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World Traveler to Give Guest Address at YWCA Capital Funds Dinner

Plans are well under way for the fund-raising drive for the Torrance Young Women's Christian Association, according to Nell Colburn, chairman.

While advance gifts have been coming in, she said, most of the money will be raised through a capital fund dinner scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St.

Featured speaker at the event will be Elsie Farris, well-known attorney, world traveler, and Soroptimist Club member, who will discuss "New Horizons in Brotherhood."

Dinner chairman for the dinner, a \$10 a plate affair, are Mesdames A. E. Palmer and Lee Stamps, both past chairmen of the Torrance Y.W. Y-teens will serve the meal and also will assist Mrs. Warren Hamilton with table decorations.

The drive planning committee includes Miss Colburn and Mesdames Warren Hamilton, Lee Stamps, Kenneth Clutter, Miles Booth, Minnie Solomon, and Charlotte Lukes.

Among other interested citizens who have helped on the project are Sam Levy, Dean Sears, Mervin Schwab, Stan Roberts, W. E. Bowen, Charles V. Jones, Ted Meier, Lester King, Gerald Alter, J. B. Scott, Warren Hamilton, Dave Roy Peterson, and Charles D. Goodale.

The YWCA came to Torrance at the request of local citizens to provide activities for young adults, Miss Colburn reported. For several years the building fund was the project of the Junior Woman's Club, which raised \$13,350 toward constructing the headquarters.

A citizens committee headed by Sam Levy was responsible for the construction of the building and the donations of labor and materials which made it possible.

A successful drive will mean that the building will be clear of debt incurred in the construction and that much-needed equipment such as window shades, chairs, tables, dishes, and cabinets to complete the operating unit may be obtained, Miss Colburn said.

Anyone wishing to attend the dinner, make a donation, or help in the drive in any other way may call the YWCA at FAirfax 8-5914.

COUNTY AUXILIARY MEETS TOMORROW

Story of what happens to blood after it is donated will be told by a representative of the Red Cross tomorrow afternoon when the Los Angeles County Council, American Legion Auxiliary, meets at the Patriotic Hall.

Past presidents will be honored at the 1 o'clock session, Mrs. James W. Dolan, 19th District press chairman, said.

Wedding Bells To Ring for Wilma Speck

Romantic news linking the names of Miss Wilma D. Speck and Raymond Steven Comereski in betrothal was revealed this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Speck, 1511 Acacia Ave.

A 1950 graduate of Torrance High School, where she was active in the Girls Athletic Association, Miss Speck joined the WAVES in November, 1951, and is currently stationed at Terminal Island in Long Beach.

Her fiancé, son of Paul Comereski of Elmira Heights, N. Y., graduated from schools in Elmira and served with the 1125th Armored Tank Battalion in Europe during World War II.

The couple has made tentative plans for a June 26 wedding.



TALKING TURKEY . . . Mesdames Earl Wells, left, and Edward Thayne check the size of the roaster against one of the huge turkeys the Job's Daughters Mothers Club will prepare for Saturday night's Rod and Gun Club dinner at the Civic Auditorium. "You'd better find a bigger pan," say Mesdames Speck and Ralph Allen, looking on from the left. (Herald photo)



WITH A MIND FOR PRIVACY . . . these Y-teens prepare to hang sheets over the large picture window at the Carson St. YWCA headquarters, demonstrating the need for curtains which the YW hopes to purchase along with other much needed equipment, after the current fund-raising campaign. The girls are officers of the Marquettes, newest Y-teen club here, who will conduct their first meeting at the YW tonight. They also will join with leaders of other clubs at an Officer Training Course at the Wilmington Community Center next Monday, Feb. 8, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Pictured are Sue Mayers, second vice-president, and Jo Ann Davie, secretary, left to right perched on ladders; Anne Marilyn Sanders, president; Jerry Rush, representative to Inter-Club Council; Janel Beeman, treasurer; and Alex Merola, first vice-president, left to right unfold a second sheet, Mrs. John Beeman, assisted by Mrs. Val Gene Mott, advises the club. (Herald photo)

Y-teen Chiefs Will Attend Training Class

Local Y-teen officers will gather with leaders from similar clubs throughout the Harbor area for an officer training course at the Wilmington Community Center next Monday, Feb. 8, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

One of the program highlights of the evening will be slides from the YW's in the Pacific, presented by Marilyn Sanders, president of the Marquettes, and Robin Cockerill, historian for the Torrettes.

