

# Camilla Wicks, Violinist, Thrills Local Music Lovers

BY MILDRED HUNT

In her first personal appearance in Torrance, last Tuesday evening at the Civic Auditorium, Camilla Wicks, world famous violinist, treated local music enthusiasts to a helping of flawless music of old world vintage once played by music masters of a bygone era.

For more than an hour, the youthful artist held the local audience in rapt attention as she played such intricate numbers as "La Folia," Corelli-Kreisler; "Romance No. 2 in F, op. 50," Beethoven, and "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso," Saint-Saens.

Outstanding portion of her program was when she presented the Fairy Tale Suite including "Nature and Wood Witches," "The Devil's Fiddle," "Lullaby" and "The Goblins Water-Mill." Before playing the above series, she explained to the audience the plot of the songs and asked them to listen for the part of the witches, the devilish fiddle and to picture the old-fashioned wooden cradle hanging from rafters by a rope as was the custom in Europe many years ago. She also related how it was the custom in some parts of the old world about a century ago, that those who played the violin were looked upon as being evil. She added that she for one is glad that this is no longer a custom.

What made this Fairy Tale series outstanding was the artistic ability of the violinist in skillfully stroking the bow across the strings of her Stradivarius violin to bring out the eerie sounds of the cackling witch and the thunderous force of the devilish violin. Then she played the soothing strains of the lullaby and as she played, she swayed gently to and fro in the manner of a swinging cradle. Then came the boisterous clatter of the old mill wheel as the water rushed over it.

Appearing in a dark blue formal taffeta gown, the skirt of which was fashioned with wide circular panels ornamented with flower designs outlined in gold which reflected the spotlight as she played beneath it.

After the performance, she appeared on the stage at the request of James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Youth Band which sponsored the concert and talked with those of the audience who came up to offer congratulations and get their programs autographed.

She complimented Van Dyck on the unusual ability of his youthful band and the manner in which they had presented their part of the program. She had stood backstage and listened as the group played with the confidence of an experienced symphony orchestra. "I was really surprised," she said and added that it was the first time she had shared playing honors on a program.

Noticeable to the audience as the hand played was the young lady at the Marimbas who provided the unusual sound effects such as the wooden clappers, cymbals and jingle sounds for the different musical numbers. Also the young lady who played the kettle drums, Clement J. Hutchinson presented a clarinet solo of "Scherzo Brillante" by Paul Jeanjean. A trio of girl flute players composed of Diana Mitchell, Judy Hurst and Mary Pederson played "Flute Cocktail" Charles Edward Clayton presented a piano solo, Horace J. Martinez accompanied Miss Wick at the piano.

Next appearance of the Youth Band will be May 31 in San Pedro when the band will appear with the concert artist, Rafael Mendez.

## Y-TEENS SELL POTATO CHIPS

Harbor District YWCA Y-Teens are having their Annual Potato Chip Sale, which began Wednesday and will continue until April 30. Y-Teens from Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington, and San Pedro will all be selling Bell Brand Potato Chips in their local grocery stores.

The profits from this sale will help to send Y-Teen delegates to the Astorian Conference this spring. Each Y-Teen Club is hoping to send one delegate to this Astorian leadership training conference.

Mrs. Helen Benton is the chairman of the Potato Chip Sale for the Torrance-Lomita area. City chairman, Jean Brimley, Debs; Linda Wiese, Betas; Kathie Curtis, Delts; Madlyn Hensley, Hi-Toppers; Donna Elliott, Coquettes; Joan Blackman, Torrettes; Patricia Hogan, Demoiselles; and Betty Yoshiaki, Silhouettes.

## LODGE ELECTS DELEGATES

Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240 elected Mrs. Joseph Marriott, Mrs. Jesse Kastrop, and Mrs. John Fern as delegates to the Rebekah Assembly of California which is being held in Santa Cruz the second week in May. Mrs. Bill Brase and Mrs. John Nelson have been invited to attend and assist on the President's installing team.

