



BRITISH WAR BRIDE . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Preston, who were married last week in Long Beach immediately following her arrival here by plane from her home in London, England. The couple will be at home at 703 Sartori ave. It is believed she is the first Torrance British war bride to be married here. (Bill Husbands Photo)

Making the trans-Atlantic and transcontinental flight from London, England, to Burbank in approximately 17 hours, Miss Hilda Galinsky, daughter of Mrs. Rose Galinsky, of 54 Palewell Park, East Sheen, London, arrived here last week to join her fiancé, Richard L. Preston, of this city.

In a simple ceremony, performed Tuesday June 11 in Long Beach, the couple exchanged vows. Judge A. M. Stiles, of that city, a friend of the bride, officiated.

Beautifully attired in a blue dressmaker suit with contrasting accessories and wearing white orchids, the attractive brunette bride was attended by Miss Jean Hilton, of this city, who wore black with an orchid corsage. Duane Schultz, of Torrance, was his cousin's attendant.

The couple met in Cheltenham, England, where he served as staff sergeant with a U. S. Army ordnance unit. He had recently received his honorable discharge following 39 months overseas service. A son of Mrs. Susan Preston, of Denver, Colo., he was educated in Nebraska.

Mrs. Chris Jones Is Installed As Club President

Culminating one of the most successful terms of office for presidents of Torrance Woman's club, Mrs. R. R. Smith accepted well earned congratulations from club members and from her board of directors at the recent concluding meeting of the season held in the clubhouse.

Mrs. Chris Jones, who was installed as president, is an experienced veteran in the club, which she has served in numerous capacities. For the past two years she has been second vice president with special duties as program chairman, and has been active in many of the ways and means activities during her years of club work.

Mrs. W. J. Neelands, as installing officer, also inducted the following officers who will serve with Mrs. Jones:

Mmes. S. V. Rauss, Merrill Solle, and G. S. Evans, vice presidents; R. E. Olson and Dean L. Sears, secretaries; C. E. Woodcock, treasurer; George Morgan, auditor; Miss Esther Maxwell, parliamentarian; Mmes. Fred E. Cooper, reservations chairman; Gordon Smith, ways and means and W. F. Bartholomew, year book chairman.

An enjoyable program ensued featuring vocal selections by Doris and Elsiemay Church, of Lomita, whose accompanist was Mrs. Carl Lane.

Gifts for President
The presentation of an orchid corsage, a gift from Mrs. A. H. Silligo, and a group gift from the club, were graciously acknowledged by the retiring president. Each officer upon being installed by Mrs. Neelands was the recipient of a beautiful corsage.

At the tea hour, the retiring and incoming presidents poured. Mrs. Charles V. Jones and her hostess committee were responsible for the pastel sweetpea centerpiece and other floral decorations used in the clubhouse.

Honored at Luncheon
Among the enjoyable affairs given recently to honor Mrs. R. R. Smith, was a luncheon for board members at Padua Hills when covers were placed for 18.

A group gift, from the board was presented.

Another ardent club worker, Mrs. A. H. Silligo, was the surprised honoree at an informal luncheon party arranged recently at the home of Mrs. W. J. Laughton, when the board members entertained. A handsome gift from the group was a gesture of appreciation for her splendid work in the club.

O. E. S. MEETING THIS EVENING
The stated meeting of Torrance Chapter No. 350, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held in Masonic Temple this evening.

Bridal Couple Entertain at Open House Party

Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. (Jack) Kent Jr. Saturday entertained more than 65 friends and relatives at an open house party held in their new home, 1925 Gramercy ave.

The young couple were married on May 25, the date of the 51st wedding anniversary of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cooper, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Gene Ward at Las Vegas, Nev. The bride, the former Judy Isabel, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Peck, of Gardena. She was graduated from Gardena schools.

Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Kent, 2007 Gramercy, was graduated in 1938 from Torrance high school. He entered the Navy in December 1942, and served for three years on the USS Pennsylvania in the South Pacific. He is now employed in the water well drilling industry. A delicious buffet supper was served by the hostess, assisted by her mother and mother-in-law. Gifts for the couple were placed on a table centered by a three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a pair of love birds beneath a silver wedding bell. The attractive bride chose for the party an aqua drape dress with black accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias.

At a mock wedding ceremony conducted during the evening, Judy presented Jack with a wedding ring.

Others participating in the hilarious "ceremony" were Leon Sanders, of Long Beach, ring bearer; Elsie Smith, of Torrance, flower girl; Albert F. Allegra, of San Pedro, minister, and Mrs. Leon Sanders of Long Beach, soloist. Mrs. Swayne Johnson presided at the piano. Community singing also was enjoyed by the guests, who were from Torrance, Fullerton, Long Beach, Hawthorne, Gardena, San Pedro, Canoga Park and other nearby cities.

The newly-weds left Sunday for a belated wedding trip through Northern California. They will be at home to their friends this weekend.

CHAMBER MEMBER
F. G. Bierlein, interior decorator, is a new member of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, according to Blaine Walker, secretary.



APPEAR ON PROGRAM . . . Members of Brownie Scout Troop No. 698, sponsored by Fern Avenue P.T.A., who participated in a fine program before a capacity audience gathered at Fern avenue school on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Pictured are, left to right: Judy Cook, Beverly Folts, Shirley Gilbert, Nancy Humphreys, Janice Jones, Betty Kastrop, Patricia Merritt, Shirley Reed, Jo Fran Rubeo, Joan Stewart, Constance Walton, Marilyn Wixon, Martha Sue King, Marilyn Niell, Cissie Whyte, Elizabeth Ann Webb.

