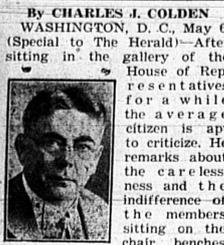


### Congressman Colden at the Capitol



By CHARLES J. COLDEN  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6, (Special to The Herald)—After sitting in the gallery of the House of Representatives for a while the average citizen is apt to criticize. He remarks about the carelessness and indifference of the members sitting on the chair benches of the House.

There is much conversation on the floor of the House, members reading newspapers, talking to their associates, and moving about. Only now and then can the visitors in the galleries hear what the speaker or those who have the floor are saying.

If the visitors really desire to see members of Congress at work, they should at least visit a committee, and not depend altogether on what they see from the galleries in the House and Senate. The committee is the workshop of Congress. There is

where the bills are prepared, but you hear very little about the committee work in Congress. There is nothing spectacular about sitting in a committee and listening to hours and hours of testimony, and in the asking of numerous questions of the witnesses in order to thoroughly understand every phase of the bill under consideration.

When a bill reaches the floor, members of the particular committee that has considered it have been through it from top to bottom, page by page, paragraph by paragraph, line by line. Usually the chairman of the committee arises and explains the bill, then, if there is opposition, the opponents start the battle; the committee members, as usual, reply to the attacks made on the bill. So it is rare for the visitors in the galleries to get a complete picture of what is going on.

If the visitors in the gallery were permitted to come down on the floor and sit on the hard chairs for two, three, four, and five hours per day, they would more clearly understand why members of Congress are restless. Furthermore, in course of time, you learn your colleagues. A few of them are on the floor ranting at every opportunity. When this occurs, most of the members move out—into the cloak room, or to smoke a cigar, or to go over to the other side of the House, or to the newspaper room to scan the papers, or more likely, they chase back to their offices in order to clear the desk of heavy mails.

**BLOODY HARLAN CO.** . . . It is difficult to believe that Harlan county, Kentucky, is a part of the United States of America. The lawlessness of this county has been reported for years. The reign of terror in this coal mining district is now being exposed by the Civil Liberties committee of the Senate, of which Senator La Follette is the chairman.

The coal operators control the sheriff and have him a rich man within a few years. He employs hundreds of deputies paid for by the coal operators. To discharge a miner for being sus-

pected of union sympathies does not satisfy these corporation dictators. Miners with union sympathies are beaten and sometimes killed by these deputy sheriffs. A number of the heads of families have been shot down in cold blood because they tried to organize their fellow workmen. One of the witnesses was a mother of ten children, her husband had been beaten and killed. These thugs of the sheriff's office shot a volley into the house of a Baptist preacher who was in sympathy with the workers and his 19-year old son was killed. Although these killings have been rather numerous, in some cases no complaint was made to the legal authorities because the witnesses had no hope of prosecution. These miners are paid in orders on the company's store; they live in company houses; they are rarely able to get out of debt.

A year or two ago the Governor of Kentucky appointed a commission to investigate the conditions in Harlan county. It has been the custom for some years for the local authorities, that is the sheriff and his deputies, to warn visitors to make their stay short. Students and social investigators were not allowed to make investigations, but the La Follette committee is turning matters publicly on these almost unbelievable conditions. This is an ideal locality in which to save the Constitution.

**20-CENT CLAIM . . .** The Deficiency Bill contains all kinds of odds and ends. I note a 20-cent item for a special delivery letter messenger who failed to get the amount due him since the postoffice which he served was unable to grant the allowance. The 20-cent item has traveled all the way from some postoffice, may be Gardena or San Pedro; or Wilcox, Mo.; or Duncan, Ill., down to Jim Farley's office in Wilmington. Now it has been approved, with a thousand other items, and if it gets through the Senate and the President signs the bill, somebody, somewhere, will receive this 20 cents.

The same bill contains an item for a Congressional Medal to George M. Cohan for writing the war song "Over There." From the proponents of the item I also learned that Cohan spent much time in the American camps on the war front and did much to cheer soldier boys in their darkest days. By the way, this Medal cost the government \$700. It ought to be a beauty.

