



MR., MRS. HERMAN BURMASTER
... June 22, 1895



MR., MRS. CHARLES WARD
... Nov. 29, 1906



MR., MRS. L. G. FETHEROLF
... July 24, 1907



MR., MRS. HOMER ST. MARTIN
... Nov. 3, 1935

Love and Marriage, Odd at Times, Conquers All Through the Years

"All mankind loves a lover," so Emerson said. Shakespeare added his bit of wisdom with a quote, "We that are true lovers, run to strange capers." And the thing we call a romanticist's tradition—the wedding—has its strange little oddities in ceremony but basically it has been the same since the beginning of time.

The wedding gown has changed in styles through the years but it is still the most important gown in any girl's life. During the past century the picture has changed from the "hour glass figure" obtained with padding of the hips and bust and squeezing of the waist with the indispensable corset and then donning the fashionable starched petticoat, not just one but three or four. In this era the wedding gown touched the floor. It was often made with the leg o' mutton sleeve, the basque waist and many had the bustle back. Representative of this 19th century bride, is the picture of Mrs. Ann Burmaster, who was married June 22, 1895 in Oaksdale, Wash. Mrs. Burmaster lives here with her daughter, Mrs. Kay Curtis, 1321 Engracia.

Moving up to the early 1900's, the bride usually made her gown of an exquisite batiste. The big bertha collar, the high neckline, puffed sleeves with the tight wrist band, and the skirt flounce were the height of fashion. Showing us this era is Mrs. Hazel Ward, 1616 Beech. Mrs. Ward was married Nov. 29, 1906 in a home ceremony. She made her dress of Irish linen by hand. She spent hours on the fashionable drawn work.

TURN OF THE CENTURY
Another fashion of this era is modeled by Mrs. L. G. Fetherolf, 2405 Torrance Blvd., who was married in the Old Plaza Church in Los Angeles on July 24, 1907. Hers is a two piece ensemble—the shirt waist and the full pleated skirt. The blouse, made of fine batiste, was full and trimmed with lace. Rows of insertion

ornamented the front. The floor length skirt was of a heavier material and the pleats were stitched to the knees.

NEW 1935 FAD
Then came the days of satin and lace for the bride. It too was a floor length gown, but the new fad of cutting material on the bias was in its heyday. This way, the gown hugged the body and brought into existence the first tendency to show the figure. Mrs. Homer St. Martin of Beech Ave. wears this high fashion model. Her wedding day was Nov. 3, 1935.

For comparison the modern day bride is represented by Mrs. Jesse Fernandez, the former Delores Garcia, whose wedding was solemnized July 6, 1957. There are yards and yards of Chantilly lace, satin and tulle in this elegant original creation.

However, the other traditions have not changed. The "diamond," the sparkle of which supposedly kindles the "fires of love" is still the wedding stone, worn on the third finger of the left hand because "it is nearest the heart." June still is the popular month for weddings because of its days of the full moon. The Egyptians were the first to use wedding bands, the circle representing the "unending or eternity."

The orange blossoms, used first at Medieval weddings, is still a tradition. The blossoms, as well as the time-honored rice, are used to express hope that the marriage will be productive.

SOMETHING BLUE
The wearing of "something blue and something borrowed" is, a superstition from early

man, the borrowed items will magically transfer the happiness of another bride and the "blue" stands for fidelity. Tradition has it that the bevy of bridesmaids follows a theory that the party of maidens fend off groomsmen for the bride who shows reluctance in leaving the parental home. Later on, she is carried over the threshold to live happily ever after.

Eating of the "wedding cake" is symbolic of the couple's first meal together. Unmarried girls often place bits of the cake under their pillow hoping to dream of future husbands.

THE BRIDE'S BOUQUET
Throwing of the bride's garter or stocking has been replaced with the throwing of the bouquet and the presence of a best man follows a tradition when the bride was seized or kidnapped. Today when bride's marry for love, not money, the father "gives her away."

In our modern day, the light shines on mothers-in-law in a more radiant manner. However in the early days of seizure marriages, mothers were enraged and felt duty bound to display their anger and urge kinsmen to retaliate. Among primitive peoples, mothers-in-law were and still are taboo.

So we question Ovid's cliché that "Love is a kind of warfare."

Scout Mothers Fashion Show Slated Tomorrow

The vogue and mode of milady's wardrobe is being measured in "Fathoms of Fashions" at the third annual fashion show given by the Mothers Club of Boy Scout Troop 753, Monday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. at the Neptunian Club, Manhattan Beach. Fathoming the sea of elegant and distinctive styles, a treasure chest of pictorial ensembles have been chosen to reflect every woman's desire.

The models will step before a stage setting of a backdrop of shimmering sea, an opened treasure chest, sea horses carrying a make-believe "Goddess" of fashion to produce fabulous creations for the guests. Fish netting, star fish, sea weed, concho shells will be added decor to further the illusion. Cottons as frothy as a cap of a wave, billowing skirts of polished cottons in matched or mixed sets, nylons sheer and cool as an ocean breeze, are only a few of the materials to be featured in the array of modish designs.

The Sports Shop of Torrance will furnish the clothes. Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey, will act as fashion commentator for the fashion show. Models are: Mmes. Raymond

Andicochea, Edward Beck, Glenn Blake, William Capps, Milton Damerow, D. W. Joseph, T. R. Jackson, William Kuyper, A. L. Mackenzie, Jack Miller, Howard Zook, Misses Linda Andicochea, Sandra Baillie, Barbara Romero.