Mrs. Joseph Marriott, Junior Past Noble Grand, entertained officers of last year at Trio's regular meeting, April 13. The tables were bedecked with colorful hats significant of Easter. The gifts for her officers were little ceramic novelties in blue and rose her color theme for last year.

## Lomita Fuchsia Society Hears Speaker; Plans Show

Jack Koebig, Torrance nurseryman, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Lomita Fuchsia Society, April 15 at the American Legion Hall on Normandie Ave. His topic was "Tropical Gardening."

The guest door prize was won by Mrs. A. Eborriaga of Cuba, who is visiting relatives in Lomita. The member door prize went to Mrs. John Slaughter.

A special flower show meeting to make final plans for the show to be held June 4 and 5 at the Lomita Park Recreation building was held Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggles. The "Island" theme will be used in the show and nine cups will be awarded. Anyone interested in entering the show may secure information from Mrs. Riggles, chairman.

The divisions in which cups will be awarded and cup donors are: best commercial, Lomita Fuchsia Society; best adult, non-profit flower arrangement, Mrs. Robert Riggles; best school display, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rosshotam; best fuchsia display, C. F. Steigh and sons.

## LUNCHEON SET FOR WEDNESDAY

A benefit luncheon will be given Wednesday by the Torrance chapter, Women of the Moose at the Moose Hall, Mosshart, chairman. Peggy Peacock is in charge, according to Mabel Flynn, publicity chairman. Serving will begin at 11 a. m.

Last Tuesday evening 11 members of the local chapter attended chapter meeting in Santa Ana when Ha Mae Amback of Torrance was the guest speaker. Senior regent Joyce Clay filled the chaplain's chair, and Mary Koshak and Betty Purnell were escorts.

## Reflections

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

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## Gaida-Forg Wedding Rites Solemnized at St. James Walteria

At a nuptial mass and ceremony at 9:30 on Saturday morning April 16 at St. James Catholic church, Miss Patricia Mary Gaida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaida, 5205 Vanderbilt Rd. Torrance became the bride of Terry William Forgy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Forgy of Hermosa Beach.

For her wedding the bride wore a semi-formal gown of white net and tulle. Her tear-drops veil of illusion was held by a semi-crown of lace and she carried white roses and a white orchid.

Miss Joanne Gaida was bridesmaid wearing a pink ballerina length dress and carrying pink blossoms. Miss Joyce Forgy was maid of honor. Her dress was of blue net and tulle and she also carried a pink bouquet. Larry Mendez was best man.

After a honeymoon in Palm Springs, the couple are now at home at 302 Prospect Ave. Hermosa. The new Mrs. Forgy is a graduate of Torrance High school.

Mrs. W. T. Allen announced that the annual kindergarten roundup will be held on May 9 through the 13 and that anyone able to help, please contact her. Mrs. C. W. Johnson was named as a delegate to the State Convention with Mrs. E. B. Pfau named as an alternate.

Letters were read from the mother and sister of the late Miss Virginia Stallings, former teacher at Walteria, thanking the association for the honor given to her. The new portable library at the school has been named the Virginia Stallings Memorial Library. A Parent Education class by Mrs. May Bayers told of the recent Civil Defense meeting held at the school.

Girls in the new group are: Bonnie Conway, Gwyneth Ernst, Sharon Fleetwood, Bonnie Gill, Bonnie Gray, Geraldine Larsen, Kathleen Meyn, Lynn Ann Manweiler, Cynthia Mowry, Carolyn Nissen, Louise Page, Diane Prarat, and Sandra Steier.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans and son, Donnie Lee, who have been residing at 2008 Andree are now in their new home which they purchased at 2762 Carson St.

Mrs. James W. Burke, chairman of the Deafness Prevention Clinic of the Assistance League announces a clinic for hearing of children of the Harbor area on April 27 at the Chapter house 1441 west 8th St., at one o'clock.

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# PTA ACTIVITIES

## High School

Executive board of the Torrance High School PTA met last Wednesday morning in the school cafeteria.

