FERN P. T. A. HAS CHRISTMAS SESSION

"Christmas Art in the Home" was discussed by Mrs. Joseph Bader, Lomita-San Pedro council Art chairman, at the meeting of Fern avenue P. T. A. Tuesday afternoon. A Christmas program featured carols and short skits, in which the children participated.

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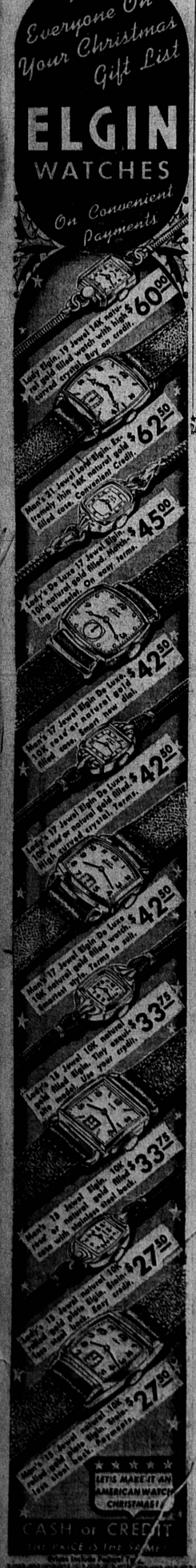
Mr. and Mrs. Phillips M. Brooks are at home at 1027 Beech ave.



Torrance Woman Tells 6-Day Jungle Flight from Japanese

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. George C. Pannier of 1819 Arlington ave., parents of Mrs. Jack Sherk this week that their daughter and husband are safe in Manila, P. I. Mrs. Sherk is the former Mildred Pannier, graduate of Torrance high school who went to the Philippine Islands to be married to a mining engineer. They have lived there for the past eight or nine years. The following graphic story of her experience with the Japanese invasion was cabled from the Islands yesterday.)

By MRS. MILDRED SHERK
(Written for the United Press)
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MANILA, Dec. 17 — I was awakened at 4 o'clock last Friday morning by the Houseboys in the Hotel Mayon at Legaspi shrieking, "The Japs have come."

My first impulse—which I followed—was to bawl them out for making so much noise and then settle back in bed.

I couldn't go back to sleep, however, and after thinking matters over a few minutes, I decided there might, after all, be something doing.

So I dressed and went down to the beach.

There they were — Japanese troops with guns on their backs.

I walked to within a few feet of them, some Filipinos going along with me.

The Japs looked as bewildered as the natives.

They didn't frighten me.

I had lived in the wilds of the Philippines for the last six years and knew the country and the people around Legaspi well.

My husband, Jack Sherk of Bowman, Calif., was superintending the salvage of a boat near Legaspi (250 miles southeast of Manila) which sank two years ago.

He was in Manila when the war started but he wasn't here when I arrived today, so I assume he has started for Legaspi to find me.

(Mrs. Sherk is a slender attractive woman and appeared to have endured her arduous trip well.)

But to get back to those Japs. I looked out to sea and saw one large ship which might have been a navy ship although I saw no guns.

However, I did see between 20 and 30 airplanes.

I realized Legaspi was a dangerous place and I headed thru the rice fields toward the airport.

I met some Jap troops and hid in a rice field for 15 minutes then took a short cut thru the leper colony.

Taking a last look at Legaspi from there, I headed thru the jungle for Daraga, a short way north.

But when I reached there I found everyone preparing to evacuate.

From Daraga I went on to Lagao, 20 miles from Legaspi, reaching there about 11 o'clock Friday morning.

I had traveled as fast as I could, running much of the way.

At Lagao I helped muster in volunteer forces, distribute guns and ammunition to them and arrange for their food.

I asked one Chinaman, who owned a store, to give us some food and he said:

"Take all you want."

He also gave us gasoline—all we wanted.

He said he had a large bodega (warehouse) full of rice but that he had gasoline ready to throw over it and burn it if the Japs tried to commandeer it.

I rode north with volunteers who were moving strategically to strengthen their forces. We left nothing behind of any value.

Later I left the volunteers and moved north every way I could find.

I bummed rides, slept in native shacks under the trees and walked and ran toward Manila.

There was much talk all along the way about the Japs.

But all the roads were clear and there were no mass evacuations.

Everyone seemed far from being in panic.

I traveled a short way with a wealthy Spanish family in their big new automobile.

We came to a bridge which had been dynamited. The car could not cross.

On the other side there were some Filipinos traveling south in an old rickety car. We traded cars and continued our journey.

There were 20 Americans and some British women in Legaspi. Two of the American families were missionary groups.

In the wild southern area north of Legaspi there are some of the Philippines' wealthiest gold mines. There were about 50 American women and children and about 200 men in that area.

I wore out one pair of shoes during the trip. I wore slacks, Army fatigue clothes and other makeshift outfits.

