



**TUG OF WAR** . . . Jean Davis, right, is unhappy about having to give up the Christmas gift she drew at Monday night's Business and Professional Women's Club party to Bettina Miller, but according to club tradition, the present is Bettina's to claim. This was the first "robbery" of the evening. Jean's talent, however, in choosing gifts of popular appeal made her a victim five times!

## All in Fun BPW Members Rob Sister At Annual Xmas Party

"Help, I'm being robbed!" Such was the cry of Jean Davis Monday night when the Business and Professional Women's Club held its annual Christmas party at picturesque Iron's Cottage—but not one of her club sisters rushed to her aid.

Instead, they howled with glee.

Because being "robbed" is one of the popular fun-making traditions at the BPW Yule fete. Each member first draws a number from a hat, and as her number is called, she is allowed to go up to a table heaped with gifts and pick out any one she wants. The only catch is that if another member likes that particular gift, she can take it away from its first owner.

That's what happened to Jean; sisters "stole" from her not once but five times!

Getting in on the fun were nearly 70 club members who first enjoyed turkey 'n' all the trimmings at tables centered with glowing red candles set among red holly in white stryfoam. A gift exchange between "whozits" also preceded the frolic.

Several recent initiates who joined in the holiday festivities as members for the first time were Gertrude Schwartz, Lillian Roberts, Ruth Brumby, Gladys Bostick, Frances Drake, Mickey Rugraff, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Mari Linn Johnson, Rita Rebort, Mabel Hemp, Lella Codrington, Melle Henderson, and Jackie Trenholm.

Mrs. Roberts also assisted on the hostess committee, which was composed of Bess Tufts, Evelyn Lynch, Marge King, Gertrude Irons, and Frances Clark.



**NEW LOOK IN SANTAS** . . . Looking a lot prettier than most Santas is Marge (Mrs. Bill) King, who, as one of the hostesses for the Business and Professional Women's Club annual Christmas party, prepares to pass out "whozit" gifts. Affair was held Monday night at Iron's Cottage in Redondo Beach.

## Tonight at 8 Curtain Goes up on '53 Cancer Jubilee

Sparkling song, dance, and instrumental numbers featuring top talent in the three-to-23-year-old range will be on stage tonight when the curtain at the Civic Auditorium goes up at 8 o'clock on the "Youth for Cancer Junior Jubilee of 1953."

The show, which is being sponsored to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, will be emceed by Pancho Nada, versatile Spanish-style comedian of television, stage, and night club circuits. A color guard, presented by the TAFS (Torrance Fun for Police) will open the performance.

**BAND CONCERT**  
Several selections played by the Torrance Area Youth Band, directed by James Van Dyck, and vocalizing by a male quartet from "Los Cantaneros" will follow. Blending their voices in the quartet numbers will be Tom Mablin, Bill Beckman, Jack McDonald, and Walker Brown.

An unusual dance routine called the "Box Dance" will be next on stage. Twenty talented (oes belonging to Renee Lemaster, Frances Herrera, Carol June Jerrett, Bobbie Moton, Elaine Harvey, Carol Ann Phinney, Kelly O'Brien, Agatha San Paolo, Charlene Case, and Sue Crum) will be featured in the number. Vocal talent will take over in the next act, with Ann Flanagan and Buddy Powers singing several duets. Both "bess and lad are well-known in music circles here and have entertained servicemen on USO tours.

**INTERNATIONAL NOTES**  
Patsy Kelly and Mary Louise Payne will team up for a rope tap-dance, and several other dancers will add a touch of Hawaii to the program with "Little Brown Gal." Dancing the solo part will be Reta Hancock; Linda Martz, Pamela Martz, O'Brien, Herrera, Patricia Taylor, Shirley Boe, and Fredelle Holst will be the "wahines" in the background.

Other dance numbers with an international flavor will be the "Viennese Waltz" done by Kathy Borges, little ballet artist, and the can-can, presented by Susan O'Brien, Phinney, and Gloria Bush.

Instrumental swing by Sal Frisina and his eight-piece dance band and vocals by Carlton Danton also will be in the stage spotlight. Headline performers, Darlene Farrer, dancer who recently completed a tour with Horace Heidt, and Sylvia Ann Terry, vocalist with the Ted Lewis dance band and a first prize winner on the Heidt show, will climax the entertainment.

**PHONE FOR TICKETS**  
Reservations still may be made by calling Mrs. Robert O'Brien, chairman, at Frontier 5-9009, and tickets also may be picked up at the box office. The duets are priced at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

## The Social World

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### Seniors Stage Drama for Club Sisters

Torrance Woman's Club members enthusiastically received the first play staged by their club sisters as the program highlight of yesterday's informal potluck luncheon, held at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

The drama, "Santa Goes to Town," centered around the efforts of several young co-eds to prove to a little crippled girl who enters the hospital on Christmas Eve that Santa Claus is a real spirit and not just a man dressed up in a red suit.