Pay To See Mystery Flower COLOMBO, Ceylon (U.P.)—Queues form up every day at Nugegoda, near here, to see a mystery flower with an extraordinarily strong scent.

### This Week's Picture Panel



1.—Mae West has no wisecracks to make as she confers with her attorney, Lloyd Wright, on the deposition of a suit brought by Frank Wallace, New York vaudeville performer who claims he married the buxom star in 1911. 2.—J. Turner Watson, left, 25-year-old Colorado medical student, hides his face as he is taken by a Federal agent from a steamer at San Pedro on charges of having taken \$220,000 from a Denver, Colo., woman. 3.—Betty Louise Atkinson, Betty Brown and Gwen Stith, U. S. C. co-eds, smile at the cameraman while on tour with the school band, which gave 14 concerts throughout the West. 4.—Lieut. A. E. (Pat) O'Nion, co-pilot with Capt. Edwin Musick on the first commercial Clipper plane flight from the West Coast to Honolulu, takes a bride at Las Vegas, Nev. She is the former Elizabeth Elaine Carpenter, whom O'Nion met four years ago in San Diego.

## 'Swing Time' Graduation Show Has THS Students in Dither

### People

what they're doing

Miss Bee Hughes enjoyed a trip to Catalina over the weekend.

Alden W. Smith's new home in Rolling Hills is now ready for plastering.

Lured to Palm Springs for a holiday were Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Murray 1912 Andree avenue.

William C. Booth, former superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant here, was a visitor in Torrance this week.

Mrs. Christine Ericson 1920 Andree avenue, visited over the weekend with her son, Arthur in San Fernando.

Tom Ulrich, Jr., graduate of Torrance high last year, is pianist in the 13-piece orchestra now playing at Redondo Beach.

Lou Day of Exeter, California, is a guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. Baker Smith, 2326 El Dorado.

Visiting with her parents in Dallas, Texas, are Mrs. Della Page and son Edford, 1723 Arlington avenue.

Mrs. Hughena Roberts, 2326 El Dorado, is spending the week with her daughter, Mary Day at Exeter, California.

At the J. J. O'Toole home, 1225 Madrid avenue, Wednesday, Mrs. Cora Johnson of Ojai was a guest.

Dr. A. P. Stevenson, 1504 Post avenue, returned Tuesday from several days vacation spent at San Francisco and Oakland.

Roy B. Maulsby of Los Angeles was a dinner guest Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lowry 904 Beech avenue.

Fishing near Modesto, California, furnished an enjoyable weekend for Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith, 1614 Amapola avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Summers, former residents here who now live in Pasadena, visited friends in this city Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fierce of Gerber, California, are guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fierce, 2359 El Dorado.

Arising at 2 a. m., Sunday, City Judge and Mrs. Robert Lessing enjoyed a rabbit-hunting trip near Bakersfield with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Newell.

Little Virginia Jean Watson, aged four years is a guest this week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Watson, 1915 Andree avenue.

Mrs. L. G. Barkidoll and son Garry, 1521 Beech avenue, with Miss Julia Quayle, 1633 Post avenue, left Tuesday for a vacation at Palm Springs.

G. S. Fisher, resident manager of the Harbor Termite Control company, and his sister, Mrs. B. F. Balance, are new residents at the Calvert apartments on Sartori avenue.

Visiting with Mrs. Margaret Fordice, who is convalescing from an operation at Lutheran hospital, Los Angeles, Wednesday were Mrs. O. A. Fossum and Mrs. John Fess.

Hugh Barnes of 1645 Acacia street, who entered Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital May 4 for medical treatment, is making a splendid recovery and is being allowed to sit up now.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warner and son, Bobbie, of Post avenue, left Tuesday for a two weeks' motor trip to Sharon, Pa., and other eastern cities.

During the stay at her cabin of installation of new equipment at Columbia Steel's plant here, will inspect a number of other United States Steel Corporation plants in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

ceived the door prize, R. C. Mann of Gardena was presented with a beautiful Colonial quilt and Mrs. Addie Fitzpatrick was given a lovely box of candy from the sponsoring organization for her untiring efforts in helping make the social a success.

### TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Alice Taylor & Dorothy Elder

**Seniors Go Juvenile . . .** Last Thursday was a thrilling day for the seniors. They met in the main-hall to get their day's supply of lollypops, which it was their pleasure to be able to eat that day. Of course, they had to have these to get to feeling like little kids, much to the disgust of the teachers. The seniors in Mrs. Eischen's first class had a good time playing "London Bridge", while the rest of the class, comprised of mostly juniors, watched with amusement. The rest of the students and the teachers appeared to get more amusement out of the day than the seniors themselves. At noon the weekly dance was held and everybody had a little time. The girls, with their little short skirts or rompers, looked very cute dancing and, trying to jump rope. Pictures were taken during the day, and these will be used in the annual. This is the first time any "kid day" has been attempted, and it proved to be a successful one.

**Essay Contest Closing . . .** The Torrance Kiwanis club is offering an essay contest for Juniors and seniors of Torrance high school. The subjects are: "Will Students Who Maintain Good Citizenship Records in School Make Good in Business?" "School As a Preparation for Life," and "What Constitutes a Good Citizen?" Five dollars in cash will be awarded to the winner, whose name will be engraved on the trophy given to the school for this purpose. The deadline on the contest is today.

**See Fishing Film . . .** The student body enjoyed a thrilling picture, "I Conquer the Sea," starring Steve Duna and Stanley Marner, yesterday. This picture was a year in the making, and was a whale of a good talkie.

**Six Seek Throne . . .** The Carnival is coming! Tuesday during the noon hour candidates for Carnival queen were chosen. They are: Phyllis Haefli, Marion Sears, Peggy Woods, Donna McCutcheon, Merle McHenry and Marcella Crook.

**Anticipate Outing . . .** All senior girls who are in the G. A. A. this semester are looking forward to June 5, when Mrs. Hitzler, girls' gym teacher and G. A. A. instructor, has invited them to her cabin at Topanga canyon. They plan to spend the morning at the beach and the rest of the day at her cabin hiking, playing games, or whatever they want to.

**Vocational Guides . . .** At a senior meeting Tuesday, three distinguished speakers talked about further preparation for good jobs. Those who spoke were: Dr. Jessie Graham from the Metropolitan high school, Dr. Moore from the Frank Wiggin Trade School, and William Crites from Los Angeles Junior College.

**State Street In Long Beach Open** Although the "Dangerous but Passable" signs were still up on State street, in Long Beach, traffic is using this newly-widened boulevard with no inconvenience. State street in Wilmington is still closed; it will be some time before this section is completed.

**SUSPEND MANY PERMITS** Drivers' licenses suspended by the state department of motor vehicles totaled 1,561 during the month of March.

During the same time 4,990 persons failed to pass driving tests and 532 definitely were re-suspended licenses.

**ATTEND STATE MEET** Six members of the high school agricultural class, Joe Bay, Arthur Hedrick, Masahara Hata, Ray Richhart, Ernest Roberts and Wallace West, accompanied by their instructor, Harry A. Stone, attended the state convention of agricultural students at San Luis Obispo's State Polytechnic Institute last week.

**LORI SCOUTS Sell Cookies** LORAIN, O. (U.P.)—Lorain Girl Scouts are selling a ton and a half of cookies, to help pay their way at their summer camp.

That we're living in a marvelous age, when old customs, old methods of business, cookery and transportation are as out-of-date as a mousetrap cup no one will deny. But until the boys and girls who are soon to graduate from Torrance high school revealed their ideas about what they would like in the form of commencement exercises the extent of this tremendous advance as it affects this city was unknown.

Time was when the graduates—with or without cap and gown—sat sedately on the platform, listened to glee club songs, vocalists and instrumentalists, heard more or less dry speeches and somberly trot forward to receive coveted diplomas.

But that day if the whims of some of our graduates-to-be are followed next month, is as far distant as the hoop-skirt era. Sit tight and get an eyeful of this:

**What? No Hill-Billies?** The spring class of 1937 will "waw-de-waw" thru a typical musical comedy graduation—if the school powers accede to suggestions voiced by some of the seniors. They may not lap dance thru a "graduation routine" to and from diploma-distribution but each girl grad, garbed in a pastel summer frock, would be enthroned on a floral swing while a boy-grad, natty in white flannels and dark coat, would furnish the motive power, swinging the young ladies back and forth on the stage during the proceedings.

