



**KICKING OFF** March of Dimes Drive at Torrance post office by mailing reminders to local residents are members of the Torrance Junior Women's Club. Pictured unloading mail are (l-r) Clara Connors, postmaster, and Mmes. Richard Rankin, new member; Horace Roberts, philanthropy chairman, and Ronald Forestal, president.

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## Winter Program at YWCA To Get Under Way Monday

The winter program at the Torrance YWCA will get underway Monday with a series of classes geared at everyone from pre-teens with a yen to learn charm to foreign-born women desiring to put world fellowship into action.

Housewives and career girls who wish to peel off the pounds will participate

in slim and trim classes set for Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

Husbands will get in on the fun in social dancing classes set for 8 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays.

Geared towards young mothers is the weekly Y-Wives session from 9:30 to 11:30 Tuesday mornings. While children participate in the child care program mothers will be offered an opportunity to exercise or play bridge.

Techniques of using knitting machines will be taught from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Classes offered to girls age 5 to 11 from 10 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays will include art, baton, drama, and interpretive dance.

Pre-teens will study the whys and wherefores of charm from 4 to 5 p.m. charm from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays.

Career girls will gather the last Thursday of each month for a "change of pace" luncheon sandwiched into split-second lunch hours.

Preparation for childbirth

will be featured at the "Stoik Club" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. In addition to lectures and instruction in exercises geared at relaxation, the class is aimed at preparing expectant mothers emotionally for the arrival of a baby in the family.

Instructor will be Mrs. Janet Anderson, therapist.

Beginner's bridge will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and intermediate and advanced groups will play from 11 to 3 on Wednesdays

and 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Members of the Wednesday group will bring sack lunches.

Times have not as yet been set for classes in cake decorating job clinic and problems of the mother of teenagers.

Also to be set is a time for the Inter-national Club to be comprised of women born outside of the United States.

Persons wishing to enroll in any of the classes are invited to phone the YWCA at FA 0-2255.

## I'M NEW HERE

New arrivals who made their appearances at Torrance Memorial Hospital recently included:

Daniel Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gaber Jr. of 2633 Dalemead St., Torrance, born Dec. 16.

Rodney Malcolm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Chapman of 21425 S. Avalon Blvd., Torrance, born Dec. 17.

Donn Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brookes of 5123 Ave. B, Torrance, born Dec. 17.

Barbara Jean Sciarrotta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sciarrotta of 2121 Andree Ave., Torrance, born Dec. 16.

Steven Oslon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ebersole of 2326 W. 238th St., Torrance, born Dec. 19.

Michelle Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jerome Rossiter of 455 E. 234 Walk, Wilmington, born Dec. 11.

Sheri Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cappuccio of 1917 252nd St., Lomita, born Dec. 21.

Frederick Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Brien of 2344 W. 237th St., Torrance, born, Dec. 16.

Darren Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darren K. Martin of 668 E. El Segundo, Hawthorne, born Dec. 15.

Lou Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McKenzie of 629 Prospect, Hermosa Beach, born Dec. 19.

Robert Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Womslay of 2803 May Ave., Redondo Beach, born Dec. 19.

Elizabeth Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kyle of 1206 1/2 10th St., Hermosa Beach, born Dec. 19.

Edward Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Kelly of 200 E. 165th St., Gardena, born Dec. 11.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO TAKE FIRST CONSENSUS

First consensus of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Torrance will be taken at two meetings scheduled for next week.

Areas of agreement concerning the state's role in local government will be arrived at during discussions scheduled for 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Burton Belzer, 2926 Sonoma St. and 7:45 p.m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lelan Livingston, 5313 Highgrave St.

Among the questions to be aired are "How far should the state go in helping local government?" "Do we like the state-local setup as it is now, or do we want change?" "What are our feelings about home rule?"

Conclusions will be based on facts presented at previous study meetings.

Results will be sent by

the local board to the California League which will pool the consensus reached by the 68 leagues in the state when it meets in April. New league stands will be taken on the basis of areas of agreement of the entire state membership.

Also to be discussed at next week's meetings will be the phase of the "Know Your Town" study dealing with the police department and civil defense department.

Consensus chairman is Mrs. Donald Brink. Presenting the "Know Your Town" program will be Mrs. P. E. Barnes and Mrs. O. W. Christianson.

Persons interested in joining the league, a non-partisan group aimed at encouraging an informed electorate, are invited to contact Mrs. E. E. Gnapp, membership chairman, at PR 0-1600.

# Women

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## Social Cycle Completed On Cluttered Calendar

As December 1962 is ripped off worn well-penciled calendars to be discarded in Torrance wastebaskets, busy club women are replacing the empty spot on kitchen bulletin boards and desk tops with the clean fresh pages of the engagement calendar for 1963.

