

# IN SOCIETY

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## Torrance Couple Wed at La Venta Inn

One of the prettily appointed weddings of the month was that of Wednesday, November 23, when Miss Elsie Audrey Rittmiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rittmiller of Ellendale, North Dakota, became the bride of Guy King Claire, the ceremony taking place at 6 o'clock at La Venta Inn in the presence of an intimate group of relatives and friends with Rev. O. D. Wonder officiating.

The bride, charmingly attired in silver gray crepe with matching accessories and wearing a corsage bouquet of Tulliaman roses and lilies of the valley, was attended by Mrs. George Bean of Los Angeles, who wore a black velvet frock with contrasting accessories. George Bean served the groom as

best man. Following a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Claire will be at home to their friends at 1403 Acacia avenue.

Among the lovely prenuptial courtesies extended to Miss Rittmiller was a shower earlier in the month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grubb on Acacia avenue at which Miss Louise Ludwig entertained with a bridge luncheon and shower. At a table exquisitely decorated with pink and white roses and fern, covers were placed for the honoree and 20 guests. Miss Grace Fennell and Miss Hazel Lewis also entertained with an evening party and shower at the Lewis home on Mannel avenue and 20 members of the office staff of the National Supply Company surprised Miss Rittmiller with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Connie Brandt on Acacia avenue recently.

### MILLERS AT THANKSGIVING DINNER

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Miller at their home on Arlington avenue Thanksgiving Day included Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Loehmes and sons, Bill and Bob, and Miss Betty Miller.

### INGOLDS ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Ingold entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner at their home on Acacia. At an attractively decorated dining table covers were placed for Dr. and Mrs. Allen W. Smith, George W. McKenzie, Dr. and Mrs. Ingold and their son, Lyle.

### N. B. P. W. ENJOY EVENING BRIDGE

Members of the N. B. P. W. enjoyed a delightful evening at the Nurses Home on Cota avenue Monday evening. Bridge furnished entertainment for the occasion. Included were Misses Bertha Fix, Caroline Stroh, Hazel Barnett, Ethelwyn Niles, Esther Maxwell, Mrs. Ladeene Whayne and Mrs. Juliet Young. All N. B. P. W. members are cordially invited to attend these evening parties which are being held at the Nurses' home on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

### BUFFET DINNER AT WHEATON HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wheaton provided the setting for a family reunion Sunday when they entertained with a buffet dinner at their home on Arlington avenue. Included were Mrs. Harmer Davis of Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Wheaton and son, Gary, of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Wheaton and children, Marion, James, Richard and John, and Miss Marion Ostrander, all of Hermosa Beach, Floyd Chandler, Mrs. Olive Lee and sons, George and Marvin, Jean Wheaton and the hosts. Following dinner the group enjoyed the broadcast at KHJ studio.

### FAMILY REUNION ON THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wheaton of 1228 Arlington avenue, included Mrs. Harmer Davis of Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. William Elschen, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Wheaton and son, Gary, of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Wheaton and four children, and Miss Marion Ostrander, all of Hermosa Beach, Mrs. Olive Lee and sons and Jean Wheaton and Floyd Chandler.

### LUNCHEON-THEATRE PARTY ENJOYED

Mrs. O. W. Hudson, Mrs. W. C. Dolley and Mrs. George D. Watson as co-hostesses, entertained members of the Polly Ann's Bridge Club with a four-course luncheon at the home of Mrs. O. W. Hudson on Andree avenue Friday afternoon. Orchid and gold were effectively used as a color motif while Thanksgiving turkeys and pumpkins added a seasonal note to the decorations. Covers were marked at the luncheon table for Mrs. W. C. Andrus, Mrs. H. L. Alcorn, Mrs. F. W. Mineck, Mrs. Thomas Kendrick, Mrs. Dunbar, Mrs. Thomas Edmonds, Mrs. John Guyan, Mrs. Ernest Perry, Mrs. A. W. Meiner, Mrs. Dolley, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Hudson. Following luncheon the ladies enjoyed a theatre party at a Long Beach theatre.

