



GROUND BREAKING . . . In an impressive ceremony performed on Holy Thursday, ground was broken at 1419 Cota avenue for a faculty building for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, teachers of elementary grades in the parochial school now under construction here. The Rev. P. J. McGuinness, left, looks while Sharon Felker and Larry Probert operate shovels. Pictured in the background are (left to right) Altar Boys Michael Huard, Donald Ziemke, Jimmy Babbitt, Paul Hutton, Joe Valencia and Charlie Babbitt.

WOMEN OF MOOSE REPORT SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT AFFAIRS

Highlight of the last meeting of Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, was the interesting and informative report of the district convention in Fresno, given by Senior Regent, Ha Mae Ambach. Coworkers were urged to procure tickets for the turkey dinner sponsored by Moose Chapter 785, scheduled for Saturday evening. Call Mrs. Ambach, 1088 for further information. The benefit card party held in the home of Mrs. Elsie Smith was reported as a fine financial success, as was the cooked food sale held Saturday at the entrance to Evans Gift Shop. Mrs. May Purnell will open her home on Archibald street for a daytime potluck tomorrow. * * *

PTA COUNCIL NAMES LEADERS FOR NEW YEAR

Representing 186th Street PTA at the regular meeting of Gardena-Wilmington PTA Council were President Mrs. Leo Wagner and Mrs. D. W. TenEyck, James A. Gauley, Samuel Dow, Harold W. Armstrong, Clifford Bennett, Floyd Sutherland, J. W. Hight, Robert Brannon, Leon Meskimen, Albert Pitzner, Jr., and E. M. Hill. The featured speaker was Mrs. William Sheldon, 10th District PTA director of education. Officers elected to serve the Council during the ensuing term were: Mrs. Kenneth Haar, president; Mrs. Lawrence Lobach, and W. M. Wood, vice-presidents; Russell King, secretary; D. W. TenEyck, treasurer; Eric Heinzman, auditor and Walter Luck, historian. * * *

JOAN SCHMITT JOINS RANKS OF BRIDES-ELECT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmitt, of 1319 West 220th street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Ann, to Mr. Frederick Paul Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Young, of Baker, Ore. The bride-elect will graduate from Torrance high school with the class of June, 1948. Her fiancé, served with the United States Navy, during the war, is now employed with North American Aviation. The couple have selected June 2 as their wedding date. * * *

Family Dinner Is Farewell Party For Philip Peers

The patio at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen was the attractive setting for a family dinner party Sunday when they entertained at a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Peers and children who left next day for their home in Portland, Ore., following six months visit here. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peers, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Everett White and Mrs. Mabel Zeller, of Burbank and members of the Bowen family. * * *



AWARD WINNERS . . . Torrance Red Cross workers in the geographic division who achieved outstanding records in the current fund drive are: (left to right) Mrs. Eva Kelley, Mrs. Gladys Weston, Mrs. Theresa V. Murray, Fund Chairman Mrs. A. L. Hudson, and Mrs. Nora Venable. The ladies, in recognition for their splendid work, were entertained Thursday at Earl Carroll's Hollywood Theatre where they enjoyed the "Queen for a Day" broadcast. (Torrance Herald photo).

Amaranth To Install New Officers Saturday Night

Anna Long, 25823 Lucille ave., Lomita and William Sykes, 1521 Cota ave., Torrance, will be seated Royal Matron and Patron respectively of Lomita Court No. 61, Order of Amaranth, Saturday night at the Torrance Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Long has been identified for many years with civic and fraternal organizations here. She served many years in various offices and committees of the Orange St. Parent-Teachers Association; she is a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lomita Post No. 1622 and has many hours of faithful service to her credit in the American Red Cross during the war as a canteen worker and as a worker in the annual fund-raising campaigns. With this background Mrs. Long is well qualified to serve the Lomita Court as Royal Matron. Royal Patron-elect William Sykes will accept his office after many years of service in the order as well as other Masonic circles and is equally qualified for this high office. Sally Weber will be installed associate matron; Eugene Spencer, associate patron; Aileen Vernon, conductress; Maybelle Spencer, associate conductress; Monte Gillies, secretary; Frances Hathaway, treasurer; Ada Anderson, chairman of trustees; Burt Beebe and Marie Austrom, new trustees. Marie Austrom, Royal Matron and Burt Beebe, Royal Patron, retiring officers, will preside and John Pettis, Past Supreme Royal Patron of Hollywood, will be installing officer. The installation will be open to the public. * * *

'ROMANCE OF POTTERY' WOMAN'S CLUB TOPIC

"Romance of Pottery" will be the delightful different program presented for the pleasure of Torrance Woman's Club members and their guests following luncheon Wednesday afternoon in the clubhouse. Mrs. A. H. Silligo, program chairman, will introduce as guest speaker, Oswald Leonard Jackson, past president of Laguna Beach Art Association, who will develop the topic, telling how pottery came into being from ancient Egypt and Greece. The speaker will cite highlights of the famous potters of history, including Josiah Wedgwood, the master potter. He will augment his talk with a showing of antique and modern pieces from his collection. Clubwomen are invited to take favorite pieces of old china or pottery to be discussed by the authority. Mrs. W. L. Laughon, who will preside at the business session will appoint a nominating committee to select officers for the ensuing term. Delegates to the District convention to be held in Santa Monica at the Del Mar Beach Club, April 7, 8 and 9 are Mrs. W. I. Laughon, president; Mrs. S. V. Rauss, and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, Alternates are Mrs. A. H. Silligo, E. A. Miles and R. B. Olsen. Mrs. C. E. Ward and her committee will have charge of luncheon arrangements. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. C. M. Crook not later than Monday at 5:00 o'clock. * * *

