

Women's Activities

By MARY VONDERAHE

Elementary P.T.A. To Be Hostess at Council Meeting

Torrance Elementary P. T. A. will be hostess at the initial meeting of Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council to be held here promptly at 9:45 a. m., Friday, September 28.

Mrs. John R. Garner, president will conduct the meeting and Mrs. O. I. Johnson, first vice-president and program chairman, will present speakers on the program, Victory Chest, membership and publicity which will be featured on the program.

HOMEMAKING CLASS TO BE ORGANIZED

Mrs. Daniel J. Dalley, sixth vice president of Tenth District and Manager of the Homemaking Bureau will conduct a class in homemaking in Banning High school library starting October 5. The first two lessons will be devoted to slip covers, and curtains, draperies, party favors, gift wrappings, consumer information and nutrition will be covered in subsequent sessions. Gateway and Gardena-Wilmington P.T.A. councils are co-sponsoring the class.

SECOND CHILD BORN TO R. W. RELSTABS

Robert W. Relstab, U. S. N., So. M. H. 2/c, and Mrs. Relstab, the former Dorothy Marie Weber, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Carol, their second child, born Friday, Sept. 21, at Long Beach Naval Hospital. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Weber, of 1903 Andrea ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Relstab, of San Pedro. Her father, stationed at Pearl Harbor for the past seven months was earlier assigned to Aleutian duty where he served for more than 22 months.

MISS PAT DOAN IS COMPLIMENTED

Honoring Miss Pat Doan, seaman, 1/c, WAVE, on leave from her base at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Barkdull entertained at dinner Wednesday evening. Covers were arranged for Miss Doan and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Doan, of Long Beach and formerly of this city; Lt. and Mrs. Richard K. Brown (Jenoyne Barkdull) of Los Angeles; Mrs. Effie Quayle and Miss Julia Quayle, of Huntington Park and the Barkdull family.

CARSON STREET P. T. A. REPORTS INITIAL MEET.

The importance of immunization against childhood diseases for all children was stressed by a motion picture shown Thursday afternoon at the first regular meeting of Carson street P. T. A. This interesting picture carried an important message to parents of young children. With cooperation from parents many childhood diseases could be completely eliminated, it was pointed out.

Plans for the coming year were announced. The first paper drive will be held in October, the date to be announced later. Also scheduled for October is the annual Halloween party for the children.

Mrs. Zillgitt gave an interesting report on the Toy Loan project to begin at Carson street school very soon. This project will be sponsored by the P. T. A.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served by the board members.

CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic ladies card party are Mmes. Reeves, Becker, Felker, Litchett, Conon, Jones, Hornell, Schrader, Donald, Moore, John Fredericks and Vivian Fredericks. Everyone is invited. The first door prize will be given away at 8:00 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will begin immediately. Refreshments will be served.

FROM WHITTIER COLLEGE

Miss Barbara Carstens arrived from Whittier College for a weekend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carstens, of 1452 Post ave.

Bernice Javens Weds Marine In Beach City

In a simple ceremony performed recently at Normandy Wedding Chapel, Long Beach, Miss Bernice V. Javens became the bride of John J. Costanzo, Jr., United States Marine Corps. Attractively attired in an aqua street dress with contrasting accessories and wearing a white orchid and gardenias, the bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. William C. Emery, who wore brown with aqua accessories and gardenias. William J. Javens, U. S. N., attended the bridegroom and Curnal Javens ushered.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Javens, of 21832 Embassy ave., Long Beach. Upon return from a honeymoon in Erie, Pa., at the home of his parents and in Canadian cities, the happy couple will make their home in Santa Barbara where he is a master sergeant.

Mrs. Costanzo was graduated from Torrance high school. Her husband, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Costanzo, Sr., of Erie, Pa., was educated in eastern schools.

Fossums Honored At Birthday Fete Thursday Evening

At the regular meeting of Torrance Chapter, No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, held Thursday evening at Masonic Temple, a class of six initiates was received into the order.

