

# National Cake Contest Won By Lomita Woman



NATIONAL PRIZE WINNER . . . Mrs. Gertrude Carpenter of Lomita, is cutting into an orange torte, the recipe for which won first prize in the cake baking contest held at the National Orange Show. Mrs. Carpenter won a new automatic gas range as an award for her culinary skill.

## ORANGE TORTE RECIPE TAKES TOP HONORS

The proverbial third time charm really worked for Mrs. Gertrude Carpenter of Lomita last week as she won a new gas range and the distinction of first place in the National Orange Show cake baking contest, with a recipe that she had entered in the San Bernardino show twice before. The orange torte recipe she used has been in her family over 20 years. Mrs. Carpenter having received the recipe from an aunt several years ago. The delicious confection is a favorite with her family, husband Floyd, and small daughters Elythe, 7, and Joanne, 6.

"This is the third time I've entered the recipe in the San Bernardino contest," said Mrs. Carpenter, who is a blue-eyed blonde and 38 years old. "I won third place three years ago," she said, "and received a 16-piece set of aluminum ware. . . I surely did need that stove, and Floyd suggested I 'do it the hard way' so I tried again this year."

**Embellishments Did It!**  
Although the recipe she used was exactly the same that she entered before, this year she "dressed it up" with an eye-catching arrangement of fresh orange slices combined with fragrant orange blossoms and their waxy leaves. These embellishments encircled the cake which was set on a lace paper doily over green cellophane.

The idea for the trimming occurred to Mrs. Carpenter two weeks before the contest, when she baked a cake for a neighbor, who was also a very dear friend, and who is in Los Angeles hospital, completely paralyzed with multiple sclerosis.

**On TV Show**  
Last Sunday night Mrs. Carpenter was asked to appear on the O'Keefe & Merritt "Letters to the Editor" show from 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Channel 13. She was also asked to bring two cakes, which might be a big order for some, but to Mrs. Carpenter who thoroughly enjoys the task, it was a pleasure.

"After I cut the cakes during the program," she said, "all the cameramen, technicians, and everybody literally mobbed me. . . every crumb disappeared!" (that we can believe, having tasted the cake ourselves!)

"What gives me more pleas-

ure than winning the first prize, is knowing that people like what I do," said Mrs. Carpenter.

She is also very thrilled over the new completely automatic O'Keefe & Merritt gas range which is due to arrive any day. "It is something I've always wanted but we've never been able to afford," she said.

### Husband Native Son

Floyd Carpenter was born in Los Angeles and moved to Harbor City when he was 5. He graduated from Narbonne High in 1934, having won many trophies in athletics during high school. His father was a San Pedro policeman for 30 years. Mrs. Carpenter, born in Wisconsin, met her husband when he came out of the service eight years ago. She is an active member of the Lomita Community Church.

### Prize-winning Recipe

Her recipe is: One cup sugar, 1 teaspoon of salt, coarsely grated rind of 2 oranges, 1 cup shortening, 3 medium eggs, 1 cup chopped walnuts, 1 cup chopped dates, 2 teaspoons baking powder, and 3 cups sifted flour, or 2½ cups unsifted flour. Mix by hand. Bake in 9x3 well-greased spring form tin one hour at 375 degrees.

The syrup, which is to be poured over the cake 10 minutes after it comes out of the oven, is made with 1½ cups sugar and the juice and pulp of 3 oranges. Bring to boil and simmer 5 minutes. Pour over cake while still in the pan.

## Top Rating Given Young Trumpeters

The Greenwood elementary school trumpet quartet received superior rating at the Southern Band and Orchestra Music Festival held in Compton last Saturday, March 26.

Members of the quartet who received medals are eighth graders Ricky Boucher, Gary Tiernan, and Darrel Kelley, and David Fiorelli from the seventh grade. Mrs. Merlyn Wilde is music director at Greenwood elementary school.

## Easter Fetes Planned at Normandale

An Easter Egg Hunt is planned at Normandale playground on Thursday, April 7, followed by an amateur program by the children in the auditorium at 2 p.m.

The playground will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily during the Easter vacation April 4 to 9 inclusive.

Further information on special events planned for the Easter holidays may be obtained by phoning FA. 8-9873.

Recently at a party in the school. Following a film on reading shown in the auditorium, the parents returned to the classroom for refreshments prepared by the children.

One little girl expressed the group feeling as she said "This is my best party I ever had."

## Garden Club Hears Local Nurseryman

Members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club learned new methods of spring planting and soil conditioning as they heard Kenneth Terry, Walteria nurseryman, who was guest speaker at the meeting held in the 1530 W. 214th st. home of Mrs. Wilfred Stevens.

Terry, associated with the Newcoast Nursery at 3000 Newton st., was a former teacher of adult education classes in landscaping and gardening at Centinela Valley high school. He also taught evening classes for a year at El Camino college, and for fifteen years worked in public parks landscaping.

**New Member**  
During the business meeting following a dessert course, Mrs. V. D. Benard was officially welcomed as a new member of the club.

Notes of appreciation from the St. Andrew's Women's Auxiliary to the Torrance Terrace Garden Club were read to the members. The thanks were expressed for the table decorations done by club representatives, Mmes. Victor Benstead and J. P. Montague, for the Medical Association dinner held recently at the Y, and which was given by the St. Andrew's group.

