

The Social World

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MARY BENNETT HAS 6TH BIRTHDAY FETE

That important sixth birthday was celebrated last Sunday by Mary Margaret Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, 2020 Andree Ave. Enjoying refreshments of ice cream, gaily decorated cake, and punch were Linda Crowley, Jorie Cunningham, Carol Ann and Nancy Hioza, Margaret Kay Reibold, Alma Rae, and Kaydean Schulz.

Over 75 Meet Perry School PTA Leaders

Over 75 persons were on hand last Thursday at the first Perry School Parent Teacher Association meeting to greet the new executive board and faculty members.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Ralph McBee, who is past president of North Torrance Elementary PTA and vice president of Torrance Council PTA, explained urgent phases of the dental health program that can further the well-being of school children in the city district.

Following Mrs. McBee's message, the film "Saving Your Teeth" was shown.

Hot lunch will be served at the school next Tuesday, Sept. 23, with parents invited to eat with their children.

Budget for the year was presented by Mrs. Glen Runsted and accepted by the association. Rooms of Mrs. Hanlon and Mrs. Bennett received ceramic vases for having the most parent attendance at association meetings.

At the close of the meeting a group of fifth graders served coffee, tea and cookies. On the committee were Fricka Schuster, Sandra Baillie, Connie Carroll, Christine Warner, Judy Ward, Anjie Cerda, Lougene Green and Mary Madrigal.

School Days Is Theme of PTA Luncheon Fete

Place cards resembling tiny blackboards with the musical score of "School Days" and pictures of "Teacher" announced seating arrangement to the 50 school teachers and board members of the North Torrance Elementary Parents and Teachers Association who attended fall luncheon, Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Wild daisies were used as center arrangements at each table. Affair was sponsored by the PTA executive board.

Other decorations included a red cardboard schoolhouse complete with teacher and children fashioned of pipe cleaners.

Mrs. William Sale, hospitality and courtesy chairman, was in charge of decorations.

BUSY MOM FINDS TIME TO WRITE, SELL CARD VERSES

ANOTHER YEAR YOUNGER?

Just look into your mirror. And notice that reflection. Don't let birthdays worry you. They suit you to perfection! That's just a sample of many greeting card verses Audrey (Mrs. D. Boone) Kirks, 2116 Gramercy Ave., writes in her "spare" time and has sold to 10 different companies throughout the country.

She estimates that she has sold about 100 rhymes, receiving about \$300 for her work.

MOTHER OF FOUR

In addition, she is the mother of four children from pre-school to high school age, a member in Waleria Elementary, Torrance Elementary, and Torrance High School Parent-Teacher Associations; publicity chairman for the WCTU and Girl Scout

Troop 184; participant in WSCS Circle work in the Methodist church; and a member of a writer's group, composed of students in a writing course she took this summer at El Camino Junior College.

"I usually 'make-up' my verses while ironing or washing dishes or doing other housework, then write them down when the kids are at school and the baby is asleep, or those rare occasions when the whole family is gone," she said.

"Sometimes the baby wakes up too soon, and I have to stop to fix a toy for him, or clean up the cold cream he has tried to dump down the drain," she laughed.

KIDS FIRST HOBBY

These interruptions don't bother Mrs. Kirks too much,

though. "My kids are my first hobby," she said.

The "kids" are Sharon, 14, a freshman at Torrance High School; Kathy, 11, and Danny, 9, in the seventh and fifth grades at Torrance Elementary; and Larry, 2½.

Mrs. Kirks' verses really came in handy when Larry was born.

She had ordered a box of cards with her rhymes on them, to give a friend who was expecting; but the tables were turned and she ended up using them to announce Larry's birth. The "hello, I'm here," verse said,

Just a little note
To say that I've arrived,
I'm doing fine, my Mom's o.k.
And even Dad survived!

SOLD FIRST WORK

Mrs. Kirks is that rarity in the profession, a writer who sold the first work she submitted.

"I had been writing verses for shower gifts for a long time," she said, "then about seven years ago my brother, who works for Walt Disney, told me greeting card companies buy from free-lance writers and asked me why I didn't send some in.

"I walked into a ten-cent store, asked the clerk where they bought their cards, got three addresses, and mailed rhymes to them.

CHECK ARRIVES

"Pretty soon a check came in the mail, from a Los Angeles company. I was so excited I called my husband at school, right in the middle of a busy morning." Mrs. Kirks is principal at Waleria Elementary School.

