

# Social World

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For Community Betterment

## Torrance Woman's Club Has Year of Achievements

Torrance Woman's club, which will celebrate its 40th birthday next year, with its accomplishments in the year 1959-60 under the leadership of Mrs. John Thuss, has proven the belief of a few neighborhood women, who organized the group thirty nine years ago, that Torrance needed a women's organization devoted to civic improvement, philanthropies and social activities.

The club, which will soon round out a year filled with achievements, began with a membership of 146 members including eight complimentary and 19 life members, and at present the membership chairman, Mrs. Sid Gans, reports 176 members.

Philanthropies are the major work of the Torrance Woman's club. The women contributed financially to many organizations such as YWCA, YMCA, United Church Home, Community Chest, Indian Affairs, Rancho Las Amigos, the District Foundation Fund, Veterans' Affairs, Vietnam School Kits, American Field Service, March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, Penny Art, Christmas Seals, Easter Seals, Dental Health Assn., the Heart Fund and Mental Health program.

Not only money was donated, but members spent volunteer hours with patients in hospitals in the area, serving on the Red Cross Drives, aiding the Bloodmobile, assisting American Cancer Society and many other labors. At holiday time they have furnished baskets for the needy.

**Award Scholarships**  
Many successful ways and means projects have been held and more are planned before the end of the club year under the direction of Mrs. Andrew Acompora. From these various events, the proceeds enable the club to give scholarships in art, music, and education to four students. This was the first art scholarship to be awarded by the club. The event was instigated by Mrs. Howard Altermatt, art chairman.

There are twenty-four departments under appointed Federated chairmen and their committees who are working on a range of activities aiding the community and the club. Among them are: Mrs. Don

Wolf, American Citizenship and Civil Defense chairman; Mrs. John C. Warnock, Jr., American Home and Safety; Mrs. A. E. Palmer, Bible and Spiritual; Mrs. J. E. Stavert, California History and Landmarks; Mrs. H. Wood, Child Welfare; Mrs. E. G. Laughney, Community Improvement and Civic Awards; Mrs. M. A. Wright, Cancer Society board.

Mrs. W. Norman serves as education chairman attending TEAC luncheons and serving on the scholarship committee. Another active group is the Garden and City Beautiful directed by Mrs. Victor Benstead. This group has planted oleanthers along Torrance's only state boulevard.

**Welfare Work**  
Mrs. Peter Boonstra serves as advisor of the Health, Public Welfare and Philanthropic chairman. She has organized a group of women to assist at Harbor Hospital.

Mrs. Cashus E. Ackley, Jr. is club historian and is working on a history of the club from its inception March 19, 1921.

Mrs. John Melville, international hostess, has arranged for magazines to be sent to foreign countries and works with the Marina District in obtaining funds for work abroad.

Mrs. R. S. Russell serves as Indian Affairs chairman aiding the American Indians and Mrs. D. J. Quinlivan is chairman of a literature section with book reviews once a month.

Mrs. H. Altermatt is golf section chairman and Mrs. J. Burchett is club music chairman.

Mrs. Godfrey Nelson handles the publicity for the club and Mrs. E. G. Laughney is in charge of the press book.

Mrs. John Muhleck serves as Veterans Affairs chairman and

the club has contributed to the TV fund for the Sawtelle Veterans hospital.

Mrs. J. K. Clutter is chairman of the Youth Conservations and Narcotics.

**Sponsor Juniors**  
As sponsors of the Junior Woman's club, the Senior club works with them on many of their philanthropies. Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt and Mrs. R. E. Shaw work as a liaison between the two clubs.

Members of the local club holding office in Marina district are Mrs. Lee McCoy, Federation Extension chairman; Mrs. John Thuss, executive board; Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, president's aide; and Mrs. John Thuss, garden section.

Mrs. H. F. Heinlein has served as program chairman for the year, presenting a versatile and interesting program for the advancement of general welfare, civic betterment and social service.

Mrs. J.P. Bay, first vice president, is also the Federation secretary and represents the club at Federation meetings.