Mrs. W. C. Boswell, assistant drama chairman, directed the production with the assistance of Mrs. M. A. Bauman, house chairman. Appearing in the cast were Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, her daughter Jo Ann Eisenbrandt, and Mesdames B. W. Roberts, A. F. R. Ewalt, H. L. Mitchell, Gil Derouin, L. A. McCoy, William Christian, Parke Montague, John Ourrier.

Assisting Mrs. Grover C. Vandeventer, president, in distributing gifts after the play was Mrs. F. P. Foley, program chairman. Mrs. A. E. Palmer, philanthropy chairman, collected from each member toys which will be taken to the Torrance Health Center for distribution to less fortunate children in this area.

Next meeting of the club will be a silver tea at the Clubhouse on Jan. 6. Featured speaker of the afternoon will be Ann Jones with "It Can Happen Here" as her topic.



**RECEPTION SCENE** . . . The former Miss Karen Dean and her husband, Lawrence Herin, follow tradition in cutting their wedding cake. The many-tiered baker's delight was served to the bride and groom and about 100 guests Sunday afternoon when the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean, opened their 2564 Torrance Blvd. home for a post-nuptial reception. Miss Dean and Herin linked names at ceremonies in Las Vegas on Nov. 28.

## Over 100 Honor New-wed L. Herins (nee Karen Dean) At Sunday Reception Here

Over 100 friends and relatives presented gifts and congratulations to the former Miss Karen Dean and her husband, Lawrence Herin, when the Carl L. Deans, parents of the bride, opened their 2564 Torrance Blvd. home for a post-nuptial reception Sunday afternoon.

In the reception line with the new Mr. and Mrs. Herin, who are now making their home at 1314 Portola Ave., and the hosts were parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Herin of Inglewood.

The blonde bride wore a lavender orlon suit fashioned with flaring peplum and sheath skirt, the same costume she wore for the wedding ceremony at Las Vegas on Nov. 28. A purple-throated orchid completed her attire.

Mrs. Dean selected a shell pink crepe frock patterned in checks with narrow black grosgrain ribbon and trimmed in black velvet. Mrs. Herin chose a navy blue wool suit trimmed with pearls. Both mothers wore carnation corsages to complement their costumes.

Wedding bells suspended over a tiny bride and groom topped the three-tiered cake which took the center of attraction at the lace-appointed buffet table. White and pink carnations were entwined with maidenhair fern at the base of the cake, and white tapers in silver holders flanked either side.

Mrs. John V. Agapito, sister of the bride, supervised the cutting of the cake, while the groom's sister, Mrs. H. L. Brammer, served coffee. Miss Janet Kidd and Mrs. Joseph P. Bay presided at the punch bowl.

A Christmas theme featured decorations in the living room, where the gifts were opened, with a white fir sparkling with bright red balls taking the spotlight.

Guests at the event included sorority sisters and fraternal brothers of the bride and groom, family friends and relatives. Out of town relatives attending were the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hedge of South Pasadena.

**REFUGEES GET BREAK**  
The Norwegian Red Cross will give 300 refugee children in Genoa and Austria three to four months' vacation in Norwegian homes.

**VITAMIN DATE**  
Vitamins were discovered only about 25 years ago.



**BRIDE-ELECT** . . . Miss Josephine Keeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hill, 306 Harbor Hills, will wed Morris M. Howell, son of the M. B. Howells of Huntington Park, on Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. ceremonies at the South Broadway Church of Christ. Engagement of the young couple was told in Sunday's Herald.

### Booties Take Spotlight at Stork Shower

Pink booties pattered across a white cake when Mrs. J. G. Whittington, 1441 W. 226th St., honored her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Curtis, with a stork shower recently.

The honoree and her husband, who make their home at 1728 W. 238th St., are expecting their second child; three years ago they had their first, a boy whom they named Dennis Michael.

Mrs. Whittington's home was the setting for the "infant-anticipating" affair and traditional shower games highlighted evening entertainment. Taking home prizes were Mrs. Charles G. Whittington, sister-in-law of the honoree; Mrs. Robert Lenton, and Mrs. Dolly Stits.

Others joining in presenting gifts for the new little Whittington-to-be were Charles Whittington and Mesdames Helga Panke, Evelyn White, Evelyn Fitzgibbon, Irene Whiteman, Iva Jean Manning, Bertha Gregory, Lucille Stille, Lucille Tuck, Bernice Armstrong, Alice Hill, and Lee Kimbrough, grandmother of the honoree.

### TOWNSEND CLUB DANCES TOMORROW

Getting off to an early start with Yule festivities are members of the Townsend Club, who will dance, exchange gifts, and enjoy refreshments when they gather at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., tomorrow night.

Fun will begin at 8 o'clock, under the chairmanship of James Sellers.