The committee working to make the event an outstanding one are: Mrs. William Boell, Mrs. Phillip Brooks, ways and means; Mrs. Andicochea, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Delmar Kern, tickets; Mrs. George Corbett, Mrs. Harold Yarnell, Mrs. John Billings, refreshments. Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Boell, Mrs. Sol Moschel, door prizes, musical background; Mrs. Rod Baillie, Mrs. T. R. Jackson, programs and favors. Mrs. Kenneth Schwarz, art; Miss Jean Wagner, decor; Mrs. Kenneth McVey, publicity.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the group and at the door.



MRS. JESSE FERNANDEZ
... July 6, 1957 (Portrait by Seeman)

Lioness Club Opens Year With Meet

First meeting of its new year was held by the Torrance Lioness Club Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. J. Osborne with Mrs. Ruel Moulton co-hostess.

The new president, Mrs. Fred Boren, conducted the meeting reading the by-laws and introducing the new officers and chairmen. They are Mrs. John Ritchie, second vice president; Mrs. Alvin Peterson, secretary; Mrs. P. Radisch, treasurer; Mrs. William King, hairpuller.

New chairmen are Mrs. A. Robinson, membership; Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, hospitality; Mrs. Lowell Spring, sunshine; Mrs. A. B. McTee, telephone; Mrs. S. Von Wagner, assistant telephone; Mrs. Warren Hamilton, publicity, and Mrs. D. Moshas, auditor.

The resignation of Mrs. Ruel Moulton as first vice president was accepted. The executive board met Saturday at the home of the president to name her successor.

At Tuesday's meeting the group planned a picnic for the Torrance Lions' ballplayers.

During a social hour the door prize was won by Mrs. Milton Isbell and the hostesses served refreshments.

AT WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. George Blahnik attended the wedding of Miss Nancy Cathey at the First Baptist Church in Long Beach yesterday. They were also present at the reception at the Officers Club.



HONORED TODAY . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Keeler, 2021 236th St., will be in the spotlight at an open house today celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Hours are from 2 until 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The couple, who have lived in Torrance since 1950, are parents of 10 children. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren will attend today's party. All friends of the celebrants are invited to the open house.

Attend Party In La Mirada

A group of friends drove to La Mirada last Saturday evening to attend a wedding anniversary party given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mowry, formerly of Torrance. A buffet supper was served in the patio.

Attending the party were Messrs. and Mmes. John Schwartz, Phillip Hoffman, Harry Lewis, George Blahnik, from Torrance; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Isaac of Gardena; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lingo of Norwalk.

BHUTAN VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Jigmi P. Dorji, are visiting the South Bay area from their home in far-away Kampong, Bhutan. They were welcomed to the Southland with a dinner party at the Push Horse Restaurant, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund J. Altschul of the Hollywood Riviera.

DOTSY BOOTH FLIES EAST FOR VACATION

Dotsy Booth, 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Westall Booth, 348 Via Calusa, left by plane Thursday for a month's vacation. She flew from here to St. Augustine, Fla. where she will visit her grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Revis.

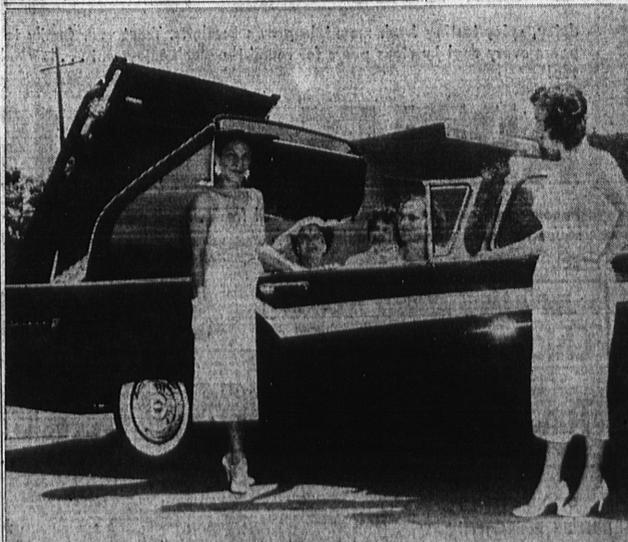
The latter part of the month, she will join her aunt, Mrs. C. S. King, Jr. for a trip to Arlington, Va. Washington, D. C. Jamestown and other historical places are on her itinerary before returning home to enter the 8th grade at Riviera school.

HIGH SIERRA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snyder and Bill, Dick and Sharon, of 1624 Fern Ave., returned last Monday from a nine day camping trip in the High Sierra.

NEW YORKER HERE

Mary Taylor, 276 E. 213th St., is hostess to her cousin, Louis DeBord, who arrived here Tuesday from Buffalo, N. Y., for a month-long visit.



TOP FASHION IN EVERY DETAIL . . . This modern group of smart and fashionable women, organized under the title Scout Mothers of Troop 753, step into a shiny new convertible to attend rehearsal for their sixth annual "Fathoms of Fashion" Style Show. The event, open to the public, will be held Tuesday evening, Aug. 12, at 8 at the Neptunian Club. A sea theme will prevail and midsummer fashions paraded. Pictured are (from left) Mmes. Kenneth McVey, Edward Beck, T. R. Jackson, Henry Wagner and William Kuyper. Tickets will be available at the door.