

Torrance BPW To Sponsor South Bay Branch; Hears Story of Equal Rights Bill

Through efforts of Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club members, working women in South Bay cities may have a club of their own in the near future.

Mary Toombs and Mabel Hemp, appointed for that purpose when the local club met last Monday night at the City Hall, will contact women in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach, and Palos Verdes during the next few weeks to determine their interest in setting up a similar organization.

If at least 10 women show their interest, an organizational session with local BPW leaders and District dignitaries will be held to draw up a charter application.

This is the second time in the local club's history that a move has been made to sponsor a club in another city. A few years ago, members instituted the Torrance club, which in turn sponsored a club in El Segundo, making Torrance BPW a grandmother.

Mrs. Toombs also took a spotlight with legislation reports, presenting main provisions of the Equal Rights Amendment.

tutional amendment guaranteeing women equal rights under the law, their rights and privileges will always be in doubt and in jeopardy; further legal inequalities could be imposed upon them at any time.

"And our federation supports the amendment for the further reasons that—

"1. I believe that most women are willing to relinquish any so-called advantage for complete equality of legal rights under the law.

"2. There are yet States in which women are denied even the right to be tried by a jury composed of any women.

"3. It does not believe that the rights and privileges incident to freedom and liberty and a government of the people, by the people, and for the people were restricted to any one sex, any more than it believes they were restricted to any one color or religion.

"Because through the years the States have little by little removed many of the legal restrictions and inequalities imposed upon women citizens, and the Federation believes that if the State legislatures had a chance to remove all inequalities at once, by a constitutional amendment, they would do so, and it believes Congress should give the States that chance.

"5. Because there are many national women's organizations fighting for this amendment, and it believes that 30 million women can not be wrong in taking this stand; that thousands who did oppose are now joining the ranks of the advocates of the amendment."

The John Bricker amendment, Mrs. Toombs reported, is designed to plug up the loophole in the present Constitution regarding treaties. The Constitution currently provides that any treaty with a foreign country, or the supreme law of the land; the Bricker amendment adds; "any treaty not violated by the Constitution" and further provides that the entire Congress have a decision in the making of any treaty.

Other club business of the evening included the appointment of Aylene Moore, Tessa Berke, and Herma Tillem to serve as a committee to nominate new club officers, who will be elected by the membership in May; the acceptance of resignations from Laddie Johnson and Maude Deininger; and the voting in of Reggie Vejar, branch manager of Western Union here, as a new member.

H. McDONALDS ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Returning to their Emden, N. D. home this week-end after being house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDonald, 1626 Beck Ave., for the past month were Mrs. McDonald's mother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Watt and children, Donald and Joan.

Among activities the Watts enjoyed during their stay here was a party given at the Southern California, a family Christmas dinner at the McDonald home, and open house festivities with their hosts.

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TWO HEADS ARE BETTER . . . Putting their heads together to draw up a tentative list of women throughout the Torrance area who will hostess "Treasure Teas" in their homes during the last two weeks in January to benefit Torrance Memorial Hospital are Mesdames John (Myra) Beeman, right, chairman, and Melvin (Betty) Howard, ticket chairman. Parties will be held to boost duet sales for the \$500 treasure to be awarded at the annual Hospital Ball at Hollywood Riviera Club on Feb. 18. Tickets to the event, sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary, also may be obtained at the teas. (Herald photo)

SEVEN LOCAL BPW'S SIGN FOR BREAKFAST; RESERVATIONS OPEN

Seven members of the local Business and Professional Women's Club already have signed up to attend the Harbor Section breakfast at the Western Club in Gardena next Sunday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. and other club members have until this evening to make their reservations, according to the president, Virginia Beck.

Any member wishing to attend may call Mrs. Beck at FAirfax 8-5241. On the list of participants thus far are Mollie Marshall, Bess Tullis, Frances Dralle, Norma Tilton, Mary Toombs, Agnes Bolter, and Betty Howard. Ramsey, Harbor Section chairman, and a past president of the local club, will preside.

and the treaty amendment proposed by Senator John Bricker, both of which are to be brought to the floor of the 83rd Congress when it convenes in January.

Reading from an article by Hazel Palmer, second vice-president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., which appeared in the national club magazine, Mrs. Toombs said:

"Our Federation supports the amendment because it believes that women are 'people' and 'persons,' that those words of the preamble to the Constitution of the United States 'we the people of the United States' did not infer a separation of legal rights under the Constitution nor a separation of such 'people' into male and female categories.

