



MRS. DOROTHY L. LAW Joins Herald Staff

It's New! Herald Readers To Get Aid on Family Problems Through Weekly Column

Beginning next Sunday, Nov. 22, Mrs. Dorothy L. Law, counselor, lecturer, and instructor in family life education, will write a weekly column for the Herald entitled "Creative Family Living."

The local woman, who is psychological consultant for the Redondo Beach Methodist Church, director of the Redondo Beach Extension of the Compton Counseling Service, and a certified instructor in parent education for public schools, will deal with personal integration, marriage counseling, and parent-child relationships in her column. She will specialize in answering questions from readers.

Anyone who needs help about a problem will be able to get individual comment through Mrs. Law's column simply by mailing in the query to her at the Torrance Herald, 1619 Gramercy Ave., or the First Methodist Church, Torrance Blvd. and Broadway, Redondo Beach.

"You need not be embarrassed or afraid to write, no matter what your problem is," Mrs. Law continued, "for we will print only initials, not names."

Mrs. Law has had over nine years of study in child and family development, general principles of psychology, and related fields. She began her studies seriously when she was doing nursing during World War II.

"I became interested in the needs of the patients, not only in their physical line, but in their mental attitudes," she said. "I felt that building good human relations was one of the most important needs to be met before they could regain their health, and I wanted to do what I could to help them in this field."

"I needed help once myself, and I got it," Mrs. Law continued. "I wanted to pass on what I had learned to other people in need, for it is sharing what we know and have with others that is the magic wand which will make the world a better place to live in."

So Mrs. Law began the studies that were to take her into a wide field of counseling. She has conducted PTA discussion groups for the past five years, done counseling for the past two and a half years, and given a series of lectures for the Torrance School of Adult Education for the past two years.

In addition, she has lectured extensively to women's clubs, Girl Scouts, and both the Hollywood Riviera and Torrance Cooperative Nursery Schools. She is currently conducting a course in "Depth Psychology and Its Application to Everyday Living" each Tuesday evening at the Redondo Beach Methodist Church. Mrs. Hartley E. Carr, president of Torrance Council PTA, says of her lectures: "They are invaluable in helping mothers learn to live with their children. Mrs. Law has a very good understanding of parent-child relationships, and whatever she might say or write on the subject is certainly worthwhile. I got so much help from hearing her lectures myself that I can certainly recommend that anyone needing help or advice about

Open Now Christmas Lighting Contest Announced By Fuchsia Society

Plans to sponsor a Christmas lighting contest highlighted the business agenda at the November meeting of North Torrance Fuchsia Society, Mrs. Margaret Cunerty, press chairman, reported this week.

The contest will be divided into categories, with prizes being awarded for the best outdoor lighting and the best window lighting as seen from the street, she said. Anyone who wishes to enter the competition may do so by contacting Mrs. Madell Holmes at MElo 4-5781, and registration deadline is Dec. 15.

"We are sponsoring the contest in an effort to make the North Torrance area a show place of Christmas lighting this year, so make plans to decorate your porches and windows and place your entry with Mrs. Holmes," Mrs. J. R. Allison, president, said.

Tickets for the "White Christmas Ball," calendared for Dec. 12 at Club Alondra, are going fast, Mrs. Basil Ball, sales chairman, reported. In addition to dancing, the event will feature a fashion show staged by Marilyn Dress Shop, entertainment, singing, and refreshments, Mrs. Ball said.

Preparation for the holidays took the spotlight again during the evening's program when Mrs. Eleanor Pettit of Hollywood gave a talk and demonstration on "Christmas Decorations." Mrs. Pettit showed the group how to make colorful decorations for the holidays with merely a candle and a few greens.

She also made more elaborate arrangements, including a table centerpiece which featured red candles, English holly, and red berries, and a door wreath fashioned of an old red lantern, pine cones, and greens.

Adding merriment to the gathering was the mode of dress chosen by members and guests attending. Men and women came in gardening togs of blue jeans and straw hats, with rakes and other "green thumb" tools in their hands and with their feet bare.

Mrs. Douglas McClay, dressed in old jeans and tattered shirt, with mud on her hands and face and mud oozing between her bare toes, received a set of "golden garden tools for the most authentic garb. Judging the costumes were Loren Paulsohn, president of the California Fuchsia Society, and Marie Peterson, state chairman of book sales.

