

# The Social World

## .....for and About Women

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### Triple T Dance Next Saturday

TTT Dance Club will hold its first dance of the year at the Key Room in the Hermosa Billmore this Saturday. This will be a guest night. Members and their friends will dance to the music of Les Transiers orchestra.



COMPLETING A BIG JOB . . . were members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club who assisted Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance postmistress, in getting out 10,000 letters as the kickoff for the March of Dimes polio drive which got under way in Torrance today. Shown finishing the task are, from left, Mrs. Frank Kelley Jr., Mrs. Conner, drive chairman; Mrs. Richard Heath, Mrs. Robert Leech, club's philanthropy chairman, and Mrs. Robert Tolson.

### Junior Woman's Club Members Assist Chairman in March of Dimes Polio Drive

The greatest gift of all is giving . . . and members of the Torrance Junior Woman's club gave of their time and labor during the busy holiday season in an all-out effort to raise funds for the March of Dimes polio drive which gets underway in Torrance today. Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance postmistress, is general chairman of the local drive.

During the past few weeks, Mrs. Conner and members of the club have been busy getting out 10,000 letters to area residents, explaining the drive, uses of the money and asking for contributions which may be sent to Box A at the postoffice where they are handled by Mrs. Conner and George Post, treasurer for the drive.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, county campaign manager, officially opened the National Foundation's polio mercy appeal in Los Angeles county today. A total of \$1,750,000 is being sought in the county to provide patient care to all polio victims who need help and to further the group's vaccine program. "So important has this drive

become to our citizens that more than 50,000 March of Dimes volunteer workers in this county alone have rallied to the 1955 theme 'It's a Bigger Job Now,' Sheriff Biscailuz said.

A response to our appeal that we have already received has indicated a widespread recognition of the benefit from the drive. Mrs. Conner, local chairman pointed out. "Everyone wants to help finance the vaccine studies. And everyone wants to help children and adults who have been stricken with this terrible disease," she said.

"Now, we are also helping the March of Dimes find a vaccine that can control polio. These are great and optimistic days. By giving to the 1955 March of Dimes, all of us are buying a share in the forthcoming victory over infantile paralysis," Mrs. Conner concluded as the annual polio drive kickoff was staged today.

### Hi-Liters to Elect New 1955 Officers

Election of officers will be held at the meeting of the Seaside Hi-Liters tomorrow evening at the home of the president, Mrs. Robert Ledwidge, 5009 Macaffer Rd. A report of the club's Christmas project which was the party provided for the women of ward D-6 at the Harbor General Hospital when they were provided with gifts and refreshments, will be given at this meeting. A full report of the finances from the recent ways and means project will also be given.

Members who assisted with the party at the hospital on Dec. 21 were Misses Reid Shanks, H. J. Miller, Bud Pedrosian, William Roger, Garrett J. Eustace Jr., and Frank W. Callahan. Others who helped with the making and wrapping of the gifts were Misses W. L. Ansley, Dan Johnson, Eddie Swanson, John Breiner, H. H. Patterson and Robert Ledwidge.

### OPEN HOUSE AT ARMSTRONG HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King, of 101 Maple Ave., entertained a large group of friends at an open house during the holidays. The Christmas decorations were used throughout the house and refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table. Forty friends and neighbors enjoyed the affair.



HOLIDAY FUN . . . was enjoyed by members of the new Junior Catholic Daughters at their party at the Nativity hall. Pictured playing name bingo are, from left, Kathleen Hughes, Jeanne Spangler, Kathryn Kohl and Kathleen Lopez. After the games the girls danced the Christmas polka and were served refreshments. Mrs. Gerald Loew is the chairman of the juniors.

### Junior Catholic Daughters Hold Festive Holiday Party

Recently organized Junior Catholic Daughters, Court of St. Catherine, held their holiday party Tuesday at the Nativity Catholic hall. Festive holiday decorations highlighted with a beautifully decorated tree provided appropriate atmosphere. Approximately 26 girls were in attendance.

Party arrangements were made by Mrs. Gerald Loew, chairman of the juniors assisted by Susan Gately, president and Carol Armstrong, vice-president. Name bingo was played, with prizes going to the winners. A dance skit, "Sisters," was given by Susan Gately and Carol Armstrong.

Honor guests were Mrs. Francis Gately, grand regent of the Senior Court St. Catherine, and cop counselors, Misses William Wardley, John Melville, Frank Rick and Joseph Terkmany. After the games the girls en-

### ROBERTS' HOME IS PARTY SCENE

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Roberts and Tom, of 1809 Amapola Ave., entertained with a family dinner Christmas Eve. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson and children, Bobby and Cyndy; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Witt and children, Jerry Jr. and Lori Ann.

Christmas night the Roberts home was the scene for a buffet supper and open house for a host of friends who gather each year for this traditional party.

### VISITS SON

Mrs. Nina Shidler, 23053 Doris Way, spent the holidays with her son and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Shidler and children, John Peter and Anne at Menlo Park, near San Francisco.

