

Woman's Club Tips Hat to Past Prexys



A Day of Remembering

It was THEIR day—and past presidents of the Torrance Woman's Club gathered to take a bow, to remember events that occurred during their terms as president of the club, and to take a look at the club's progress today. It was a luncheon meeting held Wednesday in their own clubhouse where Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, current president, was welcoming members and greeting the honor guests. Taking time out for a song before sitting down to lunch are past presidents, in picture at left, Mmes. Joseph Bay, at the piano, presi-

dent in 1962-63, surrounded by Mmes. Lee Stamps, 1961-62; R. E. Moffitt, 1957-58; H. R. Richards, 1954-55; Roy J. Apsey, 1960-61; J. G. Louvier, 1963-64; Andrew Acampora, 1964-65. Others enjoying a "gab-fest," at right, are Mmes. Dean L. Sears, 1950; G. C. Van Deventer, 1953-54; W. I. Laughon, 1947-48; Emma Roberts, 1951-52; A. W. Johnston, 1933-35; Earl A. Miles, 1940-41; and Chris Jones, 1946-47. (Press-Herald Photo)

Mrs. Melvina Beckwith Feted At

Party on 90th Birthday

Mrs. Melvina Beckwith, who came to Torrance in 1916, was guest of honor at an Open House in celebration of her 90th birthday on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27. Hostesses for the Open House were her three daughters, Mrs. Joe Hardin, Mrs. Stephen Welz and Mrs. Frederick Cook.

A three-tiered birthday cake, decorated in pink and white, a gift from friends, Mrs. Arch Peverley and Mrs. Charles Outcalt, centered the dining table. A low bowl of pink tulips, a gift from Mrs. Helen Carpenter, also decorated the table on which were a silver coffee service and crystal punch bowl.

For this occasion, Mrs. Beckwith was surrounded by her entire family, her three daughters and their husbands, Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Hardin and Frederick Cook of Torrance; and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Welz of Carmichael; her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen of Lomita, and only great granddaughter, Michelle Allen. Floreine Franklin, who made her home with Mrs. Beckwith before entering the United States Navy, ar-

rived from Little Rock, Ark., in time for the party.

Mrs. Beckwith received her guests, wearing a long pink taffeta gown and an orchid corsage.

During the afternoon, friends from Long Beach, who were childhood playmates of the honoree in Texas, called to offer congratulations as well as friends from Hesperia, Yucapia, Santa Ana, Highland Park, Orange, Sun City, Fullerton, Huntington Park and a large number of Torrance friends.

The Beckwith family arrived in Torrance in July 1916. Mrs. Beckwith reminisces that only central Torrance existed at that time and that there were only 85 pupils in school.

Gifts for the nonagenarian were in the form of donations to the American Field Service Chapter to assist in bringing students from foreign countries to attend Torrance schools and to send local students abroad.

The goodwill of this program has long been supported by Mrs. Beckwith, who has been active in lodge and social life of this community.

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Grubb-Mooney Vows Recited

First Baptist Church in Torrance was the setting for the four o'clock wedding ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 12, when Miss Jerye Lynne Grubb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Grubb, 1625 Elm Ave., exchanged her marriage promises with James Robert Mooney.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mooney, 1804 Ardmore, Manhattan Beach, are parents of the bridegroom.

Rev. Robert H. Coburn stood before the flower-banked altar to officiate at the double-ring ceremony.

On the arm of her father, the bride came to the altar wearing a gown of lace and crepe. The lace bodice had a scalloped neckline and long sleeves. The bell-shaped crepe skirt was fashioned with a train. Her full veil was held by a headpiece of white crepe roses and lace and she carried a bouquet of orchids, carnations and hyacinths.

Bridal attendants were Miss Linda Grubb, maid of honor; Misses Cathy Kennedy and Jeanne Hill, bridesmaids.

Dan Mooney performed the best man duties and the 200 guests were seated by Bill Pajaros and Greg Hoffman.

A reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Parker in Rolling Hills, after which the newlyweds left for a Santa Barbara honeymoon. The new home is in Torrance.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mooney attended El Carlini. She is a graduate of Torrance High, and he of Mira Costa. Mr. Mooney is employed by Douglas Aircraft.

The bride, daughter of the late Mrs. Marion Speheger Grubb, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Alice Speheger, a resident of Torrance since 1920, and the late Mr. Fred Speheger and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grubb, all pioneer residents of Torrance. Mrs. Elizabeth Rittmiller is her paternal great-grandmother.



MRS. JAMES R. MOONEY
(Portrait by Seeman)



MRS. MELVINA BECKWITH
... 90 Years Young
(Portrait by Seeman)

Annual Business Meeting Tomorrow

Peninsula Volunteers Needlework Guild

A friendly chat over the coffee cups, with Mmes. Vincent Kallerna, Paul Shorr, and Paul Dizevich as hostesses, will set the stage for the annual business meeting of the Peninsula Volunteers Needlework Guild Monday morning, March 7, at 10 in the clubhouse of the Assistance League of San Pedro.

Mrs. Walter R. Clark, Needlework Guild president, will conduct the meeting. The business to be considered includes the presentation of the budget for the approval of the members and the distribution of the year books by Mrs. Ray Du Fuy, year book chair-

man. Of special interest will be the report of Mrs. Fred Geisel, first vice president in charge of purchasing, who will tell of the 9,031 garments provided last year for the many agencies in the area that are aided by the diligence and industry of the Guild members.

Besides the money spent for garments, the Guild each year presents checks to the Assistance League of San Pedro and the Sandpipers of Manhattan Beach to help supply funds for the purchase of new shoes as needed in cases referred to them. Mrs. Philip Abbott, Assistant League president, and Mrs. Arthur Lepon,

Needlework chairman, will be on hand to accept a check for \$700. Mrs. Lepon will tell something of the needs that have been met by the shoe fund. She reports that last year 82 pairs of shoes were supplied.

Mrs. George Merrick, president of the Sandpipers, and Mrs. Mark McKie, philanthropy chairman, will be given a check for \$400. Mrs. McKie reports that last year accumulated funds enabled the Sandpipers to meet requests for 72 pairs of shoes.

Mrs. Clark will introduce the members of her board, which includes, besides Mmes. Geisel and DeFuy,

Mmes. Edwin Wallenhorst, welfare; Vincent Kallerna, hospitality; E. E. Sack, corresponding secretary; Eric Jacobsen, recording secretary; Robert Lande, treasurer; Francis J. Hines, junior auxiliary and membership; Roger Taylor, advisor; J. Wear Pearson II, speakers' bureau; and E. W. Casagrande, publicity.

Special speaker for the meeting will be Mrs. Evelyn Rorobough, director of the Harbor Area Retarded Children's Foundation, recently added to the list of a dozen agencies aided by the Peninsula Volunteers. Mrs. Rorobough will tell of the work of the Foundation, its accomplishments and its needs.

Las Ninas Project

Las Ninas, the young women's auxiliary to Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary to Orthopaedic Hospital, will conduct a bake sale Saturday, March 19.

In preparation for the sale, Mrs. Jerry T. Kopecek will demonstrate the making of puff pastry at their regular meeting Saturday, March 12. Mrs. John Gale will hostess in her home.

Gayle McGinn will chairman the sale and lead those girls who have completed the hospital tour and orientation in their first service project for Las Ninas. The girls are Misses Kathy Burke, Lynn Carey, Charlene Delio, Monica Delio, Pamela Delio, Penny Gale, Suzi Graham, Pennie Horwith, Claudia Kline, Kelly Lyle, Sara Mayhall and Gayle McGinn.

Other members, who will also participate are Misses Sue Bowie, Suzan Brites, Donna DeLaterre, Laura Hippe, Connie Koehler, Mary Leslie, Cathy Schull, K. C. Walsh, and Pat Wenger.