Barefooted musicians in farm-

er's outfits carried out the theme of the evening, playing such selections as "Goolus," "Turkey in the Straw," and "Virginia Reel." Known as the Torrance High School German Folk Band, the group is composed of Dan Buckley, Dennis Brown, Matt Magana, and Jim Thompson.

Refreshment chairman, Mrs. Clarence DeCamp, supplied the finishing touch to the evening by serving mince and pumpkin pie and coffee. Mrs. Victor Benstead, a new member, arranged the table centerpiece, a cornucopia.



HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE . . . Mrs. Virginia Beck, 53-54 president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, shakes hands with Mrs. Margaret Dobrick, first president of the group, following a dinner at the Maison Gaston in Los Angeles last Monday night. Watching the two leaders are, seated left to right, Mrs. Zada Ramsey, chairman of the Harbor Section, Los Angeles Sierra Mar District; Mrs.

Jean Davis, dinner chairman; and Miss Lillian M. Faulkner, senior woman employee at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph here and a past president of the BPW Club. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Polly Allison, state health and safety chairman, who gave the feature address of the evening, and Miss Esther Maxwell, superintendent at Torrance Memorial Hospital and a charter member of the club.

Are You Neurotic? Rely on Yourself, Adapt to Change, Love for Mental Health, BPW Speaker Says

Self-reliance, adaptability, and the capacity to love—if one of these is missing in your make-up, you are neurotic; if all three are missing, you are psychotic.

So said Mrs. Polly Allison, state health and safety chairman, last Monday night when she addressed the local Business and Professional Women's Club following a dinner at the Maison Gaston in Los Angeles.

Self-reliance, she said, is the ability to meet life as it is, to be resourceful in times of emergency. Traditionally, women have always relied on someone, father, mother, brother, or husband, to take care of unpleasantness for them, and it is this attitude, this head in the sand thinking which gets us in trouble.

"But we've gained a lot of self-reliance in recent years. Years ago, unmarried women or widows traditionally 'made the rounds,' depending on first one male relative, then another for support, afraid to go out into the world on her own. Today, a woman in the same situation goes out and gets herself a job, relying on her own ability to keep it."

Adaptability, Mrs. Allison said, is the capacity to be flexible to change. Lack of this quality is one of the primary reasons most employers are hesitant to hire women over 40, so it is terrifically important for our own security that we develop it, she said.

"Women are so devastatingly grim," she continued. "Men meet each other on a casual ground; why must we be different? Let's learn to be more casual. Let's learn to have fun, to accept our work, family, marriage, life situation as it is—for it is good if we make it so."

One of the main reasons a woman, or anyone else, is unadaptable is because she is afraid to try, Mrs. Allison said. "We have always had the idea that we must be perfect—but that isn't true. Everyone has

the right to make a mistake—and men make them too! Do you think there is anyone who has never failed? By trying, failing, trying again and succeeding, we grow, and it's easy to grow if we are unafraid of mistakes."

The capacity to love, Mrs. Allison emphasized, is not just the ability to "fall in love," although it includes that. Most primarily, it is composed of kindness, consideration, co-operation, fellowship, and the ability to get along with people, which all add up to love for humanity.

"We can't be objective and self-centered," she said. "Each of us must take the responsibility for exchange of affection. This capacity should be inherent in everyone—and I think it is. I hope so, for you can't learn from your mistakes if you don't have the capacity to love."

Mrs. Allison climaxed her talk on health and safety with these three important attitudes of mind, stressing that mental attitudes can make us or break us as healthy, integrated personalities.

Beginning with a brief history of the purposes and ideals of the Business and Professional Women's Club, she said that it is the fundamental right of every woman to work if she wants to. "Our philosophy is not to compete with men, but to develop ourselves by co-operating with men," she continued. "I have found that a woman is never rebuffed in any job if she has the qualifications to serve, which gives the lie to that old adage that women have to elbow their way through a world of men. If you qualify, you will be accepted as an equal."

The BPW Club was founded to help women help themselves in business and professional life, with four main areas of emphasis in the preparation program, said Mrs. Allison. These four areas are education and vocations, international relations, public affairs, and health and safety.

The first three fields are largely co-operative, demanding support and exchange of ideas among many. The last is a personal, individual matter, because health and safety begin and end with self, Mrs. Allison said.

"If you don't do one other thing this year, I want each of you here to do one thing: Go to the doctor and have a physical examination, including a test for cancer. Do it scrupulously as you keep your appointment at the beauty shop."

"And when the doctor tells you what to do, don't, as so many of us do, tell a friend: 'I fooled the doctor this time.' I didn't take the stuff."