Job's Daughters To Seat Officers Next Sunday

The 29th semi-annual installation of officers, Torrance Bethel No. 50, Order of Job's Daughters, will be held Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 o'clock at Torrance Woman's club house. Lois Jayne Allen will be installed as honored queen and she will be supported by Margaret Mort, senior princess; Marilyn Moyer, junior princess; Beverly Whitney, guide and Enid Weis, marshal. Appointive officers are Pat Whitney, chaplain; Virginia Hall, recorder; Irene Findley, treasurer; Jean Yoder, musician; Carolyn Mitchell, librarian; Kathryn Turner, senior custodian; Audrey Miller, junior custodian; Helen Ericson, inner guard; Margaret Schultz, outer guard; Lucille Rugraff, Pat Rojo, Barbara Moyer, Doris Wilkes, Barbara Quimby, messengers.

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Recent guests of the **Misses Rosa and Katherine Ortman** were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Francis of Hollywood and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorsey of Huntington Park.

Red Cross Unit Maps Plans for Emergency Here

The Red Cross committee met at the home of Mrs. R. R. Smith Monday to plan for the care of disaster victims in the event of an emergency. Robert T. McCallum, recently appointed disaster chairman, was presented to the group.

A widespread appeal to the community will be made for cots, blankets and other supplies. Supplies for an emergency kit will be purchased with funds donated by Rotarians, Kiwanians, and Torrance Business Men's Association.

Charles E. Conner will serve as canteen chairman replacing Mrs. Lucille Lewellen.

Rapid progress is being made in the $50,000,000 nationwide fund drive instituted by the American Red Cross, to provide relief for bombed civilian populations and members of the armed forces, it was reported. The quota for Los Angeles and cities in the local chapter area has been set at a minimum of $2,500,000.

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Wright-Briney Wedding Attended By Many Guests

The wedding of Miss Hazel Irene Briney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Briney, to Mr. William E. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wright, of Harbor City, was solemnized Sunday evening at First Baptist church. Rev. C. M. Northrup officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride, beautifully attired in white chiffon organza over blue satin, carried an all white bouquet of carnations, sweet peas and button chrysanthemums. Her fingertip veil was draped from a halo coronet.

Mrs. Max Briney of South Gate, wearing pink satin and carrying matching carnations and orchid chrysanthemums, was matron of honor for her sister-in-law. Little Verna Jeanette Bates in blue taffeta was flower girl. Harland Wright served as the bridegroom's best man. Preceding the ceremony Lex Briney, accompanied by Miss Margaret Condon, sang. Incidental music was furnished by Leland Pisel, who played vibraharp selections.

A reception for 75 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents, where a wedding cake was served by Mrs. Max Briney. The bride's mother received her guests in black crepe. Her flowers were a corsage of roses, while Mrs. Wright wore navy complemented with talisman roses. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will be at home at 2104 Gramercy ave., after Dec. 21.

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BREAKFAST CLUB DINES ON TURKEY

Members of the Torrance Breakfast club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller Sunday evening to enjoy a turkey dinner. Those who will serve during the ensuing year are Frank Brown, president; L. C. Miller, vice-president; Bettina Miller, secretary-treasurer, and Persia Fess, publicity chairman. The group will be installed at the February meeting. New Year's Eve will be a gala occasion for the club at the home of the J. E. Millers.

CALENDAR of WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

TONIGHT, DEC. 18
6:30 p. m. Rotary club at Woman's clubhouse.
7:30 p. m. Order of Eastern Star.
20-30 Club at Daniels cafe.
7:45 p. m. Knights of Pythias Lodge at Redondo Beach.
8:00 p. m. Modern Woodmen. Catholic Ladies card party.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19
7:30 p. m. I. O. O. F. No. 195 at Redondo Beach.
Townsend Club, Men's Bible class bldg.
8:00 p. m. Women of the Moose.
Masonic meeting.

SUNDAY, DEC. 21
Services in all churches.
8:30 a. m. N. B. P. W. at Daniels cafe.
2:00 p. m. Technocracy, 1915 Carson st.

MONDAY, DEC. 22
1:00 p. m. Red Cross luncheon meeting.
6:30 p. m. Kiwanis Club at Daniels cafe.
7:30 p. m. Sons of the Legion.
Junior Chamber of Commerce.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23
7:45 p. m. Royal Neighbors. American Legion Auxiliary. City Council.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24
7:45 p. m. Trio Rebekah Lodge at Lomita.
8:00 p. m. A. O. U. W.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25
Christmas Day.

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Women of Moose Hold Luncheon Session Today

Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, held a luncheon and card party today at the Men's Bible Class building.

The home of Mrs. Katherine Gossiaux was the scene of an enjoyable luncheon party last Friday when Senior Regent Vertie Grimm presented each of her co-workers with a personal gift according to Lela Heglin, publicity chairman. The birthday anniversary of Mrs. Anna Carlson was also observed on the same occasion, and she was presented with several lovely gifts.

