

### Bowers-Arcq Betrothal Is Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston J. Arcq of 1448 El Prado are announcing the engagement of their daughter Geraldine Joan, to Mr. Robert Reed Bowers, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Bowers of 1632 W. 218th street.

First news of the engagement was revealed New Year's Eve to family members gathered in the Arcq home.

The bride-elect, who is enrolled at California College of Commerce, Long Beach, was graduated from Torrance High School with the class of June, 1949. Her fiance, also a Torrance High graduate is employed with Safeway Stores, Inc.

Plans for a fall wedding are being made tentatively by the popular young couple.

### Mrs. Bailey To Address Orange PTA

Orange Street PTA will sponsor a guest speaker, well known throughout Los Angeles and surrounding areas, when Mrs. LeRoy Bailey, Tenth District PTA Chairman of International Relations, will come to Lomita on Thursday evening, January 19.

Invited to hear her are members of Lomita-San Pedro, Gardena-Wilmington and Gateway Councils, their families and friends.

Mrs. Bailey is in such demand as a speaker that her appearance here is expected to attract a large audience. The meeting will be open to the public and civic-minded citizens throughout the entire harbor area and surrounding towns will want to hear Mrs. Bailey. Her subject is one that is vital to every American, and after making such a complete study of international relations Mrs. Bailey is qualified to give a concise picture of what is going on in the world.

Her subject will be given through the medium of a panel of speakers who will accompany her for the evening meeting. The auditorium of Narbonne High School has been secured for the meeting which will begin at 7:30 o'clock.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. MANNING  
—Bob Roberts photo

### DORIS KRESSE BECOMES BRIDE IN CHURCH RITE

In one of the loveliest ceremonies of the holiday season Miss Doris May Kresse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Kresse, exchanged vows to become the bride of Mr. Robert J. Manning, of China Lake, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Manning of Kansas City, Kansas. Nativity Catholic Church, decorated in all-white blossoms was the setting for the double-ring, candlelight rite performed Thursday afternoon. Rev. Leo J. Bauer, former

Nativity pastor, officiated in the presence of 150 wedding guests. Escorted up the flower-outlined aisle, the bride was radi-

### GREET NEW YEAR WITH OPEN HOUSE PARTIES

White tulips, ranunculus, and stock decorated the buffet table, accenting a silver and white theme.

Novel feature of the party was a series of group photographs taken as guests arrived. Mrs. Bishop received in a cocktail dress of printed crepe, Mrs. Rippy wore a mauve pink satin dinner dress and Mrs. Ulbright's gown was of black lace.

Dr. and Mrs. John W. Beeman, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John Melville and Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Hyde entertained in their home for approximately 200 guests at an afternoon open house party on New Year's Eve.

Serpentine and other typical New Year's decorations were used throughout the rooms and red candles and a lace cloth over a red base created a pretty party effect.

Complimenting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kaumeier of Dearborn, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loranger entertained about 40 Torrance and out-of-town friends at an impromptu party on the afternoon of New Year's Eve.

Other hosts at large parties included Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose H. Silligo, who opened their Hollywood Riviera home earlier in the holiday season.

### Ed Enrietta, Miss Holmer Reveal Troth

The engagement of Miss Ruthy Holmer, daughter of Mrs. Carl Holmer of Bell, and Mr. Edward Enrietta of Waveria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund P. Enrietta of 1841 W. 252d street was announced this week.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Bell High School and is employed in Los Angeles as a legal secretary. Mr. Enrietta is a graduate of Narbonne High School and is an employee of the City of Torrance.

No date has been set for the wedding.

### Gold Star Mothers' Election

Mrs. Lucy Vigil was re-elected to the office of president of Torrance Memorial Chapter Gold Star Mothers at the meeting held Wednesday evening of last week in Redondo Beach.

### Reunion In Alhambra

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirsch, daughter Janet, and son Ralph, of 2179 W. 255th street, began their Christmas day festivities when they were breakfast guests at the home of Mrs. Kirsch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Wise at 2233 W. 255th street.

Following the early morning events they motored to Alhambra where they were guests of Mr. Kirsch's parents. Others around the festive table when turkey and all the trimmings were served were Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan and family of North Hollywood and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan and son, Jimmy, who flew here from Honolulu for the holidays.

In an exquisite gown of candlelight satin, designed with bodice and front panel of ecru lace. Satin fashioned the cathedral train and the halo which held her finger-tip veil of nylon illusion. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls, her mother's gift from Mr. Kresse, first worn at her wedding more than 30 years ago. The bridal bouquet was of white carnations and sweet peas centered with a detachable white orchid corsage.

Miss Jean Kresse, as her sister's maid of honor, was lovely in mauve pink satin, complemented by a nosegay of violets and pink rosebuds. Little Kathy Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert J. Thomsen, was flower girl in turquoise taffeta. She also carried a violet and pink rosebud nosegay.

Don Cromwell of Los Angeles attended the bridegroom as best man and ushers were John Minaker of Pittsburg, cousin of the bride, and Warren Murbach, of Kansas City.

Preceding the ceremony, Crawford Davis of Los Angeles, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Neil J. McConlogue, sang, "Ave Marie" and "O Beautiful Mother."

The holiday decorative motif prevailed at the reception which immediately followed in the El Prado home of the bride's parents, where Mrs. Kresse received in a gown of smoke gray satin, orchid accessories, and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Manning, who with her husband, had arrived from Kansas City for the ceremony, attended in American Beauty Crepe with silver accessories and an orchid corsage. Lighted tapers in tall candlebrum shed their glow on the white mantel Christmas tree ornamented with silver balls and the dining table, with double punch service was resplendent with white-sprayed evergreen, chrysanthemums, silver tree ornaments, and low candles. Serving were the Misses Trudy Stratton and Henryette Fry, of China Lake.

A skirted, ruffled cover of pale pink was used on the table where the beautiful tiered wedding cake was served by Mrs. George Minaker of Porterville, aunt of the bride. Tall silver compotes held pale pink carnations and candytuft, to accent the cake decor.

Presiding over the guest book was Mrs. Benjamin W. Weston. Upon their return from a honeymoon at Phoenix and Grand Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Manning will establish their home in China Lake, where he is a research chemist at Navy

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## Women's Activities



HOST NEW YEAR'S PARTY... Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse was the setting for one of the most lavish of the season's parties when Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rippe Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Ulbright entertained Torrance and out-of-town guests on New Year's Day.

# THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY ALMOND'S ADVANCE COURTESY DAYS

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