

North Torrance Tatler

North Torrance Girl Wins Design Contest

By HELEN ALLISON Menlo 42430 Being an ardent believer in Parent-Teacher Association I must tell you of the district convention held in Pasadena April 16. An approximate 2500 ladies gathered to hear most inspirational speeches and to elect officers for the coming year. Mrs. A. C. Turner of Torrance Council was elected as financial secretary by an overwhelming majority. The Mothersingers were excellent as usual, but equally is beautiful was the entire body singing "The Lord's Prayer." Dr. Charlotte D. Elliott delivered a most interesting lecture on "Our Most Valuable Assets" and Mrs. Lila Stevenson, junior past president, First District installed the newly-elected officers, gleaned from her well-chosen words were these wise phrases: "Even those who do not do well today will do better tomorrow." Among those 12 delegates from North Torrance Elementary were Mmes. Sherwood, Cortez, Van DeVort, Blumfield, Towell, Tardaguila, Jackson, Payne, Sherman, Gastelum, McClausland, and Allison.

Eleven-year-old Sonja Pesola, 17030 Faysmith, is somewhat of a celebrity after having won third prize in a designing contest sponsored by Bullock's through the Girl Scout magazine the American Girl. Sonja designed a pull-over sweater for a teenager. The prize was a \$10 certificate.

North Torrance Elementary PTA Room Mothers dinner April 22 found 140 mothers seated at McMaster Hall in the first aggregation of the group in its entirety and instead of serving they were being served! Each lady was given a name card at the door in form of a bonnet with ribbon and lace, and was seated at the table decorated with pastel shades of daisies and candles with the centerpiece a cake decorated as a hat. Interlude music was offered by a most capable trio from Torrance High School consisting of Roy Kato, Jack Johnston, and Harold Holmes. PTA President Mrs. Margaret Jackson introduced the guests, which included Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. Betty Massey, Lloyd Jones, Miss Molly Marshall, Donald Robison, Mrs. Victor Benard, past president of Torrance Council PTA, and Mrs. H. E. (Bevlyn) Carr. Mrs. Carr is the incoming president of the Torrance Council and is the person for whom our new school has been named. Surprised, indeed, were the room representatives who received planters. Mrs. Robert Payne, Mrs. Ted Kelly, Mrs. Gerschel Babb, and Mrs. Barton Davidson, Doug McClay and his troupe of entertainers climaxed the evening with an hour of fast moving song and dance. Mrs. McClay's interpretation of a room mother brought gales of laughter.

To each person that spent many hours preparatory to this event may I thank, and feel that committees such as these deserve repeating: Corsages, Martha Sherwood and Doris Babb; menu, Marie McBe, Ruth Davidson, and Marge Van Belhem; table decorations, Peggy Sale, Ruth Towell and Adaline Cortez; room decorations, Ruth Snell, M. Deasey, Janice Bates, Lynn Hale, Laura Pesola, Lois Simons and Eleanor Black. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Peggy Sale for her efforts in the past in form of an orchid. The combined efforts of all turned an idea into a pleasant memory.

Boy Scout Troop 761 attended the Boy Scout Camporee at Fort MacArthur this week-end. The actual camping and cooking plus being entertained by celebrities was most exciting, but the real treasure carried away was the book cover given each troop which was branded by Pat Bultrend, the movie and television pal of Gene Autry.

Saturday, May 9, the Alpha Society will hold a bake sale of decorated Mother's Day cakes at Manor Market. Plan to buy your cake from this group. If

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You care to order in advance, call Menlo 47139. The Boy Scout Mothers held a most successful bake sale this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brummett, 4303 W. 178th, announce the marriage of their daughter, Shirley, to James Birr of the Navy and a former resident of Cedar Rapids, Ia. The couple were married in Las Vegas, Nev., and spent their honeymoon at Virginia City on a dude ranch. James is stationed in San Francisco while his ship is in dry-dock, and has been overseas twice but expects to leave again in September. Meanwhile, the couple will reside in Redondo Beach.

It was a happy day for the Andy Irvines, 4239 W. 178th, when their son, Corporal Allen Irvine, 1st Cavalry Medical Corps, arrived home after having been overseas 27 months without leave. Allen took his training in Hawaii and went on beyond words. Gail Marie Adamson, the only girl to this time, has made little comment.