'Shower by Mail,' Other Showers For Muriel Alverson

Complimenting Miss Muriel Alverson, whose marriage to Mr. Maurice Gene Smith, Ensign United States Naval Air Corps, will take place Sunday afternoon in Lakewood Village church, Mrs. Roy Chapman, of Long Beach, entertained Thursday evening at a miscellaneous shower in her home.

Games apropos of the occasion were played, followed by the opening of the gifts, and later refreshments were served.

Dinner, Surprise Shower
Before leaving the Hydril Corporation where for the past several years she has been secretary to the president, Miss Alverson was the recipient of other lovely gifts when Mrs. Marin Kristovich, a member of the Hydril staff, entertained at a dinner and surprise shower at her home in Los Angeles. Guests included members of the Hydril Corporation.

Novelty Shower
On Saturday, the bride-elect was pleasantly surprised when she received a box containing shower gifts from relatives and friends in the east.

The ingenuity of her cousin, Miss Eleanor Ann Wolfram, of Beloit, Wis., resulted in this clever idea. Invitations were sent to twenty, inviting them to a "shower by mail."

The gifts were then sent to Miss Wolfram from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. As each package was received, it was placed in a large box, and when the box was complete with gifts it was forwarded to Miss Alverson.

Included with the presents were heirlooms which had been in the family for generations.

DRUNK DRIVER
J. W. Cron, Wilmington, was found guilty Friday in Torrance City Court on a charge of drunk driving. Cron was fined \$100 and loses his driver's license for the ensuing 30 days, under the decree of City Judge John Shidler.

Installation of new officers was the highlight of the final meeting of Fern avenue P.T.A., held at the school Wednesday afternoon, June 12.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag led by Kay Shoemaker, of the Blue Birds, and Beverly Folts, of the Brownies. Mrs. Herbert T. Markham, president, conducted the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. George Leech, secretary. A financial report was given by Mrs. Earl Robinett, treasurer. Mrs. Markham gave a report on the P.T.A. convention held in San Francisco last month.

Entertainment was provided by the Jolly Blue Birds and the Brownies. The Blue Birds, under the leadership of Mrs. M. N. Folker, Mrs. John Grub and Mrs. Howard Schott, presented a one-act play, "The Shoemaker and the Elves."

Brownie Scout Troop No. 698, sponsored by Fern ave. P.T.A., presented a folk dance of Arsenia, "Campe al Bano," accompanied by rhythm band, and a song by the entire Troop, "On His Bronco the Gay Caballero." Participating were: Judy Cook, Beverly Folts, Shirley Gilbert, Nancy Humphreys, Janice Jones, Betty Kastrop, Patricia Merritt, Shirley Reed, Jo Fran Rubeo, Joan Stewart, Constance Walton, Marilyn Wixon, Martha Sue King, Marilyn Niell, Cissie Whyte, Elizabeth Ann Webb.

Jo Fran Rubeo and Constance Walton, Troop Juliette Low representatives and Betty Kastrop and Marilyn Niell, had participated in the Rhythm Band at the Spring Festival May 18, at Hollywood Ball Park.

In a very impressive ceremony Mrs. J. J. Millard, Tenth District P.T.A. treasurer, installed the officers for 1946-47. Those installed were Mrs. Earl Robinett, president; Mrs. H. T. Markham, first vice president; Helen Salisbury, second vice president; Mrs. Lloyd Davis, third vice president; Mrs. George Leech, secretary; Mrs. John Burke, treasurer; Mrs. John Heiberg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Phillip Humphreys, historian; Mrs. D. A. Murphy, auditor, and Mrs. I. O. Kasten, financial secretary.

Keystone Clubwomen In Interesting Plans At Year's Close

The June meeting, and the last until next September for Woman's Club of Keystone was an enjoyable picnic party at Torrance City Park on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Following the picnic lunch Mrs. A. L. Hudson, president, conducted a brief business session. Guests introduced were Mmes. Lee Hansen, Conrad Christensen, Lawrence Melton and Calvin Krieken.

The affair marked the wedding anniversary of Mrs. Frank Alsop and the birthday of Mrs. J. M. Christensen.

The president's report on the district convention and luncheon held last month at the Ambassador preceded her announcement of her year's theme, "Friendship." Highlighting the ensuing year's monthly programs, she stated, will be studies of the lives and histories of great Americans.

A series of parties is being planned, including that scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at the home of Mrs. A. C. Stamps, 20706 Shearer ave. A garden section meeting will convene at 10:00 a. m. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon, for which a nominal charge will be made. Sewing and arts, and crafts work will occupy the ladies during the afternoon.

Mrs. John Sullivan will open her home, at 545 E. 213th st., to club members and guests for a dessert bridge party on Wednesday afternoon, July 10, it was stated.

BETSY ROSS PARTY SET FOR SATURDAY

Masonic Temple will be the setting for the monthly Betsy Ross Star club card party at 8:00 o'clock Saturday evening, June 22. Mrs. Jean Mosher as chairman, will be assisted by Mmes. Lillian Dye and Kate Sidebotham. The customary games will be played and there will be a door prize and regulation game prizes. Refreshments will be served.

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