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WINTER CLASS OF 1935 HAS NOVEL COMMENCEMENT

Torrance High School Graduates Stage Program in the Form of a Pilgrimage; All Features in Recitative by the Class

With a novel program typifying a pilgrimage, with a series of three journeys, the winter class of 1935, will hold commencement exercises on Thursday evening, January 31. A class of 21 will receive diplomas, which will be presented by Mrs. Letitia K. Lytle, past president of the Tenth District Parent Teachers Association and member of the Los Angeles school board.

The graduates are Bill Acree, Albert Andre, Virginia M. Barck, Lester B. Bottom, Wesley Garrett, Brady, Craig Brown, Alfred Johann Bunje, James Carlin, Bill Clark, Boyd Cleveland Comstock, Edward F. Dalton, Myrtle M. Gregg, Birdie Hale, George MacDougall, Jeanette Arlene Mickelson, Virginia Mickelson, Dorothy Y. Nagayama, Mary Elizabeth Peckham, Lorraine Roelofs, Eugene Frederick Stetelmeyer, Toshie Suminaga.

The class will carry out its program in recitative. Facing the auditorium for the occasion, Rev. F. Murray Clayton, vicar of St. Andrew's church, will say:

"We, Class of Winter, 1935, coming to the pilgrimage of our commencement, recognize that Great Power, not ourselves, the Government, Mind of the Universe, who is known in various ways to the various peoples of the earth. We would hear the words of the minister concerning the things of the Spirit." Rev. Clayton's invocation will be the response.

The class, facing the audience recites:

"God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of the furling battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hid
Defeated ever pale and dunt;
Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

Miss Birdie Hale, member of the class, will sing a solo.

The class, facing their sponsor, Miss Ireen Mills, recites:

"We, the Class of Winter, 1935, continuing the pilgrimage of our commencement, pause on our way to give recognition to those who have improved their talents above the most of us, and who have accepted burdens and responsibility of leadership."

Miss Mills responds, and the class, facing the audience, says:

"For called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire,
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre.
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

A choir will sing, and the class, facing Mr. A. G. Waldelich, principal, says:

"We, the class of Winter, 1935, coming to the end of our pilgrimage, grateful for the faithful guidance of the faculty of our school, grateful for the educational opportunities given us by the community in which we live, do present ourselves to you, Mr. Waldelich, at the completion of our course. We shall long cherish in memory the happiness and worth of days spent in Torrance high school."

Then follows the presentation of diplomas and in recitative the class says:

"For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard;
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord!"

And to the bugler, "Bugler, as we leave this home of learning, closing this chapter in the story of our education, we pray you sound taps as the symbol of farewell to our school."

The bugler sounds taps, and the class closes its program with the words, "Bugler, as we look forward to the continuation of our life's experience, carrying onward the inspiration and ideals of our high school days, we pray you sound reveille, as a symbol of our commencement."

Conference of Steel Men Called

LOS ANGELES.—Nationally known figures in the steel and iron industry will meet with more than 300 representatives of the iron, steel and allied industries of California for a three-day conference to be held at Del Monte, beginning February 7. This meeting, called under the auspices of the California State Chamber of Commerce, will constitute the eleventh annual statewide conference to be held by these industries.

Doing Her Bit



My Dear President Roosevelt, please have my sincerest 5 cents open your eyes to the nation-wide birth day to the infantile paralysis drive.

Little Theresa McGinty, aged 8, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who sent a bright new nickel special delivery to President Roosevelt, following his announcement that he would lend his 1935 birthday anniversary to a nation-wide party, proceeds of which will go toward aiding infantile paralysis victims all over the nation.

Col. Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the 1935 Birthday Balls for the President has announced that funds raised "this year" by parties in more than 5,000 communities throughout the nation, will be divided, following a suggestion made by the President.

Seventy per cent will be used for the rehabilitation of handicapped children within the community raising the funds or within the nearest geographic unit of which the community is a part. The other 30 per cent will be turned over to President Roosevelt to be used by the National Commission for Infantile Paralysis Research.

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Una Merkel, M-G-M Movie Star, Expected At President's Ball

Capacity Crowd Forecast For Affair Next Wednesday Evening At Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse

Miss Una Merkel, celebrated motion picture star, this morning accepted an invitation to be present at the Birthday Ball for the President to be held at Hollywood-Riviera clubhouse next Wednesday, January 30. Miss Merkel is beginning a new picture at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, and stated that unless her presence at the studios was required Wednesday evening, she would attend the Torrance party. Dancing begins at 8:30, and tickets at one dollar per couple may be purchased at the door, stated Beverly B. Smith, general chairman.

A large number of tickets have already been sold, according to A. H. Bartlett, chairman of the ticket sales, and a capacity crowd is expected. The Rhythm Makers, seven-piece orchestra, which made a big hit at the recent firemen's ball, will provide the music.

The party will be strictly informal, Chairman Smith stated, and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Card tables will be provided for those who do not care to dance, and a number of prizes offered.

Seventy per cent of the proceeds of the ball will remain in this district for rehabilitation of those afflicted by infantile paralysis. The remaining 30 per cent goes to national research in prevention of the dread disease by a committee to be appointed by President Roosevelt.

A novel plan for sending birthday greetings to President Roosevelt is offered by both the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies. Anyone may send a greeting from anywhere in the United States at the small cost of 25 cents. The entire quarter is in turn donated to the infantile paralysis fund, and 70 per cent of the money collected from each community will be returned by the telegraph companies for local committees and the remaining 30 per cent given to the fund for national research.

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First Code Sign



When this first state route number sign was posted by the Automobile Club of Southern California on the Roosevelt coast highway this week, these bathing girls came up from the surf to "lay a coronation" in informal dedication. Many signs of this type are now being placed along the coast.

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