



MRS. E. E. HELD, Gold Star Mother, remembers as she looks at the pictures of her two sons who gave their lives for their country.

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## E. E. Helds, Honored Guests, At Memorial Dedication Rite

Special guests at the dedication of the Memorial Clock Tower at Santa Monica City College last Friday honoring students who gave their lives in the service of their country, were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Held, 523 Ave. B. Redondo, Mrs. Held, past president and charter member of the Torrance

Memorial Gold Star Mothers is the recipient of two gold stars. She has been active in the work of the Gold Star Mothers, Inc. and attended the national convention in Washington D.C.

For their country, Mr. and Mrs. Held gave two sons, Edwin C. Held who was killed in an airplane crash in Jacksonville, Fla. on June 12, 1942, and Howard T. Held whose Navy plane went down at sea in the south Pacific on Dec. 29, 1944. Both boys were 27 years of age at the time of their deaths. They were well known in this area having

graduated from the Redondo High School.

Edwin, who was an ensign with the Navy, attended Santa Monica Junior College and spent three years at the University of Arizona where he made an outstanding football record.

The Helds are parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters. During the war, four of their sons served with the Navy and one daughter with the WACS. Their other children are Richard J. who now lives in Webb City, Mo.; Mrs. Roseann Chips, of El Cajon; Mrs. Lois Quinn, of Lawndale; Jack Held, of Lawndale; and Paul Held, of El Segundo, who plays professional football with the Detroit Lions.

Mr. Held, head of the family, has been employed by the Richfield Oil Co. for the past 27 years.

## Recent Bride Honored at Shower Party

Mrs. Stacey Stevens, who was Miss Janet Robison before her marriage April 22, was complimented at a shower given by her aunt, Mr. Joe Ison in Whittier.

Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Charles Johnson of Burbank, Mrs. Helen Greenleaf, Santa Monica and to Mrs. Frank Stevens.

A bridal scene centering a white heart decorated with pink and white nylon and flanked with white candles centered the table. White wedding bells with white and silver streamers added to the decor.

Refreshments consisted of white dove ice cream molds and a pink and white cake. Party colors were also used in the nut cups.

Guests were Meses. C. A. Meloy, Harry Greenleaf, Clarence Clark, Eugene Myers, George Greenawalt, Fred Greenawalt, Charles Johnson, Richard Hubbell, Frank Stevens, Ellen Stevens, Anna Kendrick, Charles Robison, Loretta Robison.

Invited but unable to attend were Mrs. Helen Miller and Vivian Cook.

The club will meet again June 17 at the home of Mrs. Hazel Ward and Mrs. Ethel Derouin.

## Sobada Club Relives Days Of Old West

In a setting typical of the old west, Sobada dance club members enjoyed an evening at Western club on Saturday, May 21. Members and guests were

greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cavanaugh in Indian regalia and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farrell in western garb. Other colorful costumes represented cowboys, cowgirls, duds, Indian chiefs, stockade Indians, squaws and Indian maidens.

Appropriate door prizes, with a western flavor, were won by Mrs. Louie Derouin and Don Miller.

The Frank James orchestra directed the group in several square and mixed dances, as well as conventional numbers.

Enjoying the affair were Messrs. and Meses. Don Miller, Louie Derouin, Mel Howard, and Clair Johnson.

The next party, a formal dance, planned for June 18, closes the current season for the Sobada dance club.

## Golden West Daughters To Celebrate

La Tijera Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Inglewood, will celebrate its tenth birthday tomorrow at the Inglewood Masonic Temple, South Greville Ave., Inglewood, at 8:00 p.m., announces Mrs. Earl Coffin, president.

As on this occasion the Parlor will honor Grand Inside Sentinel Maxiene Porter, a member of the Parlor. Mrs. Porter will be presented this June at the statewide convention at Stockton, Calif., for the office of Grand Trustee. She has been chairman this year of the State Committee on Ritual and Manual of Instruction which is distributed to the 225 Parlors throughout the State.

All Grand Officers, members of Parlors in the southern part of the State, and the organizers of the Parlor ten years ago, have been invited to attend. Among those who will be present will be Grand Trustees Milda La Berge of San Gabriel, An. Barton of Long Beach, and Edna Hearty of Pasadena; Past Grand Presidents Grace Stogner, Mary Nosenberg, Hazel Hansen and Ann Schiebush, all of Los Angeles, and Past Grand Presidents Ethel Ennis of Modesto and Emily Ryan of San Francisco.

A special birthday program has been planned, states Mrs. Frank Beattie, program chairman, including a review of the history of the Parlor, highlighting some of its varied welfare and civic activities.

