



LOOKING FOR THE BUFFALO

Fascinated with their study of the first Americans, the Indians, this group of Y-Indian Maidens and their leaders pose for the cameraman in one of the favorite and necessary phases of the Indian's life, hunting for buffalo. In the first row are, from left, Janet Peaker, Gina Gunther, Wendy Gunther, Kari Harrison; second row, Bambi Gunther, Monica Geary, and back row, mother-leaders, Mmes. Erlin Peaker, Gregory Gunther, George Geary and William Harrison. (Press-Herald Photo)

## 27 Tribes of Mothers-Daughters Active

# In Y-Indian Maidens Program Here

Y-Indian Maidens is a program for girls, six through nine years of age, and their mothers offered through the local Torrance Family YMCA.

It's a "grass-roots" organization developed by concerned mothers, who were familiar with values of the YMCA's father and son Y-Indian Guide program.

These mothers felt that a similar program for mothers and daughters would serve a pressing need in many Torrance neighborhoods. This need is based on the sound psychological foundation that girls six through nine years of age need a special time away from home from time to time during which her mother is devoting undivided attention to her. Also the mothers gain tremendous insight into their growing daughter as they view her in an interaction situation of a group of peers. It was this interest and concern that created the program of Y-Indian Maidens on the local level in

1959 with a beginning of one pilot group. The program now exists as 27 tribal groups with 200 mothers participating with over 225 daughters.

The program consists of bi-weekly "tribal meetings" both for mothers and daughters, meeting in the homes of the members. The program emphasis is Indian Lore, providing a vast area of color through crafts, songs, costumes and ceremonies. The Indians also provide good examples of parental care for study. It also helps promote the YMCA's encouragement of outdoor activities and camping, even as the Indians depended upon nature in the past.

The Y-Indian Maiden tribal meetings consist of simple rituals of Indian nature along with a very short business meeting, craft work, songs, dances, and refreshments, Indian Lore stories, and worship time. At each meeting, each mother is present with her daughter, sitting in the council at her

feet. Daughters cannot participate without their mothers thus enforcing the basic philosophy of the adult-child participation.

Each member of a tribe holds an office with the daughter assisting in the function of mother's office. A "Chief Tau" is elected from the membership of the tribe and becomes that tribe's representative in the Inter-Tribal Council.

During the past six years, the local Torrance YMCA has endeavored through its Y-Indian Maiden program to establish some traditions for this program. Part of this effort can be viewed through the new charter and the head-band used and worn by all Y-Indian members in Torrance. The charter was the first attempt to compile each tribe's ideas into one acceptable to all. This was done and adopted in 1963 and has been in demand from other YMCAs who are establishing Y-Indian Maidens units in their communities.

The Tau-Ku-Ma, president of the Inter-Tribal Council, Mrs. Gregory Gunther, led the Y-Indian Maidens in their second effort in 1965 in the design and acceptance of their new headbands. The band tells the story in design of the aims and slogan of the Y-Indian Maiden. It has been submitted to the National YMCA for consideration to be adopted by Y-Indian Maidens forming all over the country as a national emblem. Most groups, now organized, are using the father and son emblems to date.

On Saturday, the Alondra Park was the site of a colorful induction of all new Taus and Maidens of the 27 tribes in Torrance. At this event tribal totems, costumes, dances and ceremonies were displayed.

Anyone interested in this mother-daughter program offered by the Torrance Family YMCA may call the YMCA for further information.

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## Engagements



DARLENE MEEKER

### Meeker - Hereford

Mrs. Hazel Meeker, 1325 Engracia Ave., Torrance, today announces the engagement of her daughter, Darlene Lorraine, to Charles F. Hereford, son of Mrs. Wanda Lingie of San Pedro.

No date has been set for the wedding. The future bride is a graduate of Torrance High School. She is employed as a receptionist for a Los Angeles firm.

The benedict-elect is in Germany serving with the United States Army Military Police.

### Bray - Grenier

A June 1966 wedding is being planned by Miss Patricia Lynn Bray and Steven Edward Grenier.

The engagement and wedding plans of their daughter are revealed today by Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bray, 1720 W. 252nd St., Lomita.

