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36 SPLENDID YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN ARE GRADUATED BY TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL

First Sepulveda Boulevard Petition Is Filed

NEW ROAD IS GOING AHEAD

Filing Covers Route of South Leg to Wilmington
OTHERS TO COME
180 Bodies Have Endorsed Sepulveda Project

The first petition was filed Tuesday for the right of way through Torrance and Lomita of Sepulveda boulevard, the projected 50 1/2-mile trunk highway from San Fernando Valley to the harbor, the main leg of which will connect with the present southern coast route at Seal Beach. Other petitions are prepared and are expected to follow in rapid order.

Tuesday's petition was filed following a meeting Friday night at Venice of the South Sepulveda Boulevard Association, at which it was announced that the Business Mens' Association of Venice had adopted a resolution pledging absolute support of the Sepulveda project and the South Sepulveda Boulevard Association. The same action also has been taken by the Culver City Chamber of Commerce. To date 180 similar organizations along the route have endorsed the project.

One of the features at the Venice meeting was a broadcast address by E. D. Goode, former mayor of Barnes City, who was an invited guest of radio station KFVI, Venice.

Observations

Coolidge in Ten-Gallon Hat Swaps Battlefields With Lowden—Please Pass the Ham and Eggs—Home-Brewed War Scars—Pigskin or Sheepskin

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As the Coolidge special rumbled out of Washington carrying the President on a mission designed to pacify the peasants of the grain belt, another train sped east from Chicago bearing ex-Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois to Binghamton, New York, for purposes of political speechmaking. Simultaneously with the Chief Executive's arrival in the Black Hills, the Illinoisan's admirers released to the New York press the first formal Lowden panegyric to be issued east of the Alleghenies. In other words, these two actively receptive candidates for the Republican nomination have swapped battlefronts in the first major strategy of what promises to be an amusing, if not an instructive pre-convention campaign. With each thus leading an invasion into the other's territory political observers waited eagerly for the first manifestations of practical politics which might indicate the manner of campaign Mr. Coolidge would promulgate among the rustics and reveal the tactics which Mr. Lowden would employ in his operations along the Atlantic seaboard. Nor was their watchfulness unrewarded.

The loudest note in the Lowden song so popular in the Mississippi Valley was soft-pedaled in the Eastern version. Contrariwise the Coolidge solo in the Black Hills reached its highest pitch when it touched farm relief. The Lowden encomium in the East attacked the third term and lambasted the Administration's "imperialistic" policy in Mexico, Nicaragua, and China, but it lightly disposed of farm relief with the mild statement that the Middle West is entitled to share in the prosperity of other sections.

On the other hand the President intimated that he would favor almost any plan to alleviate the sufferings of the farmers, provided it did not include elements of price-fixing. Before he hurried East the Illinoisian parked his pet doctrine at home, while the Vermontian, for the first time since he had his picture taken pitching hay, appeared before the ailing rustics as an understanding friend.

But the President has done even more than make speeches looking toward a mere nomination. We learn that he has donned a ten-gallon hat, has caught four fish,—with the help of several broad-minded worms,—has received a delegation of country editors, and is in a fair way to be adopted into the Sioux tribe. "Before the summer is ended," writes one delirious reporter, "President Coolidge will be a Sioux Indian." Well, if one must turn oneself into a pesky redskin, it is probably better to become a Sioux Indian than a Digger Indian or a Cigar Store Indian. The Sioux were considerable Indians in their great day and they still do quite a business in adopting distinguished visitors and great white chiefs.

Altogether, the news from South Dakota is reassuring. Dry-fly fishermen and other members of the snootier anglers' clubs are understood to be sharpening their pencils to vote the Democratic ticket, but the President is not perturbed by this defection. Mr. Coolidge is very astute; knowing that all the sachems and braves of Tammany are behind Al Smith and having heard tell somewhere that Al is wet, the President steals the governor's loudest thunders by becoming a regular Indian and wearing a ten-gallon hat. In these piping days of prohibition, ten gallons of anything are not to be sneezed at and what is a Tammany sachem as compared with a Sioux in good standing? Mr. Coolidge is still perfectly familiar with the merchandise on his shelves.

