

The Social World

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A QUARTER OF A CENTURY . . . has passed since Deputy District Attorney Tom McNary first slipped the wedding band on bride Dorothy's finger. Today the twenty-five-year-old couple are being honored at a 2 to 5 p.m. tea being given by her sister, Miss Gertrude Hayes, at her Pasadena home, 1322 Brixton Rd.

Deputy D. A. McNary, Wife Dorothy Celebrate 25th Anniversary Today

Twenty-five years of married life will be commemorated today when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. McNary, 5304 Reese Rd., are honored at a 2 to 5 p.m. tea at the Pasadena home of her sister, Miss Gertrude Hayes.

Miss Hayes, who served as maid of honor when the couple was married at ceremonies at the Occidental United Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles June 30, 1928, has included Professor Louis Monferino of Manhattan Beach, who attended as best man, in her guest list.

Other members of the bridal entourage and many friends and relatives who witnessed the rites also are expected at the fete. Acquaintance of the 25-year-old couple dates back to childhood days. They first met at church when Mrs. McNary was pert, three-year-old Miss Dorothy Hayes, but affection didn't blossom between them until college days.

"At the time, I loathed him," Mrs. McNary laughed, and "I thought SHE was terrible," her husband countered.

But Cupid had his way, and while young Tom was a law student at the University of Southern California, he married the "terrible" Dorothy. The McNarys have been residents of the South Bay area for the past 20 years, living six of that number at their present address. He is now serving as deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County and is chief of the preliminary department in the D.A.'s office.

Making their home with their parents are Benton, who will be a sophomore at Palos Verdes College next fall; David, who has just completed his junior year at Torrance High school; and Susan, who is a wee five-year-old.

High School PTA Names New Chairmen

Names of 1953-54 committee chairmen for Torrance High School PTA were released this week by Mrs. J. E. Popovich, new publicity director.

Eastern Star Initiates Two

Ceremonies initiating Martha Garrison and Allen Reisert high-lighted last Thursday's meeting of Torrance Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held at the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Announcing the arrival of their first child, a son, are Mr. and Mrs. N. Mendoza, 23309 Doble Ave., Harbor City. Named Gilberto, the infant was born at 9:52 p.m. June 22, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz.

A first child, also a son, was born the following day to Mr. and Mrs. William Weiss, 616 E. Carson St., named Dennis William, the new arrival weighed 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz. when born at 10:06 a.m. Father is a jig builder at Douglas Aircraft, Messrs. and Mesdames James Sly, 21923 S. Grace St., and Arthur Weiss of Milwaukee, Wisc., are grandparents.

Newest addition to the 2560 Eldorado St. home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bartle is 8 lb. 11 1/2 oz. Charlene Mae, who was born at 8:19 a.m. June 24. The baby girl, whose father is a plating superintendent at National Electric Co., joins a three-and-a-half-year-old brother, William Harris. Grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames George Bartle Sr., of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Cloise Houk Sr. of Ellwood City, Pa.



"TWELVE OLD MAIDS" . . . a comedy staged in Waleria, San Pedro, and Wilmington in the fall of 1939 was one of the first projects of the Mothers Chorus, which grew in later years to the present JFF (Just for Fun) Club. Those participating in the drama were, first row, left to right, Mesdames Tilman Buckingham, Lila Hansen, Dessie Crowther, Vera Murray, J. W. Loughridge, Gene Andrews, Zelma Wagner, Joe Hagberg, and Naoma Bell; second row, left to right, Mattie Carter, Anne Brightfield, Paul Lassen, Vivian Palmer, Bettie Carroll, Eva Kelley, Della Armstrong, Effie Palmer, and Henry Conze.

LOCAL MISS ENROLLS AT LAWTON SCHOOL

Miss Karen Ness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Ness, 1515 El Prado, currently is enrolled in the Lawton School for Medical and Dental Assistants at Beverly Hills. Mrs. M. Murray Lawton, dean, revealed this week.

The popular local miss, who graduated from Torrance High School in June, 1952, was active in YMCA and YWCA work during her school years. She served as president of Tri-Hi-Y, a national organization of high school YMCA service clubs for girls, first president of the Tartar-Y's, and president of the Harbor Area Y-Teen Inter-Club Council.

'Just for Fun' Club Waleria's Oldest Social-Service Set

It's "Just for Fun." That's the name and the purpose of the oldest social-service club in Waleria, popularly known throughout the area as the "J. F. F." club, for the ladies who are its members consider even their welfare projects "fun."

Originally organized in the mid 1930's by Mrs. Eva Kelley, now sunshine chairman, the club started out as the "Mothers Chorus." An appreciation of music and a desire to quicken the interest of her tiny community in the art motivated Mrs. Kelley to organize the group.

"It wasn't really organized," she laughed. "Like Topsy, it just grew! Word gradually got around about the club, and women came to us to join." Members met once a month at the Little First Baptist Church to enjoy an afternoon of music and games. But rapidly the club program expanded, and soon the women found themselves busily engaged in hospital work, sewing slippers and other necessary articles for the patients. With their "third hands" coordinated with sympathetic eyes, they aided needy families in the neighborhood.

Highlight of those early years was the presentation of a play, "The Twelve Old Maids," in Waleria, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, and Wilmington in the fall of 1939. The club also entertained Torrance residents at a Christmas program at the Civic Auditorium.

Later club emphasis shifted from music to "sociable sewing." Their hospital quota filled, members began making articles for church bazaars and also held several of their own. Welfare work continued as the women volunteered as a group to aid in all philanthropic drives in the area.

