Scouts to Hold Honor Court and Field Day

Arrangements for the Boy Scout Court of Honor to be held tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock at the high school assembly hall, were completed today while the site for the Scout Field Day Saturday, June 28, was shifted from the new Scout camp to the Torrance city park ball diamond. The change in location was made because the camp site has not been improved sufficiently to accommodate the boys, it was announced by Scout officials.

Scouts and Cub Scouts will meet at the city hall tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock and start a parade, headed by the Torrance Municipal band, to the high school assembly hall at 7:15. The following program is to be presented for the benefit of the public:

Selections by the Municipal band, opening ceremonies by the assembled Scouts, singing of the national anthem by all present and address of welcome by Mayor Tom McGuire. J. R. Winters will introduce the Scouters present and second-class Scout awards will be presented. Another number by the band will be followed by awarding of first class Scout emblems, merit badges, Star and Life Scout honors. Scout Commissioner will present the lanyard and banners and Judge Ben Scheinman, president of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area of Boy Scouts, is to make the Eagle Scout award.

Field Day Program Following more band numbers, a banner will be presented to the winning troop having the largest number of parents and friends present and the Scouts will stage their closing exercises.

The Field Day program will begin at 9:45 a. m., Saturday at the city park and will continue to 5 p. m. All parents and friends of the Scouts are cordially invited to attend. Following opening ceremonies, presented by the youngest troop of the district, a series of stunts will be staged. These will include first aid, signaling, uniform inspection and axe throwing.

After lunch and at 12:45 o'clock there will be water boiling, sack races, string burning, tent pitching, wheelbarrow races, knot tying, fire making by friction and flint and steel. The two concluding events are for mothers and fathers of Scouts. The mothers will vie in nail driving while the fathers will hold a tug-of-war.

Second Draft Registration Day Next Tuesday, July 1

All young men who have reached the age of 21 since last October have a date with Uncle Sam next Tuesday, July 1. Selective Service regulations call for the registration of every man in the state who has attained his 21st birth-date subsequent to October 16, 1940 and before midnight July 1, 1941. It is estimated that about 60,000 men in California—approximately 280 of them in this district—will register.

The order applies to aliens as well as U. S. citizens, including both aliens who have reached the age of 21 since the last "R" day and those between the ages of 21 and 36 who have arrived in this country during the period.

Where to Register Registration in the Torrance, Lomita, Gardena area covered by Selective Service Board No. 280 will be taken at the Board's headquarters in Torrance at 1337 El Prado, at the Gardena city hall and the Lomita post-office. Hours for the sign-up period are from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Special registrars will be assigned to men who cannot appear before the local boards or the special registration places because of illness or other valid reason. Prisoners and inmates of institutions also are covered by the registration, although their sign-up will be deferred until the day of their release.

Exemptions Noted Exemptions from registration, similar to those for the original "R" day, follow:

Commissioned officers, warrant officers, pay clerks, and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, the marine corps, the coast guard, the coast and geodetic survey, the public health service, the federally recognized active national guard, the officers' reserve corps, the naval reserve and the marine corps reserve; cadets, United States military academy; midshipmen, U. S. naval academy; men who have been accepted for admission with the academic year next succeeding such acceptance to the U. S. military academy, naval academy or coast guard. Cadets of the advanced course, senior division reserve officers training corps or naval officers training corps; and members of foreign consulates, embassies, legations, etc.

The 13th draft call-out is scheduled for July 15 when 18 young men will go from Selective Service Board No. 280. They will leave Torrance from in front of the Auditorium at 7 a. m. that day.

BRINEY AT COUNCIL Perry G. Briney, who served as city attorney here from 1921 to 1932 and assisted in the incorporation of the city, appeared at city council meeting Tuesday night as a spectator. After being welcomed by Mayor Tom McGuire, Briney, who now lives in San Pedro, was given a seat next to City Attorney John E. McCull as the meeting was about to adjourn.