### Fond Memories Are Recalled By Mothers of 'Pinafore' Club

Fond memories of when their daughters were little girls provided a pleasant afternoon for several Torrance women who gathered for a brunch Thursday at noon at the home of Mrs. H. C. St. Martin, 1408 Beach Ave. These women are the mothers of "The Pinafores" which was organized in 1942 and the girls were five and six years old.

### Mitchell Home Scene of Many Festivities

To compliment their son, Midshipman Donald Mitchell and his friend, Frank Ford, who arrived from Annapolis to spend the holidays here, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell held open house at their 1317 Acacia Ave. home on Sunday afternoon. A buffet supper was served from a table decorated in the Christmas motif.

Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hinrich, Miss Gretchen Hinrich, William McFarland and Kit Hinrich, all of North Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Thomas, Glendale; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell, Redondo Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cushing and Gary of Alhambra; and Miss Robin Gensley of Hermosa Beach.

From Torrance were: Messrs. and Mmes. Delbert Thompson, J. C. Anderson, B. T. Whitney, Dean Sears, Robert Beck, Albert Ewalt, Ralph Ruffart, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Belle, Mrs. Evelyn Lynch, and Mrs. Millie Radevau. On Christmas eve, Midshipman Mitchell entertained a number of his local friends at an open house at his parent's home.

Together for the evening were Jerry Downing, Dwayne Mitten, Erna Corstens, Alicia Loranger, Robert Harmony, Anne Stephens, Tom Pryor, Janet Williams, Hal Laudeman and Robin Gensley.

Other Christmas Day dinner guests at the Burchett home were Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Mildred Waugh of Longita, and Mrs. James Scott of Torrance.

Announce Son Mr. and Mrs. Emil Platsha, 2613 Border Ave., are announcing the birth of a son at the Torrance Hospital, Dec. 7. The baby has been named Randall Luis. He is also being welcomed by a five year old sister, Sharon Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graef and daughter, Nancy, accompanied by Lena Malmstrom, exchange student from Sweden who makes her home with the Graef family, spent from Thursday through the New Year's week-end at Soboba Hot Springs.

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DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN . . . was a term used often at the brunch given by Mrs. H. C. St. Martin and Mrs. Edward Ludwig at the St. Martin home Thursday when the guest list was confined to mothers of the five and six year old girls of the well-remembered "Pinafore" Club. At the brunch table are Mmes. Fred Fischer, Mary McDonald, Mark Wright, Edward Ludwig, serving the rolls. Fred Bever, Ralph Sprout, H. C. St. Martin with coffee server, and Noel Morin.

### Charlene Grace is Honored At Pre-nuptial Courtesy

Miss Charlene Grace whose wedding to Jerry Vernig will be an event of June 29 was complimented at a pretty bridal shower Wednesday evening given by Mrs. Mark A. Wright and her daughter, Miss Marjorie Wright, who will serve as bridesmaid at the wedding. Co-hostesses at the shower, which was given at the Wright home, 1532 El Prado, were Misses Ellen Koehn and Pat Garrison.

White wedding bells interspersed with Christmas ornaments and were used effectively in decorating the rooms. Several interesting "bridal" games were played and refreshments were served after the bride-elect had been presented with a shower of gifts.

Bidden to the affair were Mmes. Larry Glimmer, Baker Olvera, James Brown, Bob Yoes, Jack Rambo, Irwin Kasten, Joseph McKnight, mother of the future bride; A. Holtzhausen and Miss Emma Holtzhausen, grandmother and aunt of the honoree; Mmes. Joseph H. Vernig and Mrs. Dorothy Brown of Los Angeles; and Miss Joan Stephens.

### Church Youth Carolers Tour City Singing for Shut-ins

Bringing joy to 18 homes where there were shut-ins and old people were the young people of the First Christian church, who on Christmas eve toured the city by truck singing Christmas carols. The truck was driven by Arnold Owendyke.

After the tour the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Crist, 703 Pine Dr., for a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged at a beautifully decorated tree and hot chocolate and cookies were served.

In the group were CYF members Nancy Rodgers, Carol Hart, Gladys Olson, Jonalee Bristow, Mary Sipple, Peggy Claunch, Judy Vanderpool, Carol Crist, Dick Willkinson, Dick Myercoough, Lee Phair, John Reed, Russell and Raymond Vanderpool, Butch White, Joan Eund, Mrs. Wells, Kent Jackson, Jimmy Mayers, Ch-Rio members were Carla Conklin, Janice Jackson, Jobeth Jackson, Kaaren Crist, Joella Green, Larry Hendrickson and Richard Green.

Sponsors of the group are Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson, Mrs. B. Moseley and Mr. and Mrs. G. Crist.

Susan Gately, Carol Armstrong and Jeanne Armstrong spent several days last week with Susan's sons, Tom and Al Gately at their home at Pt. Fermin.

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