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Torrance YWCA Expands Program Makes Life Interesting for Local "Jills"

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The old adage "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy," also holds true for Jill, the literal female contingent in the family. To get around such a "rut" the local YWCA is offering an expanded program for Torrance's Jills, including dancing, bridge, crafts, and figure streamlining.

Friends, fun, excitement and productive creative activity are available to housewives and mothers, business girls and teen-agers. Listed below are some of the classes and club opportunities open to the women of Torrance.

Registrations for classes may be made by telephone up to the beginning date of the respective class. Club membership is open at any time. Membership in the YWCA and a small fee are prerequisite for any of the groups.

A nursery will be available in the building for those who wish the service at a small nominal charge.

The Bridge group meets on Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m. and will continue from Jan. 16 to March 20. Under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Howell, this class is for beginners and those who wish to review the basics of bridge, (Goren Count System).

The Crafts class, consisting of eight sessions, will meet Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30, beginning Jan. 17 through March 7. Although three activities have been set up, including copper enameling, textile painting and decoration of various objects, others which the group may want can be arranged. After the class registration fee, members purchase their own craft supplies. Instructors are Juanita Shaffer and Gertrude Gates.

The School Dancing class consists of ten lessons and will be held Thursday evenings 8 to 10 p.m., from Jan. 17 to March 21. The basic steps including the fox trot, swing, tango, and mambo will be taught. The class is open to both men and women.

STREAMLINERS

Of much interest is the Streamliners, a group which concentrates on exercises for

"a trimmer you." Emphasis will be placed on the exercises and areas which the class feels most necessary. This group begins Jan. 16 through March 20, Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m.

There will be a "weighing in" at the beginning of each class and a "weighing out" at the end, plus a final weight check at the end of the course. There will also be some dance exercises but no ballet dance steps taught. Volley ball will be available for those who may be interested. Mrs. Joyce Noster is the instructor.

The Stork Club, which is being recommended by doctors, is designed to prepare the new mother emotionally and physically for childbirth. This is done in informal discussions, conducted by Mrs. M. C. Alles, a qualified physical therapist. Fathers are invited to attend one meeting especially planned for them. This class, beginning Jan. 8, will continue through Feb. 26 on Tuesday evening, 8 to 9 p.m.

The Y-Wives meet Tuesday mornings, 9 to 12, for which a small fee is charged each session or a regular monthly fee including the nursery. Y-Wives welcome other married women to join in the various activities determined by the interests of the members. Past activities have included bridge lessons, exercise and dance, bowling, volleyball, crafts, swimming at the Long Beach YWCA, and speakers on hair styling and home decoration. For the month of January only, the group will meet on Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

The Tops Club, which recently came under Y-sponsor-

ship, is a national organization dedicated to take pounds off "sensibly," helping its members to lose weight through group therapy. They meet Friday mornings, 10 to 12. The Streamliners class ties in with the Tops Club and their activities.

HOSTESSES

The Young Women's Christian Association is a membership organization which reaches around the world. The YWCA seeks to enroll members (women and girls over 12) of all economic, social, religious, racial, cultural and national backgrounds. Membership is required for participation in the program.

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UNAFFILIATED

PEO'S MEET
Mrs. Neil Brown, 2004 Via Pacheco, Palos Verdes, will entertain a group of unaffiliated PEO members at a dessert luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 12:30 p.m.

This group has been meeting regularly in order to form a new day chapter. Members of PEO in the South Bay who are interested in joining this new group are invited to contact Mrs. C. E. Severson, 20942 Brighton, Torrance; Mrs. James Elliott, 1059 Via Lazo, Palos Verdes, or Mrs. James Brittain, Jr., 628 29th St., Manhattan Beach.

Pair United In Marriage Rite Jan. 5

Miss Juanita Figueroa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Agapito Figueroa, 1532 E. 220th St., exchanged her marriage vows with Andrew Lechuga, 21420 Perry Ct., on Jan. 5, at a nuptial mass as the Our Lady of Nativity Catholic Church.

Richard Parra walked to the altar with the bride. She wore a floor length candlelight satin wedding gown trimmed with lace. A pearl crown held her fingertip illusion veil and she carried white carnations encircling an orchid.

The bride's attendants were Miss Mary Lopez and Miss Delores Lopez.

Romiro Lechuga served as best man and Bobby Lechan was usher. The Rev. Callahan read the marriage vows and solemnized the mass.

A reception was held at the Parra home at 21529 Vera St.



FOR FUN IN THEIR LIVES . . . a number of local couples are taking advantage of the dance classes at the local Y, taught by Mrs. Gladys Nauman. The mambo, tango, waltzes and fox trot are among the dance routines taught as well as any new dance steps. Gleaming poise and grace along with the dance step are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Westfall being guided by Mrs. Nauman.



THE ART OF ENTERTAINING . . . is emphasized in the Junior Hostess class supervised by Mrs. Pauline Greer. These are graduate Y-Teen girls who serve as hostesses at dances at the Airbase. They also preside at social functions held at the Y. Along with learning social graces, the girls cherish their high school friendships. Arranging glasses here for a party are, left, Mrs. Greer, supervisor, and junior hostess Marylou Kirkpatrick.



