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## Past Presidents' Day Noted by Torrance Senior Woman's Club at Tea and Program

Past presidents of the Torrance Woman's Club were honored guests at the tea and program given at the clubhouse last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, club president opened the meeting, "Thoughts for the Day" were presented by Mrs. A. G. Solomon followed by the pledge of allegiance and the singing of "America."

The large number of club past presidents and other club guests were introduced by Mrs. Mitchell after which regular reports were heard. Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt presented a check for \$200 from the series of diminishing card parties which have been sponsored during the past few months as a special ways and means project by the past presidents. Mrs. Ewalt served as chairman of the series.

A delightful surprise for the afternoon was a visit from Mrs. Max Pons of Los Angeles who was a member of the club from 1937-44. She and her late husband resided here and owned a novelty manufacturing company on Cabrillo. Mrs. Pons, who said that she has subscribed to the Torrance HERALD ever since leaving Torrance and had read of the past presidents

diminishing card parties project and the announcement of the tea to honor past presidents, contributed a check for \$25 to club funds.

After the business meeting, Mrs. L. A. McCoy, program chairman, presented the world famous Lord's Puppet Show. This was Daniel Lord's last appearance before leaving on a world tour with his show. He will return to the United States in Oct., 1957. The program, fantastic in its presentation, has been given on concert stages in Europe and America. It has also been seen in motion pictures and television and the dexterity with which the artist handles the puppets has rightfully won for the program the title of the "world's finest one-man puppet theater."

After the program, tea was served from a table covered with lace and centered with white chrysanthemums and white candles. Pouring at the silver tea services at either end of the table were Mrs. L. C. Willebrecht and Mrs. Edward Sabin.

Past presidents honored at the affair were: Mmes. Charles Stock, John Young, J. M. Fitzhugh, J. S. Lancaster, A. W. Johnson, M. J. Beale, H. C. Barrington, A. H. Silligo, E. A. Miles, C. B. Mitchell, George Morgan, R. R. Smith, Chris Jones, W. I. Laughon, S. V. Rauss, D. L. Sears, B. T. Whitney, B. W. Roberts, A. F. R. Ewalt, Grover C. Van Deventer, and R. J. Rogers.

Mrs. H. K. Burchfield served as chairman of the tea and Mrs. C. M. Crook was co-chairman. They were assisted by Miss Frances Dimitri and Mmes. G. S. Evans, Laura Felker, W. A. Felker, K. D. Higgins, L. G. Finlayson, F. P. Foley, W. H. Gilbert, Bob Haggard, Minnie Harrison, W. B. Hickcox, Herbert W. Irwin, N. F. Jamieson, E. M. Johnston, H. H. Jones, John Keefe, Earl P. Kent, J. A. Klink, Frank P. Kneisler, O. A. Kresse, Dorothy Post, Don B. Wolfe, and M. A. Wright.

### HONORED GUESTS . . .

At the tea given by the Torrance Woman's Club last Wednesday were the club's past presidents. In the upper picture are from left Mmes. R. J. Rogers, 1954-55; A. F. R. Ewalt, 1952-53; Dean L. Sears, 1950; B. T. Whitney, 1950-51, and M. J. Beale, 1949-50. In the lower picture from left are Mrs. Chris Jones, 1946-47; M. J. Beale, 1949-50; E. A. Miles, 1940-41; H. C. Barrington, 1937-39; and W. I. Laughon, 1947-49.

## Robert Browns on Honeymoon After New Year's Day Rites

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Brown are honeymooning at Crestline, following their marriage at the Wedding Chapel on Western Ave., at 9:30 a.m., New Year's Day.

The lovely bride, who is the former Arvela Bernice Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos William Baker of

La Calandria Drive, was a picture of loveliness in her bridal gown of imported Chantilly lace, ornamented with sequins. Her illusion veil fell from a crown of rhinestones and pearls and she carried a nosegay of feathered carnations and hyacinths. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls, a gift of Carlos Baker Jr. of Redwood City, brother of the bride, who was unable to attend the ceremony. Her father escorted her to the altar and gave her in marriage.

Fay Whisnand, as matron of honor, wore a yellow nylon gown and carried a nosegay of yellow daffodils, carnations and hyacinths.

The bridegroom chose as his best man Ted Whisnand, and officiating at the double ring ceremony was the Rev. Wade Lane.

A reception followed for members of the immediate family in the reception hall at the chapel. A beautiful bridal cake centered the serving table. The musical bride's book was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. George Soengen and uncle of the bridegroom and was presided over by Louise Whisnand.