The birthdays of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum provided the incentive for an enjoyable evening with program arrangements in charge of Mrs. Jeannette Clark. Accordion selections by Miss Mary Evans of Lomita and two surprise piano selections by their daughter, Arlys, complimented the honorees.

Later the members adjourned to the banquet room where tables decorated in Mrs. Fossum's colors, pink and blue, held cut flowers, lighted tapers, and a decorated birthday cake. Beautiful gifts were presented.

IRON WITH THREAD

Iron with the thread of material whenever possible and, the clothes will look smoother, and flat pieces will come out even.



HOME SERVICE WORKERS... Mrs. Edith Ericson and Mrs. Carl Forkum, Red Cross volunteers, who together have served over 1700 hours during the past year and have made nearly 1400 Home Service case calls in discharging their duties at Torrance Branch American Red Cross. Miss Carolyn Delano is a recent addition to the local corps and prior to her Red Cross assignment was a member of the Women's Army Corps.

To carry out current Red Cross programs numbering among those which have expanded with the end of World War II hostilities, volunteers to serve with the Torrance Home Service Corps and the Gray Lady service at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation Hospital are now being recruited here.

Needed to assist in the problems of returned veterans and their families, applicants for the Home Service Corps are being interviewed for membership in a training class to open in Compton on October 8; it was announced this week by Mrs. Edith Erickson, Home Service chairman of Torrance. One of three courses to be conducted by the Los Angeles Chapter, American Red Cross, class sessions will be held Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. for six consecutive weeks.

One half of the scheduled meetings will be conducted in Compton, with the remaining sessions held in Los Angeles for special field work on selected Home Service cases.

The bulk of the Home Service work in this area has been carried on by Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Carl Forkum, vice chairman in addition to taking college courses at the University of Southern California four nights a week has given two days a week to this vital Red Cross service. Together they have served over 1700 hours during the past year and have made nearly 1400 Home Service case calls.

Recent addition to the local corps was Miss Carolyn Delano who prior to her Red Cross assignment was a member of the Women's Army Corps.

"Volunteers are desperately needed to assist professional staffs in helping servicemen, veterans and their families in Torrance," Mrs. Erickson said. "A long-term program, Home Service responsibilities are mounting daily."

Applicants must have ears and be between 23 and 50 years of age. Other qualifications include liking personal contact work with people and the capacity for learning and using technical information. A personal interview will be given to determine experience and suitability for this confidential service.

Those wishing to apply should call Mrs. Erickson at Torrance 1524.

With the second course of training for Hospital and Reception service at Station Hospital in Torrance scheduled for this fall, interviews also are being conducted for the Gray Lady Corps. It has been announced by Miss Catherine Laughren, Corps leader for Los Angeles chapter.

To be selected from communities adjacent to this city, approximately 40 new members will be trained. General requirements are American citizenship, high school education, good health, between 25 and 50 years of age, emotional stability and definite ability to work under supervision of others.

Characterized as a morale service, Gray Lady work includes library service on the wards, recreation and social activities. Volunteer members also must be able to keep accurate records, as well as make comprehensive referrals to the staff of requests requiring professional social service.

Gray Lady applicants may also obtain appointments for interviews by calling Torrance 1524 or Mrs. M. J. Beale, Torrance 577-R.

MR. AND MRS. BERGEN ENTERTAIN AT DINNER
Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen were hosts when they entertained at dinner at their home Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Derouin and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Meier. Later the hosts and their guests enjoyed an entertainment sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Park.

IS CONVALESCENT
Mrs. May Sidebotham, of 1820 Arlington ave., has returned from a San Pedro hospital where she underwent surgery recently. Elizabeth Tappin will remain to care for her sister for a few weeks, it was learned.

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Woman's Club Year To Begin Wednesday At Afternoon Meet

The initial meeting of the 1945-46 club year will begin Wednesday afternoon for Torrance Woman's Club officers and members.