La Tijera Parlor has taken an active part in all civic projects. These include financially supporting the Southwest Dental Clinic, the Inglewood Boys Band and the historical Centinela Adobe. The Parlor has placed historical markers at such points of interest as the old Santa Fe Station in Inglewood, the site of the first Inglewood Post Office, originally constructed at the turn of the century, and has presented a bench to the Daniel Freeman Memorial Park in Inglewood. The Parlor also supports the Native Daughters of the Golden West Children's Foundation, the statewide project of the Order, through annual sales of calendars. La Tijera Parlor having sold the most calendars of any Parlor in the state for the past three years, and has recently announced a \$200 scholarship to be presented to an outstanding graduate of El Camino College.



MRS. ALLAN PYEATT  
... District Officer

## KEYSTONE

Entire membership of the Keystone Woman's Club will be entertained at a luncheon by Dr. Ethel M. White, 745 W. 104th St., Los Angeles, on June 8. Dr. White is the oldest member of the club and at one time lived here. She is a retired chiropractor.

The executive board of Keystone will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Morton June 6 for a luncheon and business meeting. Mrs. Ladd Stamps is the co-hostess.

## AT PREVIEW

Mrs. Bernyce Arnold attended the Motion Picture Academy Theatre of Arts and Sciences as the guest of Jimmie Fidler, May 26 at a preview showing of the "Soldier of Fortune," starring Clark Gable and Susan Hayward.

## IN CATALINA

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman are spending the three day holiday aboard their yacht Melissa at Catalina.



IT'S OUR FLAG . . . Mrs. Thomas Clinkenbeard, German war bride, who recently received her American citizenship papers, points with pride to the flag of her country. It's value is being pointed out to her two children, Karen, 5, and Jerry, 3. The Clinkenbeards reside at 908 Maple Ave.

## Club Women Will Install New Officers

Installation of new officers will highlight the meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club Wednesday at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Mrs. H. L. Mitchell and her staff of new officers will be installed by Mrs. B. T. Whitney, assisted by Mrs. A. F. R. Ewart. Luncheon will be served at 12:30, followed by the installation ceremony. Reports on the state convention held recently at Coronado will also be made. Mrs. Ray Rogers is the outgoing president.

Annual reports from the board will also be made at this meeting.

## Torrance German War Bride Becomes American Citizen

"It was one of the most important days of my life" was the term used by Mrs. Thomas Clinkenbeard, 908 Maple Ave., when she referred to the day, April 19, when she appeared in the Los Angeles District Court to receive her American citizenship papers.

Mrs. Clinkenbeard is a German war bride. She is the former Elsestrude Protting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Protting, of Kaiserstern, West Germany. Her romance with Mr. Clinkenbeard began when she was introduced to him by a girl friend, while he was stationed in Kaiserstern, which was then under French occupation in August, 1945. Though she spoke no English, she knew a little French and Mr. Clinkenbeard knew a little French and a little German. The romance flourished and they became engaged in March, 1946. The American Signal corpsman was then transferred to Munich and then back to the states in August, 1946.

The German girl took a job as switchboard operator for the signal corps and there she learned English. In July, 1948, she arrived by plane in New York and was met by her future husband and his mother, Mrs. John Clinkenbeard of Gardena. The trio returned to California and the couple were married in Los Angeles.

The Clinkenbeards and their two children, Karen, 5, and Jerry, 3, have lived in Torrance since 1951. She attended the United States Government and Citizenship class at Torrance High School in preparation for her American citizenship. Mrs. Clinkenbeard is past president of the local International Women's Club, is active with the Madrona PTA, YWCA and is a member of Nativity parish.

Party guests were: Meses. Jack Ingerson and Harold Speed of Long Beach; Mrs. Jack Keena, Culver City; Mrs. John Holloway, Venice; Marjorie Simmons, North Ridge; and Meses. Corwin Jones, Jack Butter, Clem Boles, Virgil Boles, and Miss Carol Owens of Torrance. Sending gifts but unable to attend were Meses. Homer Faulkner and Robert Jones of Chino.

Appropriate "bridal" games were played after which the hostess served a white cake ornamented with yellow roses, with coffee and tea. The honoree was presented a miscellaneous shower.

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## Mrs. Pyeatt, Local Delphian, Receives District Honor

Mrs. Allan Pyeatt, 804 Cerise Ave., was elected auditor for the Los Angeles District Assembly of Delphian Chapters for 1955-56 at a luncheon given at Ciro's in Hollywood on May 19. Representatives from chapters in the extensive Los Angeles area gathered for open discussion and election of officers.

Mrs. Pyeatt, wife of a Torrance optometrist, is a member of the local Kappa chapter of Delphian which was formed last September. She is the mother of two sons, Bobby, 7, and Ralph, 2 years old.

Mrs. Pyeatt, originally from Texas, was graduated from the Tarleton State Junior College. She has made her home in Torrance for the past two and half years and recently completed three years of work at SC where she majored in office management.

Along with conducting her home and attending school, she serves on the membership committee of the YWCA, is corresponding secretary for the AC-CENT Theatre group, and served as Founder's Day chairman at the Fern-Greenwood PTA. She is also a member of the Los Angeles County auxiliary of the Optometry Assn.

