

EASTERN STAR ACTIVE IN CHARITABLE SERVICE

The 400 members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Torrance Chapter, all wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and widows of Masons and men who are master Masons, are active in a wide scope of charitable service.

The Eastern Star Home for the Aged at 11725 Sunset Blvd. is one of these service projects.



A beautiful home with magnificent grounds, it is cared for so that elderly ladies have ideal surroundings during their declining years.

Fifteen college scholarships are provided for boys and girls. The Shriners support many hospitals for crippled children and the DeMolay organization for boys.

At the present time Joan Simpson is worthy matron and Thomas Foster, worthy patron. Their corps of officers include Florence Viellenave, associate matron; Marcus Edwards, associate patron; Mildred Edwards, secretary; Margaret Raymond, treasurer; Phyllis Peavrey, conductress; Dorothy Moore, associate conductress; Gwendolyn Barrett, chaplain; Rita Foster, marshal; Lois Lougee, organist; Juanita Thompson, Adah; Lois Babcock, Ruth; Dorothy Schuchman, Esther; Myrtle Lee May, Martha; Kathleen Ritko, Electa; Alice Spehger, warden; Frederick Cook, sentinel.

In the 32 years of its existence, the Torrance Chapter of Eastern Star has weathered many a storm. In the beginning, the members had to work hard for funds to accomplish needed projects, for during the depression of the thirties, the closing of the Torrance banks left the chapter without funds. In 1941 the Masonic Temple was damaged by earthquake and the chapter had to find a new place to meet until repairs could be made. These trials have served to make a well-knit and united membership.

The chapter is very proud of its past matrons and past pa-

trons. The latter have formed a social club and meet every month to help the chapter in its many activities. Those who have served Torrance Chapter as worthy matrons and patrons are the following:

- 1921-22, Cleora Stanger, Charles Mueller; 1923, Ella Jane Mueller, William Stanger; 1924, Clemma Watson, Fay Parks; 1925, Jean Guyan, Roy Winters; 1926, Pamela Fess, Perry Briney; 1927, Lola Mae Tomkins, John Wilson; 1928, Lillian Shiner, Joseph Stone; 1929, Edna Stone, Clifford Simpson; 1930, Ma Siedobham, John Fess; 1931, Juliette Johnson, Kenneth Mitchell; 1932, Edith Carter, Ernest Tomkins; 1933, Carrie Parks, Willis Brooks;
- 1934, Gwendolyn Knudsen, Richard Jenkins; 1935, Myrtle Given, Archer Lewis; 1936, Lillian Dye, Wallace West; 1937, Estelle Graham, Glen Babcock; 1938, Jean Mosher, Fred Bever; 1939, Sallie West, Ray Hoover; 1940, Teresa Hill, Frank Brown; 1941, Lola Hoover, Ray Hoover; 1942, Helen Miller, Homer Morgan; 1943, Billie Kerber, Hilman Lee; 1944, Frances Buckley, Earl Babcock; 1945, Naomi Fossom, Oscar Fossom;
- 1947, Jeannette Clark, Ernest Mosher; 1949, Edna Babcock, Vincent Viellenave; 1949, Mildred Edwards, Leonard Babcock; 1950, Gladys Motherall, Frederick Cook; 1951, Vivian Cook, Gordon Motherall; 1952, Alethea Smith, Floyd Mead.

Serve Humanity Broad Ideal

The original chapter of B'nai B'rith Lodge was organized as long ago as 110 years. South Bay Area Lodge No. 1334, initiated in its membership residents of Torrance, do Beach, Manzanita, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Hawthorne, and Lawndale, and was organized in 1949.

S. Raphaelson, B'nai B'rith does not restrict its charitable work to any one church group, but has as its broad ideal the serving of humanity wherever needs present themselves. The B'nai B'rith Youth organization is one of its projects, the Anti-Defamation League another. This lodge was winner of the 1953 award in the "Get Out and Vote" campaign.

Fast presidents of South Bay Area B'nai B'rith were Samuel B. Franklin and Albert Isen. The present officers are Sam Raphaelson, president; Earl L. Erdman, chaplain; Norman Horwitz, first vice-president; William J. Brodsky, second vice-president; Hank Carriere, warden; Ben Hendin, guardian; Leonard Fink, recording secretary; J. Leonard Weinfeld, corresponding secretary; Julius Horwitz, financial secretary; Bernie Slinger, treasurer; and Rose A. Goldanson, chairman of the Board of Trustees.



CITY HAS 3000 CUB, BOY, EXPLORER SCOUTS

Some 35,000 Boy Scouts belong to groups in the Los Angeles Area Council. The Harbor District is one of the 16 districts of the Los Angeles area and includes Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington, San Pedro, and part of Palos Verdes. Last year, the Harbor district led all the Los Angeles Area Council groups, having increased its membership 24 per cent with a current registration of 3000 boys.



The chairman of the Harbor District committee is H. Laudeman, vice-president of the Crescent Warehouse Co. area commissioner is Hal B. Laudeman, who handles the program end of Scouting. Al Turner, area chairman, handles the planning and administrative duties.