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ARRANGEMENT of the human menu with the sole object of gustatory satisfaction may be as injurious to the body as is the Darwin theory to literal interpretation of the Scriptures. But in spite of danger warnings man continues to order his meals to suit his sense of taste. Science may prate endlessly about protein proportions, caloric contents, or alphabetical vitamins and rule against malnutritious combinations—but the famous copartnerships of things that are good to eat together will never be dissolved. Even the ancient advice of Moses that pork be eschewed has not ruptured the historic entente cordial between two slices of ham and a brace of eggs, sunnyside up. Just the same all these dietetic warnings have been a bit disquieting. Until now at least science appears as an ally to taste and dictates that ham and eggs are not only good for the soul but equally good for the body. Wherefore all gourmands owe a debt of gratitude to the lowly albino rat. These pink-eyed quadrupeds possess processes of nutrition almost like those of (Continued on Page Five)

HIGHWAY PUSHED

MAYOR ADDS NEW MEMBER TO COMMITTEE

Donald Findley to Aid in Cabrillo and Redondo Boulevard Development

Donald Findley, vice-president of the Dominguez Land Corporation, has been added to Mayor John Dennis' committee on the Cabrillo-Eshelman and Redondo boulevard highway development in Torrance. The committee was augmented with the definite purpose in view of giving direct attention to the development of Redondo boulevard from Western avenue to Cravens along the same lines as the development planned for Cabrillo avenue from its proposed connection with Western avenue, through the Torrance business district. The project also contemplates extension of the highway thus created by direct connection of Western and Cabrillo through Eshelman avenue in Lomita, affording a through boulevard to the harbor from Los Angeles via Western.

Other members of the committee, in addition to Mayor Dennis and Mr. Findley, are Sam Rappaport, Charles Schultz, Charles Vonderah, and Torrance City Engineer Leonard.

The committee has been working intensively on the project since an appointment by Mayor Dennis on June 14 and has largely narrowed down its investigation of the development problems to contemplation of methods and engineering details.

General Manager Pontius of the Pacific Electric, whose tracks, with center poles, occupy both the Cabrillo and Redondo boulevards in Torrance, has received the committee, and promised to send engineers to Torrance to look into the project from the Pacific Electric standpoint.

Under the proposed development the center poles would be removed from both the Cabrillo and Redondo boulevards and replaced by double-unit trolley and light poles at the curbs. The city possibly would acquire the center portion of the streets, now held by the Pacific Electric, to within two feet of the Pacific Electric rails, and pave it. In that event the Pacific Electric would be obligated to pave between the rails. The final details have not been worked out pending the arrival of Pacific Electric engineers on the scene. The development plans, however, definitely include paving of both Cabrillo and Redondo boulevards, as far as Cravens, dondo boulevard, and pave it.

Fire Chief Warns Against Careless Use of Fireworks

Fire Chief F. F. Hannebrink has issued a warning to Independence Day celebrators to use extreme care in the handling and discharge of fireworks. The fire hazard this year is very great due to large quantities of dry grass and weeds. The chief warned against the throwing of firecrackers or fireworks of any description along public highways, calling attention to the fact there is a heavy penalty attached, the maximum being six months in jail or \$500 fine. The public cannot be too careful. Hannebrink said, from the standpoint of both public and personal safety. Careless handling of fireworks takes an annual toll of thousands, he declared, which discretion on the part of the public would prevent.

Let Us Not Forget



With the clamor and hurrah, the fireworks and detonations, let us not forget, hilarious holiday which it may be and justly is, that Independence Day has a deeper and more significant meaning.

First Six Months 1927 Show Tremendous Building Increase

Stirring Anthem Born in Rowboat

The last lines of "The Star Spangled Banner" were written in a rowboat, 'tis now said, and were not penned in the hold of a prison ship, as the old school books taught.

Legendary history was that Francis Scott Key was a prisoner of war while watching the British bombardment of Baltimore and Fort McHenry during the war of 1812. A story has been brought to light by the Women's Home Companion indicating that Key was permitted to go to the British flagship under a truce signal to obtain the release of a friend who had been taken prisoner, and arrived just as the enemy was ready to open fire.

The young poet developed his verses during the anxiety of the night, but it was while returning to shore in a small boat the following morning that he wrote exultantly: "Tis the Star Spangled Banner. Oh! long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

PLAYGROUND BALL LEAGUE IS LINING UP

Director Comrada Has Eight Teams Ready; May Have Lomita Team

Eight teams definitely have been lined up by Director Ben Comrada of the Community Summer Playground for the twilight indoor baseball league this summer. The summer playground, on the grounds of Torrance Elementary and High Schools, will open July 5. Director Comrada expects to have his schedule completed so that the first game may be played on that date.

Value of Building Permits Multiplied Nearly Twelve Times Over 1926

Building permits issued from the city engineer's office during the first six months of 1927 show nearly a twelve-fold gain over the same period of 1926.

This year's permits from January to June, inclusive, total \$1,634,598 in value, against \$142,743 for the first six months of last year. Permits for June of this year were \$165,375, against \$17,410 for June, 1926.