Among girls who will lead discussion groups are Peggy Wood, president of the Debutantes, and Peggy Benton, chaplain for the Scotties.

A complete list of new teen leaders, whose terms will continue through June of this year, was released this week by the YW as follows:

Tri-Y-Teens of Narbonne High School—Elaine Baxley, president; Flora Hameetman, vice-president; Jana Phifer, secretary; Jeanette Pearson, treasurer; Alma Cribbs, chaplain; Leona Blanchette and Louise Chavez, sergeants-at-arms; Mrs. Alice Chambers, advisor.

Conquettes—Mary Walker, president; Betty Morris, vice-president; Nancy Harris, secretary; Kathy Schott, treasurer; Frances Hood, historian; Mary Hawkins, chaplain; Mesdames Florence Smith and Frank Walker, advisors.

Debutantes—Dana Cecil, vice-president; Joan Laskaris, secretary; Pat Rogan, treasurer; Connie Stout, sergeant-at-arms; Judy Nash, historian-reporter; Sally Moore, chaplain; Mrs. Nancy Dekum, advisor.

Scotties—Nancy Humphreys, president; Marian Smith, vice-president; Ann Sackman, secretary; Pat Kline, treasurer; Lenore Sexton, historian-reporter; Mesdames Helen Benton and Robert Hammond, advisors.

Torrettes—Marilyn Poeske, president; Jo O'Hanlon, vice-president; Martha Williams, secretary; Carolyn Poeske, treasurer; Grace Maddy, chaplain; Jerry Hawkins and Pat Hancock, sergeants-at-arms; Mrs. Merle M. Maddy, advisor.

GUILD TO MEET AT CURTISS HOME

Mrs. Charles A. Curtiss will open her 1329 Engracia Ave. home next Wednesday, Feb. 10, for a 2 p.m. meeting of the Ladies Guild, Central Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The president, Mrs. Howard McDonald, will conduct the business session, while Mrs. E. J. Hosking will lead devotionals.



SERVICE . . . Little Sheryl Hampton and her aunt, Mrs. John Delsigne, 2132 1/2 S. Harvard St., do their bit for the March of Dimes, receiving lapel pins in the shape of miniature crutches from Mrs. Thurlow T. Weir and Mrs. Howard Percy, chairman, respectively. The two women were among Junior Woman's Club members soliciting funds for the anti-polio drive on downtown street corners Friday. (Herald photo)



MISS WILMA D. SPECK . . . Bride-elect of Ray Comereski (Photo Arts Photo)

'Fireladies' Change Box Social Plans

Dates of two box socials, planned by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department for their firemen husbands, were shifted Monday night when the club held its regular meeting at McMaster Hall.

Originally scheduled for Feb. 13 and 14, the pioneer-flavored events are now calendared for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27 at McMaster Hall. The Valentine motif selected previously has been changed to a "Hard Luck" theme, and men and women will enter into the spirit of the evening with their oldest, tuckiest clothes.

Mrs. James Wass, general chairman, has selected Mrs. Ed Polston and Jerry Hollomon to assist her with the social planned for the "A" shift on Friday, and Mesdames Bill Russell and John Agapito to help with the "B" shift party on Saturday.

Story of recreational facilities in Torrance, told by Recreation Director Henry Van Bellehen, featured the evening's program. Mesdames Ray Flagg and Larry Schneider served as hostesses during the refreshment hour.

Money-makers Set by Guilds

Two ways and means projects are scheduled in the near future by two separate guilds of St. Margaret-Mary Church in Lomita.

First on the agenda is a food sale sponsored by St. Lucy's Guild, which will open at 9 o'clock next Saturday morning, Feb. 6, at the Hugo Schmidt market.

The second money-maker will be a 12:30 p.m. luncheon at the 26308 Regent Ave., Lomita home of Mrs. E. S. Dyroff on Thursday, Feb. 11. The public is invited to attend the affair, sponsored by St. Theresa Guild.

