

Brunch Keynotes YW Centennial Kickoff

Many Torrance women will be attending the Centennial Kickoff Brunch for the Harbor District YWCA to be held on Monday, January 17, at headquarters building, 437 West Ninth street, San Pedro, beginning at 10:30 a.m. according to Mrs. M. M. Schwab, Centennial Chairman for Torrance.

The Centennial Kickoff will launch the official Centennial observance and celebration in the Harbor District. The purpose of the national celebration is the rededication of the YWCA membership and the ringing of a national Centennial Fund of \$5,000,000 to strengthen and expand the work of the Association in the United States and overseas.

Movie Stated
The Harbor District celebration will be highlighted by the first local showing of the new YWCA feature-length color moving picture, "Widening Circle," produced by Julien Bryan, internationally known pioneer producer of documentary films and directed by Francis Thompson.

was used in the filming of this picture which Bryan has chosen as one of the documentaries he is showing in a series at Town Hall in New York City this winter.

Assisting Mrs. Schwab in the local preparations for the Kickoff is Mrs. Lee Stamps, past chairman of the Torrance Branch and now district finance chairman, who is serving as co-chairman.

Local Committee
The local Centennial Celebration will be touched off by the Kickoff Brunch and will be spearheaded by the local branch committee headed by Nell Colburn, branch chairman. Members of the branch committee are Mrs. Clara Conner, vice-

chairman; Mrs. Minnie Solomon, second vice-chairman; Mrs. J. K. Clutter, secretary; Mrs. Darwin Parrish, treasurer; Mmes. Phelan Foley, Floyd Miller, L. A. McCou, Miles Booth, Robert Evans Jr., Marvin Kent, E. S. Moon, Maude Obarr, A. E. Palmer, Rufus Sandstrom, and Mrs. Walter Silence.

FOREIGN PUPILS TO SPEAK AT SEASIDE P-TA

Seaside P-TA will hold its regular meeting this evening, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the school. Nominal dues covers expenses for baby sitting fees, snacks and dance instruction.

The foreign students will be Miss Inge Stemann, from Hamburg, Germany, Mrs. Joko Sato, from Japan, Mario Manella from Naples, Italy and Ahmed Kooras from Iran. They will talk on background, comparison of schools and what they are studying in this country. A question and answer period will follow their discussion.

The musical portion of the program will be furnished by the groups from the Torrance High School Band.

Memories Highlight Meet Of Epsilon Sigma Alpha

The Epsilon Sigma chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority, gathered at the 18014 Faysmith avenue home of Irene Roberts last week.

In keeping with the evening's theme "Things We Cherish," members brought to the meeting personal memorabilia, Bonnie Allen's life-sized talking doll she received when a small child creating the most interest.

The group also held a contest involving identification of members' baby pictures, as well as naming such antiquities as a hat pin holder, glove box, money bag, and other oddities. High scorer in the latter game was Paula Fuhrman with five correct answers.

Y-Wives to Install New Officers

New officers of the YWCA Wives club will be installed Friday morning, January 14, at a brunch to be held at the YWCA building, 2320 Carson street. Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, president of the Harbor District YWCA, will be the installing officer.

Mrs. F. E. Inman and Mrs. Warren Randall, who recently tied for the presidential office, will both be installed and assume joint responsibility.

Other officers are Mrs. Robert E. Slothower, vice-president; Mrs. William M. West, secretary, and Mrs. Robert Drendel, treasurer.

New YWCA members joining the Wives club are Mesdames L. Young, H. Masse, and J. Hardesty.

The brunch will be served by Mesdames Bob Drendel and Rufus Sandstrom and will begin at 9:30 a.m. Child care is available at the Methodist Church. Nominal dues covers expenses for baby sitting fees, snacks and dance instruction.

'Fathers' Night' Honors Men at 186th St. P-TA

Men members and men teachers will be honored Thursday night, January 13, when 186th Street School P-TA meets for its annual "Fathers' Night" at 7:30 p.m.

Featured on the program will be a First Aid demonstration by two school bus drivers, and a film entitled "A Criminal is Born."

Fathers and men teachers will be hosts for the evening.

Alice Bache Honored Upon Retirement From Newberry's

After eleven years at the local J. J. Newberry store, Mrs. Alice Bache retired last Friday. Noted for her punctuality, she broke her own record however, as on her last day of work she was a few minutes late. Adding to her confusion as she walked in the door, the management and all her fellow employees were lined up to greet her with great smiles and a gold self-winding Lady Bulova watch as a token of their regard.