Mrs. Kirks has sold rhymes for every occasion and has even designed cards for her work. She has sold more sympathy verses than any other variety, among them this one:

THINKING OF YOU

May the thought that many friends

Are sharing in your sorrow
Bring you comfort for today
And courage for tomorrow.

"If it is easy for you to rhyme, try sending in a few verses yourself," Mrs. Kirks said. "You can get addresses from any writer's guide, or like I did, from stores that sell cards."

"I find it a lot of fun. It's satisfying to me that I can write verses without neglecting my children in any way, and it's nice to know that others will pay good money for my work!" she said.



WRITER AT WORK . . . Audrey (Mrs. D. Boone) Kirks checks past efforts accepted by greeting card companies to organize her thoughts in creative channels for a new batch of verses. The Torrance lady, 2116 Gramercy Ave., has sold about 100 rhymes to 10 different card companies in the country, receiving about \$300 for her work. (Herald photo).

Vail Goldrings (Nee R. Fortin) Honeymoon

Now on a honeymoon trip up the coast to northern California are the new Mr. and Mrs. Vail Duane Goldring (nee Rosalie Fortin) who were wed at 4 o'clock ceremonies last Sunday in the First Lutheran Church.

The new-weds plan to return to Torrance this next weekend to make their home with the bride's mother, Mrs. Arthur F. Fortin, 2518 W. Carson St.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Frederick L. Nichols, Miss Fortin chose for her wedding day a white embroidered organza gown of ballerina length. Her shoulder-length veil of French illusion was held in place by a lily-of-the-valley cap, and she carried a bouquet of pink elf roses and bouvardia, with ribbon streamers.

Her only attendant, Mrs. George Davis, was gowned in yellow silk with net overskirt. A hat formed of little lavender gladioli buds matched her bouquet.

Herbert Daykin was best man, while Robert Clark and James Clark seated guests. Pastor Paul Wensie officiated at the double ring rites.

Soloist for the nuptial day was Mr. Ogien, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer." He was accompanied by Mrs. White, organist.

The bride is a graduate of Stoneleigh Prospect Hill Prep School in Massachusetts. The groom is the son of Mrs.

Mmes. C. Smith, J. V. Agapito Are Hostesses

Mesdames C. Albert Smith, third vice president and chairman of ways and means, and John V. Agapito, chairman of the diminishing parties, entertained a group of 12 women Tuesday evening at the Acacia Ave. home of Mrs. Smith.

This started the series of diminishing parties which have been a popular way and means project of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club for several years.

Fall flowers decorated the living room where guests engaged in the new card game called samba. Dessert was served.

Guests were Mesdames R. R. Dexter, J. L. McCune, J. W. Day, Robert Stuart, Marvin Brain, C. E. Adams, Earl E. Clayton, Lester King, W. C. Boswell Jr., K. L. McBreen, L. E. Allen, and John Cooper. They will in turn give succeeding parties of various types throughout the year to raise ways and means funds.

Melanie Servetti of La Cressen, Calif. A graduate of the University of Southern California, he now is employed as a registered pharmacist at



LOCALS AT LUAA . . . Enjoying dinner in a setting of tropical splendor, around the Huntington Hotel pool are locally prominent Junior Chamber of Commerce members and their wives who attended the first California State Junior Chamber of Commerce Board meeting in Pasadena this month. Standing, left to right, are Ed Karlow, board of directors; Mrs. Karlow; and Jack O. Baldwin, secretary. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Baldwin; Marvin Goettsch, president; and Mrs. Goettsch. The Torrance people were among 450 registered delegates and 140 wives present at

the meet. Feature of the entire program was a keynote luncheon with California's Senior Senator William F. Knowland as the speaker. During the Saturday dinner shown above, entertainment was provided by some of the outstanding divers in the state and country. The water show lasted over an hour, featuring both fancy and humorous diving and swimming. Following the event, delegates and wives danced and enjoyed a floor show provided by portions of the Royal Hawaiian Orchestra.

Everyone's Invited
TO THE
Fall Fashion Parade
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
September 24th, 25th, 26th
1 to 1:30 P. M.
CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Presented Before The Cookery Carnival
By
Sam Levy
TORRANCE'S FINEST DEPARTMENT STORE



OFF ON A HONEYMOON are the new Mr. and Mrs. Vail Goldring. The former Miss Rosalie Fortin and her husband are shown as they prepare to leave for Northern California following wedding ceremonies last Sunday at the First Lutheran Church. (Bob Roberts photo).