The bride-elect is a 1964 graduate of Narbonne High School and is employed as a secretary with Douglas Aircraft.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Grenier of Palos Verdes, was graduated from Palos Verdes High School and attended Harbor College. He is now serving with the United States Navy in Viet Nam.



PATRICIA BRAY

## Junior Club's Contest Bolsters

# Stay-in-School Program

With school dropouts becoming such a national problem, the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, in conjunction with the California Federation of Woman's Clubs, Junior membership, sponsored a stay-in-school poster contest among the high schools in the area in an effort to bring awareness to the problem.

Winner of the first place award was Thomas M. Collins, 32 Montecillo, Rolling Hills. For his efforts Thomas, who is a student at Narbonne High School, will receive an award of \$10 and the opportunity to compete at the District level. His winning entry was entitled "A Diploma Can Mean a Lot at Times."

Jacob Gutierrez of 1034

W. 227th St., Torrance, was the winner of the second place award. Jacob, who also attends Narbonne High School, submitted an entry entitled "Knowledge Can be Obtained in School."

The third place winner was Alice C. Damberg, 1029 Via Nogales, Palos Verdes Estates. Alice is a student at Bishop Montgomery High School, and submitted a winning entry entitled "Ignorance is Not an Escape."

For the past week, these posters have been on display in businesses located in Del Amo Plaza in observance of National Art Week.

All three winners will be present at the November business meeting to receive their awards.

## Holiday Idea-Exchange

# Set by Sigma Kappas

To start the holiday season early, South Bay Sigma Kappas will exchange holiday ideas at their November meeting. Members are asked to bring their favorites in recipes, decoration and gifts, to the meeting which will be held in the home of Mrs. Robert Myers in Torrance, Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m.

The business meeting conducted by the newly-elected president, Mrs. Gail Carver, will precede the idea exchange. Business includes planning of the Christmas party, choosing a philanthropy and discussion of the forthcoming Panhellenic luncheon.

Sigma Kappa alumnae wishing to attend the meeting should call Mrs. Myers.



MISSION DOLLARS BAZAAR

Mission Circles of the Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters, put their best talents together and came up with a fantastic array of gift items for their Holiday Bazaar to be held Wednesday Nov. 17 at the Charles Butterfield home, 22713 Cypress Ave. Displaying their wares are from left, Mmes. Robert D. Crain, Bill Camp, J. W. Crew and Paul Labonawski.

(Press-Herald Photo)



STAY-IN-SCHOOL POSTERS

Combating the school drop-out problem, Torrance Junior Woman's Club has sponsored a "stay-in-school" poster contest among the students of the local schools. Winners were announced this past week. Mrs. Douglas Hedde, fine arts chairman for the Junior Club, is shown the prize posters by their creators, from left, Alice Damberg, senior at Bishop Montgomery, third place winner; Jacob Gutierrez, junior at Narbonne high, second place, and Tom Collins, Narbonne senior, proud owner of first place.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## CDA Circles Slate

# Mission Bazaar

"Mission Dollars" will be the goal of the three mission circles of Ct. St. Catherine 1378, Catholic Daughters of America, as they combine their efforts Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 to 4 p.m. to sponsor their second annual Holiday Bazaar. The home of the local court's grand regent, Mrs. Charles Butterfield, 22713 Cypress Ave., Torrance will be converted into a gift shop with many handmade articles, such as crib quilts, baby clothing, novelty gifts, childrens pillows, dolls, aprons, dish towels, pillow cases and many more useful items on display.

These active mission workers not only have contributed several hundred dollars but also many pounds of clothing, hospital gowns, bandages and medical supplies to various missions through out the world including the Jesuit Mission in Alaska, the Mission Hospital of Dr. and Mrs. Sorenson in Africa and several Indian Missions in the United States.

Mission Circle 1 was formed seven years ago and now has a membership of 22 with the Misses Kathryn and Felice Shaughnessy as chairmen. Two years ago Circle 2 was formed with Mrs. J. W. Crew as chairman. Mrs. Robert Crain is the present chairman with a membership of 14. Mrs. Robert Klaesges is serving as circle 3 chairman. Having membership of seven this group was formed just two month ago.

These dedicated women cordially invite the public to attend their bazaar. A salad luncheon will be served.