

T. D. McNeils, Long-Time Torrance Residents, Observe Golden Jubilee



MEMORABLE OCCASION . . . Surrounded by children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil hold the golden horseshoe for good luck marked with a large gold "50" denoting their 50th wedding anniversary. Left to right are Mrs. A. L. May, daughter; Bob May, grandson; Mrs. A. E. Goss, daughter; Mrs. McNeil; Dick Tepper, grandson; Mr. McNeil; Mrs. Philip Tepper, daughter; and Jane Marie May, granddaughter.

SOLEMN HIGH MASS HIGHLIGHTS OCCASION

Golden yellow chrysanthemums mixed with large gilded leaves in beautiful tall golden vases embellished the altar and sanctuary of Nativity church last Saturday during an 11 a.m. Solemn High Mass, celebrated on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil, Torrance pioneers.

Solemn Services
Officiating at the Solemn services was Rev. P.J. McGuinness, Nativity pastor. Assisting him as deacon was the Rev. Bernard Gannon who attended school in Lomita and was a lifelong friend of the McNeil family. Sub-deacon was the Rev. Michael Moser, and Rev. Robert Gara, recently transferred from Nativity, acted as master of ceremonies.

Assisting in the sanctuary were Rev. Edward Sullivan, former parish assistant, and Rev. Thomas Glynn, the new Nativity assistant pastor.

Edward Bernardin served as thrifter, or incense bearer, while acolytes were Robert Viehaus and grandson of the honorees, Jack McNeil.

The Mass was sung by senior choir of Nativity church, conducted by Lawrence M. Sargent.

35 Years in Torrance
The McNeils, who reside at 1744 Andree avenue, were married on January 22, 1920, in Port Morien, Nova Scotia. They moved to Torrance 35 years ago where Mr. McNeil worked as a machinist at the Union Tool Co., now known as National Supply. He also was employed for several years by Columbia Steel and Emsco before joining the J. V. McNeil Construction Co. as yard foreman. He was with the latter company for 22 years prior to his retirement in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil raised ten children, and have thirteen grandchildren. The only one of their nine children living who was unable to attend the jubilee celebration was a daughter, Florence (Mrs. Clifford M. Sprague), of Saudi Arabia, who planned to attend, but due to recent surgery was advised against it by her physician.

Present with their families for the golden anniversary of their parents were Celina (Mrs. Corwin Dean) Thomas and Joseph McNeil of Torrance; Dolores (Mrs. James H. Payne) of Pasadena; Veronica (Mrs. Phil Tepper) of Seattle; Catherine (Mrs. James Lanz) of Oakland; Frances (Mrs. Art Goss) of Redondo Beach and Mary (Mrs. A. L. May) of Glendale.

"Faith and Generosity"
When asked the secret of successful marriage, the McNeils answered it was the observance of two principles . . . faith and generosity. "We have lived

for each other," they said, "our children, and God."

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil have always been active in church and community, and have been members of Nativity Parish since services were first held in the old library on Cabrillo avenue.

Attending last Saturday's celebration, were Gus Bray of Torrance, and Robert Hayes of Boston, Mass., who were also present at the wedding fifty years ago. Bray is a cousin of McNeil and Hayes a brother-in-law of Mrs. McNeil.

Following the ceremony at the church, children, friends, and kin gathered at the McNeil's Andree avenue home where a large golden horseshoe marked with a huge "50" was hung on the door. The happy couple beamed like newlyweds as the group gathered about the white and gold 4-tiered cake topped with a golden wedding bell, and decorated with gold and white roses.

For the memorable occasion Mrs. McNeil was wearing a full-skirted taffeta dress of aqua blue with a small hat of blending opalescent trim. A corsage of white orchids graced her shoulder, and she wore a wool stole of white and gold.

Comi Re-elected

Paul D. Comi, Purple heart veteran of the Korean wars, will become the first student in El Camino college's eight-year history to wield the presidential gavel for two terms when he assumes office on campus next week.

Council P-T-A Asks Names Of Honored Life Members

The Honorary Life Membership committee of Torrance Council P-T-A are planning the annual Honorary Life Membership Dinner to be held March 21. The committee urges all those who have moved to Torrance and are recipients of the Honorary Life Membership Award from another council, to contact the Torrance Council in order that they may be included on the guest list.

The honor of a life membership award is one that should be recognized wherever the recipient resides, not only where the award was made, announced Mrs. A. D. MacKenzie, honorary life membership chairman.

The company is desirous of having all names in by February 15, and request that the information be phoned to Mrs. MacKenzie at FR. 4-0069 between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., or 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Neptune Sets Theme At Juniors' Initiation

King Neptune, his trident and his Court, presided at the main table in the Woman's Club last night, January 26, as the Torrance Junior Woman's Club held its initiation dinner, with the mothers present as honored guests.

