

### Woman's Club to Entertain Marina District Officers

Torrance Woman's Club will be hostess to the Marina district officers and presidents at a Federation and Reception luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the clubhouse. This announcement was made at the meeting of the club last week. The program will be presented by the Junior Pipers. The Senior and Junior club presidents will preside. The executive board will meet at 11 a.m. Reservations, which close Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., are being taken by Mrs. C. L. Porter and Mrs. W. C. Moyer.

Also during the business session conducted by Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, president, it was announced that the new garden section would meet every first and third Friday at 1:30 at the clubhouse.

A duplicate bridge session has also been organized and will meet every fourth Friday at 10 at the clubhouse. The first session was held last Friday.

Mrs. Parke Montague, membership chairman, presented a new member, Mrs. G. K. Erdley.

Mrs. James Lees, president of the Junior Woman's club, led the pledge of allegiance and Mrs. W. I. Laughon led the singing of "Thanks Be to God," accompanied by Mrs. James Burchett at the piano.

The group then had the pleasure of hearing an interesting talk on fall decorations by Chelsea Hendricks.

#### GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Torrance Memorial chapter of the Gold Star Mothers' club will hold installation of officers and a regular business meeting Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion.

#### REBEKAH PARTY

Torrance Rebekahs will entertain at a public card party Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Regular games will be played with prizes and refreshments. Eugene Johnson and Olga Brown are in charge.

#### HUNTING TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Monroe, 2339 W. 237th St., have returned from a three weeks hunting trip. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. George Roland. The foursome visited eight states.

### YM Branch Committee Plans Events

Mrs. A. E. Palmer called the meeting of the Torrance Branch Committee on Administration of the YWCA on Monday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at 2320 Carson St. The devotion was given by Mrs. Mabel Speck.

Reports were given by Y-Teen Chairman Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom on the departure of Miss Judy Wolf for the convention in Washington and New York. The need for more equipment to serve TEAC luncheons was discussed by Mrs. William Speck.

Also giving reports were Mmes. Thomas Westfall, Victor Benard, Herma Tillim, Minnie Solomon, and Lee Stamps.

The Y Wives bridge lessons held on Wednesday afternoon have more available tables for beginners. A charm course is also in progress on Tuesday mornings.

In January, a class in ballroom and square dancing is planned.

January also will be the tentative starting date for evening bridge lessons under Mrs. B. Mangold.

The annual Christmas party of the World Fellowship Committee will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. E. J. Hosking will coordinate the event.

Also in attendance were Mmes. John V. Morris, Walter Silence, G. S. Evans, E. C. Spires, F. M. Crossman, K. Clutter, and Misses Pauline Green, and Edith Simpelair.

The meeting was adjourned with the reading of the YWCA purpose.



MRS. LAMAR STEWART ... and Sailing Trophy

## Mrs. LaMar Stewart Awarded Yacht Club's Powder Puff Sailing Trophy

By ELEANOR GILBERT

Sharing in the increasingly popular sport of sailing is the LaMar Stewart family, 23208 Robert Rd., but it's mother who brought home the trophy.

Virginia Stewart won the Perpetual Desmond Powder Puff trophy for the Skimmer Class recently on the annual Fun Day, sponsored by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach. This trophy was donated by Jerry Desmond, assistant mayor of Long Beach.

The Stewarts purchased their own boat about 15 months ago and have had some very rewarding as well as some "upsetting" experiences with it. While the children enjoy being out on the water, Virginia particularly recommends sailing for husbands and wives.

"It gives you a wonderful feeling of togetherness when you're out on the boat together," she said, "sharing a mutual interest." And when you are sailing enthusiasts, there doesn't seem to be any halfway about it. "We've been sailing every week end since May," she added.

One week end LaMar planned to stay home and paint the hall of their house, but he got a call to "crew" on a P.C. boat, a cabin cruiser about 33 ft. long. "Heck," he said, "how can I stay home on such a beautiful day and paint a hall?" Virginia laughed when she said that this happened some weeks ago and the hall is still unpainted.

