

Chairmen Seek Volunteers for Fight Against Polio

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Cancer Film To Be Shown Next Thursday

Dr. William J. Eckerle of Rolling Hills will lead the discussion following a film, "Cancer," to be shown at the Torrance Elementary School Auditorium next Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Free to the public, the film will cover all phases of cancer, highlighting self-examination for the disease, according to Mrs. Lee M. Pollock, parent-education chairman of the PTA. During the showing, nursery care will be provided, she said.

This is the final film in a series of three which has been sponsored by Torrance Elementary PTA.



OPEN WIDE... the former Miss Virginia Gunther seems to be saying to her new husband, John Bourgeault, as she feeds him the first bite of their wedding cake. Scene is the Walteria First Baptist Church, where the reception following nuptial rites last Sunday, was held.

MISS GUNTHER MARRIES

Honeymooners to Return Sunday from Palm Springs

The new Mr. and Mrs. John Bourgeault, nee Miss Virginia Gunther, will be at home to their friends, after next Sunday, Apr. 26, at 1123 1/2 91st St., Los Angeles.

Since nuptial rites solemnized at the First Baptist Church in Walteria on Sunday, Apr. 12, the newlyweds, both former students of Torrance High School, have been honeymooning at Palm Springs.

Nearly 100 guests witnessed the ceremony, conducted by the Rev. Andrew Duty before an altar decorated with pale pink and white stock, white gladiolus, carnations, and calla lilies.

The brunette bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gunther Jr., 5249 Vanderhill Rd., was escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a floor-length gown of white bridal satin fashioned with long sleeves and a neckline trimmed with a double row of seed pearls. Her fingertip veil, flowing from the bridal net cap, was similarly trimmed in seed pearls and lily of the valley, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids and shirred carnations.

Mrs. Eldora Cathy, matron of honor, and Miss Colleen Gordon, bridesmaid, selected pastel ensembles.

Mrs. Cathy's gown was of pink net over matching satin, complemented by a cascade bouquet of pink Creme Perfection carnations ruffled in pink net and pink and blue satin. Blue net over matching satin, and a Pink Perfection carnation cascade bouquet ruffled with pink net and satin formed the costume of Miss Gordon.

Each attendant wore a hat and a bead necklace, gift of the bride, to match her gown.

LIGHTS CANDLES

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Anita Taylor, sister of the groom, lighted altar candles. She chose a watermelon pink gown trimmed with rhinestones and accented with white accessories.

Standing by the side of the groom, who is a recently returned veteran of the Korean War, was Rodney Hobson. Fred Cathy ushered.

Mrs. Jerry Richards, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marion Carr of Long Beach, set the wedding mood with "I Love You Truly." Following the wedding prayer, Mrs. Richards sang "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

The mother of the bride chose a mint green silk dress with bottle green velvet hat and accessories. A white stole and a corsage of pink carnations completed her ensemble.

A white and gold hand-made stole complemented the pale blue nylon dress selected by the mother of the groom. According to the frock were pink accessories and a pink carnation corsage.

RECEPTION HELD

Mrs. Richard Bowman of Torrance served the bride's cake at a reception held at the church following the ceremony. She was

TRÖTH TOLD... Miss Janet Mary Bork, a registered nurse at Torrance Memorial Hospital, will wed Richard D. Chudzik of Buffalo, N. Y., at May 9 ceremonies in Nativity Catholic Church. Miss Bork, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Bork of Kenmore, N. Y., is currently residing with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Ferry of Torrance. The benedict elect is stationed with the U. S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chudzik of Buffalo, N. Y., he attended schools in that city prior to his entry in the service.

HIGH SCHOOL PTA PLANS OPEN HOUSE

Open house will be held at Torrance High School, Apr. 27 through May 7 in observance of Public Schools Week, announced Bruce Wagner, principal, at last Wednesday's PTA executive board session.

Other business highlights of the day included the ratification of Elmer S. Moon as parliamentarian and appointment of committees for the after-graduation party given annually for high school graduates.

Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer will be general chairman of the following the ceremony. She was



WORKS IN WHEEL CHAIR... Mrs. Jack (Fanny) McCoy, 3208 W. 187th Pl., who has been confined to a wheel chair for the past 13 years, takes time out from her household duties to line up workers for the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital Drive, which begins here May 4.



FAMILY SCENE... Pictured above with her family is Mrs. Jack (Fanny) McCoy, co-chairman of the Torrance campaign to raise funds for a new wing at the Sister Kenny Hospital in El Monte. Gathered around her while she feeds three-month-old Patrick are, center, 14-year old Sherrie Kaye, a student at Nativity Catholic School; her husband, Jack, holding Roberta Sue, nearly 4, and Joseph Russell, nearly 3; and John Henry, 6 1/2.

POLIO VICTIM AIDS SISTER KENNY DRIVE

Too often women who are asked to give their time in a philanthropic drive beg off with the excuse, "I'm just too busy."

Such women could learn a good lesson from Mrs. Jack (Fanny) McCoy, 3208 W. 187th Pl.

For this Torrance woman, confined to a wheel chair for the past 13 years, has a family of five children ranging from 3 months to 14 years of age—and yet hasn't been too busy to accept the co-chairmanship of the Sister Kenny Polio Drive which begins here May 4.

CRIPPLED BY POLIO

Mrs. McCoy was a healthy young woman, married to her childhood sweetheart and the mother of a year-old daughter, Sherrie Kaye, when the crippling polio struck 13 years ago. For two years she was completely paralyzed and spent an entire year at the Orthopedic Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska. A year later, when she had recovered normal use of the rest of her body, she went to Warm Springs, Georgia, where doctors spent nine months fitting various braces to her paralyzed legs in the hope that she might be able to walk.

But when Mrs. McCoy went home, she knew that she would never walk again.

Many people would feel that their lives were finished if they could not walk—but not this valiant lady. "It was wonderful being able to move at all," she said, "after being completely paralyzed. Not being able to walk was just another of the hurdles that one has to cross in life. When something like that happens, you have to reconcile yourself to the fact, then to go ahead and lead as normal a life as possible."

DOES OWN HOUSEWORK

Now Mrs. McCoy does everything that a young housewife

must do to care for her home and family—except hang out the laundry.

"If the Sister Kenny treatment had been available years ago, I'd probably be doing that, too," she laughed, but with a note of seriousness in her voice.

For to her the Sister Kenny treatment is a wonderful thing. "If any of my children are ever struck by polio, I want them to have that treatment," she said. The five children, Sherrie Kaye, 14; John Henry, 6 1/2; Roberta Sue, who will be four in July; Joseph Russell, who will be three in November, and Patrick, born last January, have been a pretty healthy lot thus far, however, said Mrs. McCoy with a grateful sigh.

NEW RESIDENTS

Patrick is the only native Californian, for the McCoy's, past residents of Auburn, Nebraska, moved to Torrance a bare year-and-a-half ago.

"We in Torrance should be especially proud of Sister Kenny," Mrs. McCoy said, "for it was at Harbor General Hospital, during the polio epidemic in 1948, that her first treatment was given in the Los Angeles area."

FIRST DRIVE HERE

This is the first time that a Sister Kenny drive has been conducted in this city, the co-chairman revealed. Proceeds will go toward building a new wing, a memorial to Sister Kenny, at the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital in El Monte.

Thus far in the campaign, Mrs. McCoy's work has been in contacting volunteers to aid her in soliciting funds in the North Torrance-Alied Gardens Area. "She has done a wonderful job," said Mrs. H. J. Osborne, 3026 Torrance Blvd., the chairman of the drive, "but we need many more workers. Anyone wishing to help in the community campaign may call me at Torrance 7754-J."

CRENSHAW PTA SETS COFFEE HOUR

A 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. coffee hour will be held at Crenshaw Elementary PTA next Friday, Apr. 24, Mrs. Dana Houston, president, announced following a special board meeting Tuesday.

Scene of the affair will be the 3304 W. 180th St. home of Mrs. Willard Reeves. Proceeds will be used to finance a carnival to be held on the school grounds May 1.