As she walked into the store and saw the lineup, she laughed as she apologetically exclaimed "I'm surprised . . . I'm usually not late!" Actually, hers is a hard to beat record of perfect attendance for over a year. She is now retiring under the Newberry Retirement Plan, and everyone in the store is sorry to see her go.

This kindly gray-haired lady who has presided at the infant's wear counter for so many years, was presented with her ten-year pin last October, and Friday, J. H. Paget, store manager, presented the watch to her in behalf of the entire store.

Hard to Replace
Mrs. Bache is well known to many Torrance shoppers as the motherly lady who took so much time and showed such a keen interest in their problems . . . and to whom it is no problem when growing toddlers are to be outfitted. Her years of experience, her patience, and her keen interest immediately inspired confidence in her judgment. "She will be hard to replace," Paget stated.

An innovation started by Mrs. Bache during her years at Newberry's, was sending out cards to new parents. She at first did this personally on her own, but the store subsequently adopted this practice as a policy.

In This Area Since 1918
Mrs. Bache, who resides at 1218 El Prado, has lived in Torrance since 1938, and in Redondo Beach since 1918. Her son Richard, resides at 123 Buena Ventura in Hollywood Riviera.

She will always remain a part of the store she served so long, however, and as Dick London, assistant manager, stated, "she clothed half the babies in Torrance . . . when you think of diapers, you think of Alice!"



YEARS OF SERVICE . . . are recognized as Mrs. Alice Bache, retiring from the local J. J. Newberry store after eleven years, receives gold wristwatch from J. H. Paget, store manager, at right. Dick London, assistant manager, stands at left, while other employees join in feting the popular and kindly Mrs. Bache who retired last Friday under the J. J. Newberry Retirement Plan.

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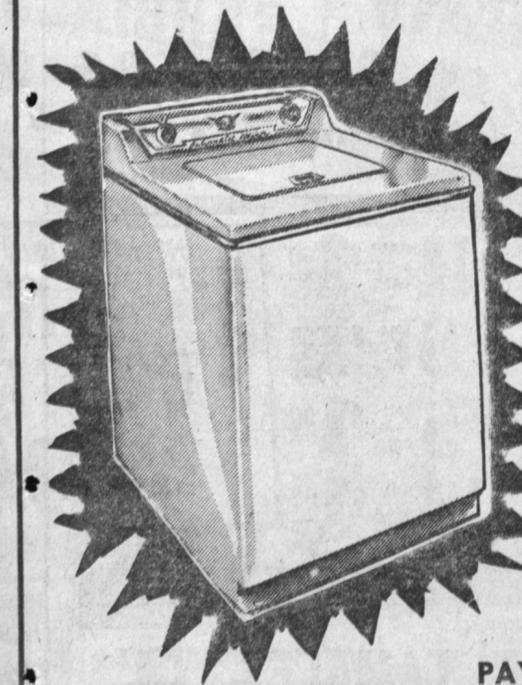
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Paper Drive Today at Howard Wood

At the recent meeting of the Howard Wood Elementary School P-TA, Mrs. H. Kell announced that the school's paper drive would be held today (January 13) at the school. Papers and rags will be accepted at the rear gate, 236th and Arlington, beginning at 8 a.m.

A large audience was present at the meeting to hear Mrs. Margiebell Brown, Torrance Unified School District psychologist, address the association and also show colored slides depicting methods of teaching handicapped children.

Elected at the meeting was the nominating committee to select the 1955-56 officers. On the committee is Mrs. I. L. Eckersley, Mrs. David Foote, Mrs. Grant Tidmarsh, Mrs. Meade Ferguson, and Robert Evans, school principal.

Mrs. William Dickson, welfare chairman, reported that a family was clothed, and food distributed to them during December.

'Do-It-Yourself' Show To Keynote P-TA Meeting

A "Do-It-Yourself" show by P-TA mothers will be featured at the first 1955 P-TA association meeting at 259th Place School on Thursday, January 20 at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium. Under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Creager, program chairman, a fashion show will be given featuring the clothes made by mothers.

The show will be narrated by Mrs. J. O. Powers, and will feature casual and dressy clothes as well as knit wear. Children's fashions will also be shown.

There will be additional handwork displayed such as lampshades, upholstery, cake decorating, textile painting and others.

During the meeting, the A6 graduation class will be presented. The room exhibit will be from the third grade, and refreshments will be served by third grade mothers. Child care will be provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Sparling, of 22739 Zadenes Ave., Torrance, announce the birth of a son, Ronald Lee, weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounce. Date of birth December 31st at 2:34 p.m.

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