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## Accordionettes Appear In Many Colorful Programs

Among recent delightful programs presented by the Accordionettes was that enjoyed by members of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star at their last regular meeting.

Participating were Bob and Norzette Church, Joan Blackman, Cathryn and Louise Clouse, Jimmy and Gloria St. Martin, Yolanda Francis, Jimmy Ray Morris, Tracy Dale, Patty Larson and Marsha Maddock.

Another program presentation was at Lawndale, when the young artists entertained for more than 300 members and guests of the Townsend club. Dancing followed and refreshments were served.

As guests of Boy Scout gathered in Leuzinger high school, the Accordionettes assisted in the national celebration of Boy Scout week. Boy Scouts in black face and appropriate costumes presented a hilarious minstrel show, augmented by the Torrance entertainers in song and dance numbers.

In the pageant were Fred Diesel, Joan Blackman, Emalene Verser, Dennis Coil, Gail and Bettie Thomas, Norzette and Bob Church, Jimmy St. Dennis, Orene Foley, Steve Hornick and Kathryn Clouse. Contributing to the dancing portion of the program were Yolanda Francis, Jimmy Ray Morris, Cindy and Steve Hornick, Louise Clouse, Tracy Dale, Gloria St. Dennis, Marsha Maddock, Patty Dunmyer, Robin Thomas and Patty Larson. Little Pat Hornick was the group's announcer.

Still another program presented by the group was at Allen's Cafe when the above mentioned entertainers presented a well-received program for the Torrance Kiwanis club.

## Girl Scouts At Investiture, Tea For Parents, Friends

Girl Scout troop 416 entertained their parents and friends at a tea held recently in the parish house of St. Andrew's Episcopal church. The troop welcomed six new members and an impressive investiture ceremony. The new members are, Sally Moore, Diane Schumert, Patsy Garrison, Michel Silver, Donna Castle and Clara Bentwood.

Girl Scout badges were awarded Marilyn Baer and Ann Olson for cycling, out-of-doors, cooking, camp craft, and drawing and painting. Swimming badges were awarded Joyce Schlerf, Julie Rhone and Janet Williamson. Charlene St. Martin received a leather badge, and Jane Fischer the drawing and painting badge.

Mrs. George E. Baer, leader of the troop, introduced Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's church, sponsor of troop 416; the assistant leaders Mrs. H. C. St. Martin and Mrs. N. A. Williamson; president of the troop's Mothers, Mrs. Edward Rhone; and committee member, Mrs. F. T. Fischer.

## Womens Activities

By MARY VONDERAHE



FIRST TINY TOT . . . Peggy Ann Williams, pictured as she was received into the newly instituted branch of American Legion Auxiliary, the Tiny Tots. With her are Auxiliary President Velora Murphy and Membership Chairman Roxie Sleeth of Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170. Peggy Ann is the five-year-old daughter of Jack Williams of Lomita. Her grandmother is Mabel Williams, past president of Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170.

Peggy has the distinction of being the first local member of a newly organized branch of American Legion Auxiliary which admits to membership children from one to six years of age. After age six years children automatically become

Juniors. Members of American Legion are advised that their daughters within this age bracket are eligible for membership in Tiny Tots and are asked to contact any Auxiliary member for application blanks.



EXCHANGE ALTAR VOWS . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Frederick Wilkes, whose marriage was solemnized recently in the presence of 75 wedding guests gathered in St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes will live in Torrance. (Bill Husbands photo.)

St. Andrew's Episcopal church was a recent setting for a beautiful candlelight ceremony when Miss Dorothy Kelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kelton, of 918 Portola ave., became the bride of Mr. James Frederick Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Wilkes, of 2463 Carson st. Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler officiated. The bride's father accompanied her to the altar and gave her in marriage.

Lovely in a powder blue crepe gown, an original model designed for the occasion by Helen of California, the bride wore contrasting accessories. Her costume was complemented by a smart feather hat of the exact shade of her dress and she carried a bridal corsage of white camellias.

Miss Marie Kelton, as her sister's maid of honor, was beautifully attired in a dressmaker suit which exactly matched the shade and material the bridal gown. She wore navy accessories and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Richard Hogue was the bridegroom's attendant and Milton Youngken and Fred

Carstens ushered. Preceding the ceremony, Miss Phyllis McVicar sang two selections.

Mrs. Wilkes was graduated from Torrance high school with the class of winter 1943 and upon completion of a course in modeling has been employed in that capacity with Helen of California, in Los Angeles. Her husband, who also attended Torrance high school, is a veteran of three years service with the United States Navy.

They will live at 1435 1/2 W. 219th st.

**Pre-nuptial Shower**  
Complimenting the bride, Mrs. Milton Youngken and Mrs. Forrest Terry entertained at an attractively appointed miscellaneous shower arranged recently at the home of Mrs. Youngken's mother, Mrs. J. A. McVicar, 2120 Gramercy ave.