### BETSY ROSS NOTES

More than 50 members of the Betsy Ross Club enjoyed the white elephant exchange party and luncheon held at Masonic Temple Monday afternoon. The tables were attractively decorated with sprays of cottoncandy and a Thanksgiving motif was elaborately carried out in accessories and menu. A Thanksgiving reading by Mrs. Bert Dye was a timely addition to the well arranged program. Mrs. Edna Stone as chairman was assisted by Mesdames Bush, Ruppel, Shriver, Steinhilber and Smith.

### WOMAN'S CLUB DESSERT BRIDGE

Members of Torrance Woman's Club and their friends are cordially invited to attend a benefit dessert bridge to be held at the home of Mrs. P. G. Briney, corner Patton and 16th streets, San Pedro, next Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 o'clock. Tickets at 25 cents may be secured from Mrs. L. W. Ralston, or call her at 325-J for further information.

### O. E. S. DANCE SATURDAY

Torrance Chapter, No. 350, Order of the Eastern Star, will sponsor a dance to be held at Mandarin ballroom, Redondo Beach, Saturday evening, November 26. Tickets at 35 cents each may be purchased from Mrs. Edith Kasper, or call 215-W for further information.

### CATHOLIC PARTY IS SUCCESS

About 100 were present at an enjoyable bridge and 500 party held at K. C. hall on Torrance boulevard and Portola streets Monday evening. Those from Torrance who won prizes included Mrs. J. O. Moore, Harry Higgins and T. T. Babbitt for bridge, and Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Neff, Frank Thompson and Bert Anderson for 500.

### R. N. A. CIRCLE PARTY

Mrs. William Phillips entertained the Royal Neighbor Circle Club at her home on Anapola avenue Tuesday evening with more than 16 present. Bunco furnished entertainment for the evening and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cooper. At the close of the evening dainty refreshments were served at small tables.

### SCOUT MOTHERS

The regular meeting of Scout Mothers' Auxiliary of Troop No. 3, will meet at Scout hall on Carson street, Monday evening, November 28, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. All mothers of Scouts are cordially invited.

## What's On In Torrance

Friday, November 25.—Loyal Order of Moose, Masons, Torrance Relief, Mothers' Educational Center, American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, Boy Scout Troop No. 3 at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, Nov. 27.—Services in all churches.

Monday, Nov. 28.—Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Kiwanis at 8:15 at 6:15 p. m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29.—Odd Fellows, Young Ladies' and Young Men's Mutual Improvement Ass'n.

Thursday, December 1.—Modern Woodmen, W. R. C., Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary, Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Rotary at noon, Troop No. 4 Boy Scouts at 7:30 p. m.

### ATTEND PARTY AT LONG BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nelson were entertained at a delightful party at Long Beach Tuesday evening. Their hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cohn. More than 60 guests were included in the party which was held at Villa Riviera. The splendidly arranged program included Mme. Paulson, known as the "Mother Goose Woman."

### DINNER AT MUELLER HOME

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Mueller at their home at 1613 Acacia avenue, included Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum and daughters, Joy, Ariys and Myrta Lou, Miss Cora Westphal of Los Angeles, Mrs. M. G. Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knopper, all of Inglewood.

### CONTRACT GROUP AT NELSON HOME

Contract bridge proved to be extremely diverting when a group of men played at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Nelson on Beech street Monday evening until the wee small hours. Refreshments were served at a late hour and bridge play was resumed. Included were E. C. Harder, Ray Leslie, D. A. Murphy, L. G. Barkdull, W. H. Stanger, Sidney Smith, Charles Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

### P. E. CHEERIO CLUB

More than 25 members of the P. E. Cheerio Club attended the last regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Ruppel. At this meeting Mrs. Ruppel was installed as president with great pomp and ceremony. A robe, fashioned from a lace curtain, and a jeweled crown were worn by the president-elect. Following the installation games were played and prizes awarded. Prizes for guessing games were presented to Mrs. Julia Bragunier, Mrs. Will Shoop and Mrs. Bert Green. The next meeting of the organization will be Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Cramer, 1752 Andree, and will be a Christmas party. Mrs. W. G. Phillips will assist Mrs. Carr as co-hostess.

