

Toastmistresses Hold Discussions on Education

Education was the topic for the January meeting of the Lamp-lighter's Toastmistress Club. Giving brief talks on the subject were Elizabeth Adams and Mmes. Ivan Stewart, George Valievich, Carl Longpre, Cliff Risher, and William Holland. Mrs. Stewart was awarded the table trophy for the best presentation. Mrs. Earl Schrader is table-topic mistress. Extemporaneous speakers were Mmes. Richard Garner, Vincent Tyrrell, and Chester Wolfe. The best speaker's trophy was received by Mrs. Garner. Mrs. Gordon Jefferson was evaluator; Mrs. Clifford Risher was grammarian. Mrs. Mike Kurtz presided. The next meeting of the group will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Western Cafe, 15516 S. Western Ave. Interested persons are being invited to attend. Use classified Call FA 8-2345



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Bridge Art Benefit Scheduled Thursday

A pastel drawing entitled "Pagoda" by noted South Bay artist Jim Hesler will be the door prize at the Junior and Senior Woman's Club's dessert bridge Thursday in benefit of the group's art scholarship fund. The event will begin at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Tallies in the shape of tiny palettes will be sold for \$1 each. Hesler, a member of the South Bay Art Association, has exhibited in the Portland Art Museum in Oregon, Barnsdale Park, Los Angeles, and the Book and Arts Fair, Redondo Beach. Selections from his work are now on display at the Woman's clubhouse. The art scholarship, to be awarded in early spring, is open to all high-school seniors in the Torrance area. Interested students are being requested to file an application, together with a sample of their work, before Feb. 15. For information call FA 0-0537 or FA 0-0637. The bridge committee comprises Mmes. Howard Altermatt, chairman, S. H. Yanase, Eugene Lenk, R. C. Focha from the Seniors, and Mmes. Gerson Jacobson, chairman, Leonard Schulwitz, and J. R. Curtain from the Juniors.

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ART CRITICS—Mrs. Howard Altermatt (left), art chairman of the Woman's Club, and Mrs. Gerson Jacobson, juniors' art chairman, discuss one of the paintings that will be on view at the club's dessert-bridge Thursday to benefit art scholarship fund.

Flo Arnsperger Honored at Retirement Dinner

Fifty-six former fellow employees and friends honored Flo Arnsperger on retirement from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power with dinner at The Palms. Mrs. Arnsperger, who lives with her husband, Russell, at 26326 Ozone Ave., Harbor City, had been with the department 36 years and three months. A sterling-silver dresser set and orchid corsage were presented to her at open house in the San Pedro office before the dinner fete. Mrs. Arnsperger is a member of the Long Beach Susan B. Anthony chapter of the DAR, the Business and Professional Women's Club, and the First Baptist Church of Torrance.

Club Attends District Birthday Council

Ten members of the Torrance Woman's Club, District 18, CFWC, attended the district's fourth birthday council last Friday at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. Mrs. John W. Thuss, president, headed the delegation. Others attending were Mmes. Godfrey Nelson, D. J. Quinlivan, A. E. Palmer, J. P. Bay, E. G. Laughney, W. L. Norman, J. K. Clutter, H. L. Mitchell, and John Melville. Speaker for the morning session was Mrs. Ernest A. Simmons, state religion chairman. Her topic was "God's Time Clock." Mrs. Edwin F. Bryant, state literature chairman, reviewed a book entitled "A Good Time to be Alive" during the afternoon session.

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By Janice Coe

Dear Miss Coe, We're leaving the decision up to you. My daughter is seventeen and a junior in high school. She gets good grades, and is especially talented at writing. She is engaged, ring and all, to a young man who is a college junior and comes from a good family. We feel that the kids are well suited to each other and will have a very happy marriage.

The problem is this... although they originally agreed to wait until they were both through school, they now want to be married no later than this summer.

My daughter tells me kiddingly that they'll get more wedding presents if they're married this year, because her boy friend has a sister who is also scheduled to get married next year, and friends and relatives would have to split their gifts. She also says that it's too much to ask of them to wait that long to live together since they are so much in love. What do you advise?

Mrs. L.F.

Dear Mrs. L.F.

"Marry in haste, repent at leisure." That old folk saying probably sounds horribly old fashioned to your daughter. But almost everything that has stood the test of time has validity. Those particular words may not apply to everyone... but there are enough instances to prove that it's generally true.

As for the "reasons" your girl gives for marrying before she and her fiancé have finished school... the first is material and trivial, a sad commentary on the materialistic outlook we tend to give our children. A successful marriage is not based on the number of wedding presents received!

The second reason is more serious and goes deeper into attitudes that should have been developed since childhood. You might point out to her that the hasty war-time marriages that were entered into because the kids felt they couldn't bear not to have each other, are, for the most part, the ones that ended in "Dear John" letters. Once the young man was overseas, there was usually another fellow around who could nicely satisfy the same need.

Obviously, your daughter is planning a large wedding. Ask her what she thinks will be the reaction of the guests she is expecting to be so generous with their presents... at the wedding of a high school kid who hasn't proved in any way that she is capable of being a woman. She might not enjoy the snickers and whispers that will abound!

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