Nine members were chosen to attend the thirty-third district convention held in Whittier on April 21. Those chosen included Mrs. J. L. Hinds president; Mrs. L. M. Nash, Mrs. Lee Flanagan, Mrs. Clifford Easley, Mrs. William Speck, Mrs. F. W. Lane, Mrs. J. R. Patrick, Mrs. E. M. Whitcomb and Mrs. I. O. Kasten.

The board voted to make a contribution to the American Field Service. Mrs. Easley, after-graduation party chairman, reported on the progress of her committee.

The board also voted to change the next board meeting to April 29. The next regular meeting of the PTA is scheduled for May 10 and Mrs. J. R. Patrick, program chairman, promises a very interesting meeting.

Bruce Wagner, high school principal and Mrs. J. L. Hinds, PTA president, attended a conference of the western division of the thirty-third district held in Hawthorne on April 16. This conference was held for all secondary PTA presidents and school administrators for the purpose of promoting better understanding between school and PTA and to exchange ideas.

## El Nido

Regular monthly meeting of the El Nido PTA, Wednesday, April 13, was highlighted by the exceptional program presented by the first graders. A group of songs and dances were done by the children in Mrs. Friel's class. Mrs. Phillips' students brought the circle to life by having the children take roles of animals and other acts of a circus.

Mrs. W. A. Wright, president of Torrance Council, answered all questions pertaining to PTA activities. Dr. J. Henrich Hull, superintendent, Torrance Unified School District, enlightened everyone as to the objectives of the school. He also clarified the school bond issues and their place in building more and better schools in Torrance.

Mrs. Glen Runstead, ways and means chairman, reminded everyone of the next paper drive, May 4, the last one of the school year. Saturday, June 4, there will be a magic show at the school.

Anyone wishing to attend the Council breakfast to be held May 10 in the Torrance Civic Auditorium, should contact Mrs. P. E. Mellor as soon as possible.

Mr. Petrat, principal, announced a meeting at the school Monday, April 18 at 2 p. m. to discuss formation of a Cub Scout Pack.

Mr. Funstrum, Cub Scout representative, led the Monday meeting assisted by Mmes Earl Barackman, Carol Brackett, Ella Killian, P. E. Mellor, R. K. Petrat, Dee Thompson, Harley Smith, and R. K. Petrat. It was explained that the El Nido PTA, which is sponsoring the pack, will not be responsible financially because the Community Chest helps support Scouting and the boys do the rest.

Another meeting was held at the school, April 21, to form the Pack.

## 186th Street

More than 800 families were given the opportunity of viewing the school work of their children and meeting teachers in gaily bedecked classrooms at 186th Street School at "Open House" on the evening of April 14.

Promptly at 8:00 o'clock, a bell sounded that cleared classrooms and released teachers to attend the third night Association meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

To a crowd that overflowed the classroom and extended out onto the porch, Richard Brown, vice principal, read the inspirational message: "What is a boy? What is a girl?"

"We Build Confidence in Our Schools," was the subject carried out by the guest speaker, Miss Gertrude Pastorek, primary supervisor of the south elementary district. She acquainted the parents with the latest in teaching methods and elementary school curriculum.

Robert Lyon, 6th grade teacher, inspired group participation by dividing the audience into sections and acting out an Ice Breaker called "The Brutal Miner."

Mrs. A. B. Pond, president, introduced Billie Lewis, Cubmaster, and Melvin G. Rogge, committee chairman, of the newly organized Boy Scout Troop.

The Bluebird Girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Raymond Abernathy and Mrs. W. A. S. Douglas, favored the group with square dancing, while the Camp Fire girls, under the supervision of Mrs. D. Dittman and Mrs. E. Gargo raised their voices in song.

Also making a great appearance was Harry Phillips, Physical Education Supervisor of the South District Office.

## L-S.P. Council

A spring fashion show highlighted the April meeting of Lomita-San Pedro Council, with the Lomita Elementary PTA as host, held in the school auditorium. Mrs. A. C. Akerson was moderator.

