North Torrance Tattler

Shows and Flowers Herald New Spring

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News this week is filled with shows, dances, flowers and track meets, the first real signs of spring! Speaking of track meets, the area is busting its buttons over the blue ribbon won by Jim Babbs, 17209 Ardath, at the Torrance-Lynwood meet this week. Also here, but representing University of California from Santa Barbara, was Jerry Downing who was on a team competing at Long Beach. Jerry and his parents, the Alex Bates of 17039 Glenburn, had dinner later at the Fish Shanty before his departure for Santa Barbara.

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Mrs. Helen Isaacson, 17326 Glenburn, colonel of the Red Cross for this area, was most elated at the response of the residents when the volunteer workers came to call and thank all who helped put North Torrance well over the quota. Those who assisted in the drive included Mesdames Ruth Atkins, Helen Ferrin, Helen Dorsey, John Simpson, A. Welty, M. Brewer, Margaret Cunerty, Rita Moan, Charlene Pash, Pat Skelley, Ruth Cummings, Imogene Kelley, Margaret MacDonald, Joan Epperson, Lil Weiner, Evelyn Glick and Ruth Towell. The Perry district under Major Dorn included Mesdames Willys, Miller, Mellinger, Bunic, Jackson and Risica.

Mrs. James Orr, 2810 Redondo Beach Blvd., president of the Phi Epsilon Phi sorority of Los Angeles, was hostess in her home this March 12 to a group of friends in honor of Mrs. Nell Marken in form of a most unique baby shower. The entire theme was carried out in denim and plaid. The centerpiece was a doll dressed in denims and wearing a bright plaid shirt! The nutcups were denim and the napkins plaid. The group presented Mrs. Marken with a car-bed and chifforobe for the new heir of the Marken household. A frozen fruit salad with rolls and tea were served the guests. Among those on the guest list were Mesdames Helen Meek, Irene Meek, Margry Anderson, Maxine Otten, June Bordner, Pearl Bordner, Sally Clarke, Retha Conkey, Mary Francis Dellamater, Nell Donnelly, Margy Finken, Margaret Gerughty, Daisy Holcomb, Dorothy Lanther, Mary Lanterman, Betty Maphet, Ann Miller, Peggy Schneiders, Ann Williams and Bessie Marken.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barton Davidson took the boys, Barton and Hervy to dinner at Clifton's and later to see Peter Pan, all in honor of Ronald's ninth birthday Sunday. Biggest thrill of all was the new bicycle given to Ronald by his parents.

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John H. Bogdan, Seaman First Class, arrived on the USS Toledo March 17 at Long Beach after a six-month duty tour. John and Mrs. Bogdan, the former Doris Ahrendt, 4235 W. 178th Pl., were married last June 7 and are celebrating a somewhat delayed honeymoon by enplaning to Chicago to visit friends and relatives. They will spend some time with the Bogdan family of 1627 S. Scoville Ave., Berwyn, Ill., returning to San Francisco April 13 for duty.

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Miss Barbara Gaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gaw, of 16514 Haas, was married to Robert Grant of Inglewood March 14 at the chapel on Vermont at 80th St. Miss Gaw wore a beautiful white lace over satin gown with a matching jacket with three-quarter sleeves and carried white orchids and carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yaltox acted as best man and matron of honor. Mrs. Yaltox wore a gown in a similar mode as that of the bride, only in a lovely lavender, carrying pink carnations. Both had white satin pumps. The bride's veil flowed from a crown giving a most striking effect. Miss Gaw was given in marriage by her father. A reception followed at the family home with 85 guests wishing the couple good luck. Ham and roast with various salads, plus a beautiful three-tier wedding cake and ice cream were served by Mrs. Leonard Gaw, mother of Barbara, who wore a very pretty ensemble of blue and white. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have purchased a home in Inglewood.

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Girl Scout Troop 1293, under the leadership of Mrs. Willys G. Blount and Mrs. L. Pesola, had a wiener roast at the new home of Mrs. Blount on El Prado this week, with the girls giving out with the ohs! and ahs! over the beautiful new home of their leader. The rumpus room on the back of the yard with its massive fireplace proved to be the gathering place for the girls as they roasted wieners and marshmallows. The mother of Linda Marshal was the guest of the evening. The troop at this time is working on a most popular subject, puppets, making and learning to operate them.

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Many of the residents of this area are envious of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Merry. Theirs is a most beautiful yard; the address is 17030 Ermanita. Drop over that way and see what can be done with a few flowers and some real digging and arranging, at which Louis Merry is quite a master. Now is the season for perking up the place. Some have become a little lax, but let's hope that this warm spring weather will bring more out in the yard with the old shovel and rake.

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How much can the parents take? After eating Ralston until it is coming out our ears just because Sheriff John brags about it three times a day (and with the label and 25 cents you can get space binoculars which no boy should be without!), my small men heard he was to be at a downtown Los Angeles store Saturday, so we went, only to find he was telling all to buy Red Goose shoes for Easter. Well, that wasn't too bad, but these boys had just bought Buster Brown because Uncle Ed said it was the thing to do and they needed the membership card! They sang a few songs with him. They were very unhappy about the shoes but settled for a magic ring. We went to see Peter Pan, ate dinner at Clifton's, bought three goldfish and a rolling pin, and came home. Quite a day for Johnny, 5, Jimmy 4, and Jack 2. Need I say how the mother felt come dark?

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The North Torrance Civic Assn. meets April 1, Wednesday, and are to have as guest speaker of the evening, Loren Paulson, state president of the California Fuchsia Society, who will speak on the growth and culture of this beautiful plant. He will also show colored slides. Everyone interested in gardening and flowers will enjoy this lecture. The idea of forming a garden club in this area has often been discussed, but nothing actually done. Those who are lovers of fuchsias can not afford to pass up this opportunity to listen to a man so well versed on the subject. The place: McMaster Hall. The date: April first, Wednesday, eight o'clock. President Jack White issues an invitation to all.

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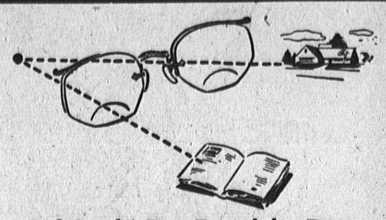

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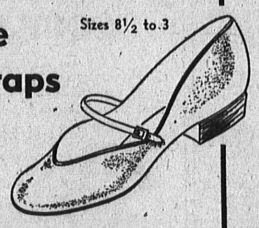

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