Mrs. R. R. Smith, president, will conduct the business meeting and Mrs. Chris Jones, program chairman, will present Mrs. Lyle Sage in a group of vocal selections, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Paul Findley. At the conclusion of the program tea will be served by Mrs. Earl A. Miles and her committee.

Mrs. A. H. Shingo, ways and means chairman, will outline plans for the club's project during the ensuing term and will give a resume of its accomplishments during the vacation months.

Of special interest to club members and to the community is the forthcoming lecture series to be presented at the clubhouse by Mrs. Lorita Baker Valjely. The first lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 10:45 a. m. Season tickets for the three lectures are available from club members at \$2.40. Single admissions may be procured at the door for \$1.20.

RECENT BRIDE IS SHOWER HONOREE

Mrs. William Stark, a new bride, was honored at a miscellaneous shower recently given by Mrs. W. J. Callaway, 20008 S. Normandie. Assisting as hostesses were Mmes. Donald Stark and J. J. Roebuck. Games were the diversion and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mmes. John Bechtel, Robert Bechtel, Howard Larson and Donald Moore, all of San Pedro; Gordon Pence, J. W. Blumm, of Lomita; Chester Coon and Willard Bechtold, Maywood; William Roebuck, Bell; George Clise, La Habra; Hillman McKinnon and Ted Shackleton, Los Angeles; Darroll Reardon, Rosemary Carter, Ernest Thorpe, Monrovia and the Misses Joan Bechtold, San Pedro and Marguerite Reardon, of Monrovia.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark were married last month at Milan, Mo., and upon their return from a honeymoon trip they left to make their temporary home in San Francisco where he is stationed with a hospital unit. A son of Mrs. W. J. Callaway, he is a private first class, and had recently returned following more than three years overseas duty. The bride is the former Lucille Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Willis, of Milan, Mo.

CRESTLINE WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess, accompanied by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Fess and baby Marbeth, were entertained at Crestline last weekend as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hendry.

O. E. S. OFFICERS REPORT ITINERARIES

Grand Ruth, Billie Kerber, O. E. S., State of California, accompanied Logan Cotton, worthy grand patron and Mrs. Cotton, at the official welcome at Roosevelt Chapter, San Francisco of Lillian Podesta, worthy grand matron, when she returned to her home chapter last Saturday. Also representing Torrance chapter at San Francisco were Naoma Brown and Jack Miller, worthy grand matron and patron.

The same officers were present at Big Bear Chapter on the occasion of the recent official reception for the worthy grand matron.

Also present from Torrance Chapter at the Big Bear gathering were Naoma Brown, worthy matron, Jack Miller, worthy patron, Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum, associate patron and associate matron, Bettina Miller, marshal, and Frances Buckley, past matron.

San Diego Chapter was a setting for another reception for the grand officers attended by Grand Ruth, Billie Kerber, Naoma Brown, worthy matron of Torrance Chapter and Frank Brown.

The next day a reception at Redondo Beach honored Lillian Menard, deputy grand matron of the 71st district, O. E. S.

Reports Read at Red Cross Meeting Reveal Achievements

The first fall meeting of the Torrance Branch American Red Cross was held Monday evening with a good attendance and reports presented by the various chairmen were records of much work accomplished during the vacation months.

The resignation of Casper Clemmer, as chairman of First Aid was read and accepted with regret. His successor will be named later.

Excerpts were read from the minutes of the last board meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter which Mrs. Hoover attended recently.

Following a talk by John Stroh, Chief of Police, it was decided to retain emergency supplies and equipment at Red Cross headquarters. All plasma is being called in to the Los Angeles headquarters for redistribution to the various hospitals.

The quota for Torrance is 200 Christmas boxes for servicemen, and the different churches and organizations will be asked to contribute to this worthy cause. All further branch meetings will be called by Branch Chairman, Mrs. Lola Hoover.

SCOUT MOTHERS PLAN OCTOBER MEETING

The Mothers' Club of Scout Troop No. 241 will meet at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the home of Mrs. Helen Burgener, 1630 Beech ave.



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