

Women's Activities

St. Cecilia's Plans Santa Party 27th

St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will entertain past presidents and prospective members at a gala Christmas party Wednesday evening, December 27, in Parish House.

The party will begin at 8:30 when a covered dish supper will be served and there will be an exchange of 50-cent gifts.

Hostesses for the annual affair are Mesdames Lavona Williamson and Anna Sandstrom.

Officers recently elected to serve during the new year include:

Mesdames Sarah Muhleck, president; Una Dalton, vice-president; Marjorie Moore, secretary, and Gracemary Rhone, treasurer.

Annual Party Enjoyable for Garden Club

Torrance Terrace Garden Club members met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Frank J. Farrell for their annual Christmas party.

Colorful candles and chrysanthemums decorated the luncheon tables and the rooms.

An exchange of gifts followed luncheon and plans for the year's first meeting on January 10, at the home of Mrs. C. F. Duroy, concluded the enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Edwin Cooley served as chairman of arrangements of the party.

Pi Phi Hold 'Cookie Shine'

Their annual "Cookie Shine," arranged last Thursday evening by Pi Beta Phi Alumnae of Centinela Valley was a dinner meeting and Christmas gift exchange in the new home of Mrs. Victor Bernard, 1448 Engracia avenue.

Gifts also were brought for four-year-olds at the Children's Hospital.

Honor guests of the evening were Miss Beth Thompson, president of the active group at UCLA, and Miss Allyn Smith, popular Pi Phi at the Bruin campus, who was Homecoming queen this fall and a recent "Cover girl" of Life magazine.

Assisting with party arrangements were Mesdames Dr. S. Miller, William A. Monahan Jr., W. Richard Walker, J. R. Shull and Harris Farmer.

Santa Party Is Gay for Lodge Group

Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose joined Loyol Order of Moose Lodge 785 for their annual Children's Christmas party Sunday afternoon.

A delightfully varied program was presented featuring Ann Olson and her dancers, and Frank Bell, full-blooded Cherokee Indian, a member of Moose Lodge 785, who gave an authentic exhibition of his tribe's ceremonial songs and dances. Chief of all the Cherokee Indians, he has been given a government permit to permit him to live away from his reservation.

Santa Claus' arrival with gift boxes for the children climaxed the program and later refreshments were served.

The committee extends appreciation to all who assisted.

Next business meeting of Chapter 44 will be held December 27 with Ionia Steele, senior regent, presiding, according to Hazel Ott, publicity chairman.

OES Chapter Plans Party For Tonight

Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will entertain at a Christmas party at 8 o'clock this evening in Masonic Temple, when Vivian Cook, worthy matron, and Gordon Mothersell, worthy patron, will preside.

Each member is asked to supply a gift, not to exceed \$1, with name of donor attached.

Edna Babcock and her committee have planned a most enjoyable evening, it was announced.



MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE J. MIDDLETON —Bob Roberts photo

Miss Barbara Jenkins Becomes Bride in Beautiful Home Rite

All white chrysanthemums decorated the Acacia avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Jenkins Sunday afternoon for the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Jeanne, to Mr. Lawrence J. Middleton, son of Mrs. William Middleton of Middlebrook road, Bishop Edwin M. Wheat of Latter Day Saints Church officiated in the presence of 100 guests.

The lovely bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a tailored checked suit with black accessories and a white orchid corsage. Miss Beth Ann Jenkins, wearing a navy blue suit with an orchid corsage, attended her sister as maid of honor.

Edward Middleton was his brother's attendant and Miss Elizabeth Middleton, accompanied at the piano by Miss Carol Jacobs, sang "Because" and "Always."

At the reception following, Mrs. Jenkins received her guests in a dark red ensemble with a corsage of roses and Mrs. Middleton wore dark blue with a rosebud corsage. Assisting with reception arrangements were the Misses Vivian Hazzard, Ann Mondor and Marilyn Rozum.

The bride, who was co-valedictorian with the class of June '50 in which her husband also received his diploma, is studying business administration at El Camino College, where he also is a student.

Upon their return from a honeymoon trip to Utah, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton will live on Cota avenue.

Mr. Paul B. Mitchell Claims Bride in Chapel Ceremony

All Souls Chapel of Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, was the setting for the ceremony Saturday afternoon which united in marriage Miss Joan Aletha Wallace and Paul Belmont Mitchell.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Calvin Wallace of Montone and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Mitchell of 1323 Madrid avenue.