Guest Night Planned By Woman's Club

Guest Night will be observed Wednesday, February 2, as the Torrance Woman's Club holds its Chuck Wagon Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Chairman of the affair is Mrs. V. D. Benard, and co-chairman is Mrs. W. I. Laughon, who have planned the program at 8 p.m. to include the South Bay Civic Light Opera Association, directed by Melville H. Tully.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. J. Burchett at FA. 8-2286, and must be in by noon on Monday, January 31, as only 200 can be accommodated.

Western decor and western attire will be the order of the evening as the dinner is served from hot coals in barbecues placed in the center of the auditorium. Menu will include pot-o-stew, pot-o-beans, roast pork, potatoes and gravy, tossed greens, shepherds' bread, and pie.

The kitchen committee includes Mesdames H. W. Irwin, Hugh Sherfy, W. C. Moyer, John MacDonald, H. E. Massie, M. Nackerman, J. A. Tweedy, C. Ward, and E. A. Miles.

Table settings will be under the direction of Mesdames C. E. Cook, Laura B. Felker, C. Mullen, E. L. Snodgrass, and J. E. Stavert.

'Toy Day' at Meadow Park

Not only fun, but an excellent social experience was enjoyed by second graders in Mrs. Cox's class at Meadow Park School recently when the class held a Toy Day.

Each child brought his or her favorite toy received at Christmas and was given an opportunity to demonstrate it to the class, thereby giving the children experience in speaking before the class as part of their social studies work.



MISTRESS MARLYSSA VEE LUCIANI, age four is now attending the Guys and Dolls Day Nursery, located at 2815 Arlington Avenue, Torrance. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. William V. Luciani of 1947 Middlebrook Road of this city.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Wise, of 1628 W. 203rd St., announce the birth of a daughter, Starr Anne, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson, of 1650 W. 215th St., announce the birth of a son, Walter W. Jr., weighing 9 pounds and 3/4 ounces.

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Fashion Notes

By MARY BARRETT, Women's Editor

Good Suit Can be Wardrobe 'Darling'

Few fashions have the comeback enjoyed by the quiet-mannered, but always-chic casual suit in tweed, flannel, soft wool or wool jersey. The longer jacket (every year they claim it's new!), superbly tailored, belted perhaps, and deeply pocketed, is never outmoded.

The suit skirt should possess easy fullness in motion . . . either pleated or gored. Such a suit can take a commuter from suburb to city with the "just right" look. For urban appearances accessories the suit with city accoutrements such as a small bright hat . . . pale leather or perhaps even white gloves . . . pumps, and matching handbag of calf or reptile . . . a furpiece.

For luncheon in town or a Sunday gathering, dress the suit up with a lovely lingerie

blouse, or one tailored of silk or nylon . . . add the jangle of many bracelets . . . or soften the neckline with an oversized scarf of a complimentary color.

Choose Conventional Color
For versatility, keep your suit conventional in color . . . choose a natural or muted tone of your favorite cloth or colors. Conventional need not mean monotonous; but merely soft, not bright shades. Many smart basic suits are being shown now in montages of amethyst, mustard, moss green, and the lovely varied shades of browns and grays.

Inasmuch as your suit can be classified as one of your wardrobe "staples" it is true economy to splurge on this item and look for the best fabric you can afford. You may also find you must pay for good cut as well!

Sit When You Buy
When fitting your suit, always remember to sit down in it. This is especially important in the straight-skirted models. Make certain you have plenty of "sitting room" . . . that the hem does not hike up around your knees when you are seated.

Look at the seams . . . just in case you might add an extra inch within the next few years (a good basic suit should last you several seasons, you know) Good quality garments usually provide generous seam allowances.

Flex your arms and see that there is plenty of room in the shoulders . . . nothing looks so bawdry as skimpy shoulders on a suit. If you economize on fabric you may be shocked to find some shrinkage occurring after several trips to the cleaners! Some of this shrinkage is bound to occur in the shoulders and sleeves.

Regardless of your size, however . . . tall, short, slim or stout, a suit will take you many places looking your best.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hieman, of 185 W. 220th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Eileen Marie, weighing 8 pounds and 1 1/4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marr, of 23310 S. Anchor St., announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Ann, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Proctor, of 2643 W. 175th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Debbie Virginia, weighing 7 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

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WELCOME TO TEA . . . New members of the Torrance Woman's club were complimented by a tea given at the Arlington home of Mrs. Eugene L. Cook. New members entering the

home are Mrs. Walter M. Stanton and Mrs. Carl Bower. They are welcomed by Mrs. Lee A. McCoy (r), chairman of the tea, and Mrs. Cook.

NORTH TORRANCE CARD PARTY SET

The North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Leichtweis, ways and means chairman, is sponsoring a card party Saturday, January 29 at 8 p.m. in McManis Hall. Refreshments and prizes will be featured, and the public is invited. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Leichtweis at DA 4-0630.

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