Mrs. Pyeatt is a member of the Mary Circle of the Torrance First Methodist Church and is also in charge of the mission study group.

Summer plans were made for a luncheon at the Hacienda Motel, as well as plans for a barbecue honoring the husbands, at the home of the new president, Mrs. R. L. Young.

Others present were Meses. J. Stockdale, L. F. Wilder, and d Herbert J. Wilstatter. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Calhoun.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook, 2207 Carson St., spent last week-end at 29 Palms.

## Lomita Flower Show Trophies Displayed

Trophies for the Community Flower Show to be held June 4 and 5 at the Lomita Park sponsored by the Lomita Branch of the California National Fuchsia Society and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, are on display at the Lomita Post Office. This was announced at the regular meeting of the Lomita organization held May 20 at the American Legion Hall.

The latest entries include the Lomita Elementary school under the direction of Mrs. Marie McDonald and the Beau Jardin and Lawndale Garden Clubs, bringing the total of large non-commercial entries to 10. It was also announced that five nurseries and seven florists had entered the commercial division.

John S. Gibson, president of the Los Angeles City Council and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas have both accepted invitations to attend the show. Supervisor Burton Chace will be unable to attend.

Speaker for the evening was Ken Tyler of Pasadena, who spoke on "Pest Control." W. B. Jontison of Pasadena, showed movies on soil conservation. Three new members were present, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stubbs and Mrs. Joseph Gilpin.

Guests present were Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Dauphin, of Lomita, and Mrs. J. Dewey and Mrs. S. Bowman of Torrance. The guest door prize went to Mrs. Dauphin and member door prize to Mrs. Gilpin. Birthday plants were given to Mrs. Thomas, Rossbottom and Mrs. John Slaughter.

A plant sale was held and refreshments were served by C. O. Eipper, assisted by Kernith Gluth.

## Arts-Crafts Meeting at Parks Home

Arts and Craft club was entertained last week in the rumpus room at the home of Mrs. Addie Parks with Mrs. Maybel Banks as co-hostess. A business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Mary McDonald. Members spent the evening working on leathercraft after which the hostess served refreshments during a social hour.

Attending were: Meses Emily Middleton, Lela Everly, Ruth Gilgore, Rolive Bever, Leah Arterburn, Ruth Hardin, Frances Snodgrass, Mae Jones, Florence Childs, Cora Bohrer, Persia Fess, Hazle Ward, Ethel Derouin, Mary McDonald, Bettina Miller, Helen Miller and Vivian Cook.

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## Dinner Party

A group of friends enjoyed a progressive dinner party on Saturday evening which began with cocktails in the new rumpus room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ricci.

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## Local Gardeners Claim Prizes in Lawndale Show

Torrance Terrace Garden club won first prize in the shadow box division of the Lawndale Garden club flower show held recently at the Lawndale library under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation division.

At this show, Mrs. Victor Benstead, president of the local club captured the first prize in table floral arrangements; third prize in the tall division; and Mrs. Thomas McCutcheon took the 1, 2, and 3rd prizes in the

miniature under 2 inch divisions and in the miniature under 3 inch section the first and second prizes went to Mrs. Parke Montague with Mrs. McCutcheon claiming the third place prize.

Mrs. John Thuss was awarded the second prize in the miscellaneous arrangements and Mrs. Benstead took the first prize in specimen blooms. In the wood arrangements Mrs. Parke Montague took the first prize.

At the third annual Narbonne High school flower show held May 17 Mrs. Benstead, Mrs. Montague and Mrs. John Erickson served as judges.

## TRAILER TRIP

Leaving Torrance in two trailers last Friday evening for a three day holiday at Lake Isabel at old Kernville, were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomsen and children, Kathy and Tommy, Gail Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dudley and two children, Denise and Jan. They will return this evening.

## Local Woman Visits Hawaii

Mrs. Annice Christensen, 79, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Neilson of 1310 Madrid Ave., has just returned from an eight day vacation in Honolulu.

She flew to Hawaii on a Transocean airliner with a group of members of the Latter Day Saints Churches of Southern California. Her traveling companion was Mrs. Clara Hutchinson,

son, who has raised a family of 13 children.

During her seven day stay on the island, she was taken via a tour to the many interesting scenic locations of the islands, which included a trip over the now active volcano and Pearl Harbor, where she viewed the sunken ships, over which an American flag is raised and lowered each day in honor of the war dead.



VISITING HAWAII . . . recently was Mrs. Annice Christensen, 1310 Madrid Ave., who made the trip with a group of Southern California Latter Day Saints Church members. Pictured at the right is Mrs. Christensen and at left her traveling companion, Mrs. Clara Hutchinson of Whittier, posing with two Hawaiian girls. Their eight days on the islands were filled with sightseeing trips and entertainment.