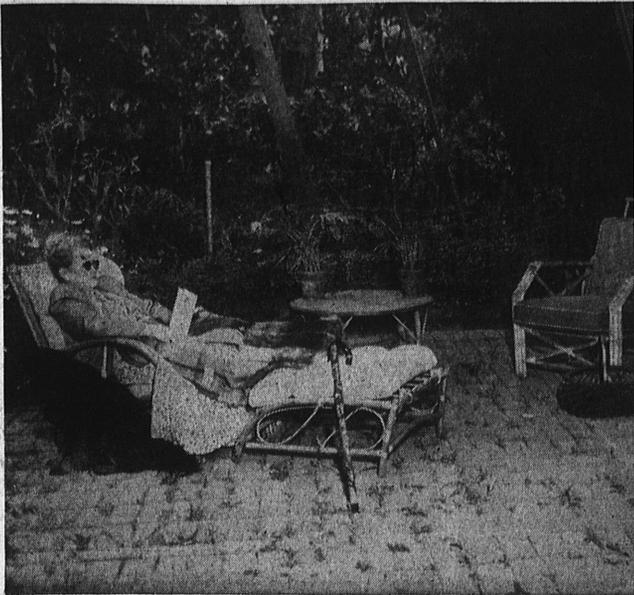


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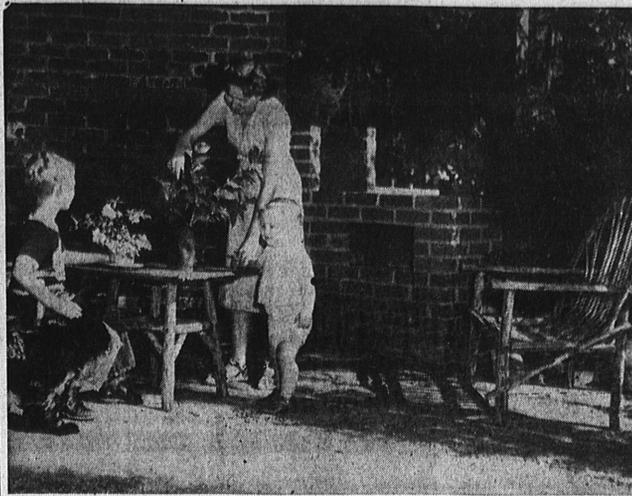
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PROJECT COMPLETED . . . No pressing masonry or woodworking problems worry Mrs. William T. (Bill) Stewart of 514 Calle de Arboles as she relaxes with a new book in the lanai behind her home. Three Hollywood Riviera neighbors of the Stewarts pitched in to help them complete the redwood building and brick patio in time for their daughter's arrival home from college last summer. Mr. Stewart is in the redwood business and built another patio, not shown in the picture, of redwood ends. The dog also relaxing in the picture is Teddy.



FAMILY AFFAIR . . . Each member of the Claude Ferrel family of 724 Calle de Arboles has lent willing hands to help complete the barbecue and patio in the process of construction behind the Ferrel home. Even the dog, Toby, has given a few extra tail-waggings to encourage the others. Mr. Ferrel is a stonemason contractor and wasn't at home when the picture was taken, but his wife, Helen, and sons, Bruce, left and baby Todd, took time out from their heavy projects for a bit of gardening, pot variety. Next addition to the barbecue in the background will be a facing of antiqued brick.

Pattern of Pretty Patios Seen in Torrance Homes

By MARJIE MEYER

Some people have green thumbs—and some don't. Certain others are able to take hammer and nails, boards and bricks, and create artistic masterpieces for the home and the garden.

Torrance abounds in both the former and the latter, as evidenced by the charming patios, lanais and barbecues found in every section of the city.

The four patios pictured are entirely "home-created." Some builders have designed their own, while others have taken stock patterns and modified them to suit the individual yard.