"That imposition of legal restrictions upon women by States could, in many instances, be held unconstitutional and in violation of section 1 of article XIV of the amendments, to the Constitution as abridging the privileges of citizens of the United States, depriving them of property without due process of law and denying to them equal protection of the laws.

"That in view of present laws abridging their rights and imposing outright restrictions upon them, until there is a consti-

Y-WIVES TO INSTALL TOMORROW

Y-Wives will open their 1954 program tomorrow morning at the Carson St. YWCA Building with installation of new officers and resumption of hospital sewing and crafts activities.

Activity hour begins at 9:30 o'clock, and following the mid-morning coffee hour, Mrs. Victor Quackenbush will be installed as president of the club. Others to take office are Mesdames Bob Waters, vice-president; Rufus Sandstrom, secretary; and David Cook, treasurer.

Rites will be conducted by Mrs. Floyd V. Miller, outgoing president. Other officers relinquishing their posts to the newcomers are Mesdames Thomas Westfall, vice-president; J. J. Lofland, secretary; and Raymond Stewart, treasurer.

Newcomers to Torrance are particularly invited to join the group tomorrow as the new series of meetings begins. Mrs. John Parks, publicity chairman, reported, Child care is provided at each session, and further information may be obtained by calling the YWCA at FAirfax 8-5914 or coming directly to the YW Building, 2320 Carson St.

WALTERIANS PLAN PTA MEET TODAY

Further plans for next Thursday's regular meeting of Walteria PTA will be made today when the executive board meets at 9:30 a.m. at the 3924 Newton St. home of Mrs. Henry Fink.

PARENTS VISIT AT ARMSTRONG HOME

Now visiting Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Armstrong, 1633 Juniper St., are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Teton, of Minneapolis, Minn.

The parents flew here just in time for Christmas and plan to spend several more days before going on to Fresno to visit their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Teton.

sets d'art of any we have seen. All these things have been in the Vatican for a long time and have been taken care of.

"This museum was formerly the home of the Pope—now he has another palace in which to live. Like most old Italian buildings, it is not imposing on the exterior, but the inside is to a great extent, and they range from white Carrara to blacks; there are grays, pinks, greens. A new spiral ramp goes up and down to the third floor—it is like two corkscrews intertwined—one for up traffic, one for down. Clever, these Italians, eh?"

NO HEAVY EQUIPMENT "By the way, we looked all over Italy for heavy equipment in use—saw one tractor. Lots of building going on, but all in primitive ways—employing lots of men, which is probably much better for them. Arthur says he has never seen such wonderful stone work anywhere. We looked in a window of a hardware store—Arthur said all the tools were hand-wrought and very good.

"All over Europe we've seen "Kodak," "Singer," and "Mobilgas" signs, but most of the other things are not American-

Starts Jan. 20 Noted Educator to Talk Here Under PTA Auspices

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 20, Torrance Council PTA in cooperation with the Torrance School of Adult Education, will sponsor a series of four lectures, to be given by Dr. Robert Bartlett Haas on Wednesday mornings, 9:15 to 10:45 o'clock at the Fern Ave. School cafeteria.

The lecturer, who is head of the Adult Education Extension at the University of California at Los Angeles, will discuss "What's Hard About Growing Up in a Democracy?" at the first session. Succeeding topics and their dates are the following:

What Parents Think About Education Today—Jan. 27. Resolving Family Conflicts—Feb. 2. Helping Children To Learn—Feb. 10.

In presenting his material, Dr. Haas will use the new audience-participating technique of role-playing, which is proving highly interesting and educational, Mrs. Raymond Hole, Council parent education chairman, reported. He has just completed a new film produced by the Department of Theatre Arts of UCLA entitled "Role-playing in Guidance," which is based on one of his writings.

Dr. Haas has a wealth of experience in teaching and writing in the fields of education and American literature, the parent education chairman continued.

During the school year 1952-53, he was United States Exchange specialist to the City of Bonn, Germany, where he lectured and carried out community work in the German language. Working with German

Torrance Travelers Find Vatican Museum Beautiful, Tripoli City of Filth

Living vicariously in Rome and Tripoli these days are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wigg, 1846 Middlebrook Rd.

Through letters written by her mother-in-law, Mrs. A. L. Fish, 719-C Cabrillo Ave., the Torrance couple have toured the Italian capital and North Africa city along with the Fishes, who previously visited London and Paris, going on to Tripoli to spend the holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Air Force Lt. and Mrs. Van H. Barford.

After leaving Tripoli they plan to visit Egypt and Greece, stopping off in Portugal and Spain on the journey homeward.

