



MRS. DOUGLAS G. SKAGGS —Ruth Jacobs portrait

Elaine Phelps-Douglas Skaggs Wed in Western Avenue Church

A double ring ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday in Western Avenue Baptist Church united Miss Elaine Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Phelps of WALTERIA and Douglas G. Skaggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Skaggs, 1618 Acacia ave., Torrance. Rev. Mark Hinman officiated before an altar decorated with white gladioli and candelabra.

Torrance Woman In College Concert

Torrance's Mrs. Stella Herman headlined singer for the concert-lecture at 3 p.m. Sunday in El Camino College Theater. On the same program are William Grantham of Hermosa Beach and Edward Sludmak of Gardena. Miss Kay Haga will be the piano accompanist.

Mrs. Herman has been music librarian at El Camino for nearly three years. She came to Torrance from Fairbanks, Alaska. Previously she had lived in Alliance, Neb. where she studied voice at an early age. She sang with the Nebraska All-State Chorus for two years. She has studied with Dr. Gordon Orme of the El Camino faculty and is now studying with Forest LeBarre of North Hollywood.



LUXURIOUS \$350 gold lace swim suit with matching skirt and vest was shown at a fashion show luncheon at 12:30 June 20 in the Plush Horse restaurant. Miss Sharon Starns ("Miss Torrance") modeled the DeWeese ensemble from Hilja's of Redondo. It is one of only 250 in the U. S.

Torrance Woman Writing Novel

Torrance has a budding author in the person of Mrs. Charles E. (Laetitia) Eichler, 5206 Stevann st. She hopes to have her first novel completed and in the hands of her agent by August.

Mrs. Eichler, mother of a two-year-old daughter, has been writing off and on for several years. She has been working on her novel for six months. Until now she has had nothing published under her own name but has done considerable "ghost" writing.

Her story has a religious theme in the background but is a romance of dramatic nature. Locale is Los Angeles, the desert, and Roseburg, Oregon.

Major portion of her background is in Roseburg, a small town through which the family went recently returning from a vacation trip. "The place appealed to me," said Mrs. Eichler, "it seemed just right for my purpose."

She had lived in Oregon as a child and her father still lives in Portland. However, she has been in touch with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce to help her authenticate facts.

"I had set my time for a season of year I thought should be sunny," she related. "Checking with the chamber, I found it was their rainy season, so I set my time up two weeks, and have part sunny, part rainy weather for my story. It takes place in a month's time."

Mrs. Eichler is slanting her story in the hopes that it will be adaptable for movies or TV.

She prepared herself for writing by taking a mail fiction course and found herself an agent because she feels her stories gain preference and earlier reading by being presented to markets by an agent.

The local writer is secretary for the Southwood Home Owners Association. Her husband is employed at Hughes Aircraft.

PTA Reports on Graduation Party

Mrs. J. R. Allison, newly elected president of Evelyn Carr PTA, met with her officers recently to ratify 35 new committee chairmen for the coming year.

Richard Welte, school principal, welcomed the group and Mrs. Robert Mooney presented interesting plans and displayed the favors and decorations to be used for the eighth grade graduation party held June 12 in the breezeway of the school cafeteria.

More than 300 students, parents and guests were served refreshments by chairmen, Mrs. Corald Cunery and Mrs. Alex Vaselenko.

The gaily decorated cafeteria became the scene of the graduation party at 7 p.m. Individual corsages of white carnations were given each girl, and boutonnieres to the boys.

Mrs. Robert Mooney, Mrs. Anthony O'Alia, and Mrs. William Sale were in charge of the party.

The program committee and the budget and finance committee of Evelyn Carr PTA met June 18 with Richard Welte, school principal, to map plans for the coming year. Welte is a member of both committees.

"Cooperation plus Coordination Equals Score" was the theme chosen by the program committee, Mrs. Wendell Towell, chairman, and Mmes. Roland Stamm and J. R. Allison.

Members of the budget and finance committee, Mrs. Carl Johnson, chairman, and Mmes. Norman Wilson, Jean Vance, J. R. Allison, announced that tentative plans have been made for a fall Mardi Gras.

Board Meetings PTA board meetings will be held this fall on the third Wednesday of each month in the school cafeteria. Association meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Tuesday of the month.

Honors Grandson Mrs. Ida Creighton, 1417 Madrid ave., entertained 20 friends and relatives last Saturday at a dinner to honor her grandson, Rodney Collins. Collins left Sunday for training with the USN at San Diego.

Guests included his paternal grandmother from Inglewood, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Collins and children Virginia and Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Coleman, Ronald and Susan, Mrs. Erma Peterson of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerr and children Linda and Karen of Paramount, and Mrs. John Collins and son Michael of Wilmington.

In Hospital Everett Eskins of Newton st., WALTERIA, is recuperating after surgery in the Long Beach Osteopathic Hospital.



FIRST NOVEL occupies most of Mrs. Charles E. Eichler's waking time. While she has done considerable "ghost" writing, this will be her first published work under her own name.

La Vecinas Woman's Club Has Clever Musical Installation

background during installation of new officers, La Vecinas Woman's Club members held their ceremony last Thursday at the Plush Horse.

Mrs. L. M. Nash, a past president, was installing officer. As each new officer was introduced and presented with a corsage, a chorus under the direction of Mrs. E. R. Harvey, sang a tune symbolic of her office and duties.

To special lyrics written by the chorus, Mrs. Thomas O'Malley became president to "O'Malley for President."

