

## Received Degree From Redlands U. Sunday, Feb. 6

REDLANDS, Calif.—Donald R. Tierney, son of Mrs. Nellie S. Darst, Brookings, received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Redlands, in commencement exercises, Sunday, February 6.

Tierney was graduated from Modoc high school in 1942 and attended the University of California and Iowa State College before coming to Redlands, where he majored in mathematics with a related field in physics. During the war he served as a corporal in the infantry.

Dr. Tully C. Knoles, chancellor of College of the Pacific, was the commencement speaker.

## Blair Gould Visited 'Dad's Day' Given By Univ. of Oregon

As guest of his son, Gene, a sophomore in the school of journalism, Blair Gould attended the University of Oregon "Dad's Day" at Eugene over the week-end.

Delayed for a few hours due to snow conditions south of here, Mr. Gould did not arrive at Eugene until late Friday night, to be met by his son.

Among the entertainment features of the week-end was the basketball game between University of Washington "Huskies" and Oregon "Ducks," won 70-69, by Oregon.

## Letters Seek Information About Local Community

With increasing frequency, especially since Brookings has been publicized nationally during this cold wave, the Pilot has been receiving letters seeking information concerning the community. Nearly everyone included a subscription to the paper.

One letter, from San Antonio, Texas, remarked that she had read of the wonderful climate of this area.

## Urged To Display Your 'Antiques'

Have you gotten your favorite antique collection out, and all dusted off as yet?

Are you ready to will it to your favorite club or organization for the day—George Washington's birthday?

Maybe you'd like to look at your own collection, and certainly your friends would enjoy the

privilege, and even to the point they'd pay for it, to help out the community library, at the "Antique Tea," for that purpose.

Not only will everyone be served tea by the Harbor Community club, sponsors of the library, but a program has been arranged for the evening.

Dorothy Lockland has chosen a number of really good books for a special shelf in the library—especially good for these rainy and cold days.

## Blocked Highways Halt Tourists Here All Day, Sunday

Snow which blocked highways both north and south of here Saturday night and Sunday morning caught about 100 people in this area Sunday, unable to move in any direction toward their destinations.

Late in the evening, after the roads north had been cleared, a number left in that direction, but many cared not to venture forth so remained over night.

The Sunday newspapers didn't arrive in time for distribution at all, with the Sunday and Monday issues being delivered early Monday.

Weather reports, coming by radio, tell of new storms, of even greater intensity hitting areas which only Friday were reached by snowplows. The Sierras are also buried under another fall of snow, with most California highways open to limited traffic, and then only to cars equipped with chains.

## Brother Recovers From Heart Attack

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Guerrettaz and brother, Ray Guerrettaz, who were called to Portland last Tuesday, by the serious illness of their oldest brother, Charles, returned home Saturday. They report their brother, who had suffered a heart attack while being treated in the hospital, was on the road to recovery.

Ray has resumed his income tax work, at his home this week. He will resume his days in Brookings sometime next week, announcement to be made later.

## Feeding Of Birds Urged In Vicinity

Birds, it has been reported to the Pilot, are dying by the dozens in this area, especially since the ground is frozen, and since much snow covers their feeding places in the woods.

Showing definite weakness are the Alaska thrushes, those dark orange colored birds, resembling the robins, somewhat.

Best methods of feeding birds is to place their food on high fences, or on a specially constructed table mounted on top of a post, away from danger of cats. Bread crumbs, cereal, or suet, fat meat, and such which provides heat and energy are best for them, bird fanciers say.



By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

Republican members of the house of representatives have an organization known as the Republican conference, which is sometimes referred to as the caucus. This organization has its own chairman, Congressman Woodruff of Michigan, and its own secretary, Congressman Case of South Dakota. Meetings are held when called by the chair, or by Leader Martin. The conference appoints minority members on the house committees, the employees of the minority side of the house, and conducts discussions of policies and bills. It may, of course, take any action deemed necessary for the functioning of our side of the aisle in the house. Contrary to popular opinion, however, the Republican conference does not take any votes on legislation or make any decisions which are expected to be held binding upon Republican members. No Republican member of the house is ever compelled to do anything either by the leadership or by the conference.

This week, the Republican conference, in addition to completing committee assignments, made two very important and far-reaching decisions. It set up, by formal resolution, a Republican policy committee, and also by resolution, established a committee on public information.

For many years, the party floor leader has counseled with a group of senior members generally known as the steering committee. It has been an informal group, and its personnel has varied from time to time. I do not recall that the names of those who were considered to be on the steering committee have ever been published. The resolution just passed abolishes the steering committee and provides for the election of a house Republican policy committee of 22 members. The rule of seniority in selection of policy committee members is abolished. The membership of the policy committee is selected proportionately from nine geographical divisions of

the United States. The most interesting provision of the resolution creating the policy committee is that it provides that the Republican members of the house in each geographical division will meet and select the member or members of their division who will serve on the policy committee. The Pacific coast division will have two members on the policy committee, and these two will be selected at a meeting of the 21 Republicans now serving in the house from the Pacific coast.

I had the honor of being a member of a subcommittee of 5 which wrote the resolution and worked out the geographical locations. Our plan was accepted by the conference without any change.

The creation of the committee on public information was made necessary by the fact that we Republicans in congress seem to have failed to accurately and fully acquaint the people of the country regarding our activities and policies.

This matter has been discussed by the Republican members for some time, with the result that, a few months ago, Speaker Martin, now minority leader, appointed a committee to study the problem and report to the conference. The committee consisted of five members under the chairmanship of the Honorable James C. Auchincloss of N. J. I was also a member of this committee.

The formation of a policy com-

mittee which actually represents every portion of the country, and made up of representatives chosen in a truly representative manner, will insure the Republican leadership a well-balanced counsel by some of the ablest members. In my opinion this is a marvelous forward step and should yield excellent results.

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