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MR. AND MRS. FREDERIC C. BLENCOWE
... 50th Wedding Anniversary

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Marriage Vows Repeated By Frederic Blencowes

An open house was held Monday, Dec. 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pruett, 1662 W. 157th St., Harbor City, in honor of Mrs. Pruett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic C. Blencowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Blencowe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by repeating their marriage vows while the Reverend Hugh Percy of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church officiated.

The affair was hosted by the three children of the Blencowes, Mrs. G. F. Mulligan, Wilmington; John P. Blencowe and Mrs. Pruett of Harbor City. Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Blencowe have nine grandchildren.

Over 50 friends and relatives dropped in to congratulate the happy couple on their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Blencowe lived in Pennsylvania when they were first married and moved to Los Angeles soon afterward. In 1919 they moved to San Pedro and have made their home there ever since.

Recently the anniversary couple traveled to Chicago, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York visiting friends and relatives as they toured the states.

Registering guests and gifts at the affair were Janet Blencowe and Barbara Pruett. Kathy Mulligan served the punch.

Aspiring Writer, Peg Alpert Visits, Tours Torrance Press

A journalist must have a nose for news and a drive to go get the news, so they say.

Well, Peggy Alpert wants to be a journalist. So she decided that the best way to begin is to see what it's like to be a member of the press.

Taking notes as she went along, Peggy toured the Torrance Press building last week.



Peggy is 10 years old but that isn't too young to start planning how to be a successful journalist—a foreign correspondent, maybe! Adventure is one thing Peggy plans to have in her life. That sure is an attribute of a foreign correspondent.

Asked what her hobbies are, Peggy grinned as she came back with "that's a good question." After a little thought, "Reading—adventure stories; movies—adventure ones; and I collect dolls—all kinds. I have them all around my room."

During the summer, Peggy goes to camp in the San Bernardino mountains and she enjoys it very much. She rides horses and swims.

After touring the Press from the reception desk through editorial and the composing room to the coffee room where she had a chocolate milk, Peggy still wants to write. "I really don't know what yet, but at 10 it's hard to know things like that. I want my writing to be interesting and full of adventure," she said.

Miss Alpert lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Alpert of Alpert's on Hawthorne Blvd., and her brother Steven, 14. Peggy attends Century Park elementary school. Steven is a student at Henry Clay Junior High. The

PRESS VISITOR—Peggy Alpert gets a few points on writing a news story from Lavina Nugen, women's editor, Torrance Press. Peggy toured the Press building and declared she wanted very much to be a journalist.

—Photo by Bob Wintermeyer

Alperets live at 11125 So. Van Ness Ave. To quote Peggy, "We live in Inglewood, and now it's in the county too. I really don't know where I live."

Best of luck, Peggy Alpert. Your smiling determination and winning ways will aid you as you enter the newspaper field!

Fr. Cagnacci Addresses Las Dumas Meeting

By popular demand, Father Ernesto Cagnacci was guest speaker for a second time this year at the regular meeting of Las Dumas de Lausen held High School.

recently at Fermin Lasuen Mrs. Henry Smith, program chairman, introduced Father Cagnacci who gave highlights of several Christmases spent during his 15 years as a member of the Italian Embassy in Afghanistan.

During the years in Afghanistan, his duties were those of diplomatic courier and assistant chancellor. It was necessary for Father Cagnacci to live incognito as a layman, as only one priest, his companion, Fr. E. Caspani, was allowed to enter Afghanistan as a chaplain to the Italian Embassy according to the Italo-Afghan Treaty.

Father Cagnacci remembers his Christmas there because it came the closest of being as the original Christmas in Bethlehem.

KYBER PASS

The party was traveling from Pakistan (then India) to Afghanistan reaching to Kyber Pass at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve. At 3:30 p.m. the pass closed to traffic and as there was not sufficient time for the necessary clearance of visas, it seemed they would not be able to continue their journey. A last minute waiver was granted however, and the party was allowed to continue.

