



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL, LEROY SWIGART JR.  
Wed in Afternoon Ceremony

# Women's Activities

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## VERDA MAE EADS IS JANUARY BRIDE

Nuptial vows were exchanged Sunday afternoon at Central Evangelical United Brethren Church by Russell LeRoy Swigart Jr. and Verda Mae (Pat) Eads, with Rev. Homer H. Miller officiating. The lovely bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Eads of 20625 New Hampshire, was escorted to the altar by her father. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell LeRoy Swigart Sr., of 1324 Acacia avenue.

White, satin and nylon lace were used in the bridal gown, which was fashioned with long sleeves, on train. A sweetheart bodice of satin and lace held the bride's fingertip veil. Her cascade bouquet of carnations and lilies-of-the-valley was centered with a white orchid.

Marilyn Sue Brake of Los Angeles made of honor, wore a gown of yellow taffeta and lace and a corsage of pink aster and white candy tuft. Others in the bridal entourage, Misses Mary Lee Ryan, Barbara Zachary and Eva Mahaffey of San Pedro, were attired alike in dresses of turquoise changeable satin with nylon net overskirts and broad bodices. Each carried a muf of yellow chrysanthemums.

Pink dresses and pink asters were chosen for the little flower girls, Teri Lee Eads, sister of the bride, and Peggy Westbrook. Mrs. Paul Findley accompanied soprano Grace Lafferty on the organ.

Donald Brigham served as best man for the bridegroom. Guests were seated by Duane Mittan, Ronald Higgins, Wayne Scholl and Dick Carrow.

Signatures of 200 guests were taken by Irene Moreno at the reception in Guild Hall. The couple left for a Palm Springs honeymoon and will make their home at 1480 Acacia avenue upon their return.

Both young people were graduated from Torrance High School, the bride in 1951 and the groom in 1949. The new Mrs. Swigart is a cashier for Personal Finance Co. and her husband, who attended El Camino JC, is employed in Long Beach.



PATRICIA JESSOME

## Jessome's Tell Of Engagement

Added to the list of Leap Year brides-elect is the name of Patricia Joann Jessome whose betrothal to Bill W. King is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jessome of 1218 Cota avenue.

The future bridegroom, formerly of Mount Pleasant, Tenn., is now making his home in Los Angeles. He was educated in Tennessee and recently completed a tour of duty with the Air Force.

Miss Jessome, who has not set the date for her wedding, was graduated from Torrance High School in 1949. She was a member of the Tartar Ladies.

## MRS. MILLAR NEW CANTEN HEAD OF LOCAL RED CROSS

Mrs. Melville B. Millar, Red Cross staff aide, has been appointed canteen chairman of Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, according to an announcement made last week by Mrs. Don Hyde, Red Cross chairman.

Mrs. Millar will take over the duties of Mrs. John Keefer who resigned from the post she has held since the Torrance branch was reactivated in 1950. Mrs. Millar, a member of Torrance Woman's Club, is a past president of Torrance Elementary PTA.

Since the end of World War II Torrance Red Cross workers have assisted at hospitals and embarkation points and helped with bloodmobiles in this area. They are "on call" in the event of disaster. Canteen courses are given periodically and persons interested may receive information by calling 3447.

## New Juniors Welcomed at Breakfast

New members of Torrance Junior Woman's Club were honored Sunday at a rush breakfast in the lovely new home of Mrs. L. G. Jones on Elm avenue.

Over 100 members and guests were welcomed by Mrs. C. E. Wallace, Junior Woman's Club president, and Mrs. R. R. Dexter, second vice president.

Honorees included Mrs. Warren Hamilton, W. M. Montgomery, Lester King, Robert Wadell, C. E. Adams, Jack Day, J. W. Wiczorek, J. C. Anderson, Eileen Blahnik, James Wood, R. E. Beecher, C. P. Dillehay and D. G. Loy.

Guests at the festive affair included Mrs. B. W. Roberts, president of the Torrance Senior Woman's Club; Mmes. D. L. Sears, C. T. Rippey and C. Steele.

Tables were centered with arrangements of calendulas and ivy planned by Mrs. H. M. Huzing and Mrs. L. G. Jones. Mrs. R. R. Dexter was in charge of refreshments. Others on the breakfast committee were Mmes. Warren Van Dyke, Merle Richardson and Burton Easley.

## EASTERNER VISITS POINTS OF INTEREST

Trips to Palm Springs and Los Angeles have been on the agenda of Mrs. Thomas Ulrich of 1626 Acacia avenue and her sister, Mrs. Selth Shick, who is visiting the southland from Vincennes, Indiana. The women attended a CBS broadcast, enjoyed luncheon and a fashion show at Bullock's and dined at Bit O' Sweden in Los Angeles.

## New Editor Named MARJIE MEYER CHOSEN TO FILL POSITION OF SOCIETY EDITOR

Marjorie Meyer Smith, former member of the Long Beach Independent staff, this week assumed the post of women's page editor for the Torrance Herald.

Mrs. Smith was appointed by Jack O. Baldwin, assistant to the publisher, to fill the vacancy created by the resigning of Mrs. Mary Vonderahe, Herald society editor for the past 12 years.

