



MRS. ROBERT ORSINI
With Family Pets, Mme DuBarry and Star

—Press Photo

Mrs. Robert Orsini Named for Award

"People are my hobby," said Mrs. Robert Orsini, this week's favorite candidate for the Torrance Woman of the Year award.

"I love people, all kinds of people, and I believe there is good in everybody, although sometimes it takes a while to find it," she admitted with a laugh.

A charming and intelligent woman, Pat Orsini's interests range from her work in the Red Cross to a good mystery story; from her rose garden to the problems of young people.

As chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Disaster program, she is on call 24 hours a day should an emergency occur in the city.

"It can be anything from an earthquake to a fire," she explains. "We relocate, feed and clothe the victims until they can be rehabilitated."

"I don't think the public realizes how much the Red Cross can do if we are notified," she added.

Mrs. Orsini also is chairman of the local Red Cross Blood Procurement program in which capacity she is responsible for organizing the city's industrial and civic blood banks.

"Of course, I don't do any of this alone," she hastens to explain. "We're all volunteers."

However, Pat is attempting, almost single-handedly, to form the Good Samaritan Blood Bank Club. "It's my pet project," she states. "I'm trying to organize a group of citizens who would be willing to donate one pint of blood a year."

"With so many people, many of them elderly, settling in Torrance every day, the supply would augment that of the Red Cross and also serve as insurance for the individual donor," she said.

Another post that holds particular interest for Pat is her position as Torrance Federation delegate to the Community Coordinating Council, which deals largely with the problems of youth.

"I maintain there are no juvenile delinquents," she comments, "only juvenile parents."

As a case in point, Mrs. Orsini cites the statement she overheard recently by a 16-year-old, "What kind of up-bringing are you giving us these days? We pester you enough and you'll let us do anything," the girl said.

"Parents want to give children too much," she noted. "I believe some strictness gives a child a sense of belonging."

"Parents today reject their responsibility and force it upon their children before they are able to cope with it," she added. Mrs. Orsini feels that young people should be integrated into the community life.

"I don't have any children of my own," Pat said, "but being the youngest in a family of 10, I feel that I've had some experience."

Mrs. Orsini, the former Pat-

BENEFIT FETE SLATED BY LODGE 785

Torrance Lodge 785 of the Loyal Order of Moose will hold its annual Dance of Dimes Jan. 30 at 9 p.m. in the Lodge hall, 1744 W. Carson St.

Proceeds from the event will aid the Torrance chapter of the March of Dimes in its current campaign against arthritis, polio and birth-defects.

Tom Ulrich and his orchestra will be featured.

boasts about her cooking.

"I love to cook," Pat admits. "My mother-in-law taught me to cook some wonderful dishes. Now my husband asks all our friends over to an Italian meal cooked by an Irishwoman."

The Orsini's have lived in Torrance for the past eight years. "We love it here," Pat said enthusiastically. "It's a wonderful thing to watch a city grow from a population of a few thousand to over a hundred thousand in less than a decade. It's just like pioneer days."

Winning Letter

Dear Miss Briggs,

One of the outstanding women of Torrance is Mrs. Robert Orsini, and I would like to offer her name to be among those considered by the "Press" as "Woman of the Year."

Mrs. Orsini — everyone knows her as "Pat" — has for many years been concerned with the health and safety of the entire community of Torrance. Almost unnoticed by us has she performed her tasks as Disaster chairman for our city, unnoticed and unappreciated because, fortunately, we have had no disaster which would have publicized her name.

Pat has also done yeoman service on every committee in the local National American Red Cross. She is in charge of the local Blood Banks and Red Cross office.

Most refreshingly, she comments about her own labors by saying "I don't really do anything . . ." or "It keeps me busy but I don't do enough . . ."

It takes a bit of detective work to find out the other fine work she does: as a volunteer at a local school, as a member of the Torrance Coordinating Council . . . and no doubt many other important and worthwhile organizations as well.

Pat's presence in our city, and her many hours of genuine service tendered without thought of reward, makes her, in my own mind, one of the outstanding women in Torrance.

Very Truly Yours,
HENRI E. FRONT
Rabbi of Temple Menorah,
Redondo Beach

Carr Students Study Cost of Education

Carr School seventh and eighth graders are making a study of the "high cost of education" — both by writing to national leaders and by checking with local officials.

As part of class studies, members of James Waters' and Carroll Newberry's classes have written to members of the House Education and Welfare committee to get their views on federal aid to education. To date Representatives Robert Giaino (Conn.) and John Brademas (Ind.) have indicated their support of federal aid, while Representatives Albert Bosch (N.Y.) and Clare Hoffman (Mich.) have opposed it.