Mrs. Leondrus Stamps acts as house chairman and is responsible for rentals, inventory of furnishings and general supervision of the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia, built in 1925.

Other members of the board are Mrs. Alma C. Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Ervin Moudy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Apsey, auditor; Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, reservations; Mrs. Alan S. Moore, year book, and Mrs. D. L. Thomsen, parliamentary.

The club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Any woman in the Torrance area interested in joining this group may call Mrs. Sid Gans, membership chairman.



**WOMAN'S CLUB LEADERS** . . . On the steps of their clubhouse these members of the Executive Board of Torrance's largest and oldest women's organization look back on the year 1959-60 with a justified feeling of achievement. Memberships increased, numerous philanthropies were assisted, and many social events have been held throughout this year. They are, from left, Mmes. A. Acompora, ways and means chairman; H. F. Heinlein, program; R. E. Moffitt, reservations; Alma Smith, recording

secretary; Alan Moore, year book; Rufus Sandstrom, treasurer; John W. Thuss, president; Sid Gans, second vice president; back row, from left, Delbert Thomsen, parliamentary; Roy Apsey, auditor; Lee Stamps, third vice president; Joseph P. Bay, first vice president; and E. C. Moudy, corresponding secretary. Inset in this picture is Mrs. Charles Stock, first president of this club, which was organized in 1921 by a group of neighborhood women.

**YOUR PROBLEMS**  
by Ann Landers

**"Slapped in The Face . . ."**

Dear Ann: At Christmas time we wanted to help a needy family. For our kindness we received a slap in the face. I've been fuming for months and decided to get your opinion.

This family lives a block away. There are six small children who always look ragged. The mother is a worn-out little thing and the father is a sergeant in the Marine Corps.

During the holidays I went over with some good used clothing and a carton of food. The door was almost slammed in my face. I was told they didn't need charity and to take the stuff to someone who could use it.

Do enlisted men get an allowance for each child? Do they get housing, medical care and a pension? If I had an idea of what this man earned I'd feel better. Can you help me or is this information secret? — WONDERING

Dear Wondering: I'm sure you meant well but next time check with a welfare agency and learn who needs help. Or give directly to the agency and let THEM distribute to the needy.

A Marine Corps sergeant with eight years of service gets \$325.90 a month if he has two children. There is no extra allotment for additional children. The basic allowance for living quarters is \$96.90 a month if there are more than two dependents. The sergeant and his family are entitled to SOME medical care, and there's a retirement plan after 20 years.

A Marine Sergeant with six kids may well be hard-pressed financially, but he can work out a loan at low interest with the help of a government agency.

Dear Ann: I met this man when I was a waitress at a very nice restaurant. I knew he was married but I didn't care. I had just been divorced and was lonesome. He said his wife was a nice person but not very good company.

He talked about divorcing his wife and marrying me but nothing ever came of it. We went together four years and I gave birth to a baby boy. The boy is now five years old and notices that he doesn't have a father. This man supports the child but he doesn't spend any time with us. I told the child he's my cousin.

Is there any legal action I can take to force a marriage? I'm beginning to think I was a little fool.—NO RING  
Dear No Ring: Well—comes (Continued on Page 12)

### Ambrose-Jester Nuptials Solemnized at St. Cross

Rev. Richard I. S. Spence, pastor of the St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach stood before a flower banked altar last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to officiate at the wedding of Miss Linda Jeanne Ambrose and Robert E. Jester. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Ambrose, 2265 W. 231st St., Torrance, approached the altar on the arm of her father. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jester, 20529 Taluka Ave., Torrance, are parents of the bridegroom.

The floor length wedding gown was of hand-clipped Chantilly lace and tulle. The basque waist had long pointed sleeves and tiers of ruffles made up the bouffant skirt. The illusion bridal veil was secured by a pearl crown and the bride carried a shower bouquet of white hyacinths and hybrid blue delphiniums.

Miss Gail Wilson served as the maid of honor. She wore a waltz length gown of blue lace and carried a cascade of white carnations and blue delphinium tied with blue satin streamers.