The engagement calendar, a yardstick by which husband's measure the extent of a wife's activities and obligations, will wear its bright uncluttered look only once this year — the first week of January.

Once the children return to class and the telephone begins anew its routine jangling, housewives will reach for their pencils and begin to chart anew in the boxes provided by the calendar the annual cycle of a woman's social life.

If one were to retrieve the pages of all the calendars thrust into Torrance wastebaskets this week, it would not be difficult to resurrect a picture of what went on in the life of our city from the women's point of view during the year just ended.

This feat being beyond one's scope, similar results might be attained by glancing at the files of the Torrance Press for the 12 months of 1962.

Most prominent event among local organizations in January was the annual membership tea. Among the organizations which installed officers that month were the Nativity Altar Society and the Waleria Business Women's Club. Classes for mothers of pre-kindergarten children began at Waleria Park, and board members of Hickory School PTA kidnapped unsuspecting members for a surprise breakfast.

Other events which launched the new year were an evening at the theatre by the Junior Woman's Club and an open house celebration of the second birthday of Little Company of Mary Hospital. First steps towards the formation of a Provisional League of Women Voters of Torrance took place when 35 women gathered in the

chambers of city hall one rainy January morning to set up pre-organization committees.

One can only conjecture whether or not Valentine's Day had anything to do with influencing the plans of local women. Without exploring seasonal motivation, the files reveal that three women's groups entertained men in February. Members of the South Bay Chapter of the National Secretaries Assn. entertained their bosses at a Gay 90's dinner while the ladies of Harbor District Chapter of the American Institute of Banking honored their employers at luncheon. Husbands of Las Vecinas joined their wives in a shipwreck party and those of the Victor Women's Club escorted their mates to a valentine dance.

Skits commemorating Founders Day highlighted meetings of 34 PTA units that month, and Harbor Hospital put in a plea for volunteers. Fashion shows for Spring got off to an early start at a luncheon sponsored by South Bay Alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta.

While the YWCA searched for would-be lady auto mechanics to enroll in its new course, Torrance high school girls were competing last February for state honors in the Betty Crocker Homemaking of Tomorrow contest. Luncheons, card parties and horse shows made headlines on the March society page. Getting in on the fashion show bandwagon were the Mothers of Twins and Las Vecinas. A television actress married to a Hollywood Riviera judge, Rosemary De Camp, turned authoress that month and spent her days autographing copies of her book.

The convention whirl got underway in April as Marina District Women's Club members met for district convention and newly-elected PTA presidents began making reservations for the state convention to be held in San Francisco the following month. The wife of a local school board member,

Mrs. Bert Lynn, was elected president of the City of Hope.

Children had a week off from school and Easter parties filled a very busy month on the calendar, which also included fashion shows, bake sales, installation dinners, dances, variety shows and a Peninsula homes tour.

The League of Women Voters of Torrance, having grown in four months to a membership of 100, received official recognition as a provisional league at a state meeting held in San Diego in April, and 100 persons attended an art exhibition put on by the Dianas.

May was most popular month of the year for installations. Among the groups that invested officers were: Amaranth, B'nai B'rith, Dianas, Catholic Daughters and 34 PTA units. For PTA members, activities didn't end with installation. That was the month members of Torrance Council took charge of ticket sales for the Torrance Recreation Dept.'s production of "Pied Piper." PTA mothers carried covered dishes to cafeteriums in schools in many parts of the city for luncheons to honor teachers who were nearing the end of another busy season.

Highlighting social events for May were the Headress Fantasy of the Torrance Woman's Club and the flower show of Las Madrecitas.

The newly-organized Provisional League of Women Voters plunged into action with a vetemobile to distribute voter information for the June 5 election. Elections and installations comprised the clubwomen's story in Torrance for June, sharing headlines with the annual spot light on graduations and weddings.

With the close of school, news of clubs took a back seat during the summer months as Torrance families headed for the beaches and packed suitcases for vacation trips. Houseguests arrived for visits, and patio parties and luau's had their hour in the sun — or moonlight as the case might be.



**DINER-DANCE TICKETS** to the third annual Founders Day celebration of Little Company of Mary Hospital are presented to Dr. William R. Wisdom, hospital radiologist, by William E. MacFaden, South Bay municipal court judge. Advisory board members of the hospital are completing plans for the Jan. 28 event, to be held at the Pen and Quill Restaurant.

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**EMPTY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR** enjoys brief existence. With first tinkle of the telephone, the social cycle for

'63 will get under way as the cluttered calendar of the year just completed winds up in the wastebasket.