Late in the evening, they reached the fortress city of Dooco, which was hemmed in on all sides by a huge stone wall. Outside, thousands of Nomads emigrating from Afghanistan to warmer India for the winter had pitched their tents. Looking out from the city, the diplomatic party

saw a panorama of camels, cattle, dogs, donkeys, tents and campfires. It seemed an exact replica of the Bethlehem scene.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Holy Mass was celebrated at midnight, December 24 in the fortress—the first official Mass to be said in the country for centuries.

Father Cagnacci told of many other pleasant and unpleasant Christmases which he spent in various parts of the world during his talk at the meeting.

In closing, on behalf of the Barnabite Fathers, he thanked the group for their help and cooperation. Barnabite Fathers along with lay teachers staff Fermin Lasuen High School.

A brief business meeting with chairmen reports being given was conducted by Mrs. Jackson Pearson, president.

Giving reports were: Mmes. Slacko Frelkin in the absence of Mrs. Robert Rados, boys' social chairman; Frank Foretich, kitchen kornier chairman; and Andrew Svornich, appointed assistance ways and means chairman to Mrs. David Brady.

SALE PLANNED

Rummage sale is scheduled for February 3 and 4 at the House of Rummage in Pedro. Mrs. Pearson urged all members to save clothing, shoes, dishes, jewelry and other saleable merchandise for the sale.

Father Joseph Pekarcik, principal, spoke briefly to the group and led the closing prayer.

Christmas cookies and coffee were served following the adjournment. Hostesses were Mmes. Lawrence McManus, Aural LaForrest, and Raymond Martin, 10th grade room mothers.

Miss Bonita G. Furman Bride of Joe F. Cruz

Miss Bonita G. Furman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Furman, 5527 Norton, Torrance, pledged her vows to Joe F. Cruz at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, December 17 at 2 p.m.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. A. Cruz of Los Angeles.

The Reverend G. W. Garlid officiated at the vow exchange when the bride was given in marriage by her father.

For her wedding, Miss Furman wore a beige and candlelight gold brocade suit with a milk collar. She wore a matching hat, shoes and gloves to complete her ensemble. Her bridal corsage was a white orchid.

Miss Beatrice Donaldson was the honor attendant and she was attired in a beige wool suit with brown accessories.

Tony Cruz, brother of the groom, was best man.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Furman chose a sapphire blue dress with matching hat. Mrs. A. Cruz, mother of the groom, wore a silk print dress with complementing accessories.

At the reception held at the Elks Club in Redondo, Beatrice Donaldson registered the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cruz will live in Baldwin Hills at 3875 Potomac St. The newlyweds plan a honeymoon in Mexico City in late January.

The bride attended school in Enola, Pennsylvania. She is presently employed at Space Technology. Her husband attended Roosevelt



MR. AND MRS. JOE F. CRUZ

... former Bonita Furman

Photo by Nylanders

High School and now is an upholsterer for Van der Wel Interiors.

Out of state visitor for the wedding was Gregory Berrbert, cousin of the bride, who traveled from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Garden Club Christmas Party Held

At the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant last week, the members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange.

After luncheon, the group played games and were given white elephant prizes.

Around the Christmas tree, a gift exchange was held and "secret pals" were revealed. New names were drawn for the coming year.

At the business session, presided over by Mrs. M. L. Hartley, president, a farewell tea was planned for Mrs. W. Stevens who with her family is moving to Hayward. On January 4 at the Hartley home, the tea will be held.

At the home of Mrs. Goldstone on January 11, the next meeting of the Torrance Garden Club will be held. A potluck luncheon has been planned.

Among those who attended the Christmas party were: Mmes. Victor Benstead, B. K. Blaine, John Erickson, Ivan Esty, M. L. Hartly, Kenneth Jackson, A. C. Turner, C. Tankersley, Marie Tankersley, F. Sandstrom, Minot Rugg, George Powell, P. H. L. Norris, and Harvey Klein. Guests were Mmes. Les

PTA News

Community Kept Hospital Yule Bright

Patients and staff of the Torrance Memorial Hospital were pleased with the Community Christmas Spirit which this year far exceeded previous years. Leonard A. Ensminger, hospital administrator said it was not possible to compile a complete list of all those who had a part in the Yule activities.

