

Report on High School Graduates Encouraging, Assemblyman Says

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District
My son, Charles Johnson Chapel (not a Junior) is now a private, U.S. Army, in a combat organization at Ford Ord, Calif. In addition to the usual drills, maneuvers, rifle and pistol practice, and bayonet exercise, he is kept from mischief by working as a clerk typist in the headquarters office, where he reads the mail and has access to the records.

Although he graduated from Stanford University with a major in political science, the Army officers do not seem to have a high regard for political

science hence my son is getting a good education in ordinary foot soldiering.

HE REPORTS that the men coming into the Army who recently graduated from high school have records which show that 25 per cent of the high schools of California now have strong courses in foreign languages, there has been an increase in students taking high school science courses of more than 50 per cent, and that high schools offering strong mathematics courses have increased 45 per cent. Courses in English and History

also have been improved throughout the State of California. This is good news coming from the regular Army and matches the reports recently issued by Dr. Roy E. Simpson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

MY SON, WHO is known as "Chuck Chapel" in Inglewood, also tells me the Army today not only teaches combat subjects but also encourages the soldiers to prepare themselves for their return to civilian life. For instance, he is taking courses in Real Estate Law and Practice at night. The same

policy is carried out by the Navy and the Marine Corps. All branches of the Armed Forces offer a wide variety of subjects, many of which are of no direct military or naval value but help a man when he receives his discharge.

I can remember one man in the Marine Corps who served with me and completed a correspondence course in engineering in his spare time. Today he is an executive in a large engineering company.

WOMEN in the southwestern portion of Los Angeles have written to me frequently,

asking me to contact our U.S. Senators and Congressmen to see if their sons are treated too roughly, and fed and clothed well, and have good housing.

When I have written to Senators and Congressmen, they have invariably investigated and replied that there is no more brutality in the armed forces and that the men are well treated.

My own son now verifies these reports. Actually, he says that at his headquarters there is a steady stream of telephone calls and letters from worried mothers, but he wants me to assure them that their sons are safer in the Armed Forces and less likely to get into trouble

than they would be in civilian life.

RECENTLY Governor Edmund G. Brown signed the Master Plan for Higher Education bill, which I supported in the Assembly. It now becomes a law and is important to the Southwestern portion of Los Angeles County because included in the "Master Plan" is an implied top priority for the new South Bay State College.

Thus, even if the Governor did not sign Senate Bill 15 by Senator Richard Richards or Assembly Bill 20 by me (Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, co-author), the new four-year State College would be at the top of the list for new colleges

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However, the signing of either the Richards bill or mine would nail it down tight.

THE MASTER PLAN law does not mention or describe the South Bay State College either directly or indirectly, but the hearings leading up to the introduction of the bill for the Master Plan and the printed report place our new college at the top of the list, followed by a similar college in San Bernardino County, but the latter is definitely second in priority.

The Master Plan is too long and complex to discuss in this particular column but it sets up, among other things, a separate Board for State Colleges so that they will not have to take second place in seeking funds as they did when they were under the same Board as the University of California and all its many branches.

IT IS INTERESTING to know that the creation of the South Bay State College has had the support of Loyola University, Pepperdine College, the University of Southern California, and other colleges in Los Angeles County which are not supported by public funds.

Their friendly co-operation is a refreshing and wholesome manifestation of the fact that all higher educational institutions can work together.

Fourth Phase Of South High Work Approved

Final plans for the fourth unit of South High School, Torrance, were approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night. In other building action, the board awarded bids for construction of additions at four elementary schools.

The district will call for bids for the South High additions and a contract probably will be awarded early in June. Twenty-one classrooms, including facilities for science, business, radio electric shop, and music, will be built.

A stadium will be included as an alternate to the bid. The board will consider the costs when the bids are opened, to see whether such a facility can be built at this time.

A \$397,000 contract for construction of 19 classroom additions at four elementary schools was awarded to the Calcor Corp., low bidder. Slated for construction are eight classrooms at Meadow Park, four each at Carr and Flavian; and three at Magruder.

Demo Central Committee Backing Hahn

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has received the endorsement of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, County Chairman Don Rose announced.

Hahn is seeking re-election as Supervisor from the Second District, Los Angeles County, an area representing more than a million persons.

Instrumental in bringing big league baseball to Los Angeles, Hahn has also advocated the building of the Los Angeles Sports Arena where the Democratic National Convention will be held this July, Rose said.

The supervisor has also led the fight against juvenile delinquency, Rose stated.

Endorsement of the supervisor was given by the Executive Board of the County Committee and by the committee's 349-member organization at a special endorsement meeting held in the State Building.

Police Rodeo In Western Fairs Assn.

Torrance's Mounted Police Rodeo, scheduled for July 30-31, has become a member of Western Approved Rodeos, a branch of Western Fairs Assn., it was announced by Lt. D. C. Cook, rodeo chairman.

Western Approved Rodeos was created last year "for the perpetuation of rodeos in our Western states," Cook pointed out.

The organization has developed a point standings system which last year, for the first time in history, allowed the naming of California champions in six standard rodeo events. WAR has also developed an injury insurance program for cowboys.

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