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TO SAN ANTONIO  
 Mrs. Cora Hill and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Thelma Hill left by plane Wednesday evening for San Antonio, Texas, where they will attend the commissioning of Mrs. Cora Hill's nephew, Delroy Eugene Hill. Mr. Hill will receive his commission as a lieutenant at the Lackland Air Force Base. The two local women will return Saturday by plane.



HERALDING SPRING . . . Spring social season in Torrance officially begins tomorrow evening when the three local dance clubs stage their "Spring Festival." As last minute details are completed these representatives of the three clubs have fun anticipating what tomorrow evening will bring. They are, seated at the table, Mr. and Mrs.

Dean Sears of Triple T, dancing at left, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Bundy of Sabada and at right, Mr. and Mrs. John Schwartz of Los Fiestadores. Western Avenue Country Club, elaborately decorated in the spring decor, will be the scene of this gala affair.

## Festive Dance Will Herald Spring 1958

Tomorrow is the first day of spring 1958 . . . and on Saturday evening the new season will be officially greeted at a "Spring Festival" dance to be given by Torrance's three dance clubs—Triple T, Sabada, and Los Fiestadores. The setting for the dance will be the Western Avenue Country Club which will become a veritable spring garden with a profusion of pastel butterflies, birds, tulips, daffodils and camellias.

Representatives of the three clubs—Mmes. H. F. Heinlein, Clifford Trezise, LeRoy Pulliam, John Schwartz and Parke Montague—are in charge of the decorating. Guests will register at tables decorated with spring blossoms. Name plates will also be in the spring decor, with a different spring symbol for each club. The entertainment for the evening consisting of acquainted dances is being

planned by Mmes. J. A. Eisenbrandt, LeRoy Pulliam and Robert L. Moffitt.

Several door prizes, among which is a prize for each club, will be awarded during the evening. On this committee are Mmes. Eisenbrandt, Cliff Graybehl and LeRoy Pulliam.

Guests will be greeted by representatives from each club: Sabada—Messrs. and Mmes. Cliff Graybehl, Cliff Trezise, R. L. Moffitt; Triple T—Messrs. and Mmes. LeRoy Pulliam, H. F. Heinlein, Dean Sears, and Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Houske; Los Fiestadores—Messrs. and Mmes. Allen Pyeatt, John Schwartz, and Parke Montague.

Semi-formal attire is the dress for the evening of dancing which will begin at 9 p.m. with Mark Warner's orchestra playing.

A number of cocktail parties have been planned prior to the dance. The entire membership of the Triple T Club will be entertained at the Baker Smith home in Redondo. Co-hosting with the Smiths are Dr. and Mrs. R. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyde.

Among the new members of Triple T attending will be Messrs. and Mmes. Len Ensminger, Art Ascolesi, Nick Draie, Lou Dyer, and Marshall Chamberlain.

New Los Fiestadores members attending this annual affair will be Dr. and Mrs. James K. Lees, Messrs. and Mmes. Robert Sleeth, Jr., Johnny Johnson, and J. Helphand.

## Easter Fete Planned Here By Sorority

Gay Easter baskets will be filled with the traditional hidden treasure for the annual Alpha Delta Pi South Bay Alumnae's annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held March 28, 10:30 a.m. in El Retiro Park.

Mrs. Ross McAdam, chairman of the event, has announced that plans have been made for more than 100 children.

The party, first held last year at the home of Mrs. Jerry Davidson, president, is one of the two such parties held each year to raise funds for the national sorority's philanthropic project, providing aid for handicapped children.

Mrs. Jack Kettler, playing the part of Peter Cottontail, will be on hand to greet the young guests. Games and favors have been planned for all and refreshments will be served in the park clubhouse.



(Portrait by Seeman)  
 MRS. J. G. LOUVIER  
 . . . Junior Club President

## Torrance Junior Club Elects New Officers

Mrs. J. G. Louvier, 22606 Evalyn Ave., was elected president of the Torrance Junior Women's club at its meeting last Wednesday. Mrs. Louvier will succeed Mrs. John Schwartz.