### TUESDAY CLUB MEETS

Mrs. W. W. West was hostess to her bridge club when she entertained at her home Tuesday afternoon. Awards for high score were received by Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mrs. Lillian Shriner and Mrs. Mae Sidebotham. Refreshments were served at small tables at the close of card play. Included were Mrs. Maude McNeill, Mrs. Lillian Shriner, Mrs. Emma York, Mrs. John Dennis, Mrs. H. A. Lewis, Mrs. J. O. Moore, Mrs. Mae Sidebotham, Mrs. Fred Knudson, Mrs. R. A. McFarland, Mrs. L. L. Fordice and Mrs. V. L. Maxfield.

### YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED WEDNESDAY

William Agapito, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito, 504 Portola avenue, and Miss Arabelle Anna Kirchner, also of Torrance, daughter of Mrs. Maud Kirchner, were married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Christian church, Rev. G. G. Elder officiating. The ring service was used. Witnesses to the marriage ceremony were Louis Briganti and Miss Elonda Agapito.

### ATTEND M. E. CANTATA

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Henshath attended a cantata presented at the First M. E. church on Wilshire boulevard at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Anton Dvorak's "Stabat Mater," beautifully sung by the choir, was a feature of the program.

### Harry Dolley and a group of out-of-town friends spent the holiday duck hunting at Salton Sea.

### PROBERT-SCHOEPE NUPTIALS SOLEMNIZED

The wedding of Miss Jeanette Mae Probert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Probert, of Huntington Park and formerly of Torrance, to Frank Schoepe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Schoepe, of Los Angeles, was an event of last Thursday at St. Matthias church at Huntington Park. White chrysanthemums and potted palms created an effective background for the ceremony performed by Rev. Father Leo J. Murphy and witnessed by a host of friends. Mrs. Jack Hieglin, who sang Ave Maria, was accompanied at the organ by Mr. Sharper, who also played the wedding marches and accompaniment. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was charming in a gown of ivory satin fashioned along princess lines and carried a bride's bouquet of orchids, gardenias and lilies of the valley. A cap of duchess lace and seed pearls encrusted with orange blossoms completed the ensemble.

Miss Kathryn Probert assisted her sister as maid of honor and was attired in a frock of gold crepe with matching turban and carried Tulliaman roses and delphinium. The bridesmaids, Misses Helen Euge and Bernice Gilbert, wore gowns of hyacinth and carried quaint muffs fashioned of pansies.

Little Jeanette Mae Probert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Probert, of Torrance, niece and namesake of the bride, as flower girl, wore an old fashioned ankle length frock of yellow tulle and carried a basket of yellow sweet peas and pansies.

Fred Schoepe served his brother as best man, while another brother, Paul Schoepe, and Vaughn Euge ushered.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party, and 20 guests.

Mrs. Schoepe attended school at Torrance and later graduated from the Queen of Angels Nursing school at Los Angeles. She is affiliated with Phi Beta Sigma sorority.

Upon their return from a honeymoon trip to Agua Caliente, Mr. and Mrs. Schoepe will receive their friends at 6348 Albany street, Huntington Park.

Mr. Schoepe is associated with the office staff at Emco Derrick and Equipment Company.

Many prenuptial courtesies were extended to the bride, among them being a bridge tea and shower given by Mrs. E. J. Hagen, a miscellaneous shower given by her sorority, Phi Beta Sigma, and another given by Miss Lorraine Norris to which a group of alumnae were invited.

### MEET AT NURSES HOME

Members of the N. B. P. W. who wish to attend the organization meeting of the new club at Hawthorne Tuesday evening, November 29, are requested to be at the Nurses Home, 1416 Cota avenue, at 7 o'clock, where transportation will be provided for those who have no car. It is hoped that many members will attend. Dr. Florence Mae Morse, Mrs. Ann Leidendecker, Mrs. Nellie B. Passfield and Miss Helen Hughes of the Los Angeles group, are expected to attend.