Santa joined the group from the Nativity Church in their presentation of carols. To this group many others sang carols, including the Tri-Hi-Y Girl Scout troop 295 and the chorus from the first Methodist Church.

Tray favors were provided by the Camp Fire Girls of North Torrance and the Alondra Park Methodist eight grade Sunday school class brought gifts to the Children's ward.

Eye Catcher

For an accent wall in the living room, use an unusual material like rough-sawn western red cedar siding, installed vertically. Rich texture and earthy autumn coloring of the rough-sawn cedar combine to produce a wall that really rates as an eye-catcher.

WINTER VACATIONERS

Home after spending the holidays in snow fun at Sun Valley, Idaho, are the John Freiburgs of 4171 Maritime Road, Portuguese Bend.

Smith, Robert Carrow, Kenneth Blaine, and Mike McLean.

Teenagers Hold Holiday Party

Young people's party time for the teenagers of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children was held recently at the Columbia School cafeteria.

Over 35 teenagers and adults were present for the evening's festivities which started with games and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Dancing followed the games and refreshments were served from holiday decorated tables.

Evening festivities were topped off by a visit from Santa Claus who distributed gifts to all of the young people present.

Co-hostesses for the Christmas party were Mmes. A. Gilcock, A. Vaughn, L. L. Lingo and H. M. McBride.

Filling a great need for the retarded teenagers and young adults who live in the southwest area, these social gatherings are held each month in the cafeteria of the Columbia School.

The parties are planned for young people from 13 years and up and young adults who live in the southwest area of Los Angeles County.

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Patricia Holden, Frontier 6-1533, new chairman of Young People's Party-Time.

Use Press classified ads to buy, rent or sell. Phone DA 5-1515.

Mrs. Aspey Hosts Holiday Luncheon

A beautifully decorated luncheon table greeted guests of Mrs. Roy Aspey, president of Torrance Woman's Club, district 18, CPWC, when she entertained ten of her board members during the holiday season.

Yellow and gold decorations were used throughout Mrs. Aspey's home. Each guest was presented with a gift by the hostess.

Those who attended were Mmes. Alma Smith, Rufus Sandstrom, Godfrey Nelson, Leondrus Stamps, R. C. Focha, Alan Moore, E. C. St. Amand, H. W. Bowman, Dean Sears; and Mrs. Lee Clothworthy, Junior president.

Due to illness, three of the board members were unable to attend. They include Mmes. B. W. Roberts, A. Z. England and C. E. Ackley.

Following the luncheon, an executive board meeting was held.

HAVE CONFIDENCE

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well, too.

Hadassah Story Told January 17

One of the most dynamic educational speakers in the Southland will address a group of local women on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17, at the home of Mrs. Edward Schwartz, 3244 El Dorado, Torrance. Telling the Hadassah story will be Mrs. Benjamin Miller, former president of Los Angeles Hadassah, who will vividly portray the year round program that Hadassah carries on in Israel and the United States.

Other civic and community Hadassah leaders who will be present at the dessert luncheon include Mrs. Sam Hoffman, of San Fernando Valley, who is president of the Southern Pacific Coast Region of Hadassah; Mrs. Philip Wain, membership chairman, of the region, and Mrs. Oscar Lozabnick, head of organization of the southwest.

Interested women in the area are invited to attend and may make reservations by calling FA 8-2452 or FA 8-4616. Mrs. Bert Lynn is a co-hostess for the event.

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DENISE LEE HUNTER

... betrothed

Photo by Seemans

Hunter-Wisham Betrothal Told

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter, Onrado St., Torrance, announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise Lee to Leon R. Wisham.

Parents of the benedict-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wisham, 2023 Arlington Ave., Torrance.

rance High School, Miss Hunter was a song queen during her senior year and a 1959 homecoming princess. She attended El Camino College and was an El Camette.

Wisham, a Torrance High School graduate, is serving with the United States Air Force in Louisiana.