



MRS. JOHN M. DeLEON Photo by Seaman

Florine Opal Custer John M. DeLeon Wed

Miss Florine Opal Custer became the bride of John M. DeLeon at a double ring ceremony Saturday in Wayfarer's Chapel, Portuguese Bend.

Mrs. DeLeon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pawluk, 816 Portola Ave. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLeon, 24626 Cypress Ave., Lomita.

The bride-elect, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown featuring a beaded neckline. A pearl crown secured her fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Mrs. George Hearn was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Alice and Lydia DeLeon, Helen Ruiz, and Melanie Mounger. All wore green satin with green accessories.

Olivia DeLeon, attired in pink satin, was junior bridesmaid.

Mrs. Pawluk, mother of the bride, wore a champagne lace sheath. The bridegroom's mother was in blue with a satin cummerbund.

Edward Maranda served as best man. Gabriel Ruiz was ring bearer. Ushers were Pat Demiguelo, Danny Agnue, Carl Wada, and Ronnie Custer.

Following the service, the couple welcomed guests at a reception in the Penguin Room at Marineland.

Mrs. DeLeon is a junior at Torrance High School. Her husband graduated from Narbonne High School and attends evening classes at Harbor Junior College. He is employed by Lochmann Farms.

After a wedding trip to northern California, Mr. and Mrs. DeLeon will reside at 24624 Cypress St.

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HOLIDAY HASTE—Mrs. Paul Rathburn, her arms full of bundles of good cheer, finds herself caught in the last minute Christmas rush at Sears Store. She thinks its fun. —Press Photo

Junior Women Sponsor Contest on Americanism

Torrance Junior Woman's Club has begun judging essays entered by Torrance school children in the club's Americanism contest. Forty-three entries have been submitted by eighth grade elementary children in the Torrance School District.

Contest judges are Mrs. C. Albert Smith, elementary school teacher; Reid Bundy, managing editor of the Torrance Herald; and Donald Hitchcock, Torrance lawyer.

Judging will be completed Jan. 13, with a \$10 first prize, \$5 for second place, and honorable mention for third. The winner will compete in a contest sponsored by the Marina District of California Federation of Woman's Clubs. The prize will be an \$18.75 savings bond.

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Yule Fate Catches Up With Local Housewife

By Gary Palmer

Last minute Christmas shopping is a rarity for Mrs. Paul Rathburn of 20803 S. Normandie in Torrance, but the fate of thousands throughout the country caught up with her this year.

"Mrs. Rathburn found herself a victim of circumstance this year as she couldn't avoid the last minute rush.

"As much as I enjoy the Christmas season, it can be a headache if you wait until the last minute to do your shopping," Mrs. Rathburn said.

"Usually I'm not this late with my shopping, but this year I found myself wrapped up in too many activities. I started shopping in June; picking up things that were on sale, but you can't do it all before the holiday season," she said.

Mrs. Rathburn has four good reasons at home for the shopping delay. Cheryl, 13, Vicki, 11, Chuck, 10 and Tommy 5, who kept busy

viewing Christmas programs at Halldale Elementary, where she is also a room mother and was in charge of organizing a party for one of her children.

Church parties and a holiday program at the Betty Thomas studio in which her daughter Vicki participated, left her with less time to shop as Christmas drew nearer and nearer.

Busy with these functions besides her daily household routine, Mrs. Rathburn could do little but wait until the last minute, and when the "flu bug" laid her up for several weeks, she found herself far behind.

The busy mother and housewife is thankful for the shopping facilities in Torrance. "Without the large shopping centers it would really be hectic," Mrs. Rathburn said.

With all her last minute worries, Mrs. Rathburn was still able to look at the situation with a true holiday spirit, as she said, "It's still the happiest time of the year."



HOSTESSES CELEBRATE—Welcome Wagon members, Mmes. Ronald Jones (left), Jack Bolt, Richard Anderson and Frank Keitner, don holiday garb for the group's Christmas dinner dance Saturday at the Hacienda Hotel, 301 S. Western Ave., in San Pedro. —Press Photo

Holiday Season Celebrated by City's Fireladies

The Torrance Fireladies celebrated the holiday season at a yule party in the home of Mrs. Teddy Drake.

Guests gathered around the Christmas tree and exchanged gifts. Secret pals were revealed. Mmes. Egar Polston and Milton Langum were game chairmen. Mmes. Robert E. Moffitt and John Ferraiolo were hostesses.

Those attending were Mmes. William Buckley, George Blahnik, Jack Delsigne, Lindsey Browning, Paul Smith, James Wass, John Millard, Sam Martin, Richard Sprout, Harlan Whitacre, Walter West, Ronald Power and Charles Reintsma.

White PTA Names New President

The Stephen M. White PTA elected Mrs. Oscar Smith to the office of president at a recent board meeting. Mrs. Glen Mullins is outgoing president.

Mrs. Charles Linn was named treasurer. Guests were Mmes. Gambrell Croon, president of Gateway Council, A. C. Akerson, a member of the council.

WINNING LETTER

Dear Editor,

I would like to nominate Mrs. Gordon Goodwin, 1020 Maple Ave. as a candidate for the Torrance Woman of the Year.

She is always ready to give a helping hand wherever needed.

Sincerely Yours,
BERYL FOLTS

Editors Note: Due to the holiday social whirl and the problems of last minute shopping, a profile and picture of Mrs. Goodwin will appear in next Thursday's edition of the PRESS.

