



**NEW SWITCHBOARD**—Mrs. Margaret Alter, secretary of the Alter Realty and Insurance Co., takes first crack at the new telephone switchboard recently installed in the central office of the firm. According to Gerald Alter, head of the company, only two switchboards of comparable size exist now in this city; in the City Hall and the Bank of America. The addition of this equipment to the local realty office is a milestone in the development of this city, real estate-wise. A great deal of credit for the rapid residential and industrial growth of Torrance is attributed by Alter to the activities of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, of which Alter Realty is a member. Alter announced plans to connect directly all the outlying Alter Realty offices with the central office through the switchboard. The new equipment also has a direct line to Los Angeles.



**BARBARA RUTH MONDOR** became the bride of Ross A. Sciarrotta Jr. in ceremonies held Saturday morning at the Nativity Catholic Church.

## Barbara Mondor, Ross A. Sciarrotta Repeat Vows

Layers of white tulle with wide panel insets of Chantilly lace over shimmering white satin formed the lovely bridal gown of Barbara Ruth Mondor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Mondor of 2765 Gramercy Ave., when she became the bride of Ross A. Sciarrotta Jr., last Saturday.

The morning ceremony was held in the Nativity Catholic Church. Father P. J. McGuinness officiated in the double-ring rites.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father. Attending as Maid of Honor was Beth Jenkins, whose gown of fuchsia taffeta and nylon tulle was accented by pale yellow carnations.

Three bridesmaids, Misses Carolyn Rannels and Pat Sciarrotta and Mrs. Ann Sciarrotta, were gowned alike in taffeta and net formal of pastel colors. They carried bouquets of pink carnations.

Tiny Valerie Herrin was flower girl. Her dress was fashioned of pink tulle. Chris and Butch Sciarrotta were ring-bearers.

Frank Sciarrotta served his brother as Best Man. Guests were seated by the local telephone company. The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Sciarrotta, Sr., of 1630 Beech ave., is circulation manager for the Torrance Press.

## Couple Feted On Wedding Anniversary

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Newkirk and daughter, Jean, of 147 E. 216th St., was the setting for a recent surprise buffet dinner honoring Mrs. Newkirk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgie Vaughn, of 2115 Andro Ave., on their 44th wedding anniversary.

Two beautiful cakes, one topped by a miniature bride and groom, centered the buffet table.

The two sons of the honorees, Ralph C. Vaughn and family of Gooding, Idaho, and Kenneth E. Vaughn and family of Torrance, joined their sister in the fete.

In addition there were more than 60 guests, mostly from out of town, on hand to congratulate the couple.

A highlight of the evening was the opening of the many gifts received by the Vaughns. The crowd also enjoyed group singing and renewing acquaintances at the gathering.

## Chinchilla Raisers To Meet Tonight

The new Harbor Area branch of the Chinchilla Association of America will meet this evening at 8 p.m., at 1316 Island Ave., Wilmington. This is the first meeting of the group at the new location.

The Harbor Area branch serves chinchilla breeders of Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro, Wilmington, Long Beach and other nearby communities, according to Mrs. Mary Fesler, secretary of the organization.

Mrs. Carl Ramming of Inglewood will speak at tonight's meet on the subject of pre-natal care, and care and feeding of baby chinchillas. A question and answer period will follow her talk.

Visitors will be welcomed and are asked to stay for refreshments after the meeting, Mrs. Fesler disclosed.

Spencer Gordon of San Pedro is president of the group, and Capt. H. H. Clark, also of San Pedro, is vice-president and program chairman.

## Gold Star Meeting

Torrance Memorial Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers will hold its regular meeting in the V.F.W. Hall, 1822 Market st., Gardena, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, according to Mrs. Jeannette E. King, press chairman.

Mrs. Opal Andrews will preside.

## Royal Neighbors Slate Card Party For February 17

The winter season of card parties will be resumed by the Torrance Royal Neighbors on Tuesday, Feb. 17, when the first card party of 1953 will be held in the Woman's Club House. It will be sponsored by the Past Oracles, with Mrs. Fred Baker as chairman. Play will commence at 8 p.m. with the usual card games, with attractive prizes for each game and a door prize. The public is invited and tallies may be had at the door.

The South Bay District Meeting for February will be held in Redondo Beach, Friday, Feb. 20, under the direction of Deputy Mamie L. Kirchner of Culver City. Guest Officers have been invited from San Pedro, Inglewood, Culver City, Ocean Park and Torrance.

Torrance Camp will entertain the District Meeting on March 31.

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## Tea Honors New Club Members

Nine new members of the Torrance Woman's Club were honored guests at the annual new members tea held yesterday at the home of Mrs. M. N. Felker, of 1010 Beech ave.

The tea, held from 2 until 4, had as its theme "Valentine Day", according to Mrs. D. J. Thomsen, membership chairman.

Mesdames B. W. Roberts and B. T. Whitney poured.

Honored guests at the tea were Mesdames Eugene C. Cook, Theodore

## Evangelists at Baptist Church

Nationally known evangelist Harry Von Bruch and Everett Mills will be guest speakers in the 7:30 p.m. evangelistic service, Sunday, Feb. 15, at the First Baptist Church of Torrance.

The service will be unique in presentation, according to church officials. An invitation to the public to attend the service has been extended.

R. Eagan, H. J. Osborne, John R. Taylor, Charles Mullen, F. P. Foley, William E. Christian, C. B. Carley, and W. W. Moody.

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## Valentine Dance Slated Feb. 14

The public is invited to a gala Valentine Dance on Saturday night Feb. 14, in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Hall, Bayview and "G" Sts., Wilmington.

Dancing to Phil Arturo's eight piece band with girl vocalist will be from nine to one.

Plenty of free parking space is available in the fenced yard adjacent to the hall.

Gene Murphy, president of the Holy Name Society, is in charge of the affair.



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