### P. T. A. PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

More than 250 members of the P. T. A. and their husbands enjoyed the splendidly arranged program presented by the pupils of Elementary school Tuesday evening. The program was begun with selections by the school orchestra followed by a Thanksgiving play depicting the holiday as it was celebrated in the 1690's, which was presented by members of the fifth grade in costume. This was succeeded by a group of vocal selections by Mrs. Lorraine Ulrich. A splendid talk, "Homebuilding as a Profession," by S. Reynolds, an attorney from Los Angeles, concluded the evening entertainment.

### BUSINESS MEETING N. B. P. W. CLUB

The National Business and Professional Women of Torrance will meet for their regular monthly business session Monday evening, December 5, at the Nurses Home. Reports of those who will attend the quarterly conference at Atascadero on December 3-4, will be heard at this time, and plans for the annual Christmas party and emblem, pageant, which will be held on December 20, will be discussed. At this time also will be heard the report of the membership chairman and her committee in charge of sponsoring the new Hawthorne club.

### Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Worcester and sons, Robert and Phillip, motored to Twentynine Palms over the holiday.



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### SCOTTS ABOARD U. S. S. WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scott, as guests of their cousins, Ensign and Mrs. John Spear, were delightfully entertained recently aboard the U. S. S. West Virginia. During the afternoon games were enjoyed and tea was served and at 6:30 o'clock dinner was announced. During the early evening hours bridge furnished entertainment and later the group retired to the deck where a current picture, "Society Girl," with James Dunn and Peggy Shannon, was shown.

### BROOKS ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER

Among the smartly appointed Thanksgiving dinner parties was that at which Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks entertained at their home at 1328 Portola avenue. Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webb and Mrs. Lizzie Bunney, all of El Monte, Miss Doris Ridgeway of Los Angeles, who recently arrived from England, George Starbird of Westwood, Mrs. Eva Durfee, Comet and Phillips Brooks and the hosts.

### Aged Resident Of Lomita Dies

Mrs. Caroline Brauckmann, 2548 25th street, Lomita, passed away Tuesday, November 22, at a Los Angeles hospital, at the advanced age of 88 years. Mrs. Brauckmann, born in Germany, had lived in California for 25 years, for a number of years in Lomita. She was the mother of Mrs. George Frensius, 1516 Walnut street.

Services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel in Torrance, with interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

### Miss Huber Open Avocado Beauty Aid Shop Here

Avocado Beauty Aids will open a Torrance store Monday, November 28, at 1309 El Prado. Cosmetics will be sold exclusively in the new shop, which is under the management of Miss Marjorie Huber. The Avocado brand of beauty aids is well known to local women, who will welcome the opportunity of obtaining this popular line of cosmetics in Torrance.

### "Depression Flower" Grown In Torrance

No, Genevieve, the "depression flower" which has bloomed practically overnight all over the country and which may be seen here in Torrance, is not a weeping willow. And it isn't a strong, healthy onion, either.

In fact it isn't even a flower. The specimen, now on display in Dr. N. A. Leake's office, is a demonstration of how certain very common ingredients act in solution. But the result is decorative and interesting.

The recipe for a "depression flower" which anyone can grow, is as follows: Take a small piece of brick, concrete, lump of coal or coke and put it in a bowl. Over this pour six tablespoons of water, six tablespoons of salt, three tablespoons of bluing, and two or three drops of mercuriochrome.

Soon a "flower" having all the tints of red and blue will begin to form. It will resemble colored moss or a rose.

"The reaction is simply that of the salt and water," according to H. E. Wiedemann, St. Louis chemist who "invented" the flower.

Mrs. Edith Kasper, accompanied by Mrs. Lorraine Ulrich, Mrs. A. E. Kerber and Mrs. O. E. Fossum, attended Wilmington chapter, O. E. S., Monday evening.

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