

Women

Club News Society News
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Informal Wedding Planned By Miss Donna Jo Thomas

Informality will keynote the wedding of Miss Donna Jo Thomas, when she marries Welan Lairson in the Torrance First Baptist Church tomorrow evening, Friday, February 11. The ceremony slated for 8 p.m. will be performed by the Rev. Douglas Jeffrey.

Fire Victims To Be Aided By Fireladies

Establishment of a fund to aid families struck by the disaster of fire, was revealed at the last week's meeting of the Fireladies, the ladies' auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department. Named as chairman of the fund committee was Mrs. John V. Agapito.

Final plans were also made at this meeting for the potluck dinners slated for Friday and Saturday evenings, February 11 and 12, at 7 p.m. in the Civil Defense Building.

Following the meeting colored slides on Hawaii were shown by Mitchel Barosh. In addition to members enjoying the program, were guests including Mrs. Vernon G. Langford, Lovelle R. McCown, Leo J. Palumbo, and Stanley H. Sellers.

Hostesses Mmes. Edgar F. Polston and Walter R. West served refreshments in keeping with the Valentine theme.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Long of 1119 W. 166th street, Gardena, and will be given in marriage by her father.

For the simple ceremony, the bride-elect has chosen a suit of pale lavender with matching hat, complimented by dark purple accessories. She will carry a white orchid on her Bible as she walks down the aisle with her father.

Miss Anita Pinkston will be the sole attendant, and will wear a pink ensemble matched by a corsage of pink roses.

Groom's Attendants
The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lairson of 1649 W. 204th street, Torrance, will be attended by Douglas Daniels as best man. Escorting the guests to their seats will be ushers Lenis Smith, Carl Gault, David Smith, and Rollin Curwick.

A reception will be held at the church following the ceremony.

The couple have named 1341 W. Redondo Beach boulevard, Gardena, as their future residence.



COME TO THE MARDI GRAS! Outlandish costumes will be proper attire this Saturday night, February 12, as demonstrated by Mrs. Edward Martin in Turkish costume, Mrs. Emmett O'Connell as flapper, and Mrs. Owen Larson

sporting a "risque" bathing suit of the 90's. The Mardi Gras dance will be held at St. Catherine Labouré Parish hall at 8 p.m., and prizes will go to the best costumes.

—Press photo

'Streamliners' Stress Bodily Well Being

True to its tradition of meeting the needs of women and girls, the YWCA has a new club organized around the requests of many women in the Torrance area for classes in physical fitness.

The purpose of the "Streamliners" as they have named themselves, is to promote physical well being, to promote figure control, skill in ballroom dancing, and fellowship.

The group meets at 5:15 p.m. every Monday at the YWCA, 2320 Carson, Torrance. While the time was set for the convenience of employed women, anyone may join. Those who join the class also join the Young Women's Christian Association and are thereby able to participate in other activities as well as to give support to the work with teen-age girls being done in the community.

Members of the group are Misses Evelyn Clark, Beverly Whitney, Lois Gongwer, Greer, and Mesdames Lin Branum, M. L. Demonet, R. B. Fordham, John W. Strom, S. M. Sutherin, and the Torrance Branch Director, Mrs. Charlotte Lukes.

Mrs. Backer Hosts Visiting Dignitary

Mrs. Neal Backer of 1414 Cravens avenue, was hostess last Monday night at a dinner in the Palms honoring Mrs. Juanita Mauss, supreme worthy high priestess of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Mrs. Mauss, who is staying at the Los Angeles Biltmore, is visiting from Kansas City. She is head of the Order in the United States and Canada, and is the first such dignitary to visit Torrance.

The hostess, Mrs. Backer, is worthy high priestess of Messiah Shrine in Redondo Beach, and following the dinner and official inspection of the regular meeting, she presented the honoree with a monetary gift.

Those present at the dinner honoring Mrs. Mauss were Pete Hodgson, watchman of the shepherds, and Mrs. Hodgson; Supreme Queen Annie Link of Los Angeles; Leona Ireland, worthy high priestess of the Gethsamane Shrine in Compton, and her husband Ray Ireland; and Pauline Gray, district deputy.

