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Boulevard Condemnation Opposed

Seventeen Seniors Will Get Diplomas Here on June 25th

Commencement Exercises Will Be Held at High School Auditorium; Program Will Be Announced Later

Seventeen students will graduate from Torrance High school at the Commencement exercises to be held at the High school auditorium, Thursday evening, June 25.

The names of the graduates follow: Ione Barnett, Helen Morse, Albert Isenstein, Clifford Simpson, Clara Totten, Harriet Vieths, Frank Perkins, George Hannan, Ethel Bodley, Ruth

McKenzie, Loretta Condey, Blanche Fix, Wilson Woodburn, Clines Bartsch, Vivian Pratt, Gwendolyn Miller, Lillian Elman.

The program for the Commencement exercises will be announced later.

On Sunday evening, June 22, at the High school auditorium, Rev. J. W. Morris will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

TRUSTEES

The board rejected the bid of Coy F. Farquhar of Harbor City for the city's hay crop at the sewer farm. The bid was for \$575. The crop will be readvertised for sale.

Trustee Torrance reported that the board at a recent noon meeting with representatives of the telephone company refused the company's request to make overhead extensions along the alley between Sartori and Cravens avenues. The board intends to adhere to the established practice in Torrance of keeping cables and wires in conduits.

L. M. Crowell and C. P. Alverson were granted a license to conduct a bowling alley and billiard hall at 1953 Carson street. Messrs. Crowell and Alverson told the board that the institution will be open in about two weeks and that it will be conducted in such a manner that ladies may bowl.

Cities of Southern California are opposing before the railroad commission the application of the Southern California Edison company for increased rates during the present emergency. A telegram from Perry Thomas, deputy city attorney of Los Angeles, requesting that Torrance share the cost of this legal opposition, was answered by the promise that this city would stand its share of the expense on a basis of population.

Reporting to the board that the police automobile has outlived its usefulness, Trustee Torrance was authorized to buy a new car for the police department, turning in the present car on the transaction and making out a contract for the new machine. The police committee was also given power to erect a garage at the police station, so that the new car may be kept under cover while standing.

The board empowered the lighting committee—Trustee Torrance, chairman—to co-operate with the Southern California Edison company in the matter of reducing the amount of electricity used by the street lighting system. The company proposes to install smaller lamps.

CONSUMERS MUST REDUCE USE OF ELECTRICITY 25 PER CENT, RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS

Reduction of 25 per cent in the use of electric energy in Southern California has been ordered by the supervisor appointed by the State Railroad commission at a recent meeting.

Every community in the Southland must conserve power and lighting. The action of the supervisor was taken after a thorough canvass of the situation by the railroad commission.

An official communication from the railroad commission reads as follows:

"The Southern California Edison company, Ontario Power company and Los Angeles city systems will be able to supply considerably more power than last year, but will be temporarily unable to meet all of the demands now being made upon them.

"It was brought out that the flow of the mountain streams has decreased at an alarming rate during the last week and to a large extent

TRUSTEES GET PETITIONS FOR ALLEY PAVING

Petitions for the paving of all alleys in the business and residence districts of Torrance were received last night by the board of trustees. The petitions requested that 12-foot pavements, with Willite surface, be laid.

Trustee Fitzhugh declared that while he favored public improvements he was not certain whether all the alleys in the residence district should be paved.

The petition was referred to the street committee, together with one signed by George D. Watson for paving of the alley between 212th and 213th street, paralleling El Prado and Bow street.

WESTERN AVE. WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY

City of L. A. Portion Not Ready Until August

The new pavement on Western avenue will be open Thursday. The mile long strip in Los Angeles county has been completed for more than a week. The portion in Torrance will be open Thursday. The city of Los Angeles will award the contract for the eight-block strip north of the county's pavement shortly. The engineering department of the city has completed specifications, which were more difficult than usual on account of drainage problems. It is doubtful if the pavement in Los Angeles city will be completed before August 1. The street has been graded, however, and is in passable condition for traffic.

City Engineer Jessup and assistants are busy preparing the assessment rolls for payment of the Torrance pavement.

Observations

The Free-for-All Race at the Coming Democratic Convention — The Mississippi Valley and Power

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE Torrance Fiesta and Exposition, under the auspices of the American Legion, will be held in Torrance July 15 to 19. The event this year is more significant than ever. For it will mark the opening of Western avenue and the location of Torrance on a main highway from the mountains to the sea. It is fitting, therefore, that everyone in Torrance and vicinity support the Legion boys this year more wholeheartedly than ever before. The Fiesta and Exposition last year was the most splendid success in the history of the event. It reflected credit on Torrance and on the Legion. With Western avenue opening, the affair this year should be even more successful.