Isn't that just too ducky for words? It doesn't require much of an imagination to visualize the remainder of the comment: With a swing band in the orchestra pit playing "Boo-Hoo, I'm Goin' to Tell My Mamma on You," the graduates would breeze down the aisles to the stage in the most approved gyrations of the Lindy hop.

The dance would continue on the stage, with the grads singing the last chorus. Then the swings would descend and each girl would hoist herself aboard and the "swing-time commencement" would get under way. Exhibitions of truckin', tap-dancing and crooning would replace the tried and true graduation events such as the invocation, valedictorian and salutatorian, the presentation of the class.

**Teachers Profoundly Shocked** There would be duets, trios and quartets all crooning, swinging and boogie-woop-popping in the best Hollywood manner. Then, when the boy-grads are perspiring freely from pushing the girls on their swings and the audience is in a frenzy, the distribution of diplomas could be staged with a couple of Meglin Kiddies tapping hither and yon to deal out the certificates.

Instead of the staid recession-ally to conclude the ceremony, an "amateur show" could be held with prizes awarded to the best graduate dancers and entertainers.

Too visionary? Too silly? Well, quite a number of the seniors, according to testimony offered during the past few days, don't think so. A group of the graduates-to-be are quite entranced with the "swing" idea and there's a lot of palaver going on among the pro and anti-swingers.

The school teachers are said to be profoundly shocked by this sensational evolution of graduation rites and they are attempting to win the students back to the traditional forms. The matter is still undecided and the "swingers" may win out over the conservatives yet.

**Hotpoint Dealer Opens Branch In Torrance** Clyde W. Malone, prominent Torrance area, this week opened a Torrance branch at 1322 Sartori avenue, telephone 495. For many years Malone has had the exclusive agency for Hotpoint appliances for Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach. His main sales rooms are located at 1227 Hermosa avenue, Hermosa Beach, but he decided to open the Torrance branch in order to better serve customers in this area.

A display of Hotpoint electric ranges, refrigerators and washing machines are now on exhibit at 1322 Sartori avenue. Hotpoint appliances are used exclusively by Miss Nancy Baker, home economist at the all-electric school being held today and Friday at the Civic Auditorium.

**HEAR KING'S ADDRESS** High school students, gathered in assembly yesterday morning, heard King George VI's coronation address, broadcast by radio from London. The students recently heard ex-King Edward's abdication talk.

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### Colonial Social in No. Torrance Attracts Large Crowd This Week

The Colonial Social, given by women of the North Torrance Improvement association this week, was a greater success than was anticipated. A large crowd attended and the financial needs for the Perry Street school cafeteria. P. W. Giddings, who presided as chairman, congratulated the people for coming out and he spoke about contracting a majority of the community on canvass to determine the need for the continuation of Cypress avenue. All were agreed, he said, that this street, linking Torrance to West Los Angeles via Crenshaw boulevard, would be of great advantage to North Torrance.

An invitation from the South Bay Teachers' club to hear Judge Ben Lindsey of Los Angeles at the Pier Avenue school in Hermosa, May 17, was announced. A highly entertaining musical program was then presented, the numbers being announced by Mrs. Lela Gomer, who was delighted to emphasize that all participants were North Torrance children.

Barbara and Richard Mann played two piano selections, the White twins, Harold and Howard, gave clarinet and trumpet duets, accompanied by their mother and the little Colonial folk made quite a hit with their colorful costumes and white wigs. They danced the Minute and sang a typical early American song. Those in this part of the program were:

**Gifts Distributed**—Edith and Nancy Kincheo, Dorothy Whistler, Mary Lou Friend, Emogene Lambert, Barbara Ellis, Harry Damura, James Galloway, Dale Angel, Edward Dolphin, Tadaishi Sawamura and Carlin Ward.

Luis Whistler and Walter Jackson were given merited applause for piano and violin duets. Mrs. John Newell of Hawthorne sang several selections accompanied by Mrs. Rew of Inglewood. Refreshments were served cafeteria style.

Little Miss Ruthie Burke, dressed in Colonial garb, assisted E. C. White, Mrs. Gomer and Mr. Giddings in the presentation of gifts. Mrs. Rew re-

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