

IN SOCIETY

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Noted Singer Will Give Concert Here January 7

Members of the Torrance Women's club are anticipating a large attendance next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock when Mrs. Charles H. Gabriel Jr., noted soloist and vocal instructor, will present her first concert here. Mrs. Gabriel, who has been staff soprano at the National Broadcasting Company's San Francisco studios for the past two years, is contemplating on locating here.

After receiving training at the Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mrs. Gabriel studied in New York and Chicago for some time before making her debut on the concert stage. She has sung in 18 states east of the Rockies since and has gained a wide and appreciative radio audience.

Mrs. Gabriel is interested in starting a club chorus at the women's organization here and the members of the club are anticipating an early announcement of such a group's first meeting. The singer is also completing plans to teach a vocal class in this city.

This will be the first recital to open the Women's club year. During 1930 the organization sponsored several notable musicals and was gratified at the large attendance that greeted each artist. It is expected that Mrs. Gabriel's appearance next Wednesday afternoon will attract a capacity crowd of music lovers residing in Torrance and surrounding cities. Those who have enjoyed her work at the National Broadcasting studios in programs originating on the Pacific Coast should not miss this opportunity to see Mrs. Gabriel in person.

May Locate in City



MRS. CHARLES H. GABRIEL JR.

Wedding of Store Chief Solemized

The marriage of Herman H. Myers, manager of the L. H. Hawkins Company store in Torrance to Miss Rhoda Edwards of Hermosa Beach, was solemnized at the home of the groom's mother in Redondo Beach as a final chapter in the year's social life.

The ceremony took place Wednesday afternoon, December 31, at 4 o'clock, amid relatives and friends. Mr. Myers is a brother-in-law of L. H. Hawkins, president of the chain department stores operating under his name.

Immediately following the wedding, the happy couple left for Riverside and a short honeymoon. They will return to live in Torrance early next week. Myers has been manager of the local L. H. Hawkins Company store for the past few months and has made many friends among the business men of the community, who join in wishing the newlyweds a happy New Year and joy for the years to come.

COLUMBIA STEEL GIRLS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY
Mrs. Evelyn Sweeney's home at 1322 Engracia avenue, was the scene of a pretty Christmas party Monday, December 23, when the girls of the Columbia Steel Company met to observe the coming holiday. The house was beautifully decorated with poinsettias and a Christmas tree was laden with gifts for every one present. The evening was devoted to playing 600.

During the course of the party, Miss Vivian Beckwith announced her engagement to Ralph N. Grant, of San Diego, formerly an employe of the Union Tool Company here. The following guests were present: Mesdames Marion Shaffer, Pauline Smith, Alice Groves and the Misses Hazel Lewis, Grace Kennell, Ida Alt and Vivian Beckwith.

TEACHER GIVES PIANO RECITAL OF LOCAL STUDENTS
Miss Bernadine Schipper, teacher of piano, gave a piano recital at her home in Perry recently. Torrance pupils of Miss Schipper who took part were: Miss Jean Peterson, Antoinette Tahameto, Shinnie Tuacano, Audrey Nelson and Henrietta Schipper. A Christmas tree from which gifts were distributed to the 45 pupils present was a feature of the occasion.

MRS. LYNCH ENTERTAINS VISITOR OVER HOLIDAYS
Henry Davis, of Detroit, Mich., a cousin of the late Edward Lynch, arrived in Torrance on Christmas eve to visit Mrs. Lynch over the holidays. Mr. Davis will go east in a few days to visit his father at Fort Worth, Texas, but will return later to locate in California.

FAMILY ENJOYS REUNION PARTY
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stengelmeier of Martins avenue were hosts to four generations when they entertained at a very pretty holiday dinner party at their home during the holidays. The table was attractively decorated, having a centerpiece of red holly berries and poinsettias. Present were Mr. J. S. Gilmore, Mrs. Katherine Gilham, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gilham, all of Canton, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stengelmeier

WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE

Friday, Jan. 2—Masons, Educational Center, Royal Neighborhood, Torrance Relief, Moore, Installation of Kiwanis officers.