A graduate of Mills College in Oakland, where she majored in zoology, Marjorie Meyer, as she is known "on the job," worked on both news and society staffs at the Long Beach tabloid. For the past seven months Miss Meyer has made her home in Coronado, where her husband, Ensign Chester Russell Smith, was stationed with the Navy Air Corps before being sent to Japan on the carrier "Balrock." She is now living with her parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joseph F. Westover, in Rolling Hills.

After her graduation from Mills Miss Meyer attended the summer session of the Art Institute in Chicago and worked at the Northwestern University Medical School, department of experimental medicine.

Upon returning to California she began as a cub reporter on the Ventura County News. Her next position was that of public relations director for the Metropolitan Recreation and Youth Services Council in Los Angeles, a group jointly sponsored by the board of education, welfare federation, city and county.

Before joining the staff of the Long Beach daily Miss Meyer, under the pen name of Karen Knight, was society editor for the Lakewood News Times. She is a member of the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, the American Association of University Women, and is treasurer of the Long Beach Harbor area Mills College Alumnae group.

## GIRLS FELLOWSHIP ATTENDS GATHERING

Members of the Girls World Fellowship group at First Methodist Church turned out in force for a rally and camp reunion last week at St. Paul's Methodist Church in San Bernardino.

The girls, led by Rev. and Mrs. Clarence E. Miller, were the third largest group in attendance at the event which was given for Methodist groups throughout the southland.

## CFWC Slates Garden Event

A garden conference sponsored by Los Angeles District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, will begin at 9:30 this morning in Redondo Beach Woman's Club, 400 S. Broadway, it was announced by Mrs. Ralph L. Cason, district gardens chairman.

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TORRANCE IS JUSTLY PROUD OF its large branch library and of Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, above, who succeeded her mother as head librarian. Mrs. Jamieson, who took over Mrs. Isabel Torrance Henderson's position in 1935, has added many volumes and readers to the library's list. (Herald photo).

## BOOKS FOR BEAN FIELDS

## Mother, Daughter Help In Bringing Culture To City

Torrance's library holds the key to many a dream, all because of two women's untiring efforts toward bringing books to a bean patch.

Mrs. Isabel Torrance Henderson, first librarian of the city, began the cultural pendulum in 1913 when she opened her home at 1804 Gramercy avenue to a collection of 300 of Jared Sidney Torrance's books.

From this nucleus the library grew, becoming a branch of the Los Angeles County Library in 1914. When Mrs. Henderson retired in 1935, her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, was appointed by the county to continue the work.

Mrs. Jamieson, a petite gray-haired woman, refuses to take credit for the work she's done. This includes the branch library in Walteria and the new North Torrance branch which combined with the former Perry School branch.

"The credit goes to Mrs. Henderson," demurs Mrs. Jamieson when asked about the present building which opened in 1936. "She did much of the planning, and it was her interest in good books which helped place many by the door for our shelves."

Isabel Torrance Henderson, a cousin of Jared Torrance, was a New York schoolmarm before setting up the first library in the midst of a town of 300 homes. Her daughter, Mrs. Jamieson, is a Wellesley graduate and learned her library technique at the University of Southern California Library School.

Before becoming librarian of Torrance, Mrs. Jamieson was in the State Library at Sacramento and in Glenn County. She has lived here since 1927.

Torrance Library's growth has been something of a phenomenon, if figures are any indication. When the library affiliated with the county in 1914 there were 700 books. At the end of 10 years there were 3096 volumes and in 1951 13,000 books were used.

The number of registered borrowers jumped from 140 in 1923 to about 6500 at the beginning

## Mothers Plan Dimes March

Plans were completed for the Gardena area Mothers' March on Polio at a lieutenants meeting Friday in the home of Mrs. James A. Gaulty, area captain and president of the Gardena-Wilmington PTA Council.

Mrs. J. C. Large, director of the campaign, said it will take place January 31, from 7 until 9 p.m., in conjunction with the national March of Dimes.

Lieutenants attending the meeting and PTAs were represented were Mmes. Darwin Wood, Amestoy; Michael Foxhoven, Chairman avenue; Mildred L. Kash, 135th street; A. B. Pond, substituting for Mrs. Claud Hill, 186th street; C. H. Garrison, Gardena; F. A. Vincent, Del Almo; and Franklin Russell, substituting for Mrs. Adrian Heron, Denker avenue.

## Sr. Woman's Club Hears Guitar Player

Folk music from Europe and Latin America was featured on the Torrance Woman's Club program last Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse, Paula Silva, guitarist, was dressed in a hand-embroidered Mexican costume for her performance.

Mrs. B. W. Roberts presided over the business meeting and Mrs. G. J. Deroun, program chairman, presented Miss Silva.

Following the program, Mrs. W. L. Laughon and Mrs. John Keefer poured for the silver tea. Refreshments were served from a table centered with an arrangement of mixed garden flowers and lighted tapers. Mrs. H. L. Mitchell served as general chairman for the tea.

frequently asked Mrs. Jamieson: "Why doesn't the county give us more books?"

"That," she explains, is because Torrance contracts for its books. The library building belongs to the city, and each year an amount of money is set aside by the city for books. When these funds are exhausted, the supply of books is limited.

From western New York state to Southern California is a long way to come, but helping a library from its embryonic stage to adulthood is also a distance from Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson and her late mother ventured successfully along both of these roads.

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