Other songs chosen were: "There's No Business Like Show Business" for Mrs. Charles Sturzell, first vice president and program chairman; "Dancing in the Dark" for Mrs. William Peterson, second vice president and social events chairman; "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter" for Mrs. Carl Wolff, recording secretary; "Letters, I Get Letters" for corresponding secretary Mrs. R. W. Klock; "The Money Tree" for Mrs. A. J. O'Keefe, treasurer.

Chairmen heard "You Belong to Me" representing Mrs. Robert Underwood, membership; "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" for philanthropic chairman Mrs. Lamar Bonnette; "Pennies from Heaven" for Mrs. Maurice Wilson, ways and means; "Accentuate the Positive" for publicity chairman Mrs. William Reid.

Opening and closing numbers of the program were "This Is My Country" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Philanthropies During the recent presidency of Mrs. Henry Schmalde the club has given assistance to Harbor General Hospital, Torrance Youth Band, South Bay Children's Health Center, American Field Service, and many needy families.

They have sponsored 25 Girl Scout troops and granted two scholarships.

Plan for Next Year "Invest in the Best" is the theme chosen by Stephen White School PTA for the coming year's program. A planning session was recently held in Principal Albert Cartwright's office.

Mrs. E. N. Reese, program chairman; Mmes. Glen Mullen, Loring Thomas, Robert Snyder, J. T. Evans, E. R. Alves, H. T. Runge, and Mrs. Oscar Smith, PTA president, offered suggestions for the programs and ratified 25 chairmen for the new PTA year.

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"COME ON IN," says Mrs. Ralph McNeil to Mrs. Paul Rottger at poolside in the John Beeman gardens. The invitation is symbolic as Mrs. McNeil is outgoing president of Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary while Mrs. Rottger is incoming president. The occasion of the double welcome was a luncheon given Tuesday for incoming officers of the auxiliary. Outgoing officers were hostesses.

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Informal Wedding Unites Couple

Miss Patricia Ann Elkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Elkins, 2532 1/2 Cypress ave., at high noon Sunday to Gary Samuel Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall of Rolling Hills. Rev. Charles Little officiated at the double ring ceremony in the Church of the Nazarene.

The bride wore a semi-formal wedding gown of pink nylon organza over taffeta, ballerina length, and carried white carnations on her white Bible.

Attending the couple were Miss Marilyn Smith in pink and white, and Gordon Van Ness of Rolling Hills. Miss Smith had a pink carnation corsage.

The bride's mother wore pink with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

A gathering was held in the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony after which the young couple left for Santa Barbara on their honeymoon.

The bride is a Senior at Narbonne High School. She came to California with her parents from Beardstown, Illinois.

The groom is a graduate of Harbor Junior College and is employed as an electronic technician in the Los Alamitos naval air station.

The new home will be at 4711 Broad st., Wilmington.

Bluebirds Have Swimming Party

Woodpecker Blue Birds who are sponsored by Howard Wood School, ended a busy year of activity June 14 with a swimming party at the home of Mrs. Beverly Hurst.

Attending were Karen O'Call, Candy Gray, Claudia Hamilton, Barbara Corey, Kristin Johnson, Mary Schulman, Janice Hurst, Roma Cann, Sharlean Ramsey, Sharon Madory, Linda Collins, Diane Crumm.

Chaperoning the party were leaders Mrs. Lola Johnson and Mrs. Kathryn Corey and sponsors Mrs. Beverly Gray, Mrs. Beverly Hurst, Mrs. Coleen O'Call, and Mrs. Corrine Hamilton.

Refreshments were served and announcement made that regular meetings would be resumed in September. Meanwhile the girls are looking forward to Camp Fire Day Camp at Torrance Park in July.

The girls recently enjoyed a trip to the Walteria Bird Farm and a Mother-Daughter tea at the home of Mrs. Corey.

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Nurses Sponsor Saturday Luau

California American Nurses' Association of the Harbor area sponsored a most successful luau at the Polynesian Saturday night. The affair was arranged for the local group by Mrs. Bertha Munro of Rolling Hills, chairman; Mrs. Louise Johnson, Wilmington and Mrs. Lois Cowden of Torrance. Proceeds will go toward nurses' scholarships.

Special entertainers for the evening included Ben Chapman of Torrance and Hal Perry (The Great Gildersleeve). Two orchestras furnishing music for four hours of dancing and an authentic Polynesian feast with the emu ceremony was enjoyed. Flowers for table decorations, leis, and pineapples were flown from the Islands for the luau.

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Give Baby Shower For Mrs. Blakley

Mrs. Calvin Blakley was honored at a baby shower given June 18 at the R. J. Triplitt home, 3236 Eldorado. Mrs. Triplitt and Mrs. Pat Halloran were co-hostesses.

Pink and yellow predominated in the shower gifts for the fifth child of the Blakley's. The bride was played following opening of the gifts.

Guests were Mmes. L. A. McCoy, Gerald Eastham, Burton Easley, Walter Levy, Parke Montague, Jack Brooks, Lloyd Jense, Earl Clayton, Bob Clayton, Phyllis Klunk, William Grubb, Alice Creel, Charles Rippey Jr., Tom Rogers and George Rogers. Mrs. Robert Dexter was unable to attend.

Winners at cards were Mrs. Klunk, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Earl Clayton.

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Plan Benefit Bridge-Brunch

Members of South Bay Alumnae chapter of Delta Delta Delta are preparing for their third annual bridge-brunch for Harbor General Hospital, to be held at 11 a.m. July 16 at the Palos Verdes Country Club. Both bridge and canasta will be played. Door and table prizes have been donated by local merchants. Mrs. Carl Stoffers is general chairman for the affair.

The Tri Deltas hope to raise enough money to enable them to present a worthwhile gift to the hospital, such as the infant resuscitator they purchased from last year's benefit.

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