Sunday, Jan. 4—Services in all churches.
Monday, Jan. 5—Knights of Pythias lodge, 7:15 p. m.; Altar Society, Brotherhood, Business and Professional Women's club.

Tuesday, Jan. 6—City Council, Odd Fellows, Baptist Ladies' Union, American Legion Auxiliary, Young Ladies' and Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn., L. D. S.

Wednesday, Jan. 7—Women's club.
Thursday, Jan. 8—Knights of Columbus, W. R. C., Episcopal Women's Auxiliary, Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Job's Daughters.

of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Graham of Torrance and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stengelmeier. On the following day the same friends were entertained at a delightful party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clasmeyer in Hollywood.

HOLIDAY DINNER IS ENJOYED

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook entertained at a delightful holiday dinner party at their home on Arlington avenue during the holidays. Graceful vases of poinsettias added a colorful note to the holiday decorations used in the home.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Busie Sidebotham of Huntington Park, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Douglas of Arandia, Harold Cook, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook.

BRIDGE BREAKFAST TO BE GIVEN

The retiring officers of the Betsy Ross Star club will be hostesses at a bridge breakfast to be given at the Masonic temple Monday, January 5, at 11 a. m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Reservations may be had by calling Mrs. L. L. Fordice, chairman, phone 292-R, or Mrs. Edith Kaspar, 543-J.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS FIRST 1931 MEETING TODAY

The local W. C. T. U. organization met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hawkins on Cota avenue to consider regular business.

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ness matters. A number of the members attended the open house of the Union at Temperance temple, Los Angeles, New Year's day, when Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national vice president, gave an address.

PARKS ENTERTAIN NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks entertained at a delightful New Year's eve dinner party at their home on Marcelina avenue Wednesday evening. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner of Los Angeles, Mrs. Zada Hastie, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks.

WOMEN'S CLUB NOTES

Members of the Torrance Women's club have in store for them a special treat if they attend the regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday, January 7. Some of the current books will be reviewed by Mrs. Istalia Davidson, of Los Angeles, who is well qualified to do this in an interesting and charming manner. Following her graduation from Stanford, Mrs. Davidson spent more than six years in newspaper work which necessitated her living for some time in Shanghai. For the past three years she has been chairman of literature at the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles. In addition to her literary work she has been secretary to the department of public affairs in that club. This, of course, afford-

ed her many valuable contacts with the interesting artists who appear there.

Following the book review, Mrs. Charles H. Gabriel Jr., of Hollywood, accomplished soprano, will sing a group of songs. Mrs. Gabriel will be accompanied at the piano by Kathryn F. Buffington. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. W. H. Gilbert.

Torrance Notes

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Scott entertained Mr. and Mrs. M. Hindle and Mr. and Mrs. M. Marshall of Los Angeles over the week-end.

Mrs. Mae Nelson and son, Floyd Thrush, have just returned from an extended visit in the middle west.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howard entertained Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Greene of Los Angeles during the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. George P. Shidler have as their house guest this week, Mr. L. L. Leavitt of New Britain.

Mrs. Beth Paige and her daughter, Rosalind Paige Johnson, spent the New Year's holidays with friends in Los Angeles.

New Year Hymn

By Beulah Lewis,
1915 Gramerey Avenue
POET LAUREATE OF TORRANCE

From deep within the turmoil
Echo the tones of a mighty song,
Firm hands on the guiding levers,
The hymn of the life and the strong.

We hear the overtones of those
Who make discord with their
lives,
While we struggle to an ultimate
climax,
Digged on by a force that drives.

We feel that the good, inherent
In most of the hearts of all,
Will eventually swing the balance,
As they answer to its call.

