

Merchants' Dance Title, Long Held by Sam Levy, Challenged

For to these many years and in spite of his greying hair and stiffening limbs, Sam Levy has carried the undisputed title of dancing champ at community parties.

But if Sam wants to retain his dancing crown, he'll have to come out next Saturday and "defend his title" with other Torrance merchants who will compete at the Servicemen's Benefit dance sponsored by the Torrance Servicemen's Foundation. All local merchants have been invited to participate in a dance contest, according to the committee in charge of the party, which will be held in the Civic Auditorium from 9 to 12 p.m. Feb. 19.

Practically all merchants in town have donated door prizes and the orchestra is to play only "sweet music." Jitterbugging and rag cutting will be out for the "Home Town Night."

There is also a movement on foot to buy a block of tickets to be given to servicemen stationed near Torrance, including those at the LAPE Station Hospital. Admission to others will be 75c, including tax, and the public is invited to come and have fun.

J. B. WALLACES WELCOME SON

Mr and Mrs. J. B. Wallace of 716 Cota ave. are the proud parents of a son, Robert Garland, born Feb. 9 at a Long Beach hospital. The baby's mother is the former Ruth Taylor.

HAVE DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Miller of 1346 Engracia ave. were hosts at Sunday dinner when they entertained her uncle, I. O. Stephens and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Witting, all of South Gate.

Miller-Newbill Rites Read at Parsonage Saturday Afternoon

Miss Romaine Newbill, daughter of Mrs. L. E. Newbill of 1222 Cota ave., became the bride of Vernon Dale Miller in a ceremony performed last Saturday at the Baptist parsonage. Rev. C. M. Northrup officiated.

Attired in an R.A.F. blue dressmaker suit with navy accessories and a corsage bouquet of gardenias and rosebuds, the bride was attended by Mrs. Richard Akers of Long Beach. Mr. Akers was the bridegroom's attendant.

Receiving her early education in Melrose, N. M., schools, the bride is a member of the senior class at Torrance High school and will graduate in June. Her husband's former home is in Albuquerque and he is now employed at California Shipyards. He is a son of Mrs. Effie Miller of Hermosa Beach.

Among the pre-nuptial courtesies extended to Mrs. Miller was a personal shower given last Wednesday evening at the Moneta ave. home of Mrs. Maurine Newbill when 14 Torrance and out-of-town guests were entertained.

HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. HAS FOUNDER'S MEET

"Founder's Day" was the theme for an outstanding meeting of Torrance High School P.T.A. held at the school auditorium Monday afternoon. Mrs. Floyd R. Miller presided. Miss Van De Graff, Los Angeles American Red Cross representative, was presented by Miss Madeline Urquhart of the high school home economics department. The general needs of Red Cross and the necessity of women volunteering time to help with the various phases of the work was stressed by the speaker. "Prisoner of war" packages and their contents were displayed by the speaker, who stated that 7,000,000 have been shipped to American war prisoners since Pearl Harbor. Each man is entitled to one package each week, she said.

Past presidents were chosen to enact the founder's day ceremony in which the four freedoms, represented by four candles, were lighted by Mmes. R. S. Sleeth, C. E. Woodcock, William Jolley and W. J. Rojo, Jr. A silver tea followed, at which the past president poured.

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for tonight's Catholic ladies' card party are Mrs. T. T. Babbitt and her committee, Mmes. Moser, Murray, Anderson, Melville, Sullivan, L. Savoie and Savoie. Everyone is cordially invited. The first door prize will be drawn promptly at 8:00 o'clock and card play will begin immediately. Contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be served.

LUTHERAN CIRCLES AT EVENING PARTY

Lutheran parish hall was the setting for a delightful valentine party when ladies of the three church circles were entertained. A mock wedding was featured by Rebekah Circle, with Helen Tavan as the bride; Ruth Neal, bridegroom; Dorothy Mearing, matron of honor; Earlene Ruetter, best man; Elsie Jackson and Alice Guy, flower girls; Amanda Lowe, minister; Billie Kerber and Rolive Bever as the mothers-in-law.

