



Anneita Francis to Wed C. L. Branch

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis of 1348 West Anaheim, Harbor City, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anneita Kay, to Airman First Class Charles F. Branch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Branch of Kokomo, Indiana.

The engagement was announced at a dinner party held at the home of the parents of the bride-to-be.

The wedding date is set for Saturday, May 19, at the Narbonne Avenue Baptist church.

Miss Francis is a student at Narbonne high school where she is active in the Glee club.

Branch is stationed at Travis Air Force base, where the young couple plan to live after the formal wedding in May.

Brides Need No Longer Wind Up With 4 Toasters And 14 Identical Jelly Dishes

At last, thanks to National Home Appliance company, 1267 Sartori avenue, Torrance brides and wedding guests will have their gift confusion cut in half.

The bride-to-be need only come into the National Home Appliance store and fill out one of the comprehensive information blanks listing her tastes in furniture, silver, china, glassware, kitchenware, tableware, appliances, and decorator items, Mrs. Sabina Abramson, owner, announced.

This all-important list will be on file at the store and available to each of the bride's friends.

As each friend chooses a wedding gift from the list, it will be marked off, providing an up-to-date record.

When the bride-to-be drops into the store to fill out the information blank, she will receive a tastefully chosen gift as a token of best wishes from the store, Fred Abramson stated.

Then the young lady may leave, released from the post-wedding gift-exchange nightmare.

This particular nightmare in which the bride sees herself entering a store carrying an as-

sortment of four automatic coffee-makers, three toasters, two waffle-irons, and 16 pickle-forks is a dream that comes true all too often.

Not only does National Home hope to dispel this problem for the bride, but also the store stands ready to offer advice on co-ordinating the proper home articles with the period or style of decoration, and the color schemes which the bride chooses.

"We want to do all that we can to provide a special form of service to that very special person, the bride," said Fred Abramson, who will be in charge of co-ordinating the bridal gift registry.

3 Rebekahs Plan Picnic On Committee

Alice Jennings, Maud Milburn and Irma Powers, representing Torrance Rebekah Lodge, 347, and Khamsin Zuanna, 127, of Long Beach, attended the 137 Anniversary Picnic committee meeting at the Odd Fellows Temple recently.

Plans are progressing toward the picnic to be held in Inglewood, August 5, they reported.

Then they drove to Inglewood for breakfast, sponsored by Welcome Rebekah Lodge 143 in their new building, 431 West Arbor Vitae.



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It's a Million Dollar Smile

By NORALEE BENEDICT

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of interviews with the presidents of the various Torrance women's organizations. The two-fold purpose of these articles is to acquaint the readers with the purposes of the various clubs and, on a personal level, to find out just what qualities women look for in the people they choose as leaders.

When asked the very embarrassing question which we persist in putting to presidents, "Just what personal quality do you think you have which caused you to be voted president," Mrs. Herman L. Mitchell quipped, "I don't think there was one, unless, perhaps it was my 'Pepsodent smile and my firm hand-shake.'"

Mrs. Mitchell is president of the Torrance Woman's club.

"I've never been able to sit quietly in a group of strangers and not talk to them simply because I don't know their names. I just plunge right in, ask them their names, and before they know it, they're telling me their life history."

"And I've never been able to smile half-smiles because then I look as if I'd been eating sour prunes. I have to smile all the way or not at all, and anyone who smiles the way I do naturally looks like the friendly type, so I wind up with a lot of friends," she said.

Mrs. Mitchell, who resides at 1317 Acacia avenue, is one of the really dramatic women. An electric quality surrounds her actions. What might be a mere conversation with anyone else, takes on the entertaining quality of a good play. She sparks others with this quality, and they, after talking with her, go away feeling that they have been especially witty and clever themselves.

She specializes in extremely simple outfits highlighted with one bold and striking accessory, such as the simple dress she wore to one Woman's club func-

tion with a huge electric blue picture hat.

As president of the Torrance Woman's club, she attends local, district, and state functions by the dozens and is as busy as the proverbial cranberry merchant.

However, as she said, "I would not take on the responsibilities if I had a child to take to everything from the ballet to the orthodontist's and PTA meetings to attend. I worked it all out. This is the only time I'll have between getting my son brought up and pampering my future grandchildren."

Their Son

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are the very proud parents of a son, Donald L. Mitchell. Don is a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Don, who will be 22 years old on Sunday, April 22, is engaged to Miss Robin Gensley. Mrs. Mitchell is looking forward to the wedding which will be held when her son graduates from the academy in 1957.

The young couple are planning to have the traditional ceremony in the chapel at Annapolis with his fellow students providing the honor guard of crossed swords.

With her duties as president of the club, Mrs. Mitchell has



MADAM PRESIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Mitchell are shown in their home. Mrs. Mitchell is president of the Torrance Woman's club. Beside her on the radio is a photograph of their son, Donald. On the wall is one of the copper plates which she has done.—Press Photo

also taken on the responsibilities of financial secretary of Marina District of the Woman's clubs. This district which has been recently formed from the former club districts comprises 22 Woman's clubs from Santa Monica to Torrance.

"The purpose of the Woman's club is 'The advancement in all lines of general culture, for civic betterment, and social service,'" she quoted.

The Torrance Woman's club carries on a constant program of philanthropy. In keeping with the finest principles of charitable endeavor, they strive to avoid all publicity of their work.

Newspaper accounts of their activities stress only their social and cultural pursuits. It is only by sitting in on their meetings that anyone realizes the steady stream of both financial and personal services given by the group.

Not only do they give gen-

erous support to organized charities, their aid to private individuals is a regular part of their past and present organization.

The above report was not given by Mrs. Mitchell, in keeping with the usual policy of quiet endeavor, it is a report from observation on our part.

Her Home

Mrs. Mitchell's home is a part of her personality. The colors are bright and stimulating. The copper plates on the wall are those she has cast, matted, and framed herself. The padded cornice-box above her draperies is the product of her flair for woodworking and upholstery.

A philosopher once said that any woman who has found the secret of living rather than just being alive will find the world calling at her door. If this is true, Mrs. Herman L. Mitchell must have the busiest doorbell in Torrance.

PLANS MAY WEDDING

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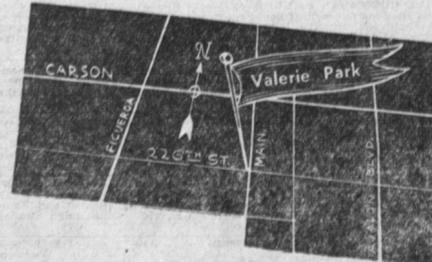
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Maureen McManus Sets Wedding Date

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McManus of 3510 West 228th st., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maureen, to Giacomo Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin of California, Pennsylvania.

Relatives were given the news at a dinner at the home of the future bride's parents on Easter Sunday.

The wedding will be solemnized at Nativity Catholic Church on June 23, 1956.

Miss McManus is a senior at Torrance high. Martin is a student at El Camino college and is employed at Northrop Aircraft. He will continue his studies at U.C.L.A.



JUNE WEDDING PLANNED

Miss Maureen McManus will wed Giacomo Martin.—Harlan Photo

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Partial or full Camperships of a week are awarded to deserving girls after investigation of the need.

Y-Teens Serve Refreshments at Award Program

Y-Teen members served at the Father and Son Basketball Awards program held at the YWCA, 2320 Carson.

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