



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD EDWARD FLOYD
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Charlene Johnson is Bride of Richard E. Floyd

Among the first April brides in Torrance was Charlene Marie Johnson, who exchanged wedding pledges with Richard Edward Floyd in a 3 o'clock ceremony at Foursquare Church April 6.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Johnson of 2356 Torrance Blvd. chose a gown of Chantilly lace and net-fashioned with a fitted bodice and sweet heart neckline for her wedding. Her illusion net veil was held by a lace cap bordered with seed pearls and she carried stephanotis and orchids formed into a heart.

Jackie Whitely served as matron of honor. Her dress was of lilac marquisette with cap sleeves and matching mitts, and she carried yellow carnations. Gowns of the bridesmaids, Beverly Luster, Gloria Floyd and Marylou Hovild, were of yellow similar to the honor attendants. Each carried lilac carnations and wore a floral headdress.

Janice Hessen and Caroline Bell were flower girls, and Naomi Johnson and Sharon Byers lighted tapers in the church.

The benedict is the son of L. and Mrs. Herbert Floyd of Lawndale and chose his brother, Herbert T. Floyd Jr., to serve as best man. Guests were seated by Herb Swayne, Thomas White and Bennie Kidner. Rev. Arthur Pedersen officiated at the nuptials. Archie Bell was soloist and Janet Poh pianist.

Ruth Floyd took the signatures of 175 guests at the reception which followed in the Woman's Club. The newlyweds journeyed to Palm Springs on their honeymoon and are making their home at 1027 1/2 Cota Ave.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High School in 1949 and is a secretary at Crenshaw Elementary School. Her husband, an employee of Standard Oil of El Segundo, was graduated from Leuzinger High School in 1948 and served with the U. S. Army in Korea.

GOP Women To Hear Effect of UNESCO

A program of vital interest is promised members of the South Bay Club of Republican Women, Federated, at their luncheon meeting slated for Friday afternoon.

Guest speaker will be Eric Fridnoss, a man who has conducted extensive research on subversive tendencies in schools and comic books. Fridnoss will discuss UNESCO and its effect on American schools.

CUB SCOUTS ENJOY TRIP TO DAIRY

Facts about cows, milk and operation of a dairy were acquired by members of Den 3 of Cub Scout Pack 721-C when they visited Inglewood Farms Dairy Tuesday, accompanied by their den mothers, Mrs. G. W. Portlock and Mrs. J. Attebery.

The trip was arranged by Mrs. Portlock to show her appreciation to the Cubs for their assistance in the recent doughnut sale they sponsored.

Barney Barnhardt of the dairy conducted the tour after which the youngsters enjoyed a box lunch. Present for the afternoon were Tommy Smoot, Johnny Smoot, Gary Gongwer, Jerry Attebery, Billy Attebery, Paul Wright, Gary Beech, Gary Shore and Richard Portlock.

LISC Political Science Professor To Address YWCA

Dr. Wilbert L. Hindman, associate professor of political science at USC and head of the political science department, will be the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Harbor area YWCA Wednesday evening.

Speaking on "The Art of Association," Dr. Hindman will bring to his audience results of his long experience in international affairs.

Dr. Hindman received his B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. In addition to his professional work he has worked with the National Municipal League, the Civilian Administration Division of the Office of Military Government in Germany and has studied German students and civilians visiting the post-war U. S.

Mrs. C. R. Halfpenny, president of the YWCA board of directors, will preside over the meeting which begins at 6:45. Reports will be given by Mrs. E. S. Spiers, chairman of the nominating committee, and Mrs. John V. Morris, executive director of the program staff.

Mrs. Arnold Ekdund heads the dinner committee. Chairmen assisting her include Mmes. P. V. Aguirre, Larry Lightner, W. E. Barber, O. Grow, Lorraine Harper, Fred Fuld, Mitchell Reskusch, Lee Stamps, Eugene Libner and Miss Jean Acalin.

Woman's Place In Life Topic Of Lectures

Finding a satisfactory place for themselves in life is a problem facing many women today. A new course to be offered by the Compton Counseling Service will attempt to solve this problem.

Beginning at 7:30 p. m., April 21, the six-week course will be taught by Mrs. Dura Sausser, counselor in human relations and member of the Compton service. It will be given in the Compton offices, 1317 E. Golden Ave.

One of the primary topics will be a woman's viewpoint on relations with her husband. Another will concern families with children all of the same sex. Information concerning the



REPEAT PERFORMANCE... Fixing her husband's tie is nothing new to Mrs. Tom McDonald of 23123 Narbonne Ave., for the McDonalds will celebrate their golden anniversary next Sunday. Residents of Torrance for 31 years, the McDonalds eloped and were married in Coal Creek, Tenn. April 21, 1921 when Mrs. McDonald was almost 15 years old. They will be feted next Sunday at a party given by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kaelin of 1703 Schilling Dr. They also have two sons, William M. of South Gate and LeRoy H. of Long Beach; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. (Herald photo).

Six Women Complete Red Cross Course

Successful completion of the Red Cross canteen course is the proud achievement of five Torrance women and one woman from Lomita this week.

Mrs. Melville B. Millar, canteen chairman of Torrance branch, American Red Cross, has revealed that Mmes. Walter West, Bada Pearson, Walter Coon, M. Millar and Myron Russell of Torrance and Mrs. Axel Martinson of Lomita are now fully trained for canteen work.