The home of Mrs. B. H. Handren, Sr., was the meeting place for the girls' wedding rehearsal the previous evening. The occasion was made festive when refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

BETSY ROSS CLUB TO SPONSOR PARTY

Betsy Ross Star club will sponsor a card party to be held at Masonic Temple Saturday evening, Feb. 26. The public is cordially invited. The first door prize will be drawn promptly at 8:00 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will begin immediately. Cash prizes will be given high score holders. Refreshments will be served.

FERN AVENUE P.T.A. HOLDS BOARD MEETING

Members of the executive board of Fern Avenue P.T.A. met at the home of Mrs. Howard Schott Monday to complete preparations for the Founder's Day ceremony held at the school. The occasion was made festive when the hostess served refreshments in the spirit of Valentine Day at a table following that motif.

MARINE'S WIFE RECEIVES JAP MONEY

Mrs. Bill Zuder, wife former Margie McNew, of 1624 Acacia ave., received a letter recently from her husband, a Marine serving in the Southwest Pacific, which contained Japanese currency equivalent to \$25 of our money.

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Lt. George G. Lancaster Weds Gloria-May Young At Wilshire Blvd. Church

Before a large gathering of*white orchids. Mrs. Lancaster were hyacinth blue crepe and matching hat with orchids. Mrs. Young's twin sister, Mrs. Burton G. Adams, who was in the receiving line at the reception, wore a blue print taffeta.

The three-tiered wedding cake with miniature naval officer and bride was on display at the reception and buffet supper and was saved for the high tea Tuesday, held following the service at the S. Kingsley drive home of Mr. and Mrs. Young for the bridal entourage and relatives.

The wedding, originally planned for Monday evening, was postponed due to the fact that Lt. Lancaster's plane was grounded in Texas because of bad weather. He was en route from the Canal Zone, where he was Lt. John Gaspar, Ensign Allan Sedgwick and Mr. Paul Johanning.

The brilliant white altar of the church was decorated with tall tapers and baskets of fruit blossoms and white stock, which blooms were also used to border the center aisle.

The bride wore a charming ivory lured satin gown, fashioned with hoop skirt and tiered flounces. Her three-quarter length tulle veil was held by a cap of lace and seed pearls. Her bridesmaids all wore dainty gowns of cream faille with French blue trim, blue feather chapelets with tulle veils and carried heart-shaped tulle muffs with yellow roses and blue hyacinths.

The bride carried a shower bouquet of variety white orchids.

Mrs. Young was lovely in a gown of dainty green crepe with gold trims, matching hat and

MRS. ROY O. BAIR IS PARTY HONOREE

Mrs. Roy O. Bair, who leaves soon to move her home in northern California, was honored at a surprise party Monday evening when friends gathered at Ortman Inn.

Acacia blossoms and narcissus, used for the refreshment table colorful with yellow polka-dotery, accented a springtime theme. Bingo, with prizes for winners, was the evening diversion and refreshments of lemon pie and coffee were served to the more than 35 guests. In behalf of the group, Rev. Father Joseph Bauer presented a handsome gift and expressed the ladies' reluctance to have Mrs. Bair leave the community.

HOUSEWARMING PARTY FOR MRS. ALLIE WEST

Mrs. Allie M. West of 1619 W. 216th was the party when friends arrived Friday evening and presented her with a handsome group gift. Following an evening of cards, refreshments provided by the guests were served. Those included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Otto Giese and grandson Jerry; Kenneth Maloy and son David; Mrs. Hon. or Landier and Margie; James Clark and Frances, of San Pedro; L. A. Clark and granddaughter Karen of Long Beach; Mrs. Harry Phillips of Portland, Ore.; Daryl Foley, Wilmington; Chris Wuethrich, Lomita; David Kleck, Compton; James West, Mrs. Alice Mathewson, Mrs. Minnie Lovies and sister Agnes, all of Los Angeles; Mrs. Anna N. Lamroux of Redondo Beach; Miss Wona Ealy of Torrance.

