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SECTION A

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CITY HOST TO FEDERATION TONIGHT

Mid-Year Graduation To Be Held Next Thursday

Eleven boys and five girls were named this week on the list of probable graduates of the Winter class of 1932 at the Torrance High school.

The commencement program will be held at the school auditorium, next Thursday evening, January 21, at 8:15 o'clock. Baccalaureate services honoring the mid-year class will be held this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Central Evangelical church. Rev. O. D. Winder will speak on "The Majesty of Life."

Selections by the Madrigal Singers, "Green Cathedral," "The Lord Is My Light" and "Beautiful Savior" will be sung under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Eischen. Following the professional of the class into the High school auditorium next Thursday evening, Rev. Kemp J. Winkler will give the invocation and the graduation program will start. A vocal solo by Naomi Gerry; an oration, "George Washington, the Citizen," by George Lancaster; selections by the Madrigal Singers, and a cornet solo by Warren Sapp will comprise the students' portion of the program.

Principal Herbert S. Wood will present the mid-year class to William C. Beaudry, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, who will then hand out the coveted diplomas to class members. A reception in the patio will be held for parents and friends of the graduates immediately after the commencement.

Those who were named this week as probable graduates are: Norman Barck, Jacob Gali, George Lancaster, Leonard Lock, Richard Mason, Edgar Nelson, John Prough, Edgar Reeve, Warren Sapp, Carl Gramling, Willie Agapito, Rose Agapito, Naomi Gerry, Casthora Halley, Helen Hannebrink and Laura Servaes. The winter class of '32 has for its colors, green and white; its flower, the gardenia; its president, John Prough; vice president, Jacob Gali; secretary and treasurer, Rose Agapito, and its advisor, W. A. Burk.

Junior High Class To Graduate Next Wednesday

Commencement exercises for Junior High students who will advance into the Senior High school will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 20, at the High school auditorium. Two numbers by the Junior Boys' glee club will open the program. Rachael Huddleston will present a speech on "Washington." A saxophone solo by Thelma Lockhart, accompanied by Glory Zahradnik; a speech on "Edison" by Eugene Stegelmeier and two numbers by the Junior Girls' glee club will precede the presentation of diplomas by Principal Herbert S. Wood. Two songs by the Junior A Cappella choir, "Song of the Beech" and "Minka," a Russian folk song, will conclude the exercises.

Probable graduates from the Junior High school are as follows: Billy Acre, Sherman Allen, Albert Andre, Cecil Bishop, Alfred Bunje, James Carlin, Billy Carroll, Edward Dalton, John Frasca, Kenneth Hallam, John Joyce, Ken Keller, Ralph Kirchner, Allan Micanovich, Ralph Montague, Clair Shindley, Eugene Stegelmeier, Floyd Williams, Virginia Borck, Edith Bay, Lella Combs, Dorothy Gramling, America Hadler, Roberta Hale, Helen Haworth, Rachael Huddleston, Millicent Lincoln, Thelma Lockhart, Virginia McKelton, Dorothy McMullen, Yoshie Nagayama, Elizabeth Neelands, Barbara Nickerson, Mary Peckham, Lorraine Roelofs, Maile Smith, Theresa Tucker and Thelma Dilthey.

Supervisors Buy Out San Gabriel Claims

Ending a long, drawn-out controversy, the Board of Supervisors voted yesterday to settle with the claim owners for the \$125,000 demanded for the purchase of 74 acres of mining claims in San Gabriel Canyon. This action will make possible the employment of about 3000 men on the construction of San Gabriel Dam No. 1 by April 1 and the construction of a \$1,300,000 road into the canyon. The dam, to cost about \$10,000,000 is to be of the flexible type in design, either rock-fill, multiple arch or some other of that class. The site is about two and one-half miles below the forks site of the giant \$25,000,000 dam, plans for which were abandoned.

Air Philosopher



Burr McIntosh

Who has won a wide following of "listeners" for his homely, comforting and sincere philosophies he sends at regular intervals over the air from a Los Angeles radio station. He shares speaking honors tonight at the Harbor District banquet with Charles A. Gummere.