The class also received a letter from Arthur Fleming, secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, explaining what federal aid to education would involve.

On a local level, members of Waters' class made a tour of district maintenance facilities to learn the costs of some of the educational items they use.

They discovered that a football costs \$5.72, while baseball bats are worth about 77 cents. Projectors may cost \$400, and a 500-watt light bulb is worth more than \$2. A broken school

bus window costs about \$10 to replace.

The youngsters were surprised to discover the costs of many items they use and to learn how much it costs their parents if these items are damaged or destroyed, Waters noted.

Alpha Delta Pi to Host Foreign Students

The South Bay Alumnae of Alpha Delta Pi will welcome three foreign exchange students at its meeting Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, 2809 Poinsettia Ave., Manhattan Beach.

Cynthia Dowling of New Zealand, Ragnhild Nielsen of Denmark and Yani Sarwani from Indonesia will hold a panel discussion in which they will outline the history and customs of their respective countries and give their impressions of life in the United States.

Following the program, Mrs. Robert L. Wattenbarger, party chairman, will present plans for the group's annual children's Easter party.

Tip to Toe

By Sylvia Miller
Fashion Editor

Olympic Fun and Fashion

Excitement mounts for us sun-fed Southern Californians as Winter Olympics Game time draws closer.

Our northern neighbors in Squaw Valley and thereabouts (the nearest civilized thereabouts are Lake Tahoe and Reno) are battening down the hatches for the fun and frolics starting Feb. 18 and ending ten days later.

For the gals planning to go . . . we've some special advice on what to wear from George S. Wells, director of Special Features of the Olympics Organizing Committee.

Says Mr. Wells, who may not be a fashion expert, but who knows his snow clothes:

"Stretch pants will dominate the scene, teamed with bulky sweaters, thick-pile pullovers, light mohairs, and the popular quilted nylon parka."

"This is the season splashed with color," gaily adds Wells. "High-toned pastel parkas with matching pants will appear in yellow, bold-lime, snow-shadowed lilac, alpine-blue, light green, hot orange and flattering pink. Everything this season is light-toned, light weight and light hearted."

Pretty poetic for a busy director!

Practical Points

Regardless of style or color (and we think darker hues will show up oftener than Mr. Wells predicts) it's better to dress in layers of light clothing than in just one heavy, solid type garment . . . for the snows that is.

Seems this provides more insulation, according to Army tests, and thus more warmth. Also . . . far more freedom of movement.

And for party evenings . . . after-ski separates are the thing, whether you've been on the slopes yourself or just posing prettily as a spectator.

Don't, when going to snow country, ever take a fancy, lowcut gown. Handsome sweaters or jerseys, and wide cut skirts are all you need for fireside glamour . . . from tip to toe!

YW to Sponsor Bridge Courses

The Torrance YWCA will sponsor courses in beginning and intermediate bridge commencing next week.

Bob Christie, master point holder, tournament player and organizer of duplicate bridge clubs, will be the instructor.

The beginning group will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Y. The course will run for eight weeks.

Intermediate lessons will start Tuesday at 8 p.m. and will continue for six weeks.

For reservations call FA 8-5914.

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Torrance Woman to Be Featured in Opera Revue

Mrs. Kenneth Schummer, 3143 W. 177 St. will play a featured role in the Southeast Light Opera Theater's presentation "Parade of Musical Highlights," scheduled Jan. 22 and 23 in the South Gate High School auditorium.

The possessor of a mezzo soprano voice, Mrs. Schummer will be heard in excerpts from "The Mikado" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

A native of O'Fallon, Ill., she and her husband have resided in Torrance for the past five years. They have four children, Pamela 16, David 12, Beckie 11, and Jeffrey 7.



WINNERS—Katie Mason (left) and Jean Leavitt, victors in the Americanism essay contest, sponsored by the city's Junior Women's Club, read winning essays to club members. —Press Photo

Riviera Student Wins Americanism Contest

Jean Leavitt, an eighth-grade student at Riviera Elementary School, was awarded top honors in the Americanism essay contest sponsored by the city's Junior Women's Club, District 18, CFWC.

Runnersup in the competition were Katie Mason, also a student at Riviera and Rick Richards from Crenshaw Elementary.

Winners were introduced to club members at its business meeting last week. Mrs. Lee Clotworthy, Americanism chairman, awarded the prize and announced that Jean's essay would be entered in the district rivalry.