Pink and white blossoms and pink tapers were used at the buffet refreshment table where a decorated tiered bridal cake was cut.

Shower games furnished by

## High School PTA Reports Enjoyable Diversified Program

Torrance High School P.T.A. held its March meeting in the Torrance high school auditorium. A welcome was extended by Miss Helen Jewett Rogers, principal. Mr. James Burchett led in the salute to the flag and an inspirational was led by Mrs. E. G. Spratt.

Miss Irene Mills presented the following student pianists and vocalists in a delightful program:

Bob Turner, "Serenade"; Bill Morgan, "Liebestraum"; Carl Battaglia, "Rhapsody in G," and Jack Blackmon, accompanied at the piano by Patricia Blackmon, in "Song of Songs."

Skillful feats were then presented by the high school gymnastic team, under the direction of Coach Pete Zamperini, and composed of the following students: Dick Oehring, Richard Richhart, Bill Dominguez, Anthony Van Kralingen, Jack Dean, Bob Wathem, Tom Faren, Eugene Stirling, Frank Faren, Bob Webb and James Trum.

The business meeting was opened by a letter from Mrs. Arthur Fritz, president of the Torrance Terrace Garden club, announcing a flower show to be held at the Torrance Woman's clubhouse on May 24.

Mr. Ivo Blaylock discussed enlistment of students in the Naval Reserve.

The following ladies were elected to serve on the nominating committee: Mrs. W. W. Browning, Mrs. E. G. Spratt, Mrs. C. W. Jenkins and Mrs. E. A. King.

Miss Patricia Anderson, art instructor, told of the award of a certificate of merit from the Scholastic Art Exhibit at Bullock's in Los Angeles, to Glenn Reid, a senior A.

The meeting was then adjourned and tea served in the foyer.

## CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic ladies card party are Mmes. J. E. McIntier, Murray, Anderson, Alford, Arnold, Jessome, Catena, Dowell, Estes, Lair, May, Melville, Della Murphy, Winkler and Sanders. Everyone is invited. The first door prize will be awarded at 8:00 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will begin immediately. Refreshments will be served.

Preceding the opening of the honoree's many lovely gifts.

Those present were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. S. B. Kelton, her sister Miss Marie Kelton and Mesdames J. F. Wilkes, Daisy Gray, Margie Newman and J. A. McVicar, all of Torrance; Anna Bellwood, Hermosa Beach and the Misses Dorris Wilkes and Phyllis McVicar, of this city and Lorraine Stanley of Long Beach.

## Kresse Recipe Wins Award From Sunset Magazine

"Especially good as an hors d'oeuvre cooked over a charcoal broiler in the patio." So the Sunset magazine, in a recent article, describes a delectable dish which is the special preparation of Otto A. Kresse, of 1443 El Prado, general superintendent of Columbia Steel Co., here.

The editor of Sunset observes: "If the dish is made in a large enough quantity to satisfy the gusto it is bound to create, this savory shrimp will graduate from the hors d'oeuvre circle into the main dish spotlight. In that case it is suggested that only a salad and dessert need be provided to complete the meal."

### SHRIMP SUPREME

1 clove garlic, minced; 1/4 cup olive oil; 2 pounds green shrimp (prawns), shelled and cleaned; 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce; 3 dashes bitters; 1 cup Sherry; 1 cup chili sauce; 1 cup shredded Cheddar-type cheese; salt and pepper.

Saute garlic lightly in oil, then add shrimp and cook until delicately browned. Add Worcestershire sauce, bitters, Sherry and chili sauce slowly, stirring to blend well. Simmer slowly, uncovered, for about 45 minutes, until mixture thickens slightly. Add shredded cheese just before serving and let it melt into the sauce. Taste to adjust salt and pepper as needed.

### BLUE BIRD GROUP TO BE HOSTESSES

Mrs. Nell Edwards' Paradise Blue Bird group of Carson st. school will entertain a group of Blue Birds from Torrance tomorrow afternoon. Light refreshments will be served.

## Mrs. Ruckman, Home From Meet, Selected To Attend Conference

Mrs. Clyde E. Ruckman has recently returned from Seattle, Wash., where she attended the jurisdiction meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of the Methodist church. The jurisdiction includes the Methodist churches of the ten western states. There she conducted workshops for children's workers and participated in a panel discussion presenting the methods of work and the results.

Last week a great honor was conferred upon Mrs. Ruckman when the Conference Woman's society voted to send her, with expenses paid, to the International Children's Workers Conference at Des Moines, Iowa, July 20 to 23. This will be an international national conference and Mrs. Ruckman will be one of 50 Methodists invited from Canada and the United States.



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