Let us all make the event this year a celebration commensurate with the importance of the opening of Western avenue and the growth of Torrance.

THE elephant has trumpeted. Now let the donkey bray. The stage is being set for the Democratic national convention. And what a grand old ruckus that will be!

The scene shifts from Cleveland to New York. But what a different scene! In Cleveland a strong and powerful hand at the end of an arm belonging to Calvin Coolidge ruled the convention in all but one important matter. It marked the reign of a new group in the Republican party, through the unseating of the senatorial oligarchy.

At New York the situation will be completely reversed. When the curtain goes up at Madison Square Garden there will be no one outstanding leader, no single group with enough authority to sway two-thirds of the delegates.

The fight at Cleveland was practically private. The battle at New York will be a free-for-all.

It is certain that the falling gavel at Gotham will sound the signal for one of the greatest strategic forays for power that ever marked any national convention.

IT will be a convention of compromises among leaders. No individual will be nominated until two or three powerful leaders in the party pool their interests. But none of these leaders—Brennan, Taggart, Bryan, or Al Smith—will consent to compromise until each has tested the strength of all his opponents.

Bryan goes to the convention instructed for McAdoo and ready to wage a bitter fight for the nomination of an out-and-out progressive. Taggart and Brennan will be for conservative candidates. Al Smith and Tammany will be for Al Smith.

If it is anybody's race, as one observer puts it, the only thing certain about the convention is that it will be held in New York.

At the present writing McAdoo goes to the convention the strongest candidate. But Taggart and Brennan and Smith are agreed on one thing. They are all against McAdoo. They may differ as to choice of a nominee, but they are solid against the Californian. It seems likely that they can control enough votes to prevent his nomination, at least through many ballots.

But by the same token Bryan and McAdoo will control enough delegates to prevent the nomination of Al Smith or any other candidate upon which Smith, Brennan and Taggart may agree.

IT will be a long-drawn battle, recalling the bitter struggle at Baltimore in 1912.

You will remember that year, when Murphy, Brennan and Taggart went to the convention determined to name Champ Clark. On the first ballot Clark had almost the two-thirds necessary for nomination.

But there was William Jennings Bryan. He put on his armor and went into the fray, fearless and snorting.

With more than a third of the delegates on his side he prevented the nomination of Clark through ballot after ballot. Gradually Clark's delegates fell away, despite the combined efforts of the party bosses. It was dramatic, stupendous, momentous.

And in the midst of the fight, behind it, running it, was Bill Bryan. He battled that crowd of bosses through more than 60 ballots, standing adamant for a progressive platform and a progressive candidate. And he won.

It was Bryan and Bryan alone who nominated Woodrow Wilson. No more dramatic sensation was ever seen at any convention than that which swept the hall when the New York delegation swung from Clark to Wilson, leading a stampede that took the governor of New Jersey into the White House for eight tremendous years.

THE difference between the lineup in 1912 and the lineup this year is that the bosses then were openly united on a candidate, whereas now they are, at least ostensibly, of varied opinion.

Whether this variety of aspirations among the bosses will make the task easier or more difficult for Bryan and McAdoo is open to question. Only events will tell.

But you may be sure of this: There will be more hotel-room midnight conference, more nocturnal horse-trading, political swapping and jockeying for position in New York this year than Manhattan Island ever witnessed or ever will witness for many long, long years to come.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE will conduct his campaign from the "front porch" of the White House.

Brig. Gen. Dawes will carry the battle to the far-flung lines of the west.

That is the basis of the Republican campaign plan. The real battleground will be the middle west and west.

Such an astute political observer as Samuel G. Blythe recently asserted that the next President will be blown into the White House by a hurricane from the Mississippi valley.

So it is there that the forces will direct their greatest energies and send their most powerful spellbinders.

The great reforms of the world have originated "in the soil." And despite the rule of the G. O. P. by New Englanders, slowly and surely the power that shall guide the destinies of this nation is moving west. In the Mississippi valley the food of the nation is grown. The vast empire that stretches out east and west from the Father of Waters is founded on the bounty that men wrest from that source of all wealth—the soil.

It is the country's larder. In the final analysis it is there that the nation makes its living. It must be there, then, that the authority of this government shall find its source and acceptre.