The new president, mother of three children, Jo Kay, 12, Jay 9, and Jed, 5, is a member of the Seaside PTA and the Committee for Girl Scouts. Mr. Louvier is an engineer at Harvey Alumnium. The family attends the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo. They have been residents here for the past four years.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Louvier were Mrs. K. M. Boulter, first vice president; Mrs. Russell M. Clawson, second vice president; Mrs. C. L. Briner, third vice president; Mrs. W. E. Starr, recording secretary; Mrs. Lee E. Allen, treasurer; Mrs. John A. Hall, auditor, and Mrs. Jack C. Dean, publicity.

During the business session conducted by Mrs. Schwartz,

Mrs. Robert Waddell chairman of the recent dessert card party, announced that ninety persons attended among them a large group from the Senior Woman's club.

The guest speaker for the evening, Mrs. Elyse Aehle, was presented by Mrs. William Rogers. Mrs. Aehle, conductor of the South Bay-Torrance Symphony, discussed the organization and extended an invitation to the club to attend a concert on March 31.

Mrs. R. Porter, representative of the American Red Cross, explaining the blood program and showed a film on the Red Cross in action during local disasters.

Refreshments were served by the hostess committee for the evening composed of Mrs. C. Albert Smith, chairman; Mmes. John A. Hall, Kenneth Miller, Frank Neff, Jr., Richard N. Oliver, Z. C. Renfro, Robert K. Schooley, James Shellaberger and W. E. Starr.

## Alpha Omega Pledge Rite Conducted

Alpha Omega Chapter of the Theta Chi Epsilon National Sorority held their Amicitia ceremony at the home of Mrs. Bob Spradling, following a champagne cocktail hour.

Mrs. Frank Ives, chapter president, read the beautiful ceremony against the softness of candlelight. The altar cloth of white linen, together with the centerpiece of red roses, made this full degree ceremony a fulfillment for pledges Mrs. Jack Willett, Miss Carol Teschner and Miss Louise Caulkins.

In honor of the chapter officers the annual anniversary dinner was held at the Plush Horse, following the ceremony. While at the restaurant, Fashion Show chairman, Mrs. Roy Leazotte, announced the annual Fashion Show would be presented on Sunday afternoon, May 18. The theme will be "Paris in the Spring." It will include a luncheon and be held at the Inglewood Country Club. Anyone requesting information regarding the show may contact the hospitality chairman, Mrs. Stan Ton or the president, Mrs. Frank Ives.

Others attending this gala affair were Mmes. Charles Marcotte, Jack Borden, Ray Helfenstein, Keith Jensen, Bob Jensen, Ted Witkowski and Kenny Borland.

## Barbara Cracknell Is Now Mrs. T. A. Smith

In a mid-afternoon ceremony on March 1 at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, Miss Barbara Jule Cracknell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Cracknell, 25607 Lucille Ave., Lomita, became the bride of Lt. Theodore Addison Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smith of North Bend, Oregon.

As the bride approached the altar on the arm of her father, she was radiant in her wedding gown of imported Spanish lace and tulle. It was fashioned with a high neckline, long sleeves and the full skirt was of panniers of Spanish lace and tulle. The bridal veil of French illusion fell from a crushed tulle cap and she carried two white orchids atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Marvin V. Ruebel of San Diego served as her sister's matron of honor. She wore a bouffant gown of pale yellow crystalline detailed with an embroidered cummerbund which formed a large bow at back interest. She carried a cascade of white carnations tied with yellow ribbons.

Performing the duties of best man was Lt. John Kent and serving as ushers were Lt. Nick Brenard and James Thornburg.

