

# Barbara Siebern Wins Contest

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in North High School is Barbara Ann Siebern. Barbara, a senior, was born in New York and has lived in Torrance for one year.

She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes, administered Dec. 4, to senior girls in the graduating class. Her examination paper will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runner-up award in the state. For her achievement, she will receive an award pin designed by Trifari of New York.

Barbara plans to pursue a secretarial career after completing high school. She makes her home with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Siebern, at 4922 Merrill St., Torrance.



BARBARA SIEBERN  
... Homemaker

## REV. MCGUINNESS CHRISTENS 7TH FAMILY MEMBER

The seventh member in the Owens-Smith family, to be christened by the Rev. P. J. McGuinness, pastor of the Nativity Catholic Church, was Kenneth Eugene Smith.

The young man is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gene Smith, 1614 209th St. He was born at the local hospital on Dec. 2. The Smith's two other youngsters are Delores Jean and Stephen Michael.

The christening of Kenneth Eugene took place on Jan. 16. Godparents by proxy were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dugan standing in for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grant Smith of Riviera, Mass.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Owens, 1607 209th St., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of Idaho Falls, Idaho, who came early in January to visit their new grandson but were unable to stay over for the christening.

The maternal grandparents have lived in Torrance for the past 20 years. Mr. Owens is an usher at Nativity and is a member of the Holy Name Society. Mrs. Owens is a past regent of the Catholic Daughters and is a member of the Past Grand Regents club.



MRS. JOHN PATRICK KELLY II  
... Weds in Las Vegas

## New Square Dance Group Is Formed

Sea-Aire Stars held their second square dance on Jan. 19th. They were visited by two squares of the Major and Minors Squares of Hawthorne with Al Major as their caller.

The Sea-Aire Stars dance on the first and third Saturdays at Sea-Aire Field House. The group is composed of beginners with some experience and intermediates. All square dancers in the area are welcome. Current rounds are taught by Clarence Barrow, caller. The next dance will be held Feb. 2, at 8 p.m., at Reynolds and Lupine Dr., Torrance Sea-Aire Field House. For further information call Mrs. Clarence Barrows.

This new group will form a club in the near future under the Associated Square Dancers sponsorship.

## Mr., Mrs. John P. Kelly II Establish Home in Torrance

New residents in Torrance are Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick Kelly II, who were married in Las Vegas on Jan. 6. They are now at home at 2709 Cabrillo Ave.

Mrs. Kelly is the former Elaine Joan Heitter of Santa Monica, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Heitter of Oelwein, Iowa. The romance for the young couple began when they were both employed in Chicago. Mrs. Kelly attended Iowa schools and since coming to California, has been modeling and working at the telephone company in Beverly Hills.

Mr. Kelly, son of Mrs. John Patrick Kelly of Artesian, S. D., and the late John Patrick Kelly, was educated in South Dakota and served four years in the United States Navy. He is now employed at Douglas Aircraft and is attending El Camino College.

Judge John F. Mendoza officiated at the wedding and witnesses were Mildred Childs of Gardena, and Delbert Walton of Torrance.

## NDGW Slate Breakfast

First social event of the new year by the Ka Tijera Parlor 282, Native Daughters of the Golden West, will be held this morning from 9 until noon with the annual breakfast at the Moose Hall, 645 W. Arbor Vitae.

Mrs. Garnet Beattie, president of all the past presidents. Mrs. Mae Zimmerman, chairman, has planned an "Old Pioneer" breakfast. All proceeds go to the philanthropic work. The public is invited.

Those helping Mrs. Zimmerman are Mmes. Anita Bookman, Helen Brandt, Laura Coffin, Mildred Dittmar, Lenore Eberle, Edith Fairbrother, Florence Grass, Lila Hummel, Katherine Mason, Jennie Ober, Maxine Porter, and Misses Alice Gieschen, Ruth Payne, Sabine Sully and Dolores Zetwo.

Following the social hour the sorority met for their regular monthly meeting.

Program four was on the agenda with the newly appointed president, Mrs. Allan Beresford, leading the discussion.

Participating in the program were Mmes. W. J. Bullock, Robert Mosher, Marguerite Kelsey, E. C. Osterling, Olive Colter, Jack Clifford, Winona Jackson and P. M. Crossman.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at Mrs. Clifford's home, 2822 Eldorado.

# P T A ACTIVITIES

## FERN-GREENWOOD

"Remember Me," a film on polio and its terrible consequences, was shown to members of the Fern-Greenwood PTA at a special meeting of the group last week.

The film is centered around the experiences of a small girl who is taken to the hospital in the middle of the night, where her illness is confirmed as polio.

Viewers were taken with the little girl past rows of iron lungs and rocking beds until her bed was assigned her—and later to her own iron lung.

The films, which were made in Chicago last year during one of the worst outbreaks of polio in the nation, showed many of the agonizing steps polio victims go through to regain a small measure of independence: a man learning to type with his toes; a child struggling to drag a withered leg and a heavy brace upstairs; a man using a Goldberg device to shave himself.

Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, president of the PTA, introduced Mrs. Bert Lynn, after the film was shown. Mrs. Lynn is a lieutenant for the Mothers' March for this district. She asked for volunteers to help her in the March on Jan. 30. Money is still needed to aid those for whom the Salk vaccine came too late, she said.

