

Tau Delta Omegas Plan Benefit Dance, Other Activities

Officers recently elected to serve the Beta Chapter of the Tau Delta Omegas, formerly known as the Shamrock Club, are:

Mary Ellen DeVore, president; Clella Mumford, secretary; Jean Mendenhall, treasurer and Helen Smith, reporter.

At a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Mendenhall, plans were discussed for a benefit dance to be held in Torrance Woman's clubhouse. Proceeds will go to the Child's Guidance organization, it is reported.

Mrs. DeVore was hostess to the group Monday evening when after a discussion of club activities, bridge was the diversion. High score holders were Ruth Kall and Helen Smith. Refreshments were served.

VFW Auxiliary Announces Dates For Forthcoming Affairs

V. F. W. Auxiliary of Post No. 3251 will honor mothers in the organization and their small babies at a Valentine tea to be held this afternoon in the home of Mrs. Hilma Mallin on Piazza Del Arco.

On Saturday evening, February 15 the auxiliary will entertain at a public card party in Torrance Woman's clubhouse. A door prize will be given away at 8:00 o'clock and games of 500, pinochle and bridge will follow. Refreshments will be served and game prizes awarded. Everyone is urged to attend.

Sewing club members are asked to meet Friday, February 20 at 728 Sartori avenue.

Brownies Visit Bird Village At Mrs. Dunham's Home

Among the recent interesting activities for members of Brownie Troop 698, sponsored by Fern avenue P.T.A., was the group's visit Thursday afternoon to Mrs. Charles B. Dunham's Bird Village.

The girls were shown many attractive bird houses sent from all over the United States by fanciers who had visited the village. An interesting feature of the grounds was the wishing well where pennies were dropped later to be collected and sent to a blind institution in Los Angeles.

Delicious goodies were enjoyed by the Brownies and they signed the village guest book. Accompanying the 18 Brownies were Mesdames T. Ward, J. McCart, R. Folts and R. Kastrop.

180th STREET PTA PLANS INFORMAL LUNCH

The 180th st. school PTA will hold a pot-luck lunch at the school at 11 a. m., Wednesday, February 19. Hostesses will be room mothers from rooms 6 and 7. Mothers of students are invited to supply a dish and enjoy meeting with other mothers and the teachers.

MARY OLIVE JONES ENTERS NURSING SCHOOL

Miss Mary Olive Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones, 2118 Martina ave., last week was enrolled as a student in the Mercy College of Nursing in Chicago. Miss Jones graduated from Torrance high school with the class of summer 1946.

ROY D. METCALF AS CLUB SPEAKER

Roy D. Metcalf of Western Village Nursery will be guest speaker at the next meeting of Torrance Terrace Garden Club. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the home of Mrs. Iris Steffen, 1539 W. 214th st. Visitors are welcome.

ATTENDS PARENTS' GOLDEN WEDDING

City Attorney Otto B. Willett has returned from Effingham, Ill., where he attended the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Willett. Accompanying Willett was his sister, Mrs. J. R. Daboval, of New Orleans. The celebration was the occasion for the family's first reunion in 22 years, he stated.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Saul of 2636 W. 174th st., returned Monday from a two weeks vacation at Grant's Pass, Ore., where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman. Accompanying the Sauls were Mr. and Mrs. J. Guldager, of Laguna Beach.



"NUMBER, PLEASE" GIRLS ARE PLEASING . . . The above picture taken in the Torrance branch of the Southern California Telephone Co. shows the 16 position switch boards and an equal number of operators handling Torrance's daily calls. On the board above each operator flashlights are swung for use in the event local lighting fails. Pictured in the inset, left to right, are Branch Manager A. B. Smith, Mrs. Violet Buck, an operator, a great-grandmother and 25-year employee with the company, and Mrs. Arvilla Owens, chief operator here for the past six years.

The Torrance Herald photographer in snapping the above picture violated two rules: First, the telephone company rule against distracting the operators' attention while at their position boards when he called, "Hi, Girls," at the instant the photo was taken. The other was the newspaper rule of identifying from left to right. So, contrary to this rule, the above "hello" girls are named right. So, contrary to this rule, the above "hello" girls are named right. So, contrary to this rule, the above "hello" girls are named right. So, contrary to this rule, the above "hello" girls are named right.