Finally in 1946, with the "chorus" activity of the group passing, the name was changed to the "Just for Fun" Club. Heading the roster of officers as president is Mrs. Tilman Buckingham, one of the original members of the "Chorus." Mesdames J. W. Loughridge, Henry Conze, and John Minor, other originals, are assisting her as vice-president, treasurer, and publicity chairman, respectively. A comparative newcomer, Mrs. Karl Tarliden, is serving as secretary.

Club roster also includes Mesdames Earl Sanders, Carl Cremer, Jeannette Phillips, Phillip Haun, Wendell Lyman, Paul Sloane, Isabel Byerly, and Loraine Harline.

One of the original members, since deceased, was Mrs. Anne Brightfield, a World War I bride. Others with the club from the beginning are Mesdames Otha Hayes, Della Armstrong, Gene Andrews, Marie French, Joe Hagberg, Effie Palmer, Paul Lassen.

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Miss Smart Reveals Troth

Promised to wed are Miss Dorothy Arline Smart, daughter of the Max Smarts, 2120 Santa Fe St., and Jack Bailey Rambo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jiles W. Rambo, 2401 Apple Ave.

The popular bride-elect graduated from Torrance High School this month as a life member of the California Scholarship Federation. She served as president of her senior class and Tartar Lady Queen, and also was a member of the Girls' Athletic Association.

Rambo, who is now employed at Shell Chemical Co., graduated from Torrance High in 1950, and also attended El Camino College. He served as a U.S. Army corporal in Korea for two years.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WILLIAM VOIENS . . . Pictured at Wedding Reception

New-wed Robert W. Voiens Make Home at Los Alamitos

Making their home at Los Alamitos Air Force Base, where the groom is completing studies for a third class petty officer rating, are the new Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Voiens, who exchanged vows Saturday of last week at the Latter Day Saints Church.

The young couple set up residence at the base following a honeymoon trip to Hoover Dam, and Utah. For the wedding rites the bride, the former Miss Beth Ann Jenkins, chose a white eyelet, ballerina-length strapless frock topped with long-sleeved jacket featuring a Peter Pan collar and tiny buttons down the front. She carried a white orchid on a white ribbon.

Blue daisies matching the print

EXPECT THREE-WEEK VISITORS HERE TODAY

Expected today from Denver, Colo., to visit relatives here are Mr. and Mrs. John Harker Jr., formerly of Fort Worth, Tex. During a three weeks visit here with Mr. and Mrs. James Farnell and Mr. and Mrs. John Harker Sr., the Coloradans will be guests at the Farnell home, 2291 Narbonne Ave.

A week at Lake Tahoe with their hosts will highlight the visit. Young Mr. Harker recently was named district representative in the Denver area for a household appliance corporation.



"IT'S MY BABY" . . . Mrs. Eva Kelley, 23863 Park St., Waleria, says proudly as she glances through the scrapbook of the JFF (Just for Fun) Club. The oldest social service club for women in Waleria. The group officially was organized in 1946, growing out of the Mothers Chorus which Mrs. Kelley established in the mid-1930s.

Local Mrs. Named Leader Of South Bay Legion Post

Mrs. Beatrice Bundy, 1825 Cabrillo Ave., will lead South Bay Women's American Legion Post 692 as commander during the coming year.

Elected last Thursday night at a meeting held at the South Bay Legion Hall, Mrs. Bundy will take office at joint installation ceremonies with the South Bay Men's Post, tentatively scheduled for July 18.

The new commander, a charter member of the Post and a veteran of World War II, succeeds Mrs. Gerry Haga of Manhattan Beach. She is employed at the Torrance post office.

Another local woman, Mrs. Mildred Garvey of Hollywood Riviera, also assumed leadership at the Tuesday session. She and Miss Betty Cook of Manhattan Beach will compose the executive committee.

Two sisters, Misses Jane and Martha Rogers of Manhattan Beach were elected sergeant of arms and assistant sergeant of arms, respectively.

Other leaders named were Mrs. Blanche Sturge of Manhattan Beach, first vice-commander; Mrs. Joan Gunn of Redondo Beach, second vice-commander; Miss Elizabeth Holland of Manhattan Beach, finance officer; Mrs. Beatrice Wolfe of Manhattan Beach, adjutant; Miss Margaret Shurley of Manhattan Beach, historian; and Mrs. Marge Clotworthy of Redondo Beach, chaplain.

The Post, organized two years ago and operating under a permanent charter for the past three months, is open to all women veterans of this area. Mrs. Bundy said. During the past year, the group has carried on service work at the women's ward, Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital; made baby layettes through a child welfare program; contributed funds to send a Mira Costa High School boy to Boys' State; and sponsored a Brownie troop at Beryl Elementary School in Redondo.

"There is still a lot of good work to be done, and we need help," Mrs. Bundy continued. "Any eligible woman interested may join by attending meetings or by calling me at FAirfax 8-2250."

The Post meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the South Bay Legion Hall on El Camino Real.



MISS DOROTHY ARLINE SMART . . . Will Wed Jack Rambo

Davies Clan Continues Family Picnic Custom

Following the annual tradition of the clan back in its own home state, Minnesota, members of the Davies family who live in this area gathered at Torrance Park recently for a Sunday picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Davies, 1637 W. 22nd St., planned the party for his relatives.

BROWNIES WEEK-END AT CATALINA ISLAND

Enjoying this week-end on the shores of Catalina Island is Brownie Troop No. 1368, sponsored by Crenshaw Elementary PTA and led by Mrs. Earl Brest.

The girls earned money for the holiday from the "Friendship Festival" held here last April Fool's Day.