12th Draft Call-Out Takes Seven Men Into Army Here Yesterday

Seven men, including three volunteers and a transfer to Jonesboro, Ark., for induction there, left Torrance yesterday morning as members of the 12th draft call-out. They were:

Donald LaVore Wolverton, 18, unemployed volunteer; Moneta Noboru Nakamoto, 23, farm laborer, R. R. 1, Box 159, Redondo Beach. Dale Clifford Simmons, 24, delicatessen store owner, 2076 Torrance Blvd., Torrance. Clint Orvel Brown, 25, apprentice plumber, 1612 220th st., Torrance, who transferred to Arkansas for induction there. Joe Cosimo Tedesco, 34, shoe repair, 24053 Neece ave., WALTERIA, who was a volunteer and leader of the contingent. Frank Toichi Fujino, 23, farm laborer, R. F. D. 1, Box 47, Redondo Beach. Mizuho David Yoshida, 19, unemployed volunteer, 15803 South Western ave., Gardena.

GRADUATION TONITE; TERM ENDS FRIDAY

Tonight at 8 o'clock 81 Torrance high school seniors, members of the Summer class of 1941, are to march down the outside aisles of the school assembly hall to begin their last appearance as a group.

Following a tradition, only student speakers will be featured at the commencement. Discussing divisions of the school curriculum will be Mary Intermill and James Daniel, academic; Raphael Duarte and Jacqueline Kyle, commercial; Richard Pierson, industrial arts and home economics; Walter Hamman, general course. Reminiscences will be presented by Virginia Zamperini, "With Our Parents"; Helen Thompson, "With the Faculty"; Mary Walls, "With Vice-Principal Elizabeth Parks"; Clifford Powell, "With Principal Thomas Elson"; Margie Keltom, "We Who Have Learned, Go Forth to Serve."

The class gift will be presented by Phillip Hoffman, the class of Summer '41 by Eugene Shaner, class president and diplomas by Miss Parks and Principal Elson. Student announcements will be George Snow and Clifford Totten.

Honor winners are Marjorie Rusk, Helen Thompson and Virginia Zamperini, seal bearers in the California Scholarship Federation; Eleanor Lukes, torch bearer; Kathryn Quimby and Helen Thompson, Ephebian; Mina Hornell and Ralph Pina, George Arakawa cup in recognition.

Plan to Select Candidates for Council Outlined

Who will replace the three Torrance councilmen who are up for recall July 29.

This question is now being asked by many Torrance voters. In response to this inquiry, Charles Mitschrich, chairman of the Recall Committee, issued the following statement today:

"In view of the fact that nearly a thousand voters signed the recall petitions and at least another thousand indicated their willingness to vote for removal of Councilmen Powell, Babcock and Murray, it seems a certainty that there will be three vacancies on the city council after the recall election.

Members of the Recall Committee want it distinctly understood that none of us who have been working in the campaign to remove Councilmen Powell, Murray and Babcock from office is a candidate for any office, either elective or appointive. Our sole aim in this campaign is to place men or women on the city council who are honest, capable and progressive. We want a harmonious city council whose members will work together for betterment of this city and who are alert to the vast opportunities now at hand in the National Defense program for expansion of our industries and increased housing facilities that must be provided to house thousands of additional workers and their families who will be employed here.

Plan Embraces Whole City "The Recall Committee has no candidates at present in mind, and does not propose to select any ticket. We do, however, submit a democratic plan for the selection of proper candidates which we believe will be satisfactory to all districts within the city. Briefly, the plan is this:

"Residents in each of the 16 precincts, including North Torrance, Hollywood - Riviera and Waverly, as well as the other 14 precincts in the city, will be asked to hold a meeting in their district and select two representatives from their respective district. These 32 precinct representatives, in turn, will hold a caucus and recommend three candidates of their selection. When these three candidates are decided upon, all voters who desire will be asked to join in the campaign to elect this 'people's ticket'.

"By this plan, those who believe in our policies will cast a solid vote and there will be no danger of objectionable candidates being elected by splitting the vote of the majority of the people of Torrance who want a clean, honest, progressive administration of our municipal affairs."