Judges of the contest were Mrs. Albert C. Smith, school teacher and former president of the Juniors; Reid Bundy, managing editor of the Torrance Herald; and Donald Hitchcock, a Torrance lawyer.

The contest was open to all eighth-grade pupils in the city's elementary schools. Forty-three entries were submitted according to Mrs. Clotworthy.

Jean Leavitt's winning essay will appear on the school page in Sunday's edition of the Torrance Press.

for and about Women

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CARD PARTY BENEFIT—Mmes. Joseph Comore (left) Michael McMahan, William Healy and F. C. Rick, members of the Court of St.

Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, discuss arrangements for group's card party, Monday to Benefit World Mission program. —Press Photo

Sisterhood Plans Book Discussion

The Sisterhood of Temple Menorah will sponsor an oral book review by Rabbi Henri Front Sunday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Arthur Cowan, 703 Esplanade, Redondo Beach.

Rabbi Front will discuss "Advice and Consent," Allen Drury's best selling novel on the Washington scene. A question and answer period will follow.

On Jan. 30 the Sisterhood will sponsor a showing of the film "Laughter Through Tears," at 8 p.m. at the Temple, 112½ N. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach. For reservations call FR 5-0748 or FR 8-4617.

PTA News

WRITING DISCUSSION

Perry PTA will hear a discussion of the school's new writing program at a meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Mrs. Edward Murawski, president, will preside.

Members of the panel will include Marjorie Carey, third-grade teacher and LaVern Swegles, combination third and fourth grade teacher.

Following the seminar, the Pan-Ettes will entertain with a kitchen band. The group is comprised of a group of Torrance women under the direction of Jennie Wise.

CLASSES HONORED

William Evanston, counselor at Fleming Junior High School, was guest speaker at a recent Harbor City Elementary PTA meeting in honor of the school's graduating class.

The students, who will enter Fleming High in February, received their diplomas and heard a discussion by Evanston on junior high school procedures.

Also honored at the meeting was Mrs. John Balch who was recognized as Mother-of-the-month and presented with a plant.

Mrs. Robert Pack gave the inspirational entitled, "A Good Creed." Mrs. Michael Travers conducted the meeting and Mrs. Stephen Silkotch was program chairman.

At a brief business session Mmes. Frank Samson, Anders Klungreseter, James Mason, and Silkotch were named to the nominating committee.

Travel Talks Heard

Arlington PTA members welcomed Helen Wieman of the school's faculty and Mike Robbins, South High School student, as guests speakers at a recent meeting.

Mrs. Wieman spoke on her experiences as an exchange teacher in England last year. Mike discussed his summer visit with a family in Finland.

Plans were completed for a skating party at the Torrance rink on Wednesday. The group concluded the evening by viewing a film on the March of Dimes campaign.

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Court of St. Catherine To Hold Card Benefit

The Court of St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, will sponsor its annual card party in benefit of the World Mission program Monday at 8 p.m. in the Nativity parish hall.

Bridge, canasta, pinocle, and five hundred will be in play.

Chairman for the event are Mmes. Michael McMahan and F. C. Rick. Their committee comprises Arden Landerville, Joanne Sullivan, Anne Freckleton, Fran-

ces Corsentino, and Mmes. Joseph Comore and William Healy. Coffee and desert will be served. Door and table prizes will be awarded.

The public is invited to attend.



MRS. ROGER ALLEN MEYERS —Photo by Seeman Studio

Patricia Ione Mounger Wed in Military Rites

In colorful naval rites Saturday at Nativity Catholic Church, Miss Patricia Ione Mounger, daughter of Commander and Mrs. T. B. Mounger, 1222 Portolo Ave., became the bride of Lieutenant Roger Allen Meyers.

Lieutenant Meyers, presently stationed at the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, R. I., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Meyers of Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Thomas Glenn officiated at the exchange of vows before an altar decorated with baskets of white gladioli and chrysanthemums.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride-elect wore white peau-de-soie with a seeded pearl necklace and finger-length chantilly lace sleeves. A pearl crown secured her chapel train and she carried a cluster of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Melanie Mounger, attired in apple green peau-de-soie

served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Ray McLachlan and the Misses Jeanine Roese, Joanne Kimey, and Peggy Franklyn. All were in emerald green.

Mrs. Mounger chose blue lace with plastic accessories for the ceremony. The bridegroom's mother was in pink lace with matching accessories.

Marvin O'Hare acted as best man. Ushers were Lieutenants John Schimansky, Harry Jones, Donald Elliot, and Anthony Menchini.

Frank Algarme was soloist (Continued on Page B-2)