None of the brick and redwood masterpieces sprang up overnight, with the possible exception of the Stewarts' which Bill managed, by some miracle, to build in a month, in time for his daughter's arrival home from college.

The Blakeleys finished theirs two years ago after two years of hard labor while the Ferrels and the Moores are still mixing cement, laying brick and planning color schemes for their patio furniture.

The time element is perhaps the most difficult item of home-improvement projects. A picture in a magazine stirs the imagination, as do the how-to-do-it directions. Husband and wife pick out their style and set to work with great zest—only to find the preliminary work is very difficult, and takes a lot of time.

Even when it is finished—the ground smooth and the foundation poured, they find it discouraging to see so little resemblance to the finished product.

Weeks go by. Maybe it rains on Sunday so nothing can be done. Or visitors drop in and trowels, putty scrapers and bricks must be laid to rest early in the day.

Finally the barbecue is finished, but only fragmentarily. There remains facing, smoothing and assorted other final touches to be put on.

Usually at this point, if she hasn't done so already, the wife promotes the purchase of redwood or bamboo furniture. The sun shines on Sunday, and it's terribly hard to stir from the soft cushions to the bitter pill of work.

When the complete brickwork, stonework and woodwork are done—the garden looks awfully shabby. Maybe an herb garden ought to be added to that corner, or some bushes in this one.

There seems to be a lot of grass in the middle. The children would just love to have a built-in sandbox, or a pool where they could put some goldfish and watch them grow.

Dad? He kind of thinks an avocado tree would be nice a little way out from the perennial garden so he could eat fresh avocado sandwiches in the summer. And mom could put up some marmalade if the oranges grew right in her back yard.

There ought to be another gate—and a tiny rock garden—and gosh, where is the ping-pong table going to be now? One year, two, five, ten. Mr. and Mrs. Torrance will be adding and subtracting from their gardens and patios for a long time!

Couple Repeat Wedding Vows In Las Vegas

A college romance culminated in a wedding Monday when Miss Mary Ellen O'Donnell of Pocatello, Idaho became the bride of Albert Stephens of Torrance in Las Vegas, Nev.

Nuptial vows were repeated at 5 p.m. in the home of Rev. Thomas Daly, Lutheran minister in the Nevada city. Attending the couple were members of their families, Mrs. J. E. O'Donnell of Pocatello and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brown of 1504 Beech Ave.

The former Miss O'Donnell wore a blue dress with black accessories for her marriage, and a corsage of white carnations. She is making her home with the Browns in Torrance while her husband is stationed at the Naval Training Center in San Diego.

Both young people attended Idaho State College where the bride was active in AWS activities and the groom played on the football team and was a member of I club.

The bride was graduated from Pocatello High School where she was affiliated with Honor Society, Pep Club and Theatians. Her husband is a former Torrance High School football star and was president of Varsity Club before his graduation.

DeMolay Mothers Install New Slate

DeMolay Mothers Circle installed its new officers Tuesday evening during a formal ceremony following the group's potluck supper in the Guild Hall of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. R. L. Swigart, outgoing president, installed the new slate and welcomed a new member, Mrs. George Chlanda. Officers will be filled during the coming year by Mmes. Gerald C. Mittan, president; Henry Berkowitz, first vice president; and Benton Whit, second vice president.

BUSY SCHEDULE

Torrance Garden Club Plans Months of April, May, June

Calendars of Torrance Terrace Garden Club members are full for the next two months—plans for many forthcoming events were made during the meeting April 9 in the home of Mrs. M. D. Hiebert, 20943 Denker Ave.

Four new members were welcomed during the afternoon. Mmes. H. L. Mitchell, John Wright, Edgar Shuster and Ray N. Wiseman.

First on the schedule of events was the board meeting Thursday in the home of Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, 1530 W. 214th St., at 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow at 12:30, members will gather at the home of Mrs. Phillip Lisman to work on floral arrangements with their own containers and flowers.