Noted Educators Return East Following Delightful Visit

Miss Elizabeth Wright, founder of Connecticut College, and only recently retired from its board of directors, and her sister, Miss Mary Wright, who for many years assisted her in the bursar's office of the college, leave Sunday following a delightful visit at the home of their nephew, Mark A. Wright, of 1420 Beech avenue. Among the many affairs given in their honor during their visit with their Torrance and out-of-town relatives was a dinner party Thursday evening in the Wright home. Other dinner party guests were Dr. and Mrs. Howard A. Wood, Mrs. James Taylor and Mrs. J. Joy. On Wednesday Mrs. Wright also entertained at an attractively appointed luncheon for her guests. Places were arranged for the honor guests and Mrs. Judith Washburn, mother of the hostess; Mrs. Custer Hawley and Mrs. H. E. Carr. * * *

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Fern Avenue PTA Sponsors New Brownie Troop

The initial meeting of Fern Avenue PTA-sponsored Brownie Troop No. 701 was an auspicious occasion for Troop Leader Mrs. Lois Babcock and her assistants, Mrs. Marguerite Hogue and Mrs. Laura Clarkson. The ten-year-old girls, whose names were inadvertently signed on the Brownie charter, will be accepted into Girl Scout troops, now organized under leadership of Mrs. George Baer and Mrs. Harold McWald. It is expected that a Girl Scout troop will be organized under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Peterson, of 22601 Hawthorne blvd. This troop will accommodate eligible girls in Southwest Torrance who depend upon school bus transportation. * * *

Mothers, Daughters Are Complimented At Pre-Easter Party

Mrs. W. I. Laughon was a charming hostess when she entertained at an attractively appointed luncheon Friday in her El Prado home. The Easter motif was followed with arrangements of orchid sweet peas used for the luncheon table set for eight, including Mrs. L. N. Gill of Palos Verdes Estates and her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. Gill of Palo Alto; Mrs. Paul Loranger, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Loranger of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. A. H. Silligo and her mother, Mrs. Charles Feild, the hostess and her mother, Mrs. L. Aherns, all of this city. * * *

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Entertain at Dinner For Family Members

Candlelight and unique Easter decorations created a delightful seasonal theme for the dinner party given recently by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ewalt when they entertained members of her family at dinner Easter Sunday. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. Baumgarten, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Tracey Kox, Van Nuys; Mrs. Julia Wamhoff, Los Angeles and Miss Ida Baumgarten, Beverly Hills. * * *

Campfire Girls, Blue Birds To Enjoy Picnic

The Torrance-Wilmington-Gardena area Campfire Girls and Blue Birds are planning a family picnic in Torrance Municipal park on Sunday, April 11, from 10 to 5 p.m. Each family will supply a picnic basket. Games being planned include a "kid-calling" contest for mothers, an obstacle race for the fathers, a three-legged race for the Blue Birds and a suit case relay for the Campfire Girls. Prizes have been provided for the winners. * * *

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"WEE TYKE" THEME IS USED FOR PARTY AT MRS. EWALT'S

The home of Mrs. Albert Ewalt at 1531 W. 214th street, was decorated with a "wee tyke" theme when she entertained Tuesday morning honoring Mrs. Gordon McFarlane, of 2121 Santa Fe street. Following the presentation of many lovely gifts for the heir-to-be, a delicious luncheon was served and appropriate games concluded the party. * * *

Don Milligans Tell Birth of First Child

A daughter, Patricia Laura, was born March 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Milligan, of Monterey Park. The baby's mother is the former Kathleen Cunningham, of this city; the maternal grandmother is Mrs. Regina Cunningham of Gramercy avenue. Many useful and attractive gifts for the baby were presented to Mrs. Milligan at a lovely shower arranged recently by Mrs. Anna McIntire and her daughter, Miss Terry. * * *

OES Chapter To Observe District Courtesy Night

Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will observe district courtesy night at their meeting in Masonic Temple this evening. On this occasion each officer has the privilege and pleasure of inviting a guest officer of some other chapter to fill her station for the opening and closing ceremonies. Hostesses in charge of arrangements will be Evelyn Schooley and Phyllis Fluhrer. * * *

Fern Avenue PTA In Successful Paper, Fat Drive

The Fern Avenue PTA paper drive and collection of salvage grease was an outstanding success last week when several tons of paper and many pounds of grease were credited to the pupils' respective rooms. Winners of first prize were the pupils of R. B. Sattler, sixth grade teacher. President Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool and her committee, who also worked hard to accomplish the outstanding success of the drive, wish to express appreciation to all who assisted. * * *

Yolanda Francis, Torrance Girl At Wilshire Ebell

Yolanda Francis, of this city, talented young member of the Stagelighters cast, was presented Monday and Tuesday evenings at Wilshire Ebell Theater in the juvenile lead of "Chicken Every Sunday," three-act play adapted from the novel by Rosemary Taylor. The lovely brunette child actress who has become affiliated with many of the leading legitimate stage groups in Hollywood and Los Angeles, will soon be pictured on the cover of a leading theatrical magazine, it was learned. * * *

WEDDING PLANS ANNOUNCED BY BRIDE'S FAMILY



NORMA JEAN HEARRELL
Bride-elect. . .

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Hearrell, of 1723 Date avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Norma Jean, to Mr. Gene Creger, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Creger, of Des Moines, Iowa. The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance high school with the class of 1943 and since has been employed at Longren Aircraft. Her fiancé, who was educated in eastern schools, is an aircraft engineer also employed at the Longren plant. The couple plan an August wedding. * * *

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