Christmas gifts were also exchanged among the ladies present. Covers were placed for Mesdames Vertie Grimm, Olive Javens, Ruth Kidd, Hall, Auguste Barnett, Elsie Smith, Ila Mae Ambach, Bertha Stevens, Cooper, William Phillips, Anna Carlson, Anna Wilken and son Conrad and chapter guests, Lela Heglin, Lena Wolf and daughters, Donna Pat and Judy.

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PATTY ALLEN HAS BIRTHDAY

The 12th birthday of Patty Allen was celebrated with a party at her home Saturday afternoon. Those present were Beverly and Peggy Crook, Nancy Ann Whyte, Joyce Steele, Barbara Whitacre, Sunny June Morris, Lee and Patty Allen.

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CATHOLIC LADIES CARD PARTY TONIGHT

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic Ladies' card party to be held at Nativity hall are Mesdames L. Cooper, Nady, Ban, Ziemke, Fenwick, Gilbert, Zuppardi and F. Sweeney. Everyone is cordially invited. There will be prizes and refreshments.

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ELEMENTARY P. T. A. TO FILL BASKETS

The Torrance Elementary P. T. A. board met Tuesday. Plans were made to distribute Christmas baskets. Children will take canned goods and staple food items to school to be used for this purpose. Following the Lomita-San Pedro Council meeting held today at Torrance Elementary school, luncheon was enjoyed.

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BETSY ROSS CLUB AT MILLER HOME

The regular meeting of Betsy Ross Star Club was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Miller on Cota ave. Officers who will serve during the ensuing year are Naomi Brown, president; Lillian Dye, vice-president; Rosalie Morgan, secretary.

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Read our Want-Ads.

INTEND TO WED

Floyd William Beadle, 21, Torrance, and Wilma J. McClurg, 18 South Gate.

Robert H. McGehee, Jr., 27, and Virginia S. McNally, 26, both of Torrance.

Shigeru Iseri, 30, Los Angeles, and Sumie Iwai, 23, Torrance.

Girl Scouts Are Dinner Hostesses At Ceremonies

Girls Scouts of St. Andrew's Episcopal church were hostesses recently when they entertained at dinner for 75 at Guild hall. The occasion was a Brownie Fly-up, when girls from the younger group were advanced as full fledged girl scouts and received their second class and sewing badges.

Following dinner a program was enjoyed and Christmas carols were sung. Piano solos by Doris Lee Quaggin, a reading by Joy Oursler and a trio featuring Jane Scotten, Beverly Hopkins and Nancy Whyte, were followed by a splendid talk by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, while Rev. Paul M. Wheeler responded.

Much credit for the success of the party is due Mrs. Fred Quaggin, Girl Scout leader, and Mrs. S. R. Hopkins.

Those who were advanced were Joanne Sandstrom, Dolores Ulbright, Teala Bellini and Marlene Quaggin.

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Pastor, Family Honored By Church Women

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church last Thursday a surprise Christmas gift shower was given for Rev. and Mrs. Harry Branton and Robin and Billy, during the luncheon hour. Many beautiful gifts were received by the pastor and his wife and children.

A beautiful silver fruit basket was given to the president, Mrs. Grace Hooper, for her faithful years of service to the organization. Mrs. Anna Budge was presented with a beautiful gift by Circle No. 1 whom she had served as leader during the past year. Following the luncheon a Christmas worship service was given by the Philathea Class under the direction of Mrs. Elsa DeBra.

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BROOKS' GUEST HAS EXHIBIT

News reached Mrs. Willis M. Brooks this week of the successful showing of water colors and pastels exhibited this month by her houseguest of the summer, Tom Waring at Guy Eggleston Gallery in New York City. "Magnolia" and "Tiger Lily," works that received special press acclaim will be remembered by Mrs. Brooks' friends here as having been painted here during his Torrance visit.

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LADIES' AID ELECTS OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of Lutheran Ladies Aid and Missionary Society held at the church social hall last Thursday afternoon, election of officers was held. Those who will serve are Mesdames B. F. Hannebrink, Jr., president; A. E. Kerber, vice-president; Robert Luedke of Harbor City, secretary; William Leetz, financial secretary; Fred Bever, treasurer; and C. A. Benzel, literature chairman. Mrs. Norma Anderson, retiring president, has served during the past two years.

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GIRL SCOUTS PLAN YULE CHEER

Members of Girls Scout Troop No. 2 met Tuesday when Christmas stockings and gifts for residents at Rancho Los Amigos were prepared by the girls. Christmas decorations were also made for their own homes. The group will visit the Rancho next Tuesday taking with them their gifts. They plan to sing carols for the elderly people there.

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BROWNIES PREPARE YULE GIFTS

Members of Brownie Troop No. 2 are busy preparing colorful scrap books to be given as a Christmas gift for Torrance Memorial hospital.

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MOTHERS' CENTER TO MEET JAN. 23

There will be no meeting of Mothers' Educational Center this month. The next meeting will be held at Torrance Woman's Club House, Friday morning, Jan. 23.

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