Night Classes Held Aid For Advancement

"Why don't the townspeople participate in the Torrance Evening High school classes," questions Miss J. E. Weaver, commercial department instructor, in a communication received by the Herald this week. She answers by stating: "It is because they do not really realize the opportunities for self advancement that are offered. Here are some facts about the commercial department at night school:

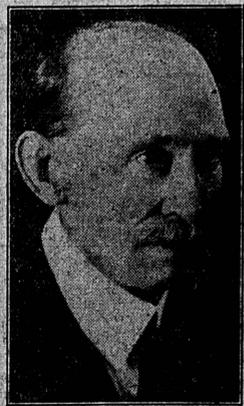
"The bookkeeping department is very popular now for those expecting to work in banks and business offices which require a knowledge of bookkeeping. A set of books is kept just like in a real business. Between now and June one may easily finish a set. Along with bookkeeping instruction, practice is given on the adding machine. A commercial and banking set may be completed on the electric bookkeeping machine.

"Instruction is given on the Comptometer and Monroe calculating machines. These machines are found in all large business offices. There are a number of these machines in Torrance. Beginning and advanced typewriting is taught along with instruction on the ditto and mimeograph machine. "Beginning and advanced shorthand is offered. Advanced shorthand takes in a review of the manual as well as advanced dictation and speed drills. You are cordially invited to enroll in any of the above commercial classes which convene on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings."

Farrell Resigns As U. S. Steel Leader

President of the United States Steel Corporation for 2 years, James A. Farrell will retire on April 15, the date of the great steel concern's annual board meeting, according to eastern dispatches received here yesterday. Farrell, who is now 68 years of age, has been connected with the steel industry since he started work in a steel wire mill as a lad of 16. He will continue to occupy a place on the corporation's board of directors. His successor as president of the world's largest steel concern has not been named.

Welcomer



Mayor John Dennis

Again will convey this city's cordial welcome to the Harbor District Chambers' delegates tonight. He will share the welcoming honors with DeKalb Spurlin, president of the Torrance chamber.

Mass Meeting Plans Dropped

Speaker Is Ill; Round-Table Discussion To Be Held

Plans to hold a general public meeting here next Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the school situation as it pertains to the proposed city charter had to be dropped yesterday when A. R. Clifton, county superintendent of schools, notified the Chamber of Commerce that circumstances made it impossible for him to attend a public meeting. Instead, a group of citizens, representing the service clubs, organizations and groups interested in civic welfare will meet with Clifton next Tuesday evening at a dinner round-table discussion. The superintendent said he had contracted a serious cold and on advice of his physician was forced to cancel all speaking engagements for some time. The meeting Tuesday evening will be an informal gathering and no set speeches will be made. Efforts will be made to have Clifton address a public meeting in the near future at this session.

Squirrel Hunt Costs Offenders \$2 Each

It cost Stanley J. Sayles and Herman F. Taylor, both of Redondo, \$2 each Tuesday for the crime of shooting at a ground squirrel from their automobile in Lomita township. They plead guilty to this misdemeanor and were fined \$25 or 12 days in jail, of which \$23 or 11 days was suspended by Judge Dennis.

Advertising in The Torrance Herald connects the writer between seller and buyer, between employer and employee. Try it once and be convinced.

Tomorrow's Last Day For Licenses

Don't say you weren't warned! You have but one day to secure your 1932 license plates. It will be illegal to operate a motor vehicle in California after tomorrow, Friday, January 15, unless an application has been made for new plates. Motorists operating after that date are liable to arrest and fine, unless they have applied for a license. Those who have not applied by the end of the month will be compelled to pay double as a penalty equal to the amount of the registration fee as required by law. L. B. Kelsey, local insurance broker, at 1405 Mariposa, will obtain your plates, free of charge if you'll bring him the \$3 fee, your white slip and the serial number of your car.

URGE CITIZENS TO BANQUET TONIGHT

The presence of a larger number of townspeople at the dinner meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce here tonight will add greatly to the success of the city's "host-ing" to the delegates and out-of-town visitors, officers of the local chamber declared this morning. For that reason, they urge all who can to attend the banquet which starts at 6:30 o'clock.

For those who cannot attend the dinner part of the program, chamber leaders announce that the entertainment and speaking will begin at about 7:45 o'clock tonight and that accommodations will be ready for those who "drop in" to enjoy that portion of the evening's festivities. There is nothing formal about installation meetings of the Harbor Chambers; a spirit of cordial fellowship between the surrounding cities being maintained at this, their opportunity of meeting on a common ground.