Founders Day to be Observed by P-TA's

WALTERIA P-TA

Two honorary life memberships will be presented today, Thursday, February 10, as Founder's Day is observed by the Walteria P-TA.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the auditorium, and the topic will be "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," with past presidents as guests of honor.

259TH PLACE

The annual Founder's Day meeting honoring past presidents of the P-TA will be held at 7:30 p.m. February 17 in the 259th Place School auditorium.

The 259th Place P-TA mothers will present a skit, cast members including Mesdames R. E. Christofferson, H. B. McDonald, D. E. Dunn, C. R. Chitwood, W. N. Kepley Jr., and Mrs. Dan Bowling, who adapted the play from a TV program.

186TH STREET

An honorary life membership will be presented, and past presidents of the P-TA will be honored at the 186th Street School P-TA holds its annual Founder's Day observance today, February 10, at 2 p.m., in the school auditorium.

Theme for the meeting will be "We Look at Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

HALDALE P-TA

Presentation of an honorary life membership and tribute to past presidents will highlight the Founder's Day program at Halldale Avenue P-TA today, February 10. The meeting will be held at 3:15 p.m., in the school's music room.

LELAND STREET

The presentation of a new Life Membership award, plus the honoring of past-presidents and past Life Membership recipients will be a feature of the regular association meeting of Leland Street School P-TA, next Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

"Our P-TA, Past and Present," is the topic of the day, with the program, "Paying Tribute to Our Founders." Mrs. James Walker, Founders' Day chairman, has planned a musical skit with the aid of several members of the P-TA assisting her. Mrs. Jack Samson, life membership chairman, will have the honor of introducing the recipient of the life membership pin.

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SEASIDE P-TA

Two honorary life memberships will be awarded at the Founders' Day meeting planned by the Seaside P-TA at its February 3 executive board meeting in the homemaking room of the school.

Girl Scouts To Meet Mounties

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1719 will meet the Torrance Mounted Police, who sponsor them tonight, February 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Civil Defense building.

On January 26 Captain Andy Alexander and his horse Tony attended the scouts meeting and put on a show for the girls, Sergeant D. C. Cook also attended.

The troop is divided into three patrols under the leadership of Mesdames Thomas Smiley, William Breaker, and R. G. Coleman.

Hold White Elephant Sale

A white elephant sale highlighted the meeting Tuesday evening of the newly organized mothers' club of Boy Scout Troop 953, sponsored by Perry School P-TA. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. George Blair, 18345 Regina avenue.

Mrs. George Corbett and Mrs. Roy Dohner, co-chairmen of ways and means, reported on the recent bake sale held by the group.

Past Noble Grands Name Meeting Date

The Past Noble Grands Club of Trio Rebekah Lodge 240, will meet at the home of Emma Applin, 25527 Narbonne, at noon, Wednesday, February 16. Co-hostesses for this regular meeting will be Gertrude Kastrop and Pearl Montonye.

Brilliant Rites Mark Virnig-Grace Nuptial

Miss Charlene Margaret Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. McKnight of 1314 Greenwood ave., Torrance, was married recently in Torrance First Methodist Church to Joseph Talman Virnig, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Virnig of 5919 Kings road, Los Angeles.

Soloist Opera Singer
Soloist for the ceremony was Miss Phyllis Althoff, who formerly was singer with the La Scala Opera company in Milan. Accompanying her on the organ was Mrs. Eva Brundin. Rev. John Taylor officiated before the altar banked with huge baskets of chrysanthemums before a backdrop of tall tapers.

Little Kim and Judy Powell, nephew and niece of the bride, preceded their aunt in their respective roles of ring bearer and flower girl. Another small flower girl was Jennifer Tyrrel, who wore, as did Judy, bouffant dresses of apricot colored taffeta and tulle.

