



See Eye to Eye

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Thill have been practicing optometry together for the past five years at 3810 Pacific Coast hwy., WALTERIA. She also lectures twice a week at the Los Angeles College of Optometry, and he is currently studying medicine at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in Los Angeles.—Press Photo.

WALTERIA OPTOMETRISTS ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE

(Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of articles on Husband and Wife Teams in business in Torrance. This time we turn to a professional couple in WALTERIA who graduated together from the Los Angeles College of Optometry at the University of Southern California in 1952).

By DURFEE PARKINS

Ten years ago Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Thill, a young and ambitious couple, moved to WALTERIA while still attending college and are now well-established in the field of Optometry after many years of hard work and study together.

They are both graduates of the Los Angeles College of Optometry in 1952 and have been married for 15 years.

Engineering First
Originally Dr. Eleanor Z. Thill had intended to become an engineer, but when she realized what an excellent opportunity there was for women in optometry plus the fact that her future husband was in that field, she switched her major and was the only woman in her class. She graduated with honors and today belongs to numerous honorary optometric organizations.

Dr. Roger Thill has within the last few years taken another step in education—that of becoming a medical doctor as well as a Doctor of Optometry. He is a junior at the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Thill confines her activities mainly to their offices at 3810 Pacific Coast hwy. and their two children, Susan, 9, and Kevin, 7. Twice a week, however, she teaches at her alma mater, the College of Optometry in Los Angeles, and attends numerous conferences and conventions throughout the year to learn more about visual care and in turn share her knowledge of the subject with her fellow doctors.

Public Service
Optometry, which is termed a public service profession, does not include eye surgery (ophthalmology), but concentrates on eye examination, prescription and fitting. The Thill's educational background includes a working knowledge of mathematics, physics, physiology, psychology and other fundamental sciences plus a desire to help and work with others.

This wonderful public service aspect has been carried over into their personal lives. In August, 1954, the Thills were able to bring a Greek student, Paul Cotroff, to this country who has lived with them and studied agriculture here for the past three years. He began his studies at Long Beach City college and is now attending El Camino college. The story of Paul's coming to the U S is an unusually interesting one. During the war, his family had received

GREENTHUMBERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1957-58

At the March meeting of the Greenthumbers Garden Club, held at the home of Mrs. William Greenwood, new officers for the year 1957-58 were elected. They are Mrs. George Horton, vice-president; Mrs. David Sheppard, secretary; Mrs. Louis Wilhelm, treasurer, and Mrs. Eldon Sellmeyer president.

Mrs. Sellmeyer appointed the following chairmen: Mrs. Al Kosick, ways and means; Mrs. Clarence Barrow, sunshine; Mrs. William Greenwood, flower show and garden therapy; Mrs. Paul Kolleck, historian; Mrs. John Knight, publicity; Mrs. Madge Moss, civic affairs and conservation, and Mrs. Earl Hubacek, Junior Garden Club chairman.

It was announced that Mrs. Sellmeyer, Mrs. Horton, and Mrs. Hubacek will attend the speaker auditions on April 5 at the Broadway, Westchester. The club also announced that two hair stylists, Albert and Leon, Redondo Beach, will give a demonstration on proper care of the hair exclusively for the Garden Club and friends April 11, at the home of Mrs. Al Mategorin.

Greenthumbers attending the meeting were Mmes. John Knight, Al Mategorin, Jack Moss Sr., Louis Wilhelm, George Horton, Maude Vulgamott, Eldon Sellmeyer, William Greenwood, John Fitzgerald, Earl Hubacek, Clarence Barrow, David Sheppard, Al Kosick, and William Fitzgerald. Guests attending were: Mrs. Henry Allen, Mrs. Stanley Newman, Mrs. Walter Wudzke, and Mrs. Daniel Newman.