The Stewart children consist of Sharon, 10, who is an ardent sailor already and has "crewed" for her father in three or four races, and Tommy, 8, and Donnie, 4, who think there's nothing finer than sailing under dad when he's skipping his own boat.

MUCHA MUCHACHA

The object of all this attention and pleasure is the trim 16-ft. skimmer called "Mucha Muchacha." This Mexican flavor stems from the glorious six-week honeymoon the Stewarts had in Mexico and their fondness of the Mexican way of life. Virginia wanted to name her (the boat) "The Red Head," since the boat is painted red and they have two red-headed sons. But the skipper is captain of his ship and as such has the honor of naming his craft.

On Fun Day everything is turn-about, according to Virginia. Besides the games on the beach, they have backward sailing races, races without rudders, and the women get a chance to take over as skippers, where they usually just get to crew for their husbands.

In this case, names of husbands are drawn from a hat and the women get someone else's husband for crew. "This is so their own husbands can't tell them what to do," Virginia explained. Since the Powder Puff trophy is the first one brought home in the Stewart family, LaMar jokingly claims that Virginia won it because in the two races in which she won she had two of the best men to crew for her.

Virginia is very modest about her accomplishment. She said Sharon just begged her to bring home the trophy. "because it is so beautiful!" Virginia says that wanting to please the children gave her the determination to win. "Not that I could sail any better than the other girls," she added. "LaMar has only been skipping a little over a year and he is up against much stiffer competition than I, with men with 10 or 12 years of experience," she said loyally.

FAMILY ENJOYMENT

When they'd only been sailing a couple of months, the Stewarts turned their boat over a couple of times within one week. The children were safely playing on the beach

of the yacht club. It was very embarrassing, according to Virginia. "The Long Beach Police Patrol boats had to tow us in, and they gave us the full treatment, complete with siren. We were sure everyone recognized our boat the second time."

In both cases, it was because of very heavy weather and they "jibed." That's when the mainsail and boom come over-very fast because the wind is behind you over the stern instead of the bow, she explained.

Although LaMar has been crewing most of his life, the Stewarts really took up sailing for their children. He feels that sailing furnishes a wholesome, healthy atmosphere for

teen-agers. Sailing and keeping their boats shipshape occupy so much of their minds and energy they don't have time to get into difficulties. "Also the type of people you meet in sailing are just top quality," the Stewarts declare.

Sailing is a sport for young and old, and it is one thing that anyone with a disability can do. The Stewarts mentioned that several men in the fleet are crippled yet still make fine skippers.

"Tommy and Donnie have about every type of model boat with real motors in them," said Ginny. "They definitely share the excitement about sailing. And next year Sharon will have her own little 7½-ft. Naples Sabot."

## P T A ACTIVITIES

### Seaside

November meeting of the Seaside PTA executive board was held Monday, Nov. 19 at the school.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Warren Boggis. Mrs. Walter Wudzke, secretary, read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Albert Yackie, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Yackie is now president of the new PTA formed at Sepulveda School. A communication was read from the Dental Health Assn., that fluoridation of Torrance city water is being studied. Those interested may attend the Dec. 4 City Council meeting where all phases of fluoridation will be discussed.

Mrs. J. W. Whyte, librarian, reported on the library's progress for the past month. She asked that further funds be given to the library fund to help meet the needs of the students.

Lloyd Jones, principal, informed the board that John Dunworth, assistant principal has left Seaside to be principal of Casimir School. Lloyd Reist will be the new assistant principal.

Mrs. Robert Brizius, magazine chairman, announced that her chairmanship has won an award from the California State Magazine. This award is given when all the executive board members subscribe to the magazine.

Mrs. John Keyes, third vice president, said that plans are being made for the PTA to have group pictures taken of each room in school, and that they will be available to the students.

The general association meeting will be held Dec. 10 at the school. Dr. E. V. Pallas, dean of Pepperdine College will speak on "Let's All Discuss Freedom of Expression." There will be a primary grade demonstration and special music by Lloyd Jones.