## Seaside Parents Entertained By Kindergarten

Kindergarten children at Seaside elementary school feted their mothers and fathers re-

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Silva Sr., of 205 E. 229th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Cheryl Ann, weighing 6 pounds and 2 ounces.



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## Two Initiates Welcomed at OES Meeting

Katherine Halliwell and Ethel Pitts became members of the Torrance chapter Order of Eastern Star at the regular meeting held last week in the Masonic Temple.

Worthy patron, Earl Wells called the chapter to order and the meeting was conducted by Phyllis Peverley, worthy matron.

Mabel Coffey and Jim Coffman, worthy matron and worthy patron of Fuchsia chapter, El Segundo, were escorted and presented as well as the past matrons an past patrons. In the absence of the sentinel, Vincent Viellenave filled the station.

Elizabeth Allen was chairman for the evening and the dining room was decorated in the St. Patrick's theme. Refreshments were served by Pearl Thayne, Rose Schmidt, Dorothy Craig, Mary Sheeby, Frances Howard, Mavis Cook, and Eunice Crabtree.

## Easter Events At Normont Terrace

Easter vacation week activities at Normont Terrace, 990 West 256th street, Harbor City, will include an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. On Thursday, April 7, at 3:30 p.m. there will be an egg coloring party, and at 3:30 p.m. Friday there will be an Easter party.

## Barbara Thompson to Wed Robert Tabb June 18



Mrs. Osell Thompson of 20422 South Normandie, Torrance, has announced this week the engagement of her daughter, Miss Barbara Thompson, to Robert Tabb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russ McGahey of 1617½ W. 216th street, Torrance.

Miss Thompson has set the date of June 18 for her wedding, which is planned as an informal ceremony with family and intimate friends attending. The bride-elect is a senior at Gardena high school. Her fiancé is a 1954 graduate of Narbonne high school.

## POTLUCK DINNER

A potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by dancing to begin at 8 will be held in the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia avenue, tomorrow night, April 1, sponsored by the Torrance Townsend Club. James Sellers, president, announced the event is open to the public.

## BETROTHAL TOLD . . . Miss Barbara Thompson will become the bride of Robert Tabb on June 18 it was announced this week.

The foursome will travel in the Whitney automobile over the new highway through Phoenix and Nogales to Guadalupe. From there they will fly to Puerto Vallarta and back to Guadalupe where they will enplane again, this time to Mexico City and Acapulco.

The travelers plan to take at least three weeks for the tour before returning to Torrance.

# Women . . . .

Club News Society News  
MARY BARRETT, Women's Editor

## Reciprocity Luncheon Satirical Skit Set For Woman's Club Event

Follies and foibles of women's organizations will be gently exposed by members of the Torrance Woman's Club in a one-act play to be performed Wednesday afternoon at the annual Reciprocity luncheon in the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia.

Guests from the Federated Women's Clubs from all of Los Angeles County will be present to see "It's a Lovely Meeting," a satire on club women, specifically, if not women in general. The plot revolves around Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt, as a disorganized hostess, who gets a hand from a benevolent neighbor, Mrs. D. J. Thompson, in smoothing out the obstacles confronting a Garden Society committee, meeting to plan its annual flower show.

**Peevish Dowager**  
Throwing up barriers to harmony in the proceedings as fast as they can be removed is Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, as a peevish dowager. Injecting additional confusion — and fun — into the madcap meeting are Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, as an irreverent young matron; Mrs. James Burchett, as a delightfully old-fashioned lady who frowns on the frivolity of modern youth; Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, a well-meaning but "unaesthetic" woman who favors gourds in table arrangements; Mrs. John A. Tweedy, a champion of 'erbs and their traditional pronunciation, who sticks by her guns even when it means clashing with those who would modernize such institutions as the vulgar, common onion; and Mrs. A. R. Fiorelli, a member none-too-long on brains, but with more wisdom than first meets the eye.

## TALLY HI BRIDGE GROUP GATHERING

The Tally Hi bridge group met at the 2830 Eldorado street home of Mrs. Kenneth Perkins recently. Members present were Mesdames Jack Klinzing, Dean Capps, Rodney Clark, Joe Peters, and Herb Harger. Rounding out the two tables were guests Mesdames Cliff Trezise and Francis Willis.

all the verbal effluvia, serenely intent on putting in only at ports of beauty ("with a great big capital B") is the elegant, refined, and unbelievable Mrs. Van Dyne, to be portrayed with a flourish by Mrs. B. W. Roberts.

Mrs. W. C. Boswell is producer of the show, aided by Mrs. Park Montague and Mrs. Louis Dyer. Mrs. Boswell's brother, Jack Hudson, has acted as director by special arrangement with the Community Aid division of Accent Theatre.

### Spring Theme

The luncheon tables will be carried out in spring theme, consisting of peach blossoms and daffodils. Table mirrors will be used, giving the effect of ponds, adorned with bees, bugs, frogs and pussy willows. Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt and Mrs. A. R. Fiorelli are decorations committee. Mrs. R. J. Prout, Mrs. J. Parke Montague and Mrs. W. C. Boswell planned the menu for the luncheon. Mrs. R. J. Rogers will preside at the meeting. Please call reservations to Mrs. R. J. Prout, FA. 8-7257.

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