Given in marriage by her father, Miss Wallace chose as her wedding attire an afternoon dress of shell pink lace with navy blue accessories. She carried a large white orchid on a prayer book. Miss Yvonne Stanley as her only attendant, wore pastel blue lace with matching accessories and carried a nosegay chosen to harmonize with her dress.

Miss Charlene Wallace, sister of the bride, served as guest registrar.

William Stanley of Redlands and formerly of Torrance attended the bridegroom as best man and ushers were Donald Wallace, brother of the bride, and Robert Young.

At the reception for 100 guests, which followed in the hospital residence annex, Mrs. Wallace received in mauve print with black accessories and orchids, and Mrs. Mitchell wore a mulberry knit dress with pink accessories accented with pink camellias.

The new Mrs. Mitchell's associate student nurses assisted with reception arrangements and Mrs. J. Peter Amott (Caroline Mitchell) of Redlands served punch.

Upon their return from a honeymoon at Santa Barbara and a mountain resort, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will live in Los Angeles where he is employed with Standard Stations, Inc.

The bride, who was educated in Redlands schools, plans to complete her nurses training course at Good Samaritan Hospital. Her husband was graduated from Torrance High School and attended University of Redlands and El Camino College.

MISS ELISA B. MATA NOW MRS. ANTHONY P. FUNKE

In a simple service performed in Tijuana, Miss Elisa Bernardine Mata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mata of 705 Columbia place, became the bride of Anthony P. Funke, United States Army.

Miss Mata chose as her wedding attire a black and white checked suit with black accessories.

A graduate of the class of 1948, Torrance High School, the bride has been attending El Camino College majoring in business administration.

The bridegroom, a son of Mrs. Earl Tupper of Inglewood, was educated in Inglewood schools and attended El Camino before he entered service.

Mrs. Funke will make her home temporarily with her parents. Her husband has returned to his base at Fort Ord, where he is attached to the Infantry (Airborne Paratroopers).

HOME AGAIN

Mrs. John V. Murray of 1912 Andree avenue has returned from several months visit with relatives and friends in the east.

Her itinerary included Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; New York City; Stamford, Conn.; Boston, Mass.; Hampton Beach, N. H.; Sydney, Nova Scotia and Detroit, Mich., where she visited enroute home.

Beecher-McGrath Nuptials Solemnized in Arizona Rite

At home at 2228 Gramercy avenue are Richard Earl Beecher and his bride, the former Miss Jean McGrath, Minneapolis, Minn. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGrath of Minneapolis and her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Beecher of 1518 Engracia avenue.

The couple exchanged nuptial vows in a ceremony performed in First Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona with his parents as their attendants, and members of their immediate families in attendance. Among the guests were Mrs. Henry Aicon of Phoenix and Mrs. Dan Shire of Denver, paternal aunts of the bride.

A dinner party in a Phoenix hotel dining room followed the ceremony.

The bride was lovely in a light blue suit with contrasting accessories and a white orchid corsage, and Mrs. W. A. Beecher wore a wine red suit with matching accessories.

The new Mrs. Beecher was graduated from University of Minnesota and her husband, a Torrance High graduate, received his diploma from Compton Junior College before serving four and a half years with the United States Navy as an aviator. He is employed with Luthi Engineering Company, Gardena.

CONVALESCENT

Mrs. Frank H. Forester of 1416 Fern avenue is making a satisfactory recovery following major surgery which she underwent Monday at Torrance Memorial Hospital.



MISS BARBARA MOYER

MISS MOYER JOINS RANKS OF LOVELY BRIDES-ELECT

Mrs. William C. Moyer of 1617 Arlington avenue has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Barbara, to Mr. Thomas Stanley Koll, whose parents are Mrs. Fred Gill of Redondo Beach and Mr. Arthur Koll of West Los Angeles.

The wedding has been planned for Sunday afternoon, January 28, 1951, in Brentwood Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles.

The lovely bride-to-be was graduated from Torrance High School and from Institute of Medical Technology, Los Angeles, and attended Mount St. Mary's College. She is a laboratory technician at Veterans Administration Center, Brentwood Hospital, West Los Angeles. The bridegroom-elect, who is attending law school at USC, received his diploma from Redondo Union High School.

AT WHYTE HOME

Miss Nancy Ann Whyte entertained as her house guest last weekend Miss Shirley Hambrook of San Francisco. Both are students at Mills College, Oakland.

VALLEY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kenyon of El Centro will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Owen, 1609 W. 209th street.

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* CHRISTMAS *
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