David Jester stood as best man and ushers were Eugene C. Ambrose and Keith Jester.

Russell Wing, at the organ, played the wedding marches and accompanied Mrs. Sharon Ward who sang "I Love Thee" and "O Perfect Love." Following the marriage, a reception was held in the church hall, where Miss Cheryl Dibley was in charge of the guest book.

After a honeymoon along the northern coast, the bridal couple will be at home at 2157 245th St., Lomita.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High school in June 1959. She is now attending the x-ray technician school at Harbor General Hospital.

Her husband was graduated from the local high school in 1958. He attended El Camino college and is now employed as an inspector for a Downey firm.



MRS. ROBERT E. JESTER . . . Recites Vows (Portrait by Seeman)



BONNIE KAIL . . . Sets Date Photography by Crotty

### Bonnie Kail Makes Date With Jerry J. Sciarrotta

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Kail, 1544 W. 216th St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to Jerry J. Sciarrotta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sciarrotta Sr. 21017 Madrona Ave.

The wedding will be solemnized May 1, at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach with the Rev. Paul Cox officiating.

The bride-elect was graduated from Narbonne High school in 1959 where she was Prom Queen. She also won a Tenth District PTA Voice scholarship. Miss Kail is junior past Honored Queen of the

Torrance Bethel Job's Daughters. She is continuing her voice studies at USC.

The benedict-elect was graduated from Torrance High school and is attending Long Beach City college. He is also employed by the City of Torrance.

### For Philanthropies

## New Fashions Sparkle At Eta Kappa Parade

"Spring Symphony and Summer Serenade" is the theme of the fashion parade of spring and summer styles to be presented by the Eta Kappa Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. This outstanding social affair will be held at the American Legion hall, 1424 S. Prairie Ave. on March 25, at 8 p.m.

Plans are going ahead by this energetic group in making a backdrop of a giant arrangement of notes to harmonize the moods and movements of "my fair lady."

The models will step through a treble cleft bar note to accentuate the fashions of note. Colors to be carried out are pink and black.

### Local Women At Press Conference.

Attending the press conference for the archdiocese at the St. Vincent de Paul auditorium in Los Angeles Thursday evening were Mmes. Lyle O'Hara, public relations chairman for the Archdiocese; Mrs. Richard Ban, grand regent of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters; Mrs. Robert Aguilar, vice regent.

Mrs. J. E. Bernou, state public relations chairman, conducted the meeting attended by representatives from 51 CDA courts. Miss Sally Fisher of the Tidings staff was also a speaker.

A melody of spring selections will be presented by a local dress shop. In the selections will be a variety of spring and summer frocks for all occasions, beginning with the Easter bonnet "with all the frills upon it" to the sleek lines of bathing suits.

Intermission entertainment has been scheduled and a door prize will be awarded.

Models are being selected from chapter members. Mrs. Kenneth McVey will do the commentary.

On the committee for the annual event are Mmes. Louis Verne, chairman; Mrs. Charles Pfeffer, Mrs. John Meehan, Mrs. Stanley McDowell and Mrs. Stewart Angus.

This sorority supports many philanthropies, and the funds derived from the show will go into these areas to meet the pledges for the year.

### Visit Lompoc

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wiseman and Mrs. and Mrs. William Johnston spent a recent Sunday in Lompoc.

### At Hot Springs

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones of WALTERIA left Thursday for Mineral Hot Springs where they plan to spend a month.

### Gloria Puncher Initiated Today

Miss Gloria Puncher student at UC, Berkeley, will be initiated into Omicron chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority today. Miss Puncher,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Puncher, 2317 Border Ave., was recently elected activities chairman for Alpha Gamma Delta.



**FASHION SYMPHONY** . . . Eta Kappa chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon sorority will usher in the spring season with a parade of lovely new fashions. The event will be held March 25 at the American Legion Hall, on Prairie Ave. Bystanders with plans for the annual affair are from left, seated, Mmes. Stanley McDowell and Charles Pfeffer; standing, Mmes. Kenneth McVey, Stewart Angus and Kenneth Hull.