NEVER AN IDLE FINGER . . . a true philosophy for a happy life is enforced in the craft classes staged at the local YWCA. The craft of your choice is offered under capable supervision. Several craft classes are now under way and with the expansion program, any new members' wishes will be complied with. Working at handicrafts are, left, Mrs. Glen J. Keller and Mrs. Gene Patsch.



CALORIE COUNTING . . . takes second place in this streamlining routine at the YWCA. It's exercise that takes off those pounds and puts them where they should be. Pictured here are, left, Mrs. Edward Hoffman and Mrs. Bernice Wescombe in an exercise routine to pull those pounds off the tummy and firm up the muscles.

Pendleton-Grisham Rites Read at MacArthur Chapel

In a 7 o'clock ceremony on Jan. 4 at the Fort MacArthur chapel in San Pedro, Miss Gayle Ann Pendleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pendleton, 22902 Menlo, became the bride of Larry Lee Grisham, son of Mrs. Marjorie Boccaccio of San Pedro.

Chaplain Robert S. Scott of the United States Army officiated at the marriage as Bill Coffman at the organ played the nuptial music.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father who gave her in marriage. She wore a white chiffon wedding gown fashioned with a scoop neckline and full skirt. Her fingertip veil was held by a seed pearl tiara and she carried a cascade of white carnations.

Mrs. Charles Caudill served as her sister's attendant. She wore a blue and pink suit and carried pink carnations. Ralph Castaldi stood as best man.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. A three tiered wedding cake was on the bride's table. The couple then left for La Jolla and Mexico on a honeymoon.

The bride is a senior at Narbonne High school and will be graduated next June. Her bridegroom was graduated from Torrance High school and is now serving with the 82nd Airborne division stationed in Louisiana. He will leave Jan. 18 for Louisiana.

Mrs. Grisham will reside with her parents until Mr. Grisham completes his term in the service.

The guest list included Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters, their husbands and friends. A buffet dinner was served after which Mrs. Rice and her husband opened the baby gifts. The hostesses then served coffee and the beautifully decorated cake ornamented with an umbrella over vari-colored sugar cubes.

Attending the party with Mr. and Mrs. Rice were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brunsill and Mr. Rice's mother, Mrs. Foster Rice; Messrs. and Mrs. Richard Naulty, Pat Barnhouse, George Demos, Rockie Flannagan, James Edie, William Bruce, Rick Spalla, John Nicoll, Roger Stewart, Don Bryant, Sam Shirley, Roger Maloy, Roger Blanchard, Otto Olson, Les Allen.

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RECENT GUESTS

Houseguests during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Feldon, 815 Font-hill, have been Mr. Feldon's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldon and children, Clifford and Marcia, and Mrs. Feldon's sister-in-law and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Becker, and sons, Bobby and Donnie.

Mrs. R. L. Rice Soroptimist Honored at Baby Shower

Mrs. Robert L. Rice, 27643 Conestoga Dr., Rolling Hills, the former L'cena Brunskill, was the honoree at a stork shower given on Saturday evening by Mrs. Eddie Etezad and Miss Rae Olson at the Etezad home in Downey.

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ANNUAL VISIT

Making his annual New Year's visit to his god-daughter, Joyce Taylor and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Taylor, 23902 Huber Ave., is Eddie Sudden from Point Arena, Calif.

The Taylors met Sudden when Mr. Taylor was in the Air Force. Sudden owns and operates the Arena Fishing Cove north of San Francisco. While here he has also been visiting other friends in the area.

Soroptimist Club Begins New Year

Heads of committees gave their semi-annual reports at the luncheon meeting held at noon and presided over by President Margaret Neff.

Helen Parrish, corresponding secretary read a letter of thanks from the Volunteers for Children at the Harbor General Hospital for the cash donation given by the Soroptimists in lieu of their regular Christmas gift exchange, to buy toys for the children. Also a letter of thanks was read from the sister Soroptimist club in England, thanking the club for the Travel Guide Book of the United States, Christmas gift to them.

Frances Stephan and Helen Rodgers were given a vote of thanks for their Christmas donations to the club's general fund.

Helen Rodgers reported on three girls deserving of a scholarship at El Camino College. The club voted for one.

Eddie Walthers, past president, told of attending a Soroptimist luncheon on her recent trip to Honolulu. She was surprised by being the honored guest and speaker to the 50 members and their friends present.

The next regular meeting will be a luncheon, Jan. 14, at the Palms. Guest speaker will be Richard Zweig of the California King Air Force Assn.

FRIENDS DINE

Enjoying dinner together at the new Plush Horse in Hollywood Riviera, were Mrs. C. M. Delaney of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ziebarth of Palos Verdes, and Mrs. Jean Sylvester Alper of Rolling Hills.



MRS. LARRY LEE GRISHAM . . . Recent Bride



MRS. ANDREW LECHUGA . . . Recites Vows