Dr. F. Hudson, church past-

or, officiated at the marriage. The 150 wedding guests were then entertained at a reception at the church. Assisting were Mrs. Jeanne Thornburg and Mrs. Betty Brown. Mrs. Marlene Deere registered the guests and Miss Lorraine Eyer was in charge of the gift table. The couple left immediately for Oregon to visit the bridegroom's parents. While there, they were also entertained at a reception.

Returning to Lomita, they visited with the bride's parents and a family dinner was given in their honor at the Plush Horse last Sunday evening. The group then accompanied Lt. Smith to the airport where he boarded a plane for Iceland, his new assignment with the Air Force. His bride will join him in June.

The new Mrs. Smith was born and reared in Lomita. She graduated from the Narbonne High school and received her social science degree from UC at Riverside. She is now teaching in the Riverside schools.

Lt. Smith received his BA degree from Willamette at Salem, Oregon. He studied one year of law before entering the Air Force.



(Fields Studio)  
 MRS. THEODORE ADDISON SMITH  
 . . . On Her Wedding Day

## GUESTS LEAVE

Leaving last Monday for their homes, after a 10 day visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allison on Glenburn Ave., were Mrs. T. W. Branham of Albany, Mo., and Mrs. Morris Branham, of Tucson, Ariz. The Allisons and their guests visited all the spots of interest in the area among them the Camellia show at the Descanso Gardens.

## NOTE ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Houske and Mrs. Houske's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carpenter of Palm Springs, enjoyed dinner at the Pen and Quill restaurant last Thursday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Houske were celebrating their third wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were celebrating their 43rd wedding date.

## Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bratts, 1609 Via Zurita, Palos Verdes, opened their home to a group of friends for cocktails and a buffet on Saturday, March 15.

Guests enjoying the event were Messrs. and Mmes. John Solvason, Jack Hughes, Henry Behrens, Mel Gielow, Hadley Dixon, Don Santucci, Paul Warf, Fred Boyer, Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Clark, and Cmdr. and Mrs. A. J. Dallendorfer. An evening of dancing followed the buffet.

## Whelchel - Weeks Nuptials Recited at Wayside Chapel

Wayside Chapel of the Harbor City Methodist Church was the setting on March 1, for the wedding ceremony uniting Donna Whelchel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brimer, 427 W. 228th St. and Jerry Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Weeks, 261 W. 223rd St.

The Rev. Howard Rosine officiated at the vow exchange which took place at 8 p.m.

Mr. Brimer escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore a gown of ice blue brocaded satin with a short fitted jacket edged in seed pearls. Her veil of blue illusion was outlined with tating. The gown and veil were made by the bride's mother. Completing the picture was the bridal bouquet of white orchids and carnations.

Mrs. Joanne Dismuke served as her sister's matron of honor. Miss Linda Fiesel was the bridesmaid. They wore waltz length gowns of taffeta and carried matching bouquets.

Her husband served with the United States Army following his graduation from Torrance High School. He is now a traffic officer in the San Pedro Branch of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Immediately following the wedding, the 200 guests were entertained at a reception at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fiesel. Mrs. Fay Best registered the guests.

The bride, a graduate of Banning High School, is employed in the engineering department at National Supply.

Her husband served with the United States Army following his graduation from Torrance High School. He is now a traffic officer in the San Pedro Branch of the Los Angeles Police Department.



(Doug Kilgour Photo)  
 MISS BETTE HIGGINS  
 . . . Fall Bride-elect

## Bette Higgins Sets Autumn Date With Tom Allen Smith

A fall wedding is being planned by Miss Bette Suzanne Higgins and Tom Allen Smith. The announcement climaxes a romance which began on the El Camino college campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry U. Higgins of Redondo Beach are parents of the bride-elect and the future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Smith, Winlock Dr., Torrance.

Miss Higgins was graduated from Redondo High in 1955. The benedict-elect, a graduate of the Torrance High school, is a senior at the University of California where he is majoring in industrial management.



(Crotty Photograph)  
 MRS. JERRY WEEKS  
 . . . Makes Promises