

# Working Together Brings Happiness, Honor Students to Japanese Family

By ELEANOR GILBERT

"We all work together," says Mary Yoshioka, Homecoming Queen of Torrance High School. That's Mary's explanation as to how her sisters, brother and she are able to help their mother run a home, operate a farm, and still have time to be honor students and popular leaders in their classes at school. The Yoshioka home is at 4020 W. 230th St.

During the summer each boy or girl has his or her assigned job which they do with good luck sometimes, but not always," she says. The two older girls were born in Los Angeles, but Mitzi and Tetsuo were born at Poston, Arizona, where their family was relocated during the war. After having sold everything they owned, their house, land and their car, prior to the move, the family had to start all over from scratch on their return," said Mary. As a little girl she remembers a long train ride back and that it was hot in Arizona. "It was a little hard when we first came back, but most of the people were friendly and very sweet."

Mitzi, 13 and a freshman at North Torrance High, and Tetsuo, who is 12 and in seventh grade at Meadow Park, join their sisters in doing the cleaning of his or her assigned room. "We all do the cooking," says Mary. "Betty's a good cook, making pastries and American food. But I can fix Japanese food real well." Betty wants to be a teacher of homemaking and is making a practical beginning at home.

Her favorite subjects are English and chemistry. The latter subject she plans to use as a basis for future study in nutrition. The girls also pick strawberries for a neighbor when he needs help. During the school year, homework takes second place in favor of schoolwork. Reviewing the girls' busy schedules, the wonder is how is it all accomplished. Besides having full academic schedules, they have heavy extracurricular activities and still help on the farm as their time permits.

Even Tetsuo is pretty busy for a seventh-grade boy. He is particularly pleased to be at the top of his class in arithmetic. He plays baseball and bas-

ketball. He was on the Giants, which tied for first place in the Little League. Following baseball avidly, he's always for the Angels. A Boy Scout with a number of awards, he is also treasurer of his troop. He shares a "coin-collecting" hobby with Mary, but these coins are old or of foreign make, and his own with Mary. "He puts them in the scrapbook and I collect them," Mary laughs. At the moment, his great desire is to be a baseball player.

The interest in sports is keen in all the Yoshioka girls, too. Mitzi, a member of the Pep Club and of GAA, loves all sports, but is particularly fond of one she learned this summer, water skiing, at Bass Lake. Mitzi was just elected president of the freshman class and chosen "Girl of the Week" at North Torrance High. She was also treasurer of the student body at Meadow Park.

Mitzi plays the piano, mostly classical selections, but some popular pieces. She thinks some of the rock 'n roll is okay, but of Elvis Presley she says, "I like him." The girls all started to wear lipstick when they went to high school. "We wore it to graduation, of course," she added. She remembered that she was very happy to be one of five children selected from the district orchestra to play for the Spring Concert with the Torrance High School orchestra. She was a violinist then, having studied this instrument since fourth grade. Mitzi was also a Girl Scout. She shares with Mary the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher.

Betty is modest about her cooking accomplishments as she is about those at school. An honor student, she is in the Scholarship Society. This year she is a Tartar Lady, vice president of the Girls' League, and of the Rally Club, and historian of the Silhouette Y-teens. She also belongs to Tri-Hi-Y and the Spanish Club.

In between times she makes some of her clothes and tries out new recipes. "I have pre-



A TRULY HAPPY AMERICAN FAMILY... find fun and excitement in dressing in their native Japanese costumes. Here the Yoshioka family take pride in watching Mary, the Homecoming Queen of Torrance High School, dress in true Japanese costume. Mary is an outstanding student at Torrance High and is also a Song Queen. Mrs. Yoshioka, a widow, is rearing a group of honor students as well as helpers for the farm home at 4020 W. 230th St. In the picture are (from the left) Mitzi, Betty, Mrs. Yoshioka, Mary, and Tetsuo, the only man in the family.

## RNA to Plan Bazaar at Tuesday Meet

Torrance Camp Royal Neighbors of America will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave. There will be initiation of several candidates who were accepted for membership at the last meeting.

Oracle Stella Norris has requested a good attendance as final plans will be perfected for the Annual Bazaar which will be held the afternoon of the following Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The Friendship Sewing Circle cooperates with the Lodge on this annual affair. Many beautiful articles will be on display; also cakes, pastries and other items of food furnished by some of the very good cooks among the membership.

The high-light of the meeting on Nov. 20 will be the Birthday Celebration with a Cake Fair. All birthdays of the members will be observed at this party, and prizes will be awarded for the best decorated, most humorous, and most unusual cakes. All cakes are to be made and decorated by the Neighbors exhibiting them. It promises to be a rather enjoyable affair. Mrs. Duncan is the chairman for this part of the evening's program.

## Club to Hear Harbor JC Nurses Pass State Board

"Your Christmas By You" will be the topic at the meeting of the Torrance Woman's club next Wednesday at the clubhouse. Chelsea L. Hendrix will be the speaker and will demonstrate Christmas decorations. This program will begin at 2 p.m.

At 12:30 the club members will gather for a pot luck luncheon to be followed by a business meeting at 1:30 conducted by Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, president.

## Stock Market Explained to Sorooptimist

John A. Richards of Long Beach, gave an informative talk on "Stock Market and the Economy" at the luncheon meeting of the Torrance-Gardena Sorooptimist Club last Monday at a Torrance restaurant.