GALA NATAL PARTY FOR JUDY RHONE

Judy Rhone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhone of 1019 Beech ave., celebrated her eighth birthday with a gala party at her home Tuesday afternoon of last week. A gay valentine motif was used for the refreshment table, where a decorated birthday cake was served and heart-shaped frosted cookies were favored. Games, with prizes for contest winners, were enjoyed. Those present were: Sharon Felker, Mary Elizabeth Ashley, Diane Schumert, Sally Moore, Charlotte Anderson, Norma Lee Mead, Sally Sprout, Charlene St. Martin, Marlene Schooley, Bobbie Robinette, Carol Ann Lee and Joan Leech.

REPRESENT T.H.S. AT GATEWAY MEET

Representing Torrance High School P.T.A. at Gateway Council P.T.A. meeting at Narbonne High school were Mmes. Floyd R. Miller, president; A. C. Turner and Irene Davis.

RETURN HOME

Mrs. Frank P. Kneisler returned Monday from Kansas City, Mo., where she has been for the past six weeks, having been called there by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Martin.

DINNER GUESTS

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Foster, Miss Wanda Kincaid and Vernon Foster, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Singleton and Miss Florine of San Bernardino; Cadet Edwin W. Smith, Jr., of Carlsbad, and Corp. and Mrs. Fred E. Smith.

LAWYERS ENTERTAIN

Mrs. August Menzel and her sister of Monroe, Mich., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Law of 1733 Cabrillo ave.

IN NORTHERN CITY

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Beeman have been vacationing in San Francisco.

AT LONG BEACH

Dr. K. F. Siekmann visited friends at Long Beach Sunday.

SISTERS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. Minot Rugg of 1610 Cota ave. and her sister, Mrs. Clyde Bodley of Vallejo, recently enjoyed luncheon at the Billmore Hotel.

TO VISIT SON

Mrs. Jess Dean, 1443 Post ave., left this week for Nashville, Tenn., where she will visit her son, Neil W. Rathburn, a sergeant serving with a signal corps there.

Lois Jayne Allen, Bride-Elect, Feted At Evening Showers

Miss Lois Jayne Allen, bride-elect of Jack Peterson, was complimented when Mrs. Ralph Pettitt (Margaret Mort) entertained at a personal shower last Wednesday evening at her home, 1221 Cota ave.

Shower games were enjoyed and many lovely gifts were presented. At the buffet table, gay with valentine decorations, a cake inscribed "Congratulations to Lois and Jack" and other refreshments were served.

Those present were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. H. C. Allen, Mmes. Martin Peterson, Sr., of San Pedro; W. L. Schreiner, Lynwood; Eric Lilienthal and Robert Mowry of this city; the Misses Doris Klusman of Los Angeles, Euphrasia Taylor, Beverly and Pat Whitney, Connie Fernley, Mary Bray, Doris Armitage, Jean Yoder, Muriel Alverson, all of Torrance, and Margaret Scholl of Lomita.

Miss Allen was again honored when Mrs. Martin Peterson, Jr., entertained Saturday evening with a linen shower at her San Pedro home. A valentine theme was effectively followed in the decorations and menu. Guests, numbering 25, were from Los Angeles, Glendale, Burbank, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Inglewood and Lomita. Those attending from Torrance were the honoree, her mother, Mrs. H. C. Allen and Miss Jean Sommers.

NEWS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, will hold their regular meeting Friday evening, Feb. 18, at Moose Hall, 1951 Carson st. Luncheon will be played during the social hour following the business session.

Four candidates will be initiated at the Maywood conference to be held Feb. 23, according to Mrs. Ila Mae Ambach, publicity chairman.

MONTH'S VACATION FROM WHITE HORSE

Clifford M. Sprague, head operator for Standard Oil's White Horse, Canada, base, under control of the War Department, arrived recently for a month's vacation, following a year's service there. He joined his wife, the former Florence McNeil, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil, here.

MRS. DALTON FETED AT FAMILY REUNION

Honoring her sister, Mrs. Frank Dalton, on the occasion of her birthday, Mrs. J. W. McQuaid entertained at luncheon at her home on Post ave. recently. Covers were arranged for the honoree and her son Gary; Mrs. C. K. Thomas and children; Gail and Robin; Mrs. J. F. Dalton and her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Buber of Vancouver, B. C.

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