The new Mrs. Brown is a graduate of John Muir College, where she majored in dentistry. She is affiliated with Sigma Delta Delta, Job's Daughters of Altadena, and has been active in music, modeling and dancing.

Mr. Brown was graduated from the University High School, West Los Angeles and Little Rock Junior College of

Arkansas. He is a property manager in Torrance where he and his bride will make their home. He is the son of Mrs. Harold Whisnand of Torrance and Harry D. Brown of West Memphis, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their parents were feted at a delightful dinner at Lowry's restaurant the evening before their nuptials.

### CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Torrance Terrace Garden Club will meet Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 11, at the home of Mrs. Alfred Fiorelli, 1003 Acacia. Mrs. W. B. Hickcox is co-hostess.

At this meeting plans for the day and flower arranging display to be given by the club at the YWCA on Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m., will be made. At this affair Miss Marion Stockton, will be the guest speaker.

Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Dewey Quinby, 1806 Crenshaw and Mrs. John Thuss, 1957 Middlebrook Rd.

### RED CROSS TO MEET TONIGHT

Torrance Branch, American National Red Cross, will meet this evening at 8 p.m. in the directors' room at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of electing a new General Chairman. The group also extends an invitation to anyone interested in volunteer Red Cross work to attend this meeting.

## Noted Lecturer on Gardening To Speak to Fuchsia Society

David I. Gillfillan, noted lecturer of the Southland, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the North Torrance Fuchsia Society tomorrow evening at the Verburg Rumpus Room, 2093 W. 174th St., at 7:30 p.m. The speaker is garden editor for a Pasadena newspaper, and also has a radio program in which he gives practical gardening advice. His topic for tomorrow evening will be "Bare Root Roses."

Music for the meeting will be furnished by the El Camino College and Don T. from Pack 761 C will lead the flag salute.

Roses will not only be prominent on the plant table and decorations but the refreshments will be enhanced with roses.

Special guests for the evening will be the winners of the yearly Christmas outdoor lighting contest held in the North Torrance area. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Karr of 16833 Thornburg Ave. will be awarded first prize and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lattin of 1830 Thornburg Ave. will be awarded second prize for the best decorated doors in the contest.

The best decorated window awards will go to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Enright of 17314 Falda Ave., first prize and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison, second prize. Mr. and Mrs. M. Love of 18221 Thornburg Ave. won first prize in the best outdoor decorations category and the second prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Henning of 18344 Regina Ave.

Although no prizes will be given judges gave special recognition for overall decorating of door, window and exterior to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Karr. Hon-

## Enjoy Party On New Years YWCA Slates Busy Agenda For New Year

A group of Torrance friends went to Pasadena to see the Rose parade and then returned to the home of Mrs. Laura Felker to watch the game on television after which they enjoyed a pot luck supper in the rumpus room.

In the party were Mrs. Felker and daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Derouin and sons, Mrs. Hazel Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhone, David and Julie Rhone, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ricci and Sharon and John, Arno Mehling and Denise and Diane Hunter.

### UTAH VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bergen of Ogden, Utah, are spending a month here with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Von Bergen, 2803 Gramercy. They came in time for Christmas and will remain until the latter part of January. During their stay they are attending television shows, have visited Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and other places of interest.

### HOLIDAY GUESTS

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Almond, 1418 Acacia during the recent holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John Parks of Bakersfield, formerly of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hudson and children, Johnny and Nancy of Tujunga and Mr. and Mrs. George Mosher of Santa Monica.

## MRS. ROBERT K. BROWN New Year's Bride



(Herald Studio Photo) Mrs. Robert K. Brown, New Year's Bride

## Marriage is Announced

Announcement is being made of the marriage of Lamora D. Stonaker of Torrance and Ora F. McHaffie of Hawthorne. The wedding took place Dec. 31 at the Christian Church on South Normandie in Gardena with Rev. Gene Rogers officiating.

The bride wore a charcoal grey afternoon dress and a corsage of yellow carnations. She is the daughter of Mrs. A. C. Davies of Hiawatha, Kans.

Family members present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McHaffie and children and Miss Sandra Lee Stonaker, daughter of the bride. The couple spent a honeymoon in Palm Springs and are now at home at 16921 Elgar, Torrance.

Mr. McHaffie is employed at the El Segundo Douglas plant.

### DEAFNESS CLINIC

Mrs. James W. Burke chairman of the Deafness Prevention clinic for children of the Harbor area announces a clinic will be held on Jan. 12 at the Assistance League chapter house, 1441 West 8th St. This service is for any child needing it and who can qualify.