Mrs. Margaret Neff, president, turned the meeting over to the program chairman, Miss Frances Dimitri, who introduced the speaker.

Mr. Richards pointed out that many years ago, a business man borrowed money in order to expand but now stocks are sold for this purpose, at a place where buyers and sellers meet, called a stock exchange.

This has grown very specialized and Richards advised the members of the club not to buy stocks they knew nothing about but to thoroughly investigate before buying. He believes the value of the dollar will improve and that Mr. Eisenhower is doing all that can be done to stabilize the dollar.

He explained the stock split; the Dow-Jones averages; the odd-lot broker; the New York and American Stock Exchanges; and many other items of interest to his listeners.

At the next meeting, Nov. 19, a report from the delegates to the district meeting, held recently at the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, will be given.

## ALUMNAE BUSY ON PROJECT

South Bay Kappa Delta Alumnae will meet Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Carr, 2310 John St., Manhattan Beach.

Members are asked to bring wrapped Christmas presents or new or good used clothing to put in the Christmas box for the Crippled Children's hospital in Richmond Va., which is the sorority's national philanthropy.

This meeting is also the deadline for the Christmas magazine subscriptions. Members who are unable to attend are asked to call some other member and send their gifts to this meeting.

## Harbor JC Nurses Pass State Board

Seven graduates of the Harbor JC Vocational Nurse program who recently took the California State Board of Vocational Nurse Examination placed high on examination scores according to Mrs. Hazel M. Whedon, Administrative Dean of the college.

Those passing the examination were Barbara Carvalho, Geraldine Brinner, Elizabeth Firlit, Consuelo Greene, Varetta Kendrick, Malissa McGowan, and Ann Pearce.

The vocational nursing program consists of a year's training which qualifies the graduate to take the State Board examination.

The course consists of five months study at Harbor JC and seven months at Harbor General Hospital, nursing in the various clinical services such as medical, surgical, care of mother and child, nursing care of the well and sick child, and operating room nursing.

Persons interested in enrolling in the one-year course starting in the spring semester should make arrangements for an interview as soon as possible.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or older, be in good health, and have an interest in nursing. Interview appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Jean McAlary. The number of persons in the class will be limited and an early appointment is desirable.

## MOTHERS HEAR DISCIPLINE TALK

"Discipline and Christian Courtesy" was the topic of the speech given by school principal Sister Rosalia at the meeting of the Nativity Mothers club held Tuesday Nov. 13. Mrs. Ruth Janasik president was in charge of the meeting.

Plans were also discussed for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 13. St. Nicholas dressed as a bishop will distribute the gifts.

## HARBOR SOCIETY WINS TROPHY

Harbor Aquarian Society who entered a display in the California Pet Fair held in Long Beach 2-4 at the municipal auditorium won the first place gold trophy.

The door prize at the last meeting of the society was won by J. W. Bill of Torrance, who is the proud owner of a 15 gallon tank plants fish and accessories.

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THEY STUDY FOR BEAUTIFICATION... of their hometown Torrance. These youngsters are members of the recently organized Junior Greenthumb Garden Club. Here they are examining a white ash tree on Rockview Drive. They are Susan Fitzgerald, with Eddie Sellmeyer, president, and Tommy Petersen, vice-president. We quote their decision, "The white ash is not for California's sandy loam, evidenced" by its windburned leaves. We recommend the bottle brush or the California ironwood for this locality."

## Beta Sigmas At Breakfast

Several members are in attendance today at the Southern California Council of Beta Sigma Phi breakfast meeting in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel. Past presidents of the council are serving as hostesses.

Driving into Los Angeles this morning for the event were Mmes. Robert Phinizy, Bill Raines, Carl Adress, Emerson Wilce, Frances McDonald, Robert Purcell and Miss Blanche Wright of the Lambda Eta Chapter; Mmes. Don Bradford, Charles Fitzpatrick, Bill Garrison, Robert Garrison, Robert Grommett, Kenneth King, Emory Martin, Stephen Nicely, Dom Bromley, Paul Peterson, Ernest Sommerville,

Robert Stroud, Robert Todd, Gene Combs, Robert Grable, James Stamatiss, David Eley, Thayne Connell and Misses Dorothy Stearns and Rosemary Andrews of the Pi Phi Chapter.

## WEEK END TRIP

Returning this afternoon from a three-day stay at Crestline, will be Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Standford, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Derouin, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butterfield, all of Lomita.

The week end trip was in celebration of the 18th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.

## CARD PARTY

Wilmington Woman's club will sponsor a public card party on Friday evening Nov. 23 at the clubhouse, Lakme and Denni at 8 p.m. Hostesses will be Mrs. Menard Harp and Mrs. Edwin Davis.

**Reflections**  
By J. HUGH SHERFKEY, JR.  
THANKSGIVING  
-Nature provides a time to plant and a time to harvest; man plants and he harvests -Thanksgiving is a celebration of that harvest.  
To participate in the deepest meaning of Thanksgiving one has family and friends around him, where laughter and good will abound, where communion of spirit touches each as a finger of love. Gratitude for peace, for leadership, freedom, and all the "little things" that have made life pleasant are part of the festival of Thanksgiving.  
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