ART TREASURES Writing about Rome while in Tripoli, Mrs. Fish had nothing but praise for the Vatican Museum, visited on the last morning in Rome. "We walked, walked, and walked all through that huge museum, looking at the art treasures of the world—'Laocoon,' 'Apollo Belvedere,' 'Michelangelo,' 'Paraginos,' 'Rafaelangelo,' etc. We saw huge tapestries 300 to 400 years old in perfect preservation. It was very good that this was our last museum visit as it was full of the best preserved ob-

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Two new little Torrance residents, whose arrival on New Year's Day was announced in Sunday's Herald, were named by their parents this week.

Torrance bus driver Joel S. Whitman and his wife, 1907 Plaza del Amo, have named their new 5 lb. 11 oz. son Matthew Ray, while milkman John Fraga and his wife, 21243 Brandon Ave., have chosen Dolores Mary as the name for their 5 lb. 4 1/2 oz. daughter.

Including on the welcoming committee for the Whitman baby are three other children, Joel Jr., 11; Elizabeth Marie, 9; and Martha Geneva, 3; and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. S. O. Whitman of the Plaza del Amo address. The Fraga baby has one sister, Clara.

Welcoming the arrival of a new grandson, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Francis of Wilmington, are Mr. and Mrs. Orville Holdsworth, 715 Cota Ave. The new baby arrived at 9:32 p.m. Jan. 2 weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. He has one brother, William D. Francis Jr., and his paternal grandparents, are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Francis of Norwalk.

Hospital Auxiliary Slates Treasure Teas This Month

The Torrance area will be bustling with activity during the last two weeks in January, for scheduled for those 14 days are a series of "Treasure Teas" designed to benefit Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Planned by the Hospital Auxiliary to boost ticket sales for the giant \$500 treasure which will be awarded at its Valentine Ball on Feb. 13 at the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse, the teas will be held in many communities within the Torrance area as well as in surrounding cities. Dance duets also will be available at the affairs.

Women in Hollywood Riviera, Seaside Ranchos, Seaside Heights, North Torrance, Kettler Knolls, Torrance Gardens, Torrance Terrace, Allied and Sepulveda Gardens, Western Village, Victoria Terrace, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach will invite neighbors and friends into their homes for the afternoon to hear the story of the project, told by Auxiliary officials.

A list of the hostesses in each community will be presented by Rosemary (Mrs. John Shidley) DeCamp at the next Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12. Also to be presented at the session will be a list of those who will assist Miss Esther Maxwell, former hospital superintendent, on the reception committee at the ball.

The following day, Mrs. L. A. McCoy, chairman, and her committee will meet at the Palos Verdes home of Mrs. Gerald Eastham to plan decorations for the event.

All proceeds from the sale of treasure chest and dance duets will be turned over to the hospital.

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coming toward you on the street, but even stranger to see such an apparition riding a gerry or on a bicycle. Many men wear a maroon fez or a white hat like a U. S. sailor turned down.

"We walked on down by the Mediterranean and through town—stores are very nice. The surprising thing was the scarcity of traffic. For a city of 125,000 people, there is almost no traffic—about like Torrance at 8 p.m. when the stores are not open. The little bit of traffic consists mainly of horse geries, burros, bicycles, and small cars.

"Streets are quite clean (I haven't been in the Old City yet). This new city was built by Mussolini for Italians— for Arabs it was taboo after dark. I said to Van that it was clean, and he said that if anything an Arab could use was dropped, it was grabbed instantly. Poverty seems to be the rule among them, although there are many Arab landowners hereabouts and there is a merchant class among them.

"Sunday we went down through the Arab quarters and saw bakery, weaving shops, etc. Everything is done in a very primitive fashion. Filth, dirt, squalor all about us. We have never seen such filthy people—no idea of sanitation, no idea of cleanliness, no restrictions against using any location for toilet. They cover themselves with layers of cloth and require their women to hide their faces from people, but can squat anywhere.

"Yesterday was an important day. The King of Libya came to Tripoli. Flags were not, washings ordered removed from balconies and windows. Arabs were told to stay off the streets (also Americans, we heard later). "However, not knowing this, Dad and I went down near the palace to watch. The palace is quite beautiful, guards were all around, police lined the street. These Libyan police are a pickled lot, intelligent-looking, well-trained and seemingly respected by everyone (foreigners included). We got next to a palm, police kept the Arabs back. Once when a band came down the street, the Arabs broke through and ran toward the street, but before they reached us, the police beat them back. Finally we couldn't see them any longer—I don't know where they were forced to go.

EASTERN STAR INITIATES TONIGHT

A class of six candidates will be initiated tonight when Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, meets at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori Ave.

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