

## Gals—Here's Chance To Be Named 'Mrs. America'

Who will be the next Mrs. America? It may well be one of Torrance's outstanding homemakers, according to plans revealed today. Announcement is made that a community-wide contest will be conducted under the auspices of one of the city's leading civic organizations to select Mrs. Torrance.

Local homemakers, married, and 21 years old or over, are eligible to enter the 17th annual competition for the national title and more than \$25,000 in prizes, it was disclosed.

Advance plans revealed today, call for a series of elimination contests throughout the state, culminating in the naming of Mrs. California, at a final contest to be held in Los Angeles in April. The state

winner, with her husband, will go to Ellinor Village, Ormond Beach, Florida for the national finals in the second week in May.

Torrance homemakers may secure application blanks for the Mrs. America Contest from their local merchants, appliance dealers, gas company offices, and many supermarkets.

The Mrs. America Contest, it is stated, is not a bathing beau-



WHO WILL BE NEXT MRS. AMERICA? so wonders Lois Bennett, one of early entrants in contest to select "Mrs. California," who, when picked, will vie with other state finalists for coveted national title. Pert Lois is looking at picture of reigning Mrs. America, Wanda Jennings. Applications for contest—emphasizing homemaking proficiency—may be obtained at gas company offices, supermarkets, and appliance dealers.

ty competition, but a contest, testing the homemaking abilities of the housewife. Personality and personal appearance will be important, but major emphasis will be given to housekeeping talents.

Mrs. America will receive more than \$15,000 in prizes, while contestants in the southland alone will vie for an additional \$10,000 in awards.

The 17th Annual Mrs. America Contest is being conducted nationally under the auspices of the American Gas Association, and Mrs. America, Inc.

A second section of beginning or advanced painting will be offered on Mondays and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, if enrollment warrants, to supplement the classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Palos Verdes College.

## Robt. Bixbee Graduates At Fort Hood

Robert J. Bixbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blackwell, 1317 Greenwood ave., Torrance, recently was graduated from the III Corps Non-Commissioned Officer Academy at Fort Hood, Tex.

A wireman in Battery A of the 1st Armored Division's 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Bisbee received instruction in leadership of units, map reading and other military subjects. Corporal Bisbee entered the Army in September 1950 and was last stationed in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peyton, 26401 S. Western Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Nikki Renee, weighing 5 pounds and 14 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farley, of 4139 W. 175th Place, announce the birth of a daughter, Jean Marie, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Date of hospital.

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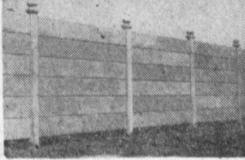
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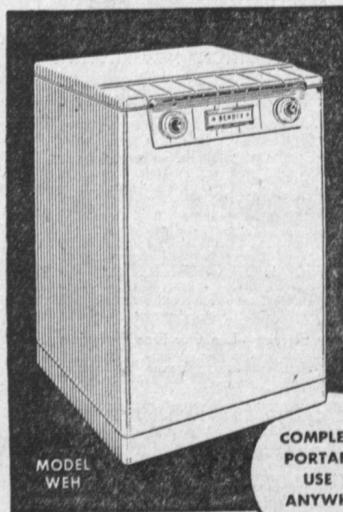


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