Modeling were Mrs. Madeline Hand, Mrs. Robert Oster and Mrs. Albert Strang of the Lomita Elementary PTA; Mrs. E. P. Tamassia, 7th St. PTA; Mrs. E. Earl Teague Vincent Teoria, Mrs. Ernest Valeria of Cabrillo PTA; and Mrs. C. L. Wilson, council president from 25th Pl. PTA.

President-elects introduced were: Mmes Lee Speirs, Bandler; Gladys Robb, Barton Hill; Earl Teague, Cabrillo; Howard Lane, 15th St.; David Goolsby, Halldale; Charles Hilder, Harbor City; Harry Foat, Leland; Walter Talley, Lomita Elm; Louis Miller, Point Fern; James Peacock, 7th St.; R. E. Pratin, 25th Pl.; and Monte Klepper, White Point. These delegates will attend the Fifty-sixth Annual State Convention of PTA to be held in Los Angeles, May 4-6 with headquarters at the Statler Hotel.

Lomita Elementary Grade School Orchestra played for council members under the direction of Mrs. Gladys Wright. Students taking part were: Jeff Waters, Kaysee Tsuji, Duwood Clark, Trudy Scott, Harold Quader, Larry Jack, Gilbert Isom, and Buddy Gay.

A total of 509 California PTA magazines and 49 Nation PTA magazines were sold by council, reported Mrs. J. O. Powers, chairman.

Halldale PTA will host council for May 10th meeting. Child care will be provided, reported Mrs. E. E. Salecido, president.

Decorations at the luncheon tables were made by Mrs. William Hansen, Mrs. Jack Russell, chairman, was assisted by the following committee in serving luncheon, Mmes Al Strang, Phillip Hand, Robert Oster, Kenneth Anderson, Ed Roberts, Allen Gelberg, Frank Mickunas and Edwin Abbott.

The school rooms in observance of Public School Week Refreshments were served at 9 p. m.

## NORTH TORRANCE

Two hundred North Torrance Elementary PTA members met to hear Dr. J. H. Hull give the facts on the \$10,000,000 School Bond Issue, Wednesday evening, April 13, in the school auditorium. Following the discussion, the unit voted to go on record as endorsing the issue.

The following people were elected to attend the first annual Thirty-Third District Convention at Whittier: Mmes D. R. Turner, Joe Bezardo, Robert Stoeckel, Clark Harris, Mike Perello, Charles Stauffer, Bob Richter, Thomas Knighten, Charles Colston and W. O. Wilson.

The association voted to accept the Board's recommendation to give \$50.00 and \$75.00 to the eighth grade graduation party and High School all-night after-graduation party.

Music for the evening was furnished by three accordionists: Gail Thomas, Myrna Osnes and David Jenkins. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Dorothy L. Law, Counselor. Lecturer and instructor in family life education, Her subject for the evening was "Know Your Buckeroo," in keeping with our western theme for this year.

Concluding the evening, the parents visited the class rooms where the teachers held open house.

Mrs. Sue Rochem's seventh grade and Miss Olive Marshall's fourth grade rooms won the prizes for having the most parents present and the sixth and seventh grade room mothers were hostesses for the evening, serving cake and coffee in the home-making room.

## Seaside

Executive board of Seaside PTA met Thursday, April 14, 1955 at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the school. Plans were made for the coming PTA meeting which was held on Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the school.

A short business meeting was held after which the parents

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## Meadow Park

Meadow Park School will hold Open House Wednesday, April 27 from 7:30 to 9 p. m. Each room will have a display of its work and the faculty will be on hand to greet the parents. The PTA will serve coffee in the office.

Parents who have not returned their registration slips for their children to receive the Salk polio vaccine, are asked to do so immediately. The slips must be returned by May 2. Parents who have not received the slips for their first and second grade children, are asked to contact the school.

The spring roundup, kindergarten registrations and health examinations are scheduled for May 5 and 6. Appointments may be made by calling the school office. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate when registering.

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