May the hands on the guiding
levers
Be always firm and strong,
May their voices be ever
triumphant,
Rising in courageous song.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ripple of Sonoma avenue, have as their house guest this week, Lieutenant and Mrs. W. E. Lineweaver, who are old friends of the Ripples. Lieutenant Lineweaver is an officer on the U. S. Destroyer Chandler.

Relief Society Gives Data on Yule Work

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High School—two.
The following each contributed a basket: Mrs. Klusman, Ann Lynn, Mrs. W. H. Kingsley and family, Sunday school class of the Central Evangelical church, Mrs. Elder's class at the Christian church, Mrs. Young's class at the Methodist church, who also gave toys, clothing and a Christmas tree.

Cash Contributions

Assistance in cash donations came from many people here and totaled \$292.55. It is reported by the Society. The following contributions have been acknowledged with grateful appreciation:
A. Friend—\$3.50.
Mrs. George Post—\$10.
Torrance Legion Auxiliary—\$10.
Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 190, American Legion and Drum Corps—\$25.
A. Friend—\$5.
Mrs. F. Jones—\$2.
Collection taken at the Central Evangelical church, Thanksgiving day—\$6.75.
Women's Episcopal church Auxiliary—\$5.
Mrs. George Worcester—\$5.
Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 190, American Legion—\$6.25.
Fire Department—\$60.
George M. Calder—\$10.

Barkdull Loses Part of Right Forefinger

L. G. Barkdull, proprietor of the meat department of the Quality Markets, suffered the loss of the first joint of the middle finger of his right hand and injury to his forefinger of the same hand Monday morning. His fingers were accidentally caught in the meat grinder.

The machine was immediately dismantled and thoroughly sterilized by other attendants at the market, while Barkdull was taken to the Torrance Memorial hospital for surgical attention. On the advice of surgeons, Barkdull permitted the amputation of the crushed finger at the first joint.

Young Woman Dies Following Operation

Mrs. Verna L. DePineault, 18 years old, died at her home, corner of 219th street and Western avenue, December 26 from general toxemia following an operation, according to a report received by the Herald. Mrs. DePineault, who is survived by her husband and a child nearly two years old, was buried Monday at the Calvary cemetery in Los Angeles following rites at the Catholic church here. Stone and Myers had charge of the arrangements.

Read Our Want Ads

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From the Days of
Barney Oldfield...
To Commercial
Aviation

10 YEARS OF PROGRESS REFLECTED IN HEALTHY GROWTH OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The First National Bank of Torrance has been serving this community for the past eighteen years, and as a hopeful indication of the future we are submitting the two statements below. We believe that our growth in the next ten years will exceed that of the past decade.

We realize that our steady growth is due to the friendship and confidence with which we are regarded by the people of this district and at this time we wish to express our appreciation to our many friends and to wish them all a prosperous and happy New Year.

J. W. POST, President.

First National Bank Statement of January 1, 1921

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$241,615.59
U. S. Government Securities	48,020.00
Other Bonds and Securities	13,500.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	17,064.50
Other Real Estate	None
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	99,343.20
Redemption Fund	1,250.00
	\$420,793.29

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	10,861.39
Circulation	24,100.00
Demand Deposits	283,560.77
Time Deposits	52,271.13
	\$420,793.29

First National Bank Statement of January 1, 1931

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$485,469.72
U. S. Government Securities	76,717.79
Other Bonds and Securities	297,064.31
Banking House Furniture & Fixt.	56,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,100.00
Cash on Hand & Due from Banks	101,886.41
Redemption Fund	2,500.00
	\$1,022,238.29

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits & Reserves	34,842.40
Circulation	50,000.00
Demand Deposits	435,497.11
Time Deposits	377,398.78
	\$1,022,238.29

GROWTH

"FIRST NATIONAL" is prepared for the advancement of the future on a far greater scale than the past. Today, as 18 years ago, we take pride in furnishing a banking service commensurate with our prestige as the oldest bank in the community.

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