Torrance Telephone Service Shows Huge Increase Since 1941

"Number please," says an ever-so-sweet voice, and if no answer the voice may lose a spec of its honey and on the slightly icy side, the caller is likely to hear:

"What number are you calling, please?"

Now if the caller thinks this chilly attitude is unwarranted after waiting for the telephone operator to answer, then have a peek on the inside of the busy Torrance exchange of the Southern California Telephone Co. It's a cliche the caller will come away with the patience of Job the next time he or she picks up a phone.

Last month the local office had 13,650 volume calls per day handled by 42 operators. This figure may not startle you figuring upon a 24-hour basis, but start dividing it by 16, which represents the number working on a busy shift, and you will find the operator placing a call every moment of her time at the switch board.

The volume of calls per day has increased from 3,700 in January of 1941 to the present figure. An increase of 266 percent. Telephones in service here have been upped from 1440 in January of 1940 to 3,560 as of the last official tally in January of this year.

During the past 12 months 750 phones have been installed, according to A. B. Smith, manager of the Torrance office. Smith revealed that an additional 475 orders from potential subscribers are being held at his office.

Mrs. Arvilla Owens, chief operator for the past six years here, has 25 years with the Southern California Telephone Company. Evening chief operator is Mrs. Louise Maier. Other supervisors are Mrs. E. M. Quigley and Mrs. Agnes Glass.

Records at the local office show that almost 95 percent of the operators here have more than 18 months of experience on their switch boards.

Four of the operators, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. M. A. Jennings, Miss Lillian Faulkner and Mrs. Violet V. Buck, represent a century of service with the telephone company.

Mrs. Buck, who lives at 1606 Gramercy ave., is in her twenty-fifth year as an operator and boasts of being the only great-grandmother in the office. Her daughter, Mrs. Katherine Quigley, a grandmother herself, also works as an operator.

Other grandmothers calling your numbers here are Mrs. LITTLE CHINCHILLA WINS ROSETTE FOR WALTERIA RANCHER

A. B. Stanger, Walteria, president of the California Chinchilla Ranchers club, announced that his champ female chinchilla won first prize in the recent Fourth Annual Chinchilla show conducted at the State Exposition Building in Exposition park, Los Angeles.

The local rancher said the prize, a Rosette, was won in the class C division, which included the female fur bearers from five to eight months old. Two hundred top-quality chinchillas were in the show, he said.

SWIM CLASSES

Leo Wagner, director of the Torrance Boys club, announced yesterday that the regular swimming classes held in Long Beach each Friday evening would not be conducted tomorrow evening due to insufficient transportation facilities.

Clairbel Darling and Mrs. Grace Ashley

The youngest honey-comb voice crooning out of the radio receivers is that of 17-year-old Dorothy Morris, a part-timer who is attending Torrance high school.

Western Electric workers now are installing eight additional switchboard positions bringing the total of boards to 24, an increase of 14 since 1941. The cost of this installation, which will soon be completed, is said to be \$67,000. Space for the new position boards recently was provided by the completion of the building's addition.

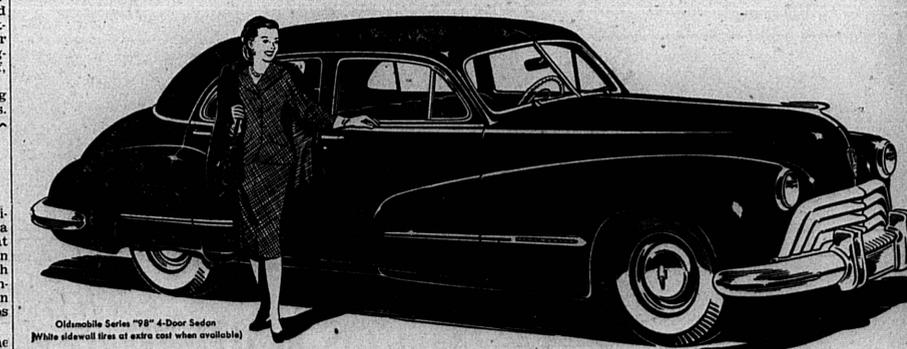
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