CONSIDER the vast economic and political potentialities of that tremendous territory tributary to the great river. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky! Count them—seventeen!

In the broad, fertile lands of this vast empire is the nation's greatest wealth. What the Mississippi valley requires, the nation must provide. Again—all authority goes back to the soil.

There is more behind the demand that the government "do something" for the farmers than appears on the surface to most people. It is something more than political expediency that cries out for farm relief. The demand is fundamental, basic, deep-rooted. It is, whether or not we realize the fact, a shout from the very well-springs of national existence.

The giant of American politics and statesmanship is rising out of the great valley. The Father of Waters is sire to American progress. The Mississippi valley in a few short years will rule the United States. The rumblings of this new power, long aborning, are loud in this presidential year of 1924.

All authority goes back to the soil.

If you don't believe it—read history.

Jessup Recommends Easement Proposal For Redondo Blvd.

Could Secure Right to Cross Tracks to Post From Western Ave. Entrance at \$7,500, Company to Pay for Paving

ASSESSMENT AREA IN CABRILLO SUIT

Engineer Reports to Board on Proposal to Condemn Right of Way of P. E. Company Through Business District

City Engineer J. J. Jessup in a report to the board of trustees last night recommended that no proceedings be instituted against the Pacific Electric Railroad Company for the condemnation of Redondo boulevard from Border avenue to the western extremity of Post avenue. The engineer declared the belief that if the city desires to improve this portion of Redondo boulevard in order to provide an entrance to Post avenue from Western avenue, an easement over the P. E. right of way may be secured by negotiations with the company.

The city engineer asserted that the time required to secure an easement would be about six months. The money necessary to consummate the transaction should be obtained by the creation of an assessment district consisting of the property close to the proposed improvement.

Proposed Assessment Area

The engineer also recommended the area which he believed should be assessed to pay for the contemplated condemnation of the P. E. right of way on Cabrillo avenue. This district would include property on both sides of Cabrillo avenue, as far east as the rear property lines of the Union Tool Company and as far west as the rear lines of the lots on the west side of Cravens avenue.

Prior to the agitation for condemnation, it was reported, representatives of the Pacific Electric agreed to grant such an easement under certain conditions. These conditions contemplated the payment of about \$7500 to the company by the city. The company then, it was tentatively agreed, would construct new tracks and pave the highway, at a cost of about \$3500.

The engineer and the city attorney will report later on the estimated cost of this proposed condemnation, using as a basis for their calculations the condemnation experiences of other cities.

A SHRINE OF PULCHRITUDE

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



"A thing of beauty is a joy forever"—so sang an old-time poet and so sings the world for all time to come. If personal beauty is delightful, then personal charm is luscious, delectable, it may be "skin deep," but the surface is the thing that captivates us; and if that which is pleasant to look upon is to continue in the attractive state, then assuredly it must be guarded against the ravages of time and the stains of life.

A beauty subject is a refreshing one, even if a humble cowboy must treat of a sphere which he knows not of. This writer, in conversation with that able doctor of beauty—D. Priscilla Thomas, who conducts the Priscilla Beauty Shoppe at 1313 El Prado—learned of the unmistakable benefits which ensue from the scientific care of one's charms. Of course I am speaking of the pulchritude of ladies, not the handsome male, who must take care of himself.

D. Priscilla Thomas is a charming little lady, and she is, also, master of the art which she so ably practices at her shop. She is a most busy little lady, her time all taken up with the demands of her many feminine customers. That she is intensely in-

terested in her work and goes about her duties in a sincere and thorough manner I need not tell you. Her patrons are ever pleased with her care and manifest much confidence in the demure little-business lady. Her service embraces all of the important features of a well-conducted house of beauty culture.

D. Priscilla Thomas is a Montana girl. She has been coming to California since she was ten years of age. Now living in the Southland for quite a number of years, she has tied her star to Torrance. This beauty doctor first learned of this thriving place through the press. She was quick to sense the future importance of Torrance; and so she has come to do her share in the public service.

Ione Barnett Is Honored Student

Adjudged the Torrance High school pupil who "will make the best citizen," Miss Ione Barnett received the pledge of the Ephesian society and will be awarded an emblem ring.

Use Our Want Ads for Results.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wheeler and Miss Mary Morgan of Van Nuys were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lightbody of Park Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greaves and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Van Voorhis and family, of Andreo avenue, motored to Santa Ana Sunday.