OUT-OF-CLASS HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES NOW REGULATED

An important phase of modern High school life is expressed in the extra-curricular or out-of-class activities.

The acquisition of knowledge from books is not the whole of education, Principal Herbert S. Wood, of the Torrance High school, declares, but, on the contrary, much of value and interest is inherent in many of the activities which are not part of courses of study. "One of the problems of the administration of a High school is to encourage students to organize and maintain desirable activities of a social or cultural nature which will give an outlet for personal and group interests and energy," Wood said yesterday.

Policy Is Outlined "Although of student origin and supported by students, these extra-curricular or outside activities must have the friendly guidance and supervision of members of the faculty. With those facts in mind, certain policies have been developed in Torrance High school over a period of several years which have just recently been assembled and put on paper in complete form for the guidance of students, parents and teachers. These policies are entirely in accord with recent rulings by the superintendent of schools and is in close harmony with similar sets of regulations in other progressive and up-to-date High schools," the principal pointed out.

It is felt that student activities have an important place in preparation for later life; in the development of character and citizenship and are to be encouraged by sympathetic support and guidance. With these thoughts in mind the following regulations, announced yesterday by Principal Wood, have been placed in effect at Torrance High:

Four Pay "Aud" Calls There shall be only four pay auditorium calls a year to raise (Continued on Page 3-A)

Higgins and Miller Will Take Control of Torrance Theatre

Announcement was made today that, beginning Sunday, January 17, Frank Higgins and Harold V. Miller will take over the operation and control of the Torrance Theatre. Higgins, the showhouse's present manager, and Miller, its operator, have sub-leased the theatre from the Pacific National Theatres, Inc.

The Torrance Theatre will continue to exhibit the best all-talking motion pictures, both feature productions and short subjects, available on the market. Higgins and Miller will take over the same picture contract held by the present controlling company. The house will not be dark a single evening or matinee, the same schedule as now in effect being maintained.

Force Account for Aqueduct Approved

In a resolution adopted this week by the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, the directors of the Metropolitan Water District were urged to formally adopt the policy of building the Metropolitan aqueduct and doing all construction work incident thereto under force account. The local post placed utmost faith in the directors to insist on proper working conditions, fair hours of labor, good food, reasonable modification with the Relief representatives. A call of telephone 115, 95-W, or 654 will bring someone to pick up the donation.

Vice President



Lt. Gov. Frank F. Merriam Who becomes one of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce vice presidents tonight. He is also honored by the title of the organization's emeritus.

SUITS HALT WORK ON AQUEDUCT

Litigation Will Delay Work On Met. Water Project From 3 to 6 Months

Obstructive law suits will delay work on the Metropolitan aqueduct from three to six months, Chairman W. P. Whitsett said late last week in commenting on the filing of an appeal to a higher court by parties opposed to the issuance of \$220,000,000 Metropolitan Water District bonds. It has been anticipated that the validation of the bonds by court action would be accomplished by the end of this month. However, although the district was given a favorable judgment in the Superior Court, a party to the suit took an appeal to the State Supreme Court. The matter is still pending and, in addition, a second suit against the bonds has been filed and this will have to be disposed of.

Disqualifies Self Preliminary work on the two largest construction jobs, the San Jacinto and Granite Mountain tunnels, will be carried on. No more registration for employment will be taken for the time being, it is announced.

It was estimated that under even favorable circumstances anywhere from three to six months more might elapse before the litigation can be cleared up and money from bond sales available. Whitsett said that the district cannot provide funds for payrolls while the lawsuits stand in the way. Rather than delay further litigation intended to block issuance of the Metropolitan Water bonds, Superior Judge Walter Mahon disqualified himself Friday upon the suggestion of counsel for Katherine K. Bush, who has sued as a taxpayer to have the bond issue declared invalid. The Judicial Council will appoint another judge in a few days.

Mrs. Collins Chosen President of Relief

Mrs. Caroline Collins was chosen president of the Torrance Relief Society when officers for the new year were elected at the annual meeting, January 8. Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber became honorary first vice president, Mrs. Janet Woodington second vice president; Mrs. Isabel Henderson, secretary; and Mrs. George Reckham, treasurer. Mrs. Henderson reports that the society is in need of lamps, since many people have had to forego the use of electricity and gas, and anyone who has a spare oil lamp to give is requested to communicate with the Relief representatives. A call of telephone 115, 95-W, or 654 will bring someone to pick up the donation.