Miss Patricia Lone Mounger Betrothed to Roger Myers

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mounger, 1222 Portola Ave., have formally announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lone, to Lt. Roger A. Myers, USN.

Lt. Myers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Meyers of Chicago, is stationed at the Quonset Naval Air Base, Rhode Island.

Miss Mounger was graduated from Torrance High, attended El Camino College for a year, and received a degree from the UCLA School of Nursing. She is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi and has announced her engagement to her sorority sisters with the traditional box of chocolates. Miss Mounger is employed as a public health nurse in Torrance.



PATRICIA MOUNGER

Her future husband was a student at the Illinois Institute of Technology and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Dubuque University in Iowa.

The couple will be married Jan. 16 in Nativity Catholic Church.

Narbonne School Presents Yule Program for PTA

The Narbonne High School Madrigal Choir presented a Christmas program for the Narbonne PTA last week, singing carols from many lands.

Robin Ryland and Shelly Maurice sang solos in "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," while David DeWeese soloed in the French carol, "Masters in this Hall."

The program also included several Russian and English carols.

Stanley McAllister sang a baritone solo in "Gesu Bambino."

A girl's quintet composed of Robin Ryland, Shelly Maurice, Marilyn Miller, Valerie Hyde and Amber Inman concluded the program by singing three carols while accompanied by Jennifer Jones.

Drama students also took part in the program, presenting a scene from the play, "The Prince and the Pauper" directed by Elizabeth Ludwig.

David Miller portrayed the prince while David Wagner played the pauper. Other students participating were Jana Hutcheson as Lady Elizabeth; Gary York and Allen Fuller as the Lords; Nan Prescott, Sandra Henchman and Betty Jo Elliott as servants, with Charleen Norris, Linda Boyer and Sue Lindsay in the roles of street children.

Sandra Adamson spoke briefly on the Bill of Rights and Mrs. W. Earl Burris gave the inspirational message.



Tip to Toe

By Sylvia Miller
Fashion Editor

By the time this appears it will be the day before Christmas. If you have the time to read it you are either too well organized to be human, or you don't have a friend in the world.

Now we know that all our readers are both human and popular, so we are writing this to please ourselves. Everyone else will be too busy to see or care.

With all the shopping done, all the gifts wrapped, all the savory smells issuing satisfactorily from the kitchen . . . there must come to every feminine mind the sudden and startling thought, "It's time to get dressed!"

If you're partying away from home, you've already bought the loveliest frock, matched it with the chamingest accessories, planned to be-deck yourself with the aluringest baubles, and to touch that tiny bit of scent behind adorable ears. You are as ready and waiting for eager eyes as the brustingest package beneath the ladenest tree.

Anything I may say now would be so many wasted words . . . as far too many words are in these days of mad mass communication signifying absolutely nothing. So, may you be the belle of the ball, the pearl of the party, the eternal Eve of the evening!

But for you who open your heart and home to family and friends at holiday time I do have words of wisdom.

Your hor d'ouervres may be visions of delight, your turkey tender and your yams yummy. But the party's not a party unless you are party pretty!

Even though you do your own cooking, serving and eventually cleaning up, the cup that cheers is considerably more cheering when it comes from a manicured hand.

Though you've sweated over the stuffing, the dressing will be tastier served by a tastily dressed dish.

In sum, and briefly . . . YOU should be the spark that ignites the fires of bon hommie and good comradeship in your home. Your poise, grooming, make-up and clothes are never more completely the center of attention.

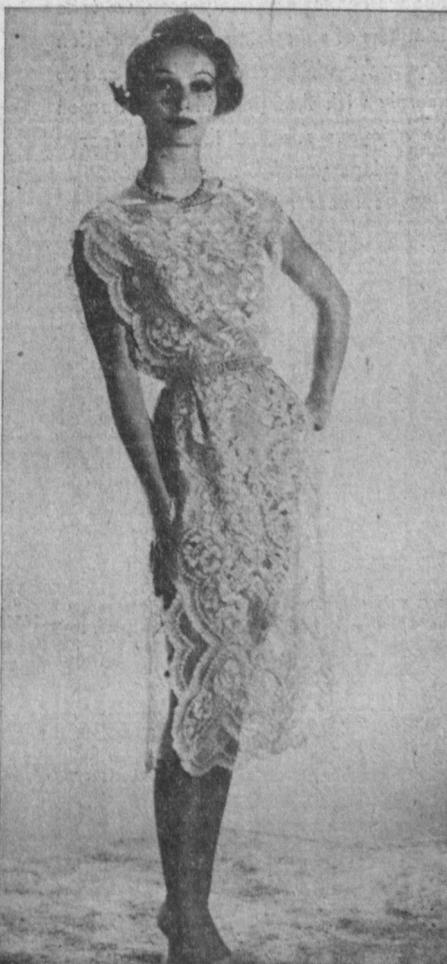
Fortunately clothes were never lovelier for at home happiness. Short or long hostess skirts provide glamour coupled with ease. Shimmering shirts or tiny tops of satin, silk or lame cover you demurely or daringly.

Whatever you wear, plan your party preparations to include you! You're just as important as the table decorations . . . so take as much time over your face, nails, hair and dress!

Whatever you wear, wear it with an air . . . the air of a woman who has everything under control and knows she is lovely . . . from tip to toe.



MIDNIGHT MAGIC—This evening sheath by Travilla is in black silk faille, with inset and bowed belt of Capri-blue satin highlighting the midriff. Stole is lined with satin.



AN IMPORTANT DRESS—Irene casts her couturier magic over this silk sheath with imported lace. The color is seafoam.