Bridal Attendants
Maid of Honor Marica Wright, wore a ballerina length gown of apricot crystalline and carried a bouquet of cymbidium orchid. Wearing similar gowns were the bridesmaids, Mrs. Marsha Brickey, and Misses Patricia Garrison and Ellen Kojehn.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a two-piece floor length ensemble of white lace and nylon tulle, the dress a formal gown of billowy tulle with lace bodice worn under a lace redingote. Her fingertip French illusion veil was caught by a half-hat of lace encrusted with pearls.

Male Entourage
The groom was attended by Ensign Bill Winn as best man. Ushers were Clifford Grace, brother of the bride; Scott McClure, Mort Jorgenson, and Theodore Gardner.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for approximately 250 guests at the Officers' Club at Allen Center in Long Beach. The bride's mother chose for the occasion an aqua blue formal dress with pale pink accents, while Mrs. Virnig was gowned in formal silver lace touched with matching accessories.

Also present for the ceremony was the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Holzhausen, who wore pale blue with pink accessories.

Palm Springs Honeymoon
Upon leaving for their honeymoon in Palm Springs, the bride changed into an avocado green suit with toast accessories. Upon their return, the newlyweds will reside at 461 N. Doheny drive in Beverly Hills. The groom is a senior at USC where he is affiliated with Alpha Lambda Chi and Trojan Knights.

The bride, a 1953 graduate of Torrance High, is in her second year at U.C. of Santa Barbara. They will both continue their education.

Hold Election

Election Day was held on Wednesday, February 2, at Meadow Park School. Students registered earlier in the week and received individual ballots.

Candidates were nominated and introduced during class assemblies, with an 8th grade room in charge of election procedure in accord with their study of government.

The new officers are Bill Bartleson, president; John Murakawa, vice-president; Marie Acosta, treasurer; and Mitzi Yoshioka, treasurer.

VALENTINE THEME SET FOR SUPPER PARTY

The Valentine theme will be carried out in decorations and refreshments, when the young people of the Torrance Baptist Church hold a progressive supper next Saturday evening, February 12.

The BYF group will meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. and proceed to the five different homes for the five separate courses. Spots in the itinerary include Gardena, Lomita, and Redondo, as well as Torrance. The party will begin with appetizers and proceed on to soup, salad, the main course, and dessert.

Chairman of the party committee is Mary Daniels, and tickets may be obtained from her or from Penny Benard, Kathleen White, Tommy Stewart, Don Kelly, or Pat and Doug Jeffrey.

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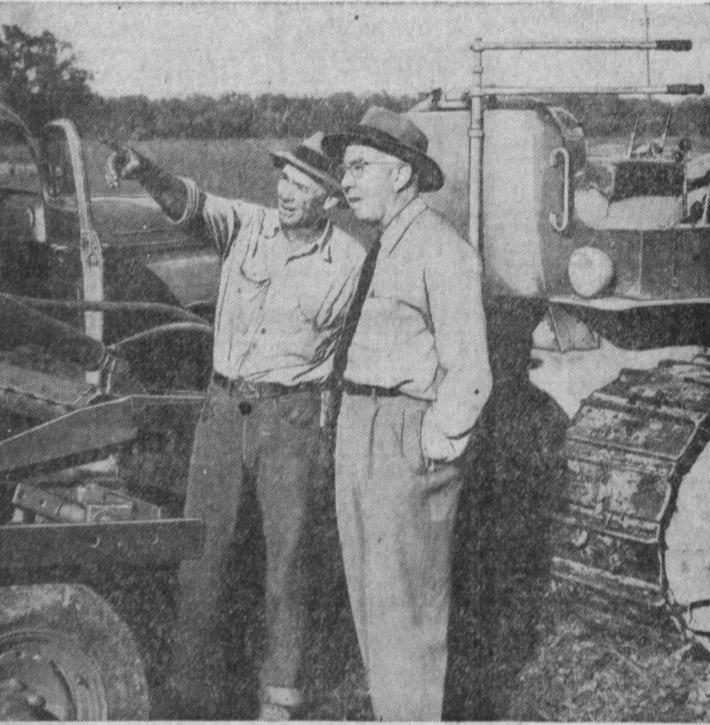
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