



GIVE PRESIDENT A HAND . . . Tomorrow morning is state convention time for the California Federation of Women's clubs and Torrance will be represented there. Here the delegates from left, Mmes. Roy Aspey, president-elect, Rufus Sandstrom and Hugh Bowman, right, give Mrs. John Thuss a hand at packing so they can be on their way to the new Biltmore Bowl, in the Biltmore Hotel, scene of the convention.

# PTA The Torrance Council Way

By Mrs. Lee Polick

## COUNCIL

Having just returned from the state convention of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, along with thirty-two other delegates representing the PTA units in Torrance, Mrs. V. B. Terry will be installed as president of the Torrance Council PTA at the annual May brunch to be held Tuesday, May 10, 9:30 a.m., Gardena Elks Club.

Installing officer will be Mrs. Edward Kemp of Hermosa Beach, recently installed president of Thirty-third District. Relinquishing the gavel to Mrs. Terry will be Mrs. William Poser.

## TORRANCE ELEMENTARY

The annual pot luck dinner of the Torrance Elementary PTA was held recently in the new cafeteria.

Members were favored during the evening with a student body band concert, conducted by Mr. Neil Short. The invocation was given by the Rev. G. S. Zimmerman. A short business meeting was conducted at which time the association voted to award a one hundred dollar scholarship to a Torrance High School graduate. Torrance Elementary has the distinction of being the only school in the city to give an award of this kind.

Following dinner, Open House was held and parents were invited to visit their child's room. A variety of items made in shop by seventh and eighth grade boys were on display.

The April executive board meeting was held at the home of the newly elected president, Mrs. Ben Rusk. The next board meeting will be a luncheon on May 11 at the Smith Brothers' Fish Shanty.

## FERN-GREENWOOD

Mrs. G. W. Ackerman, president of the Fern-Greenwood PTA, announced that over forty "room mothers" attended the annual luncheon held in their honor at a local restaurant. Mrs. P. H. Hoffman and Mrs. C. N. Baker, room representative chairmen were in charge of arrangements and decorations. The ladies were entertained by the Fern-Greenwood Mothersingers.

Three members of the association, Mrs. N. S. Goodrich, Mrs. A. L. Campbell and Mrs. G. W. Ackerman, attended the recent 33rd District PTA convention held in Long Beach. Combining the school's Open House and the May Association meeting promises a new event for Fern-Greenwood. A brief business meeting followed by the installation of the 1960-61 PTA officers, will precede the opening of the classrooms. Plan on supporting this event by being in the Fern cafeteria by 7:30 p.m., May 19.

## WOOD

The following officers will be installed at the May 18 association meeting of Howard Wood PTA: President, Mrs. Hiro Muraoka; vice presidents, Donald F. Mullaney, Mrs. C. W. Strahm and Mrs. C. R. Griffen; recording secretary, Mrs. Keith Johnson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ivan Eckersley; treasurer, Mrs. Ronald Wigg; auditor, Mrs. Florence Cooper; historian, Mrs. Richard Clutter.

The program of the evening will be the "Historian's Report." Throw away your preconceived idea of the historian's report and come back through the year 1959-60 with the Wood PTA.

## Walteria

The April general meeting of the Walteria PTA proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the year, with the band and chorus performing for the capacity crowd. The full band played several selections, followed by a few selections by a "dance" band of four students.

Holland was the country in the spotlight in the "Around the World with PTA" theme. "Tulip" name tags lent a touch of beauty to the evening, in honor of the great Dutch export.

Following a short business meeting during which an ice cream festival for April 29 was announced, a panel discussion was held on the multi-grade system of education.

On the panel were Mrs. Al Klemp, Mrs. Shirley Cullum, Mrs. Eleanor Courtney, and Mr. Lloyd Jones of the Torrance District Instruction Department. Principal Victor Kilburn was moderator for the panel.

## Crenshaw

Highlight of Crenshaw Elementary PTA's April meeting was a panel discussion. The topic was "Understanding Mental Health." Members of the panel were Dr. R. Roberts, Ph. D.; Miss Evelyn Newman, school worker; Mr. J. Broe, social psychologist; and Mrs. Paul Snyder, parent.

The panel had a very lively discussion on ways to help the retarded child at home and at school.

Mrs. H. D. Robinson, Library Chairman, gave a report on the library. She extended an invitation for the parents to visit the library and see what books are available to their children.