Rummage for Sale
The Torrance Ladies of the Elks will hold a Rummage Sale April 8, at the House of Rummage, 117 W. Rosecrans hwy., Compton, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone with rummage may contact Mrs. A. H. Littleton or Earlyne Jakubowski.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thill belong to the American Optometric assn., California Optometric assn., and the Los Angeles County Optometric assn. Mrs. Thill is also a member of the Torrance Educational Advisory committee (TEAC), the WALTERIA Business Woman's club and the WALTERIA P.T.A.

Glasses, Passes
According to Mrs. Thill, because of the recent trend in distinctive colors and designs, girls no longer have to fear the stigma of wearing glasses. She has worn glasses most of her life and has a pair for almost every occasion. This amply compensates for her husband, who has never worn them.



Easier Dummies Arrive

Newly installed officers of the Volunteers for Children gather at the home of Mrs. Joseph Dock, 20035 Anza, to prepare for the Easter party scheduled for the children at Harbor General hospital, April 20. Filling Easter baskets are (l-r) Mmes. Dock, publicity; Herman Weston, second vice-president; William Lujan, board member; John Stoddard, president; and Louis de Bottari, treasurer.—Press Photo.

Volunteers for Children Install Mrs. John Stoddard President

Mrs. John Stoddard was installed by Dr. Milton Arnold as president of the Volunteers for Children at their second annual installation held at the Wayfarer's restaurant Tuesday, March 26.

Other officers installed were Mmes. Don Smith, first vice president; Herman Weston, second vice-president; Alver Johnson, corresponding secretary; Abraham Luboff, recording secretary; Joseph Dock, publicity; Louis deBottari, treasurer; and William Lujan and Robert Bongarz, members of the Board.

Dinner was served preceding the installation at tables decorated with pink and white flowers, the colors of Volunteers for Children. Mrs. David DeCell was in charge of dinner and decorations.

After the invocation by Miss Hilda Tanck, Mrs. Smith introduced the Board of Advisors who are Dr. L. A. West, medical director at Harbor General hospital; A. L. Thomas, administrator

of the hospital; Dr. Kurt Shery and John Johnson. Mrs. Boris Woolley was unable to attend due to illness. Also introduced was Mrs. Marguerite McAllister, co-ordinator of Volunteer Services at the hospital.

Although the group has grown from 12 members to almost 100, more women are needed if the organization is to give Tender, Loving Care to each child and to carry out the many projects that are planned at Harbor General hospital.

Any women who have some spare time and would like to join may call Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Dock or Mrs. Stoddard.

BROWNIETROOP INVESTS 15

Brownie Troop No. 2048, Torrance's newest Brownie troop, invested 15 girls last month. They are: Linda Cobb, Cheryl DuBois, Susan Dye, Kathleen Ek, Susan Fugit, Billie and Pamela Gabriel, Diana Griffin, Sinda Hall, Jane Isacson, Sharon Jones, Cynthia Lessel, Nicola Potts, Janice Reutz and Vickie Warner.

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Surprise Reunion

Bill Leyden, (l) host of "It Could Be You," surprised Mrs. Erna Lowand, (second from left) 1721 Greenwood, when he reunited her with her mother, Mrs. Helen Weixler, Mrs. Lowand had not seen her mother or sister since June 1947, when she moved to and her sister Maria Weixler, of Mannheim, Germany, during the March 25 telecast. Mrs. Lowand had not seen her mother or sister since June 1947, when she moved to the United States.

FIRELADIES DISCUSS SPRING DANCE
The regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Firemen's auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Reintsma April 1. Mrs. Pete McCown was co-hostess.

Final plans were made for the coming "Cotton and Jeans" Spring dance to be held at the American Legion hall in Torrance on Saturday, May 4. "Mel Coates and his Swingsters" will provide the music. Tickets may be purchased from any Torrance Fireman or Firelady. Door prizes will be given.

Presiding over the meeting was Mrs. Ed Polston, and attending were Mmes. Milton Langum, Ray Flagg, Bill Slonecker, Sam Martin, Richard Sprout, Leonard Christian, Wilbur Orr, Bill Millard, James Wass, Pete McCown, and Charles Reintsma.

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