The value of the permits issued each month during the first half of 1927 follows:

January	\$ 50,275
February	63,750
March	124,888
April	1,080,390
May	210,420
June	165,375

Outstanding among the 41 permits issued during the past month were those to J. A. Greene for two apartment houses. Mr. Greene will construct a \$40,000 two-story brick 16-unit apartment at 1412 Cravens avenue, and a \$20,000 two-story brick apartment at 1006 Sartori. Permits issued in June follow:

'27 CLASS LEADS ALL IN SCHOLARSHIP AND THIRST FOR LEARNING

More Outstanding Scholastic Records and Greater Number of Potential College Students Than Ever Before

SCHOOL HAS INCREASED FIFTY-FOLD

Graduation Program in Auditorium Displays Much Profound Thought and Great Abundance of Talent

Torrance High School's class of 1927 has entered the portals of the world. Courageous and upstanding, a group of thirty-six young men and young women last Tuesday night received their diplomas in the high school auditorium, certifying that they are qualified to advance to the next engagement in the battle of life.

It was an excellent program that the departing class, perhaps the most outstanding aggregation that Torrance ever has graduated, gave in a farewell. There was among the nearly two score graduates upon the rostrum talent enough and to spare to make the evening an enjoyable one for the big audience of parents and friends which thronged the auditorium.

Educational Growth 5000 Percent
Torrance's educational growth in slightly more than a decade also was illustrated strikingly as the class stepped one by one across the platform to receive their diplomas from L. B. Monlux, deputy superintendent of schools of the Los Angeles district.

In a brief talk prior to the presenting of the diplomas Mr. Monlux told of coming to Torrance in 1914, when the first high school class was organized. Eight pupils at that time, with their teacher and Mr. Monlux, sat around an ordinary library table in a little room. The average attendance for the year was seven.

From then to now, Mr. Monlux pointed out, the enrollment of Torrance High School has increased five thousand percent.

"Torrance should be proud of this magnificent high school," Mr. Monlux said, "and not so much for the appurtenances thereof as for the splendid young men and women issuing from it."

FLAMES HURT LOMITA MAN IN OIL FIRE

R. M. MacComber, Driller, Caught in Riggings as Blaze Sweeps Alamitos

R. M. MacComber of Pennsylvania avenue, Lomita, was burned painfully about the face and hands Sunday night when one of the most devastating oil fires in Southern California's petroleum history blazed through a two-block area in the Alamitos Heights field, Long Beach. Two other oil field workers and a fireman were injured, none fatally. It was estimated that property damage aggregating a million and a quarter dollars was done.

Mr. MacComber, a driller, was in the rigging of Fueller Well No. 1 of the California Eastern Company, formerly the Julian, engaged in running in drill pipe, when flames belched through the rig. He and his companions were burned in escaping.

His life was saved, Mr. MacComber believes, by the fact that his clothing and his hair were wet. Had he been in dry clothing, he would not have been able to make his way through the flames to the ground. He is at his home, and will be forced to keep his face and hands in bandages for at least ten days.

The fire leaped from Fueller No. 1 to the California Eastern Judson No. 6, and by the time firemen arrived the flames had eaten into five wooden derricks. One thousand men, six fire engines and scores of oil wells pumping mud engaged in a battle all night before the blaze was subdued. Six wooden derricks were consumed, twelve derricks in all were damaged, and a score of boilers, two storage tanks, and much equipment, were included in the toll of the flames.

The class roll of students who received diplomas from Mr. Monlux follows:

- Ephesian Member
- Harry Phillips
- California Scholarship Federation
- Life Members
- Toshi Kiyomura
- Ruth M. Lingenfelter
- John Warren McMillan
- Allen Musselwhite
- Harry Phillips
- Elison Woodburn
- Richard Von Hagen
- Other June Graduates
- Leonard Babcock
- Genevieve E. Barber
- Dorothy Darling
- Paul S. Denny
- Thomas E. Dougherty
- John M. Fiesel
- Maurice Fyfe
- Mary R. Guyan
- Cassie Hansen
- Edith I. Harshman
- Ben Lepkin
- Martha Lizer
- Eustus Long
- Ruth McMaster
- Pauline Mayhew
- Lucile Morrison
- Ruth Murray
- Russell E. Roberts
- Clifford E. Ruppel
- Ray Sleppy
- F. Elizabeth Stafford
- Ted William Troost
- Ruth Warren
- Ethelene Woodington
- February Graduates
- Floyd Chandler
- Charline Edwards
- Thomas Jones
- Everett Richhart
- Dee Williamson

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

SOME PEOPLE THINK "AUTO-SUGGESTION" MEANS, "LET'S GO FOR A RIDE"