

Lives of Seaside

Ginny Gunther To Wed J. Bourgeault

By GRACE RYCKMAN
Frontier 5-2410

Engaged . . . Ginny Gunther of 5249 Vanderhill Rd. became engaged to Johnny Bourgeault of Walfertia, Saturday, Nov. 29. Ginny has lived here in the Heights, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gunther and her two sisters and two brothers, for the past three years. Johnny served in the U. S. Army in Japan and Korea during 1950 and 1951. He is a graduate of Torrance High School, where Ginny is now a sophomore. The date of their wedding will be announced later, perhaps in the spring. I'm still undecided about which sparkles the brightest . . . her eyes . . . or the lovely diamond ring she slipped on her finger when she said "yes."

I have a correction to make here, an important one. Last week I said that Dolores Dwyer was eleven years old on Nov. 25. Goodness, she had been eleven for a year . . . she is now TWELVE!

Mrs. Joe Shields (Mac) came home the day after Thanksgiving, from a two-week visit with her folks in Oklahoma City. There is something wonderful about a visit with your folks; she came back so happy and relaxed! Joe Shields was mighty happy to have her home too!

Well, everyone can tell the Priestley twins apart now. Last week little Greg fell from a box and knocked one of his upper front teeth right out. Of course, most everyone could tell them apart, anyhow, the other half of the set being Janet. They live on Vanderhill and are 22 months old now.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Andersen (Alice), fairly new to 5385 Bindewald Rd., were two mighty worried parents last week when their healthy little 15½-month-old Chris suddenly became ill and his temperature soared. The doctor diagnosed it as flu . . . and after many days of pills and care he is just about himself again.

Barbara Ledbetter, also of Bindewald, has been a mighty sick little girl. Here was a kid-ney infection which still requires more treatments, although she is back in school now.



GINNY GUNTHER . . . she's engaged

A group of men and women here in the Heights met last Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the home of Charles and Gertrude Lumsden, 5238 Bindewald, to organize a "sing." Beginning immediately with Christmas carols, of course, and under the capable guidance of Gertrude Lumsden, our piano and voice teacher. Those present at the first meeting were Ruth and Joe Waddingham . . . the busy Shriners Helen Slover . . . Committee chairman for Brownie Troop 1058. Florence and Jack Hep-ting . . . who headed our Civil Defense group at the time it was active, Charline and "T" Phillips . . . I hear he just received his 10-year pin at NAA.

Dottie Epp . . . her husband will join the group next time, and Dottie's sister, Margery Hiebert of Hollywood Riviera. The date for this old-fashioned Christmas caroling will be announced next week. This should be only the beginning of a permanent singing group. Would you like to join them now, in this Christmas season . . . or anytime later? Call Mrs. Ger-

trude Lumsden . . . Frontier 5-1645.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burk (Sue), of 5104 Zakon Rd., let their 10-year-old boy, Clifford, have a "slumber party" last Friday night. As usual, there was little slumbering done by the boys; Clifford, Barry Holstein, Craig Slater and Gary Ledwidge, or by Frank and Sue. But after a big, hearty breakfast, everyone felt they had had a wonderful time.

There was another party on Dec. 6, this one a birthday celebration, for blonde Nancy Slover of Bindewald. She really became seven years old on the seventh. In true fashion of birthday parties, a great time (real fun as the kids say) was had by Nancy and her sister Susan, and Nancy's friends: Pat Miller, Carol Sibley, Joan Middlebrook, Janet Hulsey and Susan Steele. Then, just yesterday, little Nancy was taken to the San Pedro Community Hospital for a tonsillectomy. So, for Nancy we have two offerings: Many happy returns and get well soon.

There is a new "man of the house" at 5312 Bindewald now. He arrived in Torrance on Thursday, Nov. 20, stopping first at the Torrance Memorial Hospital where his mother, Jackie, and his father, Grant Ealy, awaited his arrival. They named him Grant Harold. Of course, he shares his throne with his 18-month-old sister, Robin.

We are sorry to have to say that Lola Richards of Vanderhill Rd. lost a near and very dear one of her family last week. Just 24 years old, Lawrence Morris died in the hospital Friday, Nov. 28, after his automobile collided with a Pacific Electric train in Long Beach on Tuesday. Our deepest sympathy to Lola, and to her husband, Jerry, who shares her sorrow.

The Las Vednas Woman's Club, who sponsor many Girl Scout and Brownie troops in Seaside and Riviera, are now sponsoring a Girl Scout craft library for these troops and others in this locale. This library has supplies for large groups to work on ceramics, copper work, leather work and such. For more information, or to borrow these supplies, you can call Frontier 5-1620.

Junior Woman's Club Holds Christmas Party

Children of Junior Woman's Club members got a chance to play Santa Claus and have a lot of fun at the same time last night when club members hosted a Christmas party at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Each child brought a gift to the festivities, which in turn will be given to the Ventura Home for Girls.

"Santa Claus" was on hand to pass out stockings filled with Yuletide goodies, and Geraldine Larsen, the "Magic Lady," entertained with a magician's act.

Following the program, refreshments of cupcakes and ice cream were served by Mrs. George Bradford and her committee. Mrs. George Stevens was general chairman of the affair.

Letters To The Editor

Draft or UMT?

Editor, The Torrance Herald

The folks I talk to these days (parents and their sons) seem to agree that Universal Military Training would be far better than the present Selective Service system.

Foremost among complaints from young men of draft age seems to be the uncertainty of when they will be drafted.

How much better it would be for every young man, when he reaches 18 to take four months' training, then resume his studies or job than to face a 24-month service obligation in the Armed Forces when the government decided to draft him.

Personally, I favor the four months' training under guidance of a civilian commission rather than the 24 months' service under military authorities.

CLARENCE BROWN
(American Legion)

Assistance Noted

Editor, The Torrance Herald.

On behalf of the Torrance Branch of the American National Red Cross, I wish to thank you for the wonderful cooperation you have extended to myself and the Red Cross in print-

ing the articles I have sent to your great newspaper, the Torrance Herald.

Our many blood banks, appeals for staff aid people, and the annual fund drive were answered mainly through the hundreds of news releases issued in the past two years since the local branch was re-activated.

Gratefully,
Mrs. Gordon S. Jones,
Publicity Chairman.

Chairman Grateful

Editor, The Torrance Herald

I write to thank you for the wonderful page of pictures of Community Chest services which you ran in your excellent publication during our campaign.

The leadership in community service shown by the various community papers throughout this area is highly valued by all of our thousands of volunteer workers.

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