The course was given at the Harbor District Red Cross office in San Pedro and covered basic indoctrination, mass feeding and mobile operations.

"These women will be called upon in times of disaster, natural or enemy-provoked," Mrs. Millar said. "They are adequately prepared to carry out Red Cross responsibilities in serving their community."

Keystone Woman's Club Board to Serve Again

This year's slate of officers of the Keystone Woman's Club was unanimously re-elected to serve another term at the club's meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pauline Tourlet served as chairman of the nominating committee which included Dr. Ethel White and Mrs. Margerita Helbach. Officers of the group will include Mmes. O. O. Gray, president; A. C. Stamps, first vice-president; J. H. Parker, second vice-president; Lee Stamps, secretary; Thelma Christensen, treasurer, and Pauline Tourlet, auditor.

During the social hour following the business meeting, secret sisters were revealed and club members exchanged gifts.

This year's slate of officers isn't listed. There are Torrance in Long Beach, Downey, Sunset Beach and Los Angeles, but none here. Seems to us the Chamber of Commerce ought to put out named Torrance living in Torrance. If there is, the phone these namesakes.

MUCH ADO ABOUT...

By MARJIE MEYER

Spring, we suppose, is never a constant, but always a variable. Though dates have been set for its official opening and closing, we talk of "spring fever" at the first sign of warm weather, be it January or February when it makes an appearance.

Spring is not our subject today, though. Rather, it is Easter, and why could be more variable than that? The date is never the same from year to year, and neither is the weather.

A bit of research in several old tomes the other day yielded some interesting and little-known facts about Easter, a holiday shrouded in centuries of legend and mysticism that has changed in meaning over the years.

The name Easter comes from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring. When these ancients honored their goddess, they ate sacramental cakes. The early Christian clergy sought to expel this pagan rite by placing a cross on each cake. Thus came the favorite hot cross buns sold in every bakery at this time of the year.

Persons familiar with the Bible have perhaps been struck by the fact that although Easter is now celebrated as commemorating the central fact of the Christian year, there is no mention of it in the New Testament or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers.

The early Christians observed the Jewish Passover and gradually, with changes of their own, transformed the festival into the holiday we know.

From Fifth Ave. to Main St., the Easter parade is an integral part of the Easter Sunday. How did it come about? An old superstition, passed down through generations, that it is unlucky to wear old clothes on Easter Sunday!

Personally, our curiosity has long been aroused about Easter eggs and bunny rabbits, and how on earth they came to be associated with a day of such deep religious significance.

We discovered that the Romans considered the egg the emblem of the universe. The Egyptians regarded it as a symbol of the renovation of mankind after the Deluge. The egg has a Christian symbolism of the "elements of future life," particularly appropriate for Easter.

In the Middle Ages the egg was colored and decorated as a religious trophy, a custom which still prevails all over the world. Some authorities claim the red dye used to color eggs originally symbolized the blood of Christ.

Rabbits? They're prolific. And the Easter holiday is actually an outgrowth of pagan festivals of Spring which commemorated the return of life to the earth (nature in resurrection after the winter).

White is the liturgical color for Easter, the symbol of joy, light and purity. The role of lilies in the Easter picture comes from two things: flowers signify lovely life emerging from the dead, and Jesus, in Matthew 6:28 said, "Consider the lilies, how they grow."

Easter customs have their humor too. "Lifting" was for many years a custom in Lancashire, England. On Easter Monday two men would take the local women, lift them up and carry them down the street.

On the following day, the whole procedure would be reversed and the women would actually carry the men, believe it or not. The custom so amazed one visiting clergyman that he gave the girls a half crown to

PTA Board Gives Party For President

A surprise luncheon prepared by 186th St. PTA board members was given for the president, Mrs. Claud Hill, last Friday at the home of Mrs. Raymond Abernathy, 1488 W. 184th St.

Mrs. Hill was presented with a beautiful train case in appreciation for her services as president during the past year.

Guests included the guest of honor, Mrs. Hill, Mmes. Mary J. Hawks, principal; Raymond Abernathy, Harold Sprankle, Bill Davis, Pearl Ross, W. A. Douglas, B. B. Burrus, Samuel Dow, B. H. Cothran, Jack Parmer, A. B. Pond, Ronald Powell, Walter Rutherford, Raymond Pickett, W. D. Earley and Edna Cruel.

Pupils of 186th St. School enjoyed a preview of Easter fun last Friday afternoon prior to the beginning of their vacation. Teachers and room mothers of the PTA played hostess to the youngsters at a pre-Easter party in the school.

ARCHITECT TO TALK

Noted architect Lloyd Wright will be the principal speaker at the next meeting of the San Pedro Art Association in the San Pedro YWCA April 24. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m.

RED CROSS TO MEET

Nomination of new officers for Torrance branch, American Red Cross, will take place during the next branch meeting which is slated for April 25 at 8 p. m. in the branch office.

Class may be obtained by calling the service headquarters, Newmark 2-8812.



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Brownies Give Wienie Roast

Two occasions were celebrated in one last Saturday when 14 members of Brownie Troop 631 gathered in Torrance Park for a "cook out." Observed were the third birthday of the troop and the successful completion of the recent Girl Scout cookie sale.

The girls roasted wieners, tossed a salad and enjoyed a

specialy prepared birthday cake trimmed with the Brownie Scout emblem. Eight members were presented with their year pins by the troop's co-leaders, Mrs. C. L. Jones and Mrs. Perry Connitt.

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