Several residents of North Torrance attended an open house and Mrs. William Verrier and

daughter Vicki, visiting from Vancouver, B. C., former home of the Irvines.

The Holbrooks, 17512 Cerise, have a ribbon winner in the family! Their dog placed fourth in the show at Burbank, and the Collie again placed second at Santa Ana.

To celebrate his becoming a Shriner, Ted Perrello invited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perrello, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Perrello, Mr. and Mrs. George Spence, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Perrello to dinner at Miller's Restaurant in Inglewood. The ladies were given corsages to commemorate the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Matson, 17009 Cienfuegos, entertained friends at a party last Saturday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Myrt Styles, Mr. and Mrs. Walter York, Mr. and Mrs. Winford Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson.

We welcome into our family a brand new cousin, little four-pound, nine-ounce Patricia Ruth Adamson whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. James P. Adamson. Quite elated at having another girl cousin are Jerry, Johnny, Jimmy and Jack Allison, a brother Mike Adamson is thrilled beyond words. Gail Marie Adamson, the only girl to this time, has made little comment.

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Blounts Sunday afternoon and among these were the Whites, Collins, Brooks, and Days.

Rosalice Blair and Pat Aufi gave a surprise stork shower for Mrs. Virginia Gatti, 4248 W. 178th, this week. Some 20 ladies trekked to Hermosa Beach to attend the affair, which was carried out in shades of yellow and green. Many lovely gifts were given to Virginia.

Mrs. Audrey Hoffmaster, 3204 W. 175th, gave a luncheon as a farewell gesture to Mrs. Marion Carter who is leaving the area. Those ladies attending and wishing Marion well included Mmes. Ruth Towell, Miriam Eagle, Margaret Caton, Olla Moss, Helen Ferrin, D. Ferris, Connie Gastelum, and Fran Baker. The ladies presented Mrs. Carter with a grey lazy Susan.

Clair and Helen Seigrist, 16818 Faysmith, dedicated their new rumpus room this week with a crowd of neighbors. The sumptuous room so elegantly decorated and furnished was named the "Hel-Air."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy entertained friends at a barbecue chicken dinner on their patio Saturday. Those enjoying the fine food included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pesola, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McClain and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Meyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Pepper Nattini, 16816 Faysmith, are entertaining Mrs. Nattini's sister and family of Milwaukee.

Mr. Kenny Leatherman,

district commissioner of Boy Scouts, took John Simon and Roger Snell to a barbecue at Warner Brothers Ranch in Hollywood. Only first-class Scouts were invited. These boys are members of Troop 761.

Catherine Marie and Pamela Jill West, three-month-old twins, were christened in the arms of their godmothers, Mrs. J. Herman Cortez and Mrs. Joseph Avalos, at St. John's in Inglewood. A reception was held later at the home of Mrs. S. B. Gutierrez, grandmother of the twins.

Richy Fannon reached the age of six this week and the boys and girls began to receive treasure maps leading to 17520 Cerise. Each received a real chest containing small treasures of toys and candy. The Peter Pan games delighted the little ones, as did the chocolate cake bearing the skull and crossbones! Each child wore a headband and was sprinkled with picnic dust (gathered no doubt from Tin kerbell) and although much flying around was done, it was all on the ground! Those heartily enjoying the fun were Eric Cortez, Pam Fletcher, Harvey Hoffmaster, Ronnie Gastelum, Patricia Spencer, Ricky Hall, Claudia Weeks, Brock Holbrook, Margo and Madeleine Mondrus, and Johnny Allison.

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Social Welfare Group to Discuss State Pensions

"What is happening to California pension laws during the current legislative session in Sacramento?" is slated to be the topic for discussion at a meeting to be held at the Moose Hall, 1744 Carson St., on Friday May 8 at 3 p.m., according to Myrtle Williams, former State Social Welfare director.

Qualified speakers from the California Institute of Social Welfare will warn of the consequences of many anti-pension bills now being pushed by some of our law makers in the State Capitol, and will explain the merits of several good pension bills for which the Old Folks Lobby is attempting to achieve passage.

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