Local BPW Slates First Meet for New R. B. Branch

The local Business and Professional Women's Club's plan to "mother" a branch of the organization in Redondo Beach is going full steam ahead, with the first instructive evening for prospective members slated for next Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Setting for the session, which officers of the Torrance club, state and district officials will attend, will be announced later.

Zada Ramsey, Harbor Section chairman and a past president of the local club, will preside, and the list of dignitaries to attend includes Myrl Cyprien, state membership chairman, and Lily Anthony, district membership chairman.

Plans for the meeting were revealed by Mary Toombs and Mabel Hemp, co-chairmen, at last Monday night's regular business session. Also keynoting the evening was the appointment of Herma Tillin, Frances Dimitri and Harriett Covington to select candidates for the club's two scholarships.

The BPW will hold its next meeting Monday, Feb. 15, at Chalom's, 1455 W. Manchester, shish kebab on the dinner menu and a world traveler in the program spotlight.

Lester McNeley, who served with the diplomatic service for many years, will be the guest speaker. His talk will include many of his experiences during seven years in India.

March Nuptials Planned by Miss Gassaway, Van Dyke

A March wedding is planned by Miss Sarah Eileen Gassaway and Kenneth Rients Van Dyke, whose engagement was revealed this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gassaway, 26030 President Ave.

Miss Gassaway and her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rients G. Van Dyke, 1519 W. 214th St., are graduates of the summer, 1952 class at Narbonne High

Fuchsia Club Sets Tuesday Charter Fete

Members of the North Torrance Fuchsia Society, branch of the California Fuchsia Society, will celebrate the closing of charter membership by holding a dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m., at McMaster Hall.

More than 100 invitations have been issued for the celebration to witness the signing of the charter, Mrs. Gerald Cunerty, press chairman, said.

Speaker of the evening will be Miss Peggy Sullivan, who is technical advisor to the National Flower Show, Miss Sullivan will show colored slides of varieties of tropical flowers and shrubs taken during her recent visit to the Hawaiian Islands and will demonstrate to the group how many such tropical flowers can be successfully grown in the Southland.

Red and white flowers and valentines will highlight the decorative motif for the event.

Following the dinner, the signing of the charter, and Miss Sullivan's talk will be musical entertainment.

City PTA Calendar Full With Founders Day Fetes

As 1954 progresses into its second month, PTAs within the Torrance Unified School District are preparing to observe Founders Day with appropriate ceremonies sparked by the presentation of honorary life memberships.

The awards will go to the citizens within the community who have contributed the most toward PTA, youth, or the community as a whole during the past year.

First on the slate of celebrations was held by Crenshaw PTA at the school last night. Unavailable at press time, the name of winner of the honorary life membership will be revealed in next Sunday's issue.

Next week is crammed full of Founders fetes, with Torrance High School's scheduled for 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9; El Nido's slated for the following Wednesday at the same hour; and North Torrance's calendared for 7:30 that same evening.

Three celebrations on Thursday, Fern Ave.-Greenwood's and Seaside's at 7:30 p.m., and Walteria's at 2 p.m., will wind up the week's activities.

Torrance Council will open the next week's calendar with a celebration at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Riviera and Madonna programs will be held at 8 and 7:30 p.m., respectively, the same day, while on Friday Mrs. Severin opened their 1222 Torrance Elementary will meet Crenshaw Blvd. home for a dinner party welcoming the globe-trotters. Guests included the Seaverin's daughter, Susan; Mrs. Mattern, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McHale and children, and the honored couple.

Each of the fetes, with the exception of Torrance Council's, which will be held at the YWCA, will be held at the respective schools.

Program of Rangers Told Halldale PTA

Various phases of the Woodcraft Rangers program, including outings and the system of awards, were explained to Halldale PTA when they met recently at the school by Jack Russell, district executive of the group.

Other highlights of the session were a recording by Frank Luther entitled, "Health Can Be Fun" and a plea for blood donations made by Mrs. C. Benford, Red Cross regional director, following her introduction by Mrs. R. N. Rees, program chairman.

Hostesses for the day were introduced by Mrs. F. M. Roberts, who with Mrs. H. H. Schilling heads the refreshment committee.



MISS SARAH EILEEN GASSAWAY . . . To Wed Kenneth Van Dyke (Bob Roberts photo)