VISIT HOSPITAL... As Torrance chairman of the Sister Kenny Fund campaign, Mrs. H. J. Osborne and her husband toured the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital in El Monte last week. They visited hospital patients Beverly Torrance, age 9, and

her four-year-old brother, Tom, whose father, a captain in the Air Force, is stationed near Las Vegas. The children have two other brothers, Tim, 11 and Terry, 8. Here the Osbornes look at Beverly's paper from the hospital school room.

Mrs. Turner Gets District PTA Office

New financial secretary for First District PTA is Mrs. A. C. Turner, 1008 Acacia Ave., who has previously served as treasurer of Fern Ave. and president of Torrance High School and Torrance Council PTA's.

The Torrance woman was elected to the office Thursday afternoon at the 42nd annual First District Convention held at Pasadena.

Keynote address at the session, "Our Most Valuable Assets," was delivered by Dr. Charlotte Elmott, state chairman of mental health and social hygiene and director of guidance in Santa Barbara City Schools.

Highlighting the program were several songs by the "Mothersingers," a group of 300 women from representative PTA's in First District. Mrs. Fred Pickers directed the songsters.

PTA LEADERS TO MEET

Executive board of Torrance Elementary PTA will meet next Wednesday, Apr. 22, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Post Avenue home of Mrs. Charles Mullen, according to the president, Mrs. H. E. Carr.

MESDAMES B. HOWEY, D. HOUSTON ELECTED TO COUNCIL PTA POSTS

In a special election Tuesday afternoon, Torrance Council PTA members chose Mrs. Dana Houston as financial secretary and Mrs. Bruce Howey as third vice president.

The two women replace Mesdames I. O. Kasten and Carl Cramer, respectively, who resigned in order to assume duties as unit presidents during the coming year.

Also elected at the Tuesday meeting were delegates to attend the state convention in Long Beach on Apr. 28, 29, and 30. Mrs. Hartley Carr, president-elect, and Mrs. Elmer Moon, first vice president-elect, will represent the Council at the meet.

Named as an alternate delegate was Mrs. W. A. Wright, corresponding secretary.

Committee reports and a talk on the Torrance program for exceptional children were other Council activities for the day.

Mrs. Robert Moffitt, legislative chairman, told the results of a legislation meeting held at the California Teachers' Association office last month. Pending bills concerning children were the topic of discussion.

The Council milk and lunch program is functionally successful, Mrs. Hugh Bowman, welfare chairman, reported. Under this

Woman's Club Sees Prize Winning Play

Presentation of the prize-winning play, "Sunday Costs Five Pesos" highlighted the program Wednesday afternoon when the Torrance Woman's Club held a luncheon meeting at the club-house, 1422 Engracia Ave.

The drama, which won first prize at the 20th annual State One-Act Play Tournament in Pasadena last month, was staged by the original cast of Torrance High School students.

Included in the spotlight were Lenita Smith, Babs Whitley, Yolanda Goldsmith, Jan Desmond, and Dolores McCollum.

During the business session club members voted to give Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, chairman of the senior after-graduation party, \$50 to help arrange the affair. A club member, who wishes to remain anonymous, also donated \$5 to the project.

Mrs. Joseph Lukes, branch director of the Torrance YWCA, urged members and their friends to join the Y during the membership enrollment campaign, which will begin next Tuesday.

Sorority Plans Fashion Show

First plans for a Saturday, Apr. 26, fashion show highlighted Wednesday evening's meeting of the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, international business sorority, held at the Long Beach home of Mrs. Pat Sullivan.

The style parade, to feature costumes from the Mari Lynn Dress Shop, 1114 Crenshaw Blvd., will begin at 8:15 p.m. at the Bettie Thomas Studio, 1215 Crenshaw Blvd. Both sorority members and professional models will show the fashions.

Tickets to the event, at 75 cents per person, may be purchased from any member of the sorority, or at National Home Appliance Co.

"This is the first fashion show we have attempted," Mrs. Sullivan said, "and we hope to make it an annual spring affair."