"You're not fooling the doctor, you're only fooling yourself."

The Federation, to be effective, begins with you, the individual members, the speaker concluded. "You are the federation, and you, the individual, begin with perfect health."

Introduction of Mrs. Allison by the chairman for the evening, Miss Jean Davis, climaxed a long list of honored guests, including Miss Esther Maxwell, former Torrance Memorial Hospital superintendent and a charter member of the club; Mrs. Margaret Dobrick, first president; Arvilla Owens, past section chairman of the proposed junior auxiliaries; Zada Ramsey, Harbor Section chairman of Los Angeles Sierra Mar District; Mrs. Lily Anthony, district chairman of aids to small business; Mrs. Carmelita Raus, girls counselor at Torrance High School; Mrs. Cravens Douglas, District emblem chairman and charter president of El Segundo BPW; Mrs. Edith Smith, dietician at Hawthorne Community Hospital and a past club president.

Miss Lillian M. Faulkner, senior woman employee at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph office here and a past club president, also was on the honored guest list.



MISS MARIAN McDONALD Elected to Grand Bethel

Local Miss Takes Grand Bethel Office

Miss Marian McDonald, a past honored queen of Torrance Bethel, Job's Daughters, will serve as Grand Bethel representative to the State of Illinois during the next six months.

The local miss, daughter of the Howard McDonalds, 1626 Beech Ave., was elected to the office by the Guardian Council at a state convention held last week, and in Fresno.

Other leaders of the local Bethel (attending the business session) included in the festivities, which included a day at a duck ranch, a formal banquet, and installation rites seating the new deputy guardian, were Carol Campbell, retiring honored queen; Janis Moffatt, honored queen-elect and present senior princess; Janice Crabtree, junior princess; Carol Maloy, guide; and Sally Speck, marshal.

Also attending were Mrs. Pearl Thayer, guardian; Leonard Kane, associate guardian; Mrs. Edna Babcock, deputy guardian; Mrs. Edna Moffatt; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard McDonald.

Hearing, Eye Tests Needed By Children

Emphasizing that all youngsters should have hearing and eye tests before entering school and every few years thereafter, Miss Marie Wall gave a talk and demonstration at the Fern Ave. Greenwood PTA meeting in the cafeteria last Thursday.

With the assistance of Mrs. Carolyn Ditton, school nurse, Miss Wall demonstrated the use of the audiometer in testing the hearing.

Also highlighting the program was a talk on safety by Sgt. John Maestri of the Torrance Police Department. Sgt. Maestri told parents it was their duty to give their children instruction in riding bicycles safely and stressed the need of education in the home on the dangers of accepting rides or money from strangers.

Mrs. C. F. Malone, president, conducted the business session and Mrs. G. Simons Jr. was complimented on her able handling of all phases of the Halloween Carnival, which was a financial success.

Kern's Music To Highlight 'Songdusters' Variety Show

Original music from Jerome Kern's "Showboat" will be featured next Saturday night when the "Songdusters" present "Capt. Rogers' Showboat" at 8 o'clock at the Torrance Elementary School auditorium, Iris Hultz, press chairman, said this week.

Variety acts, including song and dance routines, comedy skits, solos, duets, and group interpretations, are the background for the show, Mrs. Hultz continued. Continuity and dialog were written by a chorus member, Mrs. N. F. (Elva) Decker, and chorus numbers will be under the direction of Roger Bushell.

Included in the cast will be Mesdames W. W. (Fern) McCann; Don (Olela) Brown; Les (Loretta) Barnette; J. A. (Tom) Mann; W. E. (Vera) Howe; W. R. (Silvia) Shidler; A. D. Scott; Nults; R. P. (Stella) Kellogg; G. (Winona) Tait; A. T. (Winifred) Leavell; C. D. (Marie) McCann; J. (Jan) Gaz; H. (Isobell) Wadsworth; L. (Ruth) Bender.

All proceeds from the event will be turned over to the Torrance Dental Health Clinic. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the sponsoring group, Madrona PTA, or at the door the night of the event.



REHEARSING . . . Roger Bushell, director, beats out rhythm on the piano while three members of the chorus go through one of the variety numbers which will feature next Saturday night's presentation of "Capt. Rogers Showboat." Left to right, the "Songdusters" are Mesdames H. V. Blakesley, W. W. Howe, and W. R. Shidler. Show will open at 8 o'clock at Torrance Elementary School auditorium, with proceeds earmarked for the Torrance Dental Health Fund. (Herald photo)



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