

KNOW YOUR REALTY BOARD

By **GRACE HINSHAW**

Gretchen M. Earle is an integral part of our Realty Board, having helped establish the present Board, sharing in its organization plans and helping direct



GRETCHEN M. EARLE

it's growth since the beginning. The real estate, accounting and property management phase of business life were learned by Gretchen in one of the soundest ways — the apprenticeship method. Gretchen came to Torrance in 1939 and went to work as a secretary for Mr. J. C. Smith,

whom her family had known in Kansas. Mr. Smith had established the Torrance Investment Company here as long ago as 1924. Gretchen worked with Mr. Smith, learning the business so thoroughly that she was able to step in and take over when Mr. Smith died. She conducts her business at the original address, 1409 Sartori Avenue, Torrance.

Gretchen was born in the State of the Presidents—Ohio—and went to school in St. Mary's and Lima. Her father was in the oil business and his business eventually took him to Independence, Kansas, with his family.

The raising and showing of her own blooded horses was the all-consuming passion of Gretchen's life in Ohio and Kansas. To be successful in handling horses one must understand and love them, and this she did. A high point in the memory of this period is the

"Newollah" (Hallowe'en spelled backwards for the uninformed!) parades, a four or five-State affair, with the exhilarating, spinning band music cutting through the frosty air, with Gretchen, flanked by two Osage Indian Maidens, riding beautiful, high-spirited, high-blooded, five-gaited thoroughbreds at the head of the parade! This was living! Besides being a member of the

Barbershoppers To Put on Show

The Little Baseball Leaguers will be in the limelight a week from next Saturday night, July 25, at 8 o'clock at the big show the Torrance Barbershoppers are putting on. The proceeds of the show, which will be held at the Torrance Civic Auditorium, will go to the Torrance Little Baseball League to help build a clubhouse.

Quartets
The kids will be interviewed and receive prizes for answering questions on a quiz program.

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Barbershop Quartets from all over the greater Los Angeles territory will be there in person to help fill out the evening with music and song. Some of these quartets have been entertaining all over Los Angeles and Holly-

wood in clubs and banquets. Another outstanding part of the show will be a huge combined barbershop chorus of approximately 75 men. These men will represent three chapters of the SPEBSQSA, combining to help give the public and the Little Leaguers the

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