### TRI-DELTS TO VIEW FILMS

A film presentation by the American Cancer Society will be featured at the Tri Delta South Bay Alliance meeting to be held this Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, 8 p.m., at the Palos Verdes Estates home of Mrs. Ralph E. Dickson.

The film "Breast Self-Examination" is aimed at aiding in early detection of cancer according to Mrs. Charles W. Russell who has made arrangements for the program. A question and answer period will follow the showing of the film.

Co-hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. C. C. Todd and Mrs. Mark McKie, both of Hollywood-Riviera.

### Entertain

On New Year's Eve Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewellen Jr. entertained a group of friends at their home, 1632 Elm Ave. Pinocchio filled the early evening hours and a midnight buffet was served.

Guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Albert Martin, Bernard Dougan and Joseph Lander, ville.

## Annual Open House at Sleeth Home

For the sixth consecutive year, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth, Jr., held open house on New Year's Eve at their home 24251 Los Cadosa in WALTERIA.

Silver foliage, green bells, and glittered silver and green candles decorated the living room and the dining room. Cocktails and colorful hors d'oeuvres were served from the decorated buffet table. Dancing was enjoyed.

Attending the party were:

Messrs. Lud Mmes. C. A. Woodcock, Fred Stevens, Palos Verdes; Robert Clayton, Jack Clayton, Don Robinson, Roy McKinney, Frank Vajo, Robert Almond, and Frank Kelley, Torrance; John Woods, Long Beach; John Minch, Robert E. Yarnie, Hollywood-Riviera; Robert Cahn, Inglewood; Jack Brown, Don Matthews, Robert Wagner, Maze Moton, Dale Wands, WALTERIA; Robert Dunn, Playa Del Rey; and Dr. and Mrs. Thurlow Weir of Chico.

## Juniors to Meet Jan. 11

Torrance Junior Woman's Club will hold a business meeting at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Mrs. William Rogers will serve as hostess and Mrs. Robert Mowry will conduct the business session.

The executive board met last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Marvin Brain, 1730 Fern Ave. New members approved by the board were Mrs. William Sullivan and Mrs. Leone Clothworthy, a transfer from the Dolphin Club of Manhattan Beach. A committee was appointed by the president to revise a section of the by-laws.

Officers attending the meeting were: Mmes. Robert Mowry, John Kemp, George Blahnik, Sid Gans, Richard Beecher, Robert Waddell, John Agapito, John Schwartz, James Lees, Harry Lewis, Joe Bay and Albert Smith.

### FUN AND FUND

Fun and Fund Club of the Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347 will meet at the home of Floretta Whiteacre, 1550 Marcelina, Thursday, Jan. 12. A pot luck luncheon will follow the 11 a.m. business session. Each member is asked to bring her own table service. Canasta will be played during the afternoon.

Madeline Hand, president, invites all Torrance Rebekahs to attend.

### MOTHERS CLUB

Job's Daughters Mothers Club will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 11 at 8 at the home of Mrs. J. P. Rowe, 1536 W. 216th St.

## Annual Valentine Ball Scheduled For February 11

Executive board of the Torrance Memorial Hospital met Tuesday, Jan. 3, at the home of the president, Mrs. Eugene Cook, 2703 Arlington.

A general discussion of auxiliary functions was held with emphasis on the Valentine Ball, which will be held at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach on Feb. 11. The door prize will be a \$500 treasure chest. Tickets may be secured from the two ticket chairmen, Mrs. Harvel Guttenfelder or Mrs. Dean Sears, of Torrance; Mrs. James Post, Mrs. George Andersen, Mrs. Wayne Kittleson, Redondo and Hermosa; Mrs. Robert Sleeth Jr., WALTERIA; Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, Palos Verdes; Mrs. Gordon McRae and Mrs. R. McCormick, Hollywood-Riviera and Seaside Ranchos; Mrs. James Lee and Mrs. Lawrence Green, San Pedro and Rolling Hills; Mrs. James Andersen, Gardena; and Mrs. Joseph Nebolon, Lomita.

Present at Tuesday's meeting were Mmes. Gerald Eastham, John Beeman, W. E. Grubbs, Paul Winn, Melvin Howard and Robert Sleeth, Jr.



(Herald Photo) SELLING THE FIRST TICKET . . . for the Annual Valentine Ball to be given by the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary on Feb. 11 at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach is Mrs. Eugene Cook, president, who hands the ticket to Henry W. Creeger, president of the hospital fund. Proceeds from this social event go to the hospital fund. The ticket campaign opened last week and ticket chairman for each section of the area were appointed at a board meeting.