People's Opportunity "On behalf of the Recall Committee and all citizens interested in good government, I thank those loyal citizens who, without remuneration or hope of reward, contributed their efforts and time to solicit and obtain signatures to the recall petitions. It is inspiring to know that we have such unselfish people in Torrance and that (Continued on Page 8-A)

Heated Campaign is Forecast Preceding Recall Vote July 29

By Grover C. Whyte

Maybe it was just the "calm before (and after) the storm" but the ease and serenity with which the official resolution setting the date of the councilmanic recall election for July 29 wafted thru the council chamber Tuesday evening was like a soft summer breeze compared to the storm of outbursts that preceded circulation of recall petitions—and which no doubt will be renewed as the campaign gets going.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett read his certificate attesting to the sufficiency of the recall petition affecting all three councilmen: Councilmen George V. Powell, Vern Babcock and J. V. Murray. A prepared resolution was read, moved for adoption by Murray, seconded by Babcock. The vote was 5 to 0 for adoption. That was all. No applause, not even a comment from the audience when it came time for oral communications was heard.

Perhaps the widely circulated report that the Recall Committee, headed by Attorney Charles Mitschrich and Secretary George Bumpus, also an attorney, was prepared to go into court immediately to mandamus the calling of the election if any delay was attempted—coupled with the clearly defined provisions of the State law which says for a thousand dollar fine and prison term for failure to carry out the recall statute—may also have had some effect. At any rate, the reported boast of at least one of the recallers that injunction proceedings would be used to postpone the election failed to materialize.

First Woman Crossing Guard On Duty Here

Believed to be the first woman school crossing guard in the county, Mrs. C. Rayonette Brown of 1008 Cedar st. is now on duty morning, noon and afternoon at Cedar st. and Torrance Blvd. Wearing blue slacks, jacket and a nifty beret, Mrs. Brown began her guard service Monday morning.

When the state legislature last week made no definite plans for continuance of the SRA, it was necessary for Torrance to dispense with all but three crossing guards. Mrs. Brown came to the police station late last week and said she heard that women might be employed when and if SRA were discontinued.

She applied for the job and got it. Her hours are from 8 to 9 a. m., from 11 o'clock to noon and 2 to 4 p. m. She sees that children going to and from Fern Avenue school get across the intersection safely. Two other crossing guards retained by the city are stationed at intersections of Highway 101 and Hawthorne ave. in WALTERIA and Arlington ave. at 220th st.

ERIC CHAPLIN WINS ARMY SERGEANT STRIPES Eric Chaplin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaplin of 1019 Cota ave., who was inducted into the Army January 20 as a volunteer, has been promoted to sergeant of the 11th Regiment band at Camp Roberts, it was learned this week. (Continued on Page 8-A)

MARCH OF RIMES QUIZMANIA

By H. F. NOAKE

Well folks, it's now quite apparent, that radio (heaven forbid), is being devoted to quizzing each woman, each man, aye each kid. Disguised as pure entertainment, exploited as something brand new, these quizzers, methinks are attempting to measure John Public's I. Q. Just tune in one of these broadcasts and ere it has gone very far, you too cannot fail to discover what dumb bells we actually are. For instance, here's one sample question, (the answer's right nifty, at that), "Please tell us the shape of the world, sir," came the answer, "It's practically flat." This poser was asked of a mother, "Name two of our cardinal sins," to which she promptly made answer, "That's easy, my red headed twins." Such answers as quoted verbatim, reveal some I. Q.'s out of plumb, which causes this lame brain to wonder, just why they call animals dumb.

Next Week's Issue Out Day Earlier

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, next week's editions of both The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News will be distributed Wednesday, July 3 — for next week ONLY. Both advertising and news columns will necessarily close one day earlier than usual.

COUNCIL MEETS TODAY

An adjourned meeting of the city council was scheduled for 5 o'clock this afternoon. The next regular session will be Tuesday evening, July 8.