### Riviera

Members of the Riviera PTA were surprised Tuesday morning, Nov. 13, with an invitation to attend a "Kidnap Breakfast" at one of several homes in the area. Coffee and rolls were served by Mrs. R. McMahon, Mrs. J. Nishimimi, Mrs. J. Waller, Mrs. Grant Larsen, Mrs. J. Yablonka, Mrs. J. Wilkowski, Mrs. Wolfried, Mrs. Robert Nelson, Mrs. Gae Tanza, Mrs. Dav-

id Harvey, Mrs. Warren Brown, Mrs. L. Fowler, and Mrs. Gene Voorhees in their homes. The money donated at the breakfast will be given to support the Torrance Dental Health Clinic.

The PTA sponsored Bicycle Club will hold its first meeting Saturday, Nov. 24, at the school from 3:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The next association meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 8 p.m., at the Riviera School.

### Newton

Regular meeting of the Newton PTA was held at the Newton School Cafeteria at 8 p.m. on Nov. 15. Mrs. Marvin Sims, first vice president, was in charge of the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Henry Graef, president. Four boys from Boy Scout Troop 187 led the members in the salute to the flag. This was the first time the new flag, purchased by last year's PTA members, was used. The inspirational message was given by Mrs. D. C. Robbins. Mrs. Jack Holmes, the ways and means chairman, thanked everyone for all the help given to the carnival.

Mrs. Albert Wilson, membership chairman, reported a total of 679 members.

The membership voted to back the Torrance Scholarship Fund after having it explained by Mrs. Sims.

Dr. J. H. Hull was introduced by Mrs. Sims and he brought all the Torrance newcomers up to date on the workings of the Torrance school system. He started right at the beginning when the system was formed. He also brought a pin map showing the number of elementary, high school, and also preschool-aged children in Torrance.

Mrs. Otto Willett gave a talk on "What is TEAC?" Dr. Hull stated Mrs. Willett was instrumental in forming the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee. It keeps the school officials in touch with the public's demands and needs.

The first grade room mothers served refreshments after the meeting.

### NATIVITY MOTHERS DRIVE THURSDAY

A rag and paper drive will be held by the Nativity Mothers' club on Thursday Dec. 6 at the school. The gates will be open for deliveries from 6 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening. Pickup service may be obtained by calling Mrs. Roger Bender or Mrs. Anthony Buffalo. Mrs. William Poitz is chairman of the drive.

### Church Rites Unite Couple

In the study at the First Lutheran Church last Thursday evening Mrs. Ola Chauk became the bride of Joel Bram in a ceremony conducted by the church pastor, the Rev. Paul Wenske.

The bride's son, Aubrey E. Haney stood as best man. For her wedding the bride wore a pink street dress and a corsage of chrysanthemums.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for Las Vegas for a several days honeymoon.

#### SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Mowry, 1615 Juniper, entertained at dinner last Sunday. Their guests were Mrs. Mowry's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Koll and Karen and Kristy, of West Los Angeles. Mr. Mowry's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mowry, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Mowry's mother, Mrs. B. Moyer, of Torrance.

### Jobies Hold 'Farewell'

Susan Babcock, who had served as honored queen of the Torrance Job's Daughters for the past six months, conducted her farewell meeting on Nov. 20.

At this meeting, election of officers was also held. They are: Mrs. Mowry, president; Mrs. Mowry, vice president; Mrs. Mowry, secretary; Mrs. Mowry, treasurer; Mrs. Mowry, reporter; Mrs. Mowry, publicist; Mrs. Mowry, historian; Mrs. Mowry, chaplain; Mrs. Mowry, correspondent; Mrs. Mowry, delegate; Mrs. Mowry, alternate; Mrs. Mowry, member-at-large.

The group also decided to attend church on Sunday, Nov. 25, at the First Christian Church. After the services a luncheon installation practice was held at the Masonic Temple.

Miss Babcock made her farewell address, thanking the girls for their cooperation during her term of office. She was then presented with a Bible which all of the girls had signed.

After the meeting refreshments were served. Decorations were in Miss Babcock's installation theme, "Bells of Happiness."

#### TOPS SILHOUETTES

Torrance Tops Silhouette Club entertained at a low calorie pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the home of one of the members. The purpose of this group is to "Take Off Pounds Sensibly."

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