PAGE WILL BE INSTALLED AS LEADER AT DINNER SESSION

Regular Meeting of Delegates Starts at 4 P. M.; Banquet To Be Held At Woman's Clubhouse

W. Rufus Page, for many years identified with civic life, will be installed as president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce when that federation holds its annual meeting at the Woman's clubhouse here tonight. The regular meeting of delegates from the 50 member bodies of

the organization will convene at 4 o'clock in the First Christian church. The annual banquet and program will start at 6:30 p. m.

For a number of years, Page has served the State Chamber of Commerce, formerly the California Development Association, as a member of its advisory council. He has been a member of and taken an active interest in the Manufacturing and Industries Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He is the immediate past president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and, as a delegate of that body, to the federation meeting here today, has been the chairman of the Harbor District Chambers' Regional and Industrial committee.

He was recently appointed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce on the Harbor District's Industrial Survey committee of 12, which is now conducting an exhaustive study of the entire south bay district. During the past year he has served as first vice president of the Harbor District Chambers.

Other officers of the federation who will be installed by Supervisor John R. Quinn tonight are: Loren Howe, Hawthorne, secretary; Mayor J. M. Clark, Redondo, treasurer; Carl L. Hyde, Torrance, Lieut. Gov. Frank F. Merriam, Long Beach, George E. Preston, Harbor City, Thomas Jude, Redondo, and R. O. Baldwin, Long Beach, vice presidents. Administrative officials of the city of Torrance and the local chamber will serve as hosts for the organization's gathering today and this evening.

Combine P. T. A. Meeting And A6 Commencement

The January meeting of the Elementary Parent Teachers' Association and the graduation exercises of the A6 class of the Elementary school will be combined Tuesday afternoon, January 19, instead of on January 25, the regular time of meeting. There will be no speaker, but the girls of the class will hold a fashion show, displaying the dresses that they have made in the sewing class. The boys of the class will show the work that they have done in wood shop.

Numbers will be given by both the Boys' and the Girls' Glee clubs and the orchestra. Members of the kindergarten class who are passing into the first class will put on an interesting program. The American Legion medal for scholarship will be presented to the winner, Herbert S. Wood, principal of the High school, who will be present to represent the High school. At the close of the session the girls of the graduation class will serve tea and cookies that they have made. It is hoped that a large attendance of the members of the association will be present to honor the graduates.

Pupils who will graduate are the following: Wallace Anderson, Carlyle Bone, Joseph Brissinger, Korena Corlin, Edward Colburn, Marcella Crook, Joyce Davis, Dorothy Elder, Crist (Continued on Page 4-A)

Rain Total This Season Is 8.81

Wednesday morning's rain storm brought an additional .04 of an inch of wetness to Torrance, according to weather observers at the High school. The total for the season to date now stands at 8.81 inches. Last year this time only 3.22 inches of rain had fallen here.

On Tonight's Program

Here is the program for the annual installation banquet to be held at the Woman's clubhouse tonight by the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

America, sung by all present; director, George W. Fay, song leader, Torrance Rotary club. Invocation by Rev. G. G. Elder.

Dinner served by the Woman's club.

Entertainment Tom Ulrich and his orchestra. Dance and specialty numbers by pupils of the Richards-Martin School of Dancing, Wilmington. Address of welcome by Mayor-Judge John Dennis and DeKalb Spurlin, president, Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Response by Lieut. Gov. Frank F. Merriam. Introductions of guests, officers and hosts. Valedictory address by A. E. "Chic" Henning, retiring president of the Harbor District Chambers. Installation of new officers, Supervisor John R. Quinn, toastmaster. Acceptance of gavel by W. Rufus Page. Address by Burr McIntosh, "The Cheerful Philosopher." Address by Charles A. Gummere, "Opportunities and Responsibilities."

EXPLAINS BIKE TRAFFIC "Big Bill" Malin, traffic officer, addressed the pupils at the Elementary school at a special assembly Monday and explained all regulations pertaining to bicycles. Malin is on duty every day at the Arlington avenue school crossing and such is his popularity with the children that what he says goes—about bicycles or anything else.