The Community Chest provides about 65 per cent of the financial support of the Boy Scouts. The rest of the budget is raised through selling tickets to the annual Scout-O-Rama and circus, through direct donations, and through a sustaining membership campaign.

Scouting is available to every boy between the ages of eight and 17. There is Cubbing for the boy eight through 10; Scouting for boys from 11 through 15 and Exploring with its three phases of land, sea and air for boys 14 through 17. There are 86 units, including Torrance's 19, in the Harbor District. At the present time Torrance has eight Cub packs, seven Scout troops, three Land Explorer posts and one Sea Explorer post.

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The officers of the association for 1953 and '54 are: Mrs. A. L. M. Kense, president; Mrs. A. Z. Kupka, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Arens, secretary; Mrs. R. F. Dohner, treasurer; Richard Nelson, auditor; Mrs. E. Schuster, historian and Le-



Allied Gardens Homeowners Group Young in Years, Old In Ambition, Enthusiasm

The Allied Gardens Property Owners Association, a very new civic organization, is exactly one month old, but for ambition and enthusiasm its members might well have been working together for some years past.



The 500 homeowners of the Allied Gardens tract on Sepulveda Blvd. just back of Redondo Beach are now being individualized by City Manager George Stevens in contact with hand together for mutual benefit. Twenty homeowners met at the home of H. J. Lieberman on Palos Verdes Blvd. the end of August and formed the nucleus of the new association.

Next to Allied Gardens, there are 120 homes in Sepulveda Gardens, and owners of these residences have an association now which has met three times at Seaside School. Adjacent to Sepulveda Gardens is Victoria Terrace, with 300 homes. The group forming the Allied Gardens Property Owners Association hopes to have these other two nearby subdivisions join with them for strength of membership.

Motivated by these three subdivisions are additional street lights, improvements of the streets themselves, the erection of stop signs, and attractive planting of the parkways. The problem of good drainage in the winter months is a special is-

ter Foster, parliamentarian. Committee chairmen include Meadema Kupka, program; E. W. Hallis, radio and TV; Arsenault, Newsite; G. R. Masonic Temple every second and fourth Tuesday evening and share many social events with the Job's Daughters.

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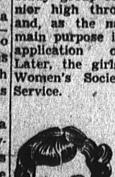
the youth group. The club includes among its members young men between the ages of 14 and 21 and inspires them to adhere to the rules of good living, to respect their parents, and to love and honor their country. At the age of 21, each member automatically retires from the youth group, but may apply for membership in the local Masonic order.

The DeMolays meet at the Masonic Temple every second and fourth Tuesday evening and share many social events with the Job's Daughters.

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METHODIST GIRLS FORM WORLD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Girls World Friendship Group is an organization sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. It is primarily a study group for girls from junior high through college age and, as the name implies, the main purpose is the world-wide application of Christianity.



Leaders of the group try to help all girls choose vocations which will be of service to mankind and to encourage other girls who plan to enter full-time Christian service. Not to be overlooked are pleasant social gatherings in which the fellowship of congenial girls is enjoyed and wholesome fun provided.

The high point of the year is the week at camp at Idylwild Pines each summer. The girls are divided into two groups according to ages, at camp. Excellent faculty members lead in study, crafts and recreation. There is also swimming, hiking, and sports activities to make a week of fun and relaxation.

Girls of the World Friendship Group are encouraged to be active members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and to promote world friendship in that group, thus sharing their study with all the boys and girls of the church. They meet the second and fourth Mondays in each month, engaging in making Christmas tags for sale and gathering clothing to send to Korea.

Sharon Kirks, president, is assisted by E. Collins, senior deacon; David R. Roxy, junior deacon; Tommy L. Cook, senior steward; Larry J. Grimm, junior steward; Tracy A. Dale, chaplain; Ted Eisenberg, marshal; John W. Brown, almoner; Dale G. Howard, standard bearer; and Danny Martin, orator.

Preceptors are Richard H. Faulkner, Robert O. Grubbs, David H. Schuler, Craig W. Chudy, Don J. Coulter, Robert W. Bloomfield and James J. H. Hull, who is also Superintendent of Schools.



Torrance Veterans Service is one of the 160 agencies sponsored by the Community Chest. Helen K. Dill, director of the local office at 1822 Gramercy avenue, also is registrar of Selective Service Board 117.

The main office of the Veterans Service groups is in Los Angeles and there are eight affiliated centers in South California, the other seven being located in Compton, Culver City, Hollywood, Van Nuys, San Pedro, Huntington Park and Torrance.

Pat MacDonnell of Gardena is president of the local Service group. Si Weber, vice-president and J. G. Caldwell, secretary-treasurer. Officials of the Mexican Legion and other veterans' organizations cooperate in the services given at this office.

Torrance Veterans Service takes the names of men wishing to help in civil defense; gives financial assistance, veterans' loans, insurance problems, medical and dental applications, and all state bonuses; and directs the men to employment offices. Every man just released from service is given discharge papers, but he must also then register for selective service, as all employers ask to see these cards. The Veterans Service office aids the men in this registration.

The Board of Directors of the local office is composed of Dr. J. H. Hull, who is also Superintendent of Schools.

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