

# ACADEMY'S NEW HOME STARTED

*Ground Breaking Conducted at Culver City*

*Pacific Military Scholars Attend in Body*

*Student Quarters Will Rank With Best in West*

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Facing the south on a high knoll of Castle Heights overlooking Los Angeles in the distance, the new home of the Pacific Military Academy in Culver City was officially brought into being yesterday afternoon at impressive ground-breaking ceremonies. Several hundred persons, including students at the academy in full military regalia, officials and trustees of the institution and various civic officials, participated in the program.

The school, to be of Italian Renaissance architecture, will be constructed immediately and it is expected to be completed by the middle of August. An expenditure of more than \$200,000 on the building and its equipment, it is said, will rank this school as one of the finest of its kind in the West.

In breaking the ground former United States District Judge Bledsoe and Mrs. Katherine Loughan, managing director of the academy, characterized the event as momentous in the school history as marking a new era in the development "of the best qualities of sincerity, honesty and manhood in the younger generation."

"We are making manhood this afternoon," Judge Bledsoe declared as he lifted a shovel of earth, "and we are laying the foundation for future citizenship, stability and those unselfish characteristics that unite in creating new and finer men. These boys will be exploiting their ideals and the teaching inculcated in their training here long after we are gone. So it is but significant of a new era in this coming manhood."

Among those that attended the ceremony in addition to Judge Bledsoe and Mrs. Loughan were Harry H. Culver, president of the board of directors of the school; Harry H. Whiteley, the architect, who designed the construction; M. Winter and Brooks Hawkins of the Winter Construction Company and Maj. Baker, commandant of cadets at the school.

The Pacific Military Academy, which is now located on Washington Boulevard in Culver City, will have the ten acres of land in its new location, six of which will be devoted to an athletic field. The building will be constructed of colored Moorish tile and will consist of seventy-two rooms. In addition to administration offices, the building, which will be of court type, will provide a gymnasium, auditorium, dormitory rooms and other features. A swimming pool will be located in the rear.

The following compose the board of directors of the academy: Mr. Culver, Dewitt J. Brady, Charles E. Lindblade, Mrs. Loughan, P. G. McDonnell, Judge Bledsoe and B. E. Kelson.