## Patrick Harder

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harder, 2223 Gramercy Ave., are announcing the birth of a son on Monday, May 2, at the Harbor General Hospital. The young man has been named Patrick Daniel. The Harders have two other children, Michael and Felice. Mrs. Mary Harder of Torrance is the grandmother.

## OES Meeting

Lomita Order of Eastern Star 591 will meet May 6 with Wanda Coggins, worthy matron and Wilson Jones, worthy patron in charge. Wilson Jones will preside in the East. Lillian Bell will be chairman for the evening.

## Local Women Go To YWCA Conference

Six volunteers and three staff members are attending the Western Regional Conference of the YWCA this week at Asilomar.

Representing the Harbor Area Association at this meeting are: Dr. Frances Clark, Mrs. Marion Young, Mrs. Carl Taylor, Mrs. Donald Randolph of Torrance, Mrs. Lee Stamps of Torrance, Mrs. Robert Sharp, Mrs. Elsa Morris, Mrs. Bernice Snow, and Barbara Sirkovski, program director at the Torrance YWCA.

"New Insights—Basic Task" is the theme of the conference. An unusual opportunity is being afforded members of the conference as Lilace Barnes, president of the YWCA of the United States and former president of the World YWCA will lead the chapel each morning. Edith Lerrigo, new general secretary, spoke at the opening session on the subject, "Pioneers Still."

Clinics were held in advance of the meeting on: small association, finance, and public affairs. Following the conference workshops on: Working with teenagers and with young adults in the YWCA today will be held. They opened with dinner on Thursday, May 5, and continue through the afternoon of Friday, May 6.



A CHURCH AFFAIR . . . A variety show in conjunction with a dinner will be held at the Seaside Church, 230th Pl. and Ocean Ave., on Friday evening, May 13, at 6:30. Dinner will be prepared by the Brotherhood of the Church. This trio, which will participate in the program is composed of the Clyde Rosellen daughters from left, Roberta, 9, Lois, 13, and Barbara, 11.

**Redlands Guest**  
Miss Jorie Louise Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cunningham, 1923 Reynosa Dr., had as her guest last week-end, Miss Nancy Field of Redlands.

## AAUW Tea Today Fetes Prospective New Members

Prospective members will be honored guests when the American Association of University Women, Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills Branch, gives a spring tea from 2 to 5 p.m. this afternoon at the Rolling Hills home of Mrs. James R. Ziegler, Open Brand Rd. and Eastfield Dr.

Alternating in the receiving line will be Dr. Mildred S. Miller, president; Mrs. Donald A. Limerick, president-elect;

Mmes. Harold C. McLendon, James R. Ziegler, Harold O. Simar, H. C. O'Brien, Calvin N. Warfield, Edwin N. Bobrow, Douglas L. Stone and Walter H. Gillis.

Prospective members are asked to bring their diplomas or transcripts, if possible. Checking the credentials will be Mrs. Donald W. Randolph, general chairman of the tea, and Mrs. R. A. Stackhouse.

Presiding at the tea and coffee urns during the afternoon will be Mmes. Gunnar E. Gylenswan, H. C. O'Brien, James Huesdens, Gene L. LaHusen, Carl Lawrence, Alfred B. Geyer, Alfred Tarot and William J. Fleming.

Chairmen working on the affair are: Mmes. Robert W. Burson, hostesses; Gene L. LaHusen, refreshments; Raymond Oddone, invitations; Carl Lawrence, Alfred Tarot, decorations.

## Receive Pins

Five members of the Torrance chapter, Women of the Moose, attended a national meeting held in Ajo, Ariz., last Sunday to receive their Friendship pins. They were Catherine Mitchell, Ruby Marley, Evelyn Fitzgibbon, Cora Bowers and Virginia Bow.

## Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright, 18328 Roslin Ave., celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a candlelight dinner served to the family by neighbors, Mmes. Anthony Roza, Sarah Hooker, Cecil Davis, Bob Haws and Sam Villegas.

## Local Women Installed As "Adeline" Officers

At a dinner installation on April 29, at the Hacienda Hotel, San Pedro, Mrs. Robert L. Hultz of Lomita was installed as president of the Long Beach Chapter, Sweet Adelines, Inc. Also serving on the Executive Board from the Harbor Area are: Mrs. Donald Brown of Wilmington, Mrs. Marven Erickson and Mrs. George Tait of Torrance, Mrs. Roy Olson of Lawndale, and Mrs. James Mann of Lomita.