## Three PTAs See Yule Programs Tonight

### 'Xmas Carol' Slated for City PTA

A cast of 50 will enact the ageless classic, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, tonight when Torrance Elementary PTA meets at 7:30 o'clock, D. Boone Kirks, principal, announced this week.

Plans for the program were told Wednesday of last week when the executive board met at the Post Ave. home of Mrs. M. A. Bauman. Leaders also made plans to have the children bring canned goods or toys to school so that baskets could be filled for needy families in the school.

George Marich, vice-principal, who is being transferred to another school, was remembered with a gift.

A Christmas luncheon and gift exchange concluded the festivities.

### SISTERHOOD PLANS DINNER, CARD PARTY

Plans for a dinner and card party, next fund-raising project of Temple Menorah Sisterhood, will be charted today when the executive board meets at the Hermosa Beach home of Mrs. Sam Katz, with Mrs. Anthony Marano sharing hostess honors.

The ways and means committee will be in charge of the activity, Mrs. Sydney Siegel, president, reported.

Information on membership in the group may be obtained by calling Mrs. Harry Simons at Frontier 5-5171.

### Harbor City Slates Tableau

A musical tableau staged by the students will be the feature attraction at the Harbor City PTA meeting in the school auditorium tonight, according to the publicity chairman, Mrs. James Triffon.

Plans for the program, to be held at 7:15 o'clock, were told at last week's Wednesday meeting of the executive board, held at the home of the president, Mrs. Ray Groover. Leaders also voted to send \$2 to the Banjoing Homes Students for their Christmas party and \$5 to the Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA for the Exceptional Children's Fund.

Mrs. Michael Travers and Mrs. G. S. Andreotti were appointed as chairman of the committee to plan the A-6 graduation party. A change in starting date of the child study group, to be conducted by Mrs. Beatrice Woodbridge at the school auditorium, was revealed by Mrs. Lewis Leonard, parent-education chairman. Sessions will be held on Jan. 11, instead of Jan. 4 as previously announced, she said.

The next paper and rag drive at the school will be held Wednesday, Jan. 12, Mrs. Corliss Coleman, ways and means chairman, reported.

### VACATION IN VEGAS

Stopping at the JEl Rancho Vegas recently during a brief vacation in Las Vegas, Nev., were Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Toomey and family of Torrance.

### 259th Pl. Kids To Show 'Why Chimes Rang'

An adaptation of "Why the Chimes Rang" will be given by fifth and sixth graders of 259th Pl. School tonight following the regular PTA meeting at the school auditorium.

In addition to the eleven students in the play, several other pupils will form a choir to sing Christmas music. Mrs. C. R. Chittwood, press chairman, reported. Mesdames Esther Morrison and Caroline Blake are directing the play, while Mrs. Gertrude Nordgren will direct the choir. Stage scenery will be made by the school art committee, with Mrs. Manuel de Leon supervising, and eighth grade boys will form the stage crew.

"Why the Chimes Rang," the press chairman continued, "is a lovely story of the simple faith of a poor little boy who offered his little pennies to the Christ child and made the church bells chime, when others more wealthy who offered expensive gifts could not. They gave of their wealth, he gave all he had."

Child care will be provided and refreshments will be served by fourth grade mothers.

### Gifts for Him

What can a wife or a sweetheart give for Christmas to that "man in her life?" Dorothy Downing, noted fashion columnist, will give Herald readers many solutions to that all-important and perplexing problem in next Sunday's issue.

## YW Leaders Feted With Coffee Hour

Members of the Harbor District YWCA staff entertained the Board of Directors with the traditional Christmas coffee hour preceding the regular board meeting last week.

Following the refreshment period, Mrs. George Wilson introduced the program, which included carol singing led by Mrs. Otis S. Blackstone, a welcome from the staff and presentation of Christmas lapel ornaments by Mrs. Charlotte Lukes; and a Christmas story written and read by Mrs. Mary Michel.

Mrs. Elsa Morris played carols as background music during the coffee hour, while refreshments were prepared by Mesdames Genevieve Surprenant and Olive Crews.

Staff committee in charge of the event included Mesdames Caroline Stelhorn and Wilson; Misses Marion Patout and Marilyn Medak.

**BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS**  
During the business session, the directors voted to accept the national financial quota recommended by the finance committee, which is headed by Mrs. Lea Stamps of Torrance, and elected Mrs. Gerald Griffith to the board to fill the post of youth adult chairman.

A review of young adult activities, presented by Mrs. Michel, director, stressed that the "Stork Club" is growing, and that members are participating in bowling, golf, and a craft class.

Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, membership chairman, explained the need to continue to stress membership. She stated that Mrs. Evelyn Sullivan of Wilmington has taken out a life membership, bringing the total of life members to 18 in the Harbor District. She also told that 121 new members have been added to the roster in the first eight days of December.