Coffee and cake were served following the formal meeting.

## Riviera

The Jan. 16 meeting of the Hollywood Riviera PTA was called to order at 8 p.m. by Mrs. M. H. Sparks, president. The association was informed of the latest ways and means project voted on by the board. It is to be class pictures taken and sold by the PTA. Part of the proceeds to be given to the new Parkway School PTA when it is organized.

Forrest Sedwick, Bicycle Club chairman, asked for volunteers to help with the Road Hawks Club which meets the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 12 noon at the Riviera School.

Mrs. Rod Freeman, Mrs. Leo Levanas and Mrs. Ed Davis were elected by the association to serve with Mrs. William Peterson, Mrs. M. H. Sparks, Mrs. Glen Grimley, and D. K. Duncan on committee to choose the person to receive the life membership award this year. The award will be made at the Feb. 20 meeting.

Mrs. Lois Christiansen's seventh grade class performed a delightful skit called "Book Worms Don't Have to Bite." Script, scenery and actors being furnished by the seventh graders.

Mrs. Dorothy Tunis from the Hampton Players gave a humorous reading entitled "What Every Housewife Should Know."

Mrs. Leo Levanas, health chairman, acted as moderator in a panel discussion on "What Is Our Mental Health Rating?" Those on the panel were Mrs. Margiebell Brown, Torrance school psychologist, and Mrs. Walsworth, director of the San Pedro State Mental Hygiene Clinic.

D. K. Duncan, principal of the Riviera School, introduced three new teachers. They were Mrs. Margaret Davies, Mrs. Patricia Gagel and John Walker.

## Council

Torrance Council PTA held the January meeting of the executive board Tuesday, Jan. 8 at the Torrance Elementary Auditorium, President Francis Stocke announced the Assembly to be held in the Torrance High Auditorium at 9:30 would be open to PTA members desiring to see the flag presented to the schools.

The motion was passed to send President Stocke to the All-America Dinner as a representative from Torrance Council PTA. Mrs. William Crocker explained the rules of the new Torrance Council Scholarship Fund. The committee will be in action this school year.

Mrs. J. L. Hinds, Honorary Life Membership chairman, presented names of local personalities having been recommended for the honor and the board voted to accept two who will be the recipients at the Founders Day meeting Feb. 13 at the Torrance Woman's Club.

Mrs. Eldon Morgan announced the February meeting will be held at the Woman's Club with a coffee hour beginning at 9 a.m. Mrs. J. R. Allison asked that all be served and seated to start the program at 9:30. Founders Day chairman, Mrs. Lester Oswald, will present the PTA "Mikado." Past presidents will be honored and an election of next year's officers will be held.

Representing Council along with a member from each association will be Mrs. William Crocker and Mrs. H. Fink.

Midwinter Conference will be held Jan. 31 in Compton.

## Sepulveda

Torrance has added on the average of one new school every five months since 1949, according to Dr. Albert N. Posner, assistant department superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, who discussed the tremendous growth of the Torrance school system before a PTA audience of one of the newest schools of the city, Sepulveda Elementary on Jan. 17.

The city's schools now number 22, he said, with a teaching staff of 700. Tracing the beginnings of the Torrance Unified School District, Dr. Posner measured the growth in this area during the past 10 years by pointing out the number of volumes contained in the library. The present total of 100,000 is expected to double within the next five years, he said. He also marked the increase in the number of cafeterias and added school buses.

"The hue and cry arose in 1947 in Torrance for its own school district and a vote was cast to unify the school," said Dr. Posner. "During the short period of July 1-Sept. 10, 1947, a school system was organized. The 'open door' policy to parents was emphasized to bring the schools closer to home and people."

Dr. Posner described the formation of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee composed of representatives of Labor, Industry, PTA, Service Clubs, etc. The Torrance School's bulletin is published by this committee which meets monthly.

"The apparent success of the good schools is attributed to the attitude of the men and women of the city," said Dr. Posner.

In the business session preceding the talk, the organization voted to sponsor an intermediate Girl Scout troop and a Cub Pack within the school Mrs. A. Yackie, president, reported.

Entertainment was provided by David Hinkel, accordion soloist.

## TOPS CLUB MEETS

Tops club, reducing club, meets at the YWCA every Friday morning from 10 to 12 noon. The club, to take off pounds sensibly, was organized last July.

At the last meeting, the year end report showed that approximately 200 pounds had been lost by club members. For information call the YWCA.

## PARENTS HERE

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd L. Brown, 307 Via Monte D'Oro, are Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown, Fairmont, W. Va. They will be visiting here for a month.

Brown is a teacher at Mira Costa High School and a retired Navy commander.

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## New Officers Are Chosen

Recently organized South Bay Alumnae Club of the Immaculate Heart College met on Jan. 15 at the home of Mrs. Angela Plourde in Hollypark area to elect officers.

Named as president of the new group is Mrs. Mary Lou Wagner Oster. Vice president is Miss Theresa McPalin; secretary, Mrs. Lydia Flores Sandstrom; treasurer, Mrs. Plourde, and social chairman, Mrs. Joan Rosenfelder Lever.

Beginning a series of activities will be the installation dinner meeting on Feb. 19. Those wishing to attend the dinner or join the group are asked to call Mrs. George Lever, 15412 Wilton Place, Gardena.

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