Installing officer was Mrs. William Randall of Riverside, president of Region 11 Council, consisting of 22 chapters in California and Arizona.

Jeweled past president's pins were presented to Mrs. George Tait of Torrance and Mrs. Robert Martin and Mrs. Robert

McLean of Long Beach.

The Long Beach Chapter was third place winner in the April 2 and 3 Chorus Competition of Region 11, held in Pasadena. In the past Long Beach has won first place twice and third place three times.

Important measures on the agenda is the awarding of the annual Music Scholarships to Junior High female students. The awards are presented in June to one or more outstanding and deserving music students. The Long Beach Chapter will hold their first annual show on June 18 at the Polytechnic High school. Top local, as well as important talent will be featured. Proceeds of this show will be used for the June scholarships.

## CDA Court Gives Gala Party in Hospital Ward

Easter arrived early for the ladies ward at Harbor General Hospital when Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, visited them Tuesday. Favours, refreshments and decorations were in Easter motif of lavender and yellow, at the party staged by Mrs. Louis Derouin, social welfare chairman, and Mesdames Don Cowden, F. C. Rick, Edward Heatherman and Anna Bagosi. A silver basket with colored eggs and chickens centered the serving table from which patients were served punch and appropriately decorated cakes. Orchid corsages, made by Mrs. Cowden, were presented to the ladies.

Three hams were provided St. Anne's Home for the Aged in Los Angeles, for Easter dinner, it was decided at a recent business meeting presided over by Mrs. Richard Ban, grand regent.

Mrs. Ban was elected official delegate from the court to the state CDA convention at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco, May 12-15, and the incoming grand regent as alternate.

Members of Court St. Catherine celebrated their 15th anniversary observance, a banquet at the Crystal room of the Pains Sunday evening, May 1. Co-chairmen were Mmes. Laurence Derouin and William Hardesty and Mmes. Joseph Lucas and Phillip Haloran are assisting them with arrangements. Court members received communion, as a group, at the 8 a.m. Mass at Nativity church on Sunday, April 24 as part of their anniversary observance.

Winners in the annual CDA poetry contest sponsored at Nativity school were announced: Division 1 (4th, 5th and 6th grades) winners were Mark McManus, Jean Carrington, and Catherine Davies; division 2 (7th and 8th grades) was won by Diane Dragotto Donna Franklin and Judith Emeneger. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy, pastor of Nativity Catholic church, is the new court chaplain.

A home-made cake booth, with Mrs. John McVey in charge, was sponsored by the court at the Bishop Montgomery high school fiesta on April 30-May 1.

Elected as a nominating committee, to present a slate of officers at the May 5 election, were Mmes. Don Cowden, chairman; Louis Derouin, Francis Gately, William Healy and John McVey.

Miss Mary Bruns of Pasadena, president of Camp Teresa Pines, was a recent speaker at the local court. She and Miss Helen Becker of Hollywood, past president, showed colored movies and told of the work of this CDA-sponsored camp for girls in the Big Pines area near Wrightwood.

Two PTA unit record books from the Torrance Council PTA were displayed last week at the annual California Congress of Parents and Teachers in San Francisco. The two books chosen are from the Edison and Arlington PTA units.

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North Torrance Lioness club attended the play "Two for the Seesaw" in Hollywood on April 27. After the theatre, the group went to a restaurant on Crenshaw Blvd. for refreshments.

Mrs. Earl Chambers was chairman for the evening. Attending were Mmes. Dan McLayne, Jack Mathews, Clay Nolan, Nelson Cullum, Alton Hieg, Charles Cummack, Ronald Peterson and Chambers.



HELEN RUIZ . . . Future Bride (Portrait by Seeman)

## Couple Set June 25 For Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ruiz, 1417 W. 251st St., Harbor City, are announcing the engagement and wedding plans of their daughter, Helen Marta, who will be married to Genaro (Jerry) Minegghino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minegghino of San Pedro.

The wedding will take place June 25 at the Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in San Pedro.

The bride was graduated from Narbonne High school and is now a hairstylist in San Pedro.

Her fiancé was graduated from San Pedro High in 1954 and is associated with his father in the operation of the independent Fish Co.

## Surprise Guests

Surprise guests at the Ken Cunningham home, 1923 Reynosa Dr. last week were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hegre and daughter, Mary Lucy, of Seattle, Washington, who arrived late Tuesday night and spent the remainder of the week.

While here they visited the local sights, other relatives, and were able to attend Jorie Cunningham's confirmation last Sunday.

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