A field trip to the San Lorenzo Nursery is planned for April 30 at 1:45, and the next regular meeting is set for May 14 at the home of Mrs. Frank Farwell, 1542 W. 214th St. Joe Littlefield, garden consultant for a plant food company and TV plant commentator, will address the group May 28.

Final event on the busy agenda is the Art, Hobby and Flower Show June 6, 7 and 8 in Torrance Civic Auditorium. Torrance Terrace Garden Club is co-sponsoring the event with Mrs. Leo McMillen of the Torrance Arts and Crafts Club, the Recreation Department and Adult Education classes.

Persons interested in flower arranging, painting, crafts and collecting are invited to exhibit. Information on the flower section may be obtained from Mrs. John Designe at 2401-M, Mrs.

Six Complete First Aid Instruction

Three Torrance residents, two from Lomita and one from Compton completed a standard first aid course at the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross Thursday, it was announced by George Powell, first aid chairman.

The course also included an additional four hour study of civilian defense first aid. Certificates were awarded Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, Mrs. Gertrude M. Lang and P. H. Woodward of Torrance; Mrs. Vada Barney and Mrs. Olive C. Daniel of Lomita and Robert Silverthorn of Compton. Mrs. Meade Ferguson was the instructor.

Another course is planned for the near future. Persons interested in enrolling may contact Mr. Powell at 1755 or 3447.

CARD PARTY SET

Bridge, pinochle and canasta will be played during the card party to be sponsored Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by the American Legion Auxiliary of Torrance. The event will take place in the American Legion Clubhouse at 1109 Border Ave. the home of Mrs. K. Sexton, with Mrs. Jack Davies, first vice president, in charge of the meeting.

Also planned was an open house which will follow Thursday's PTA meeting. The school band will present a concert, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Following the musical program, classrooms will be opened so that parents may review their children's work during the year.

Assistance League Tea To Honor New Members

Associates and provisionals of the San Pedro Assistance League who have joined during the past year will be honored at a membership tea in the clubhouse April 29.

Mrs. E. F. Franklin is heading the committee planning the affair and the board of directors will serve as hostesses. Torrance, Hollywood Riviera and Harbor City women are among the league members.

Final plans for the event were made during the recent luncheon meeting of the league presided over by Mrs. Joseph A. De nri. During the luncheon Mrs. Lawrence DiCarlo, newly elected president of the Junior Auxiliary, announced that Mrs. Charles P. Donetti will be senior sponsor of the auxiliary for the second year.

Mrs. A. Fred Briggs, chairman of the Valley lecture series, reminded members of the final talk which took place Tuesday of last week. A tour of several welfare agencies in the Harbor area April 28 was announced by Mrs. Orvel Brown, chairman of the provisionals.

Also heard during the afternoon were reports by Mmes. Charles Croutameal, ways and means; L. F. Struthers, general welfare and weavers; Earl Stone, gift shop; Robert Lambie, publicity; A. W. Warnock, deafness prevention; Harry McDonald and David Kline, finance; Isabel Meriwether, dental.

Co-chairmen appointments ratified by the board prior to the luncheon were Mmes. George Auditorium.

Doughnut Sale Planned By Job Members

Those age-old dunking favorites, glazed and cake doughnuts, will be sold in Torrance April 26 and 27 by members of the local group of Job's Daughters.

Doughnuts may be ordered from any member of the group, now and will be delivered on the specified dates. George's is making the delicious pastries, which will be sold for 60 cents a dozen or 30 cents a half dozen.

Skates, scooters and tricycles were the modes of transportation employed by members of Job's Daughters recently when they enjoyed a late afternoon progressive dinner.

Appetizers were served at Jane Moffitt's home on Andree Ave. followed by salad at Ann Olson's on Cota Ave. Janice Crabtree served tamales at her house on Gramercy Ave. and dessert was eaten at the home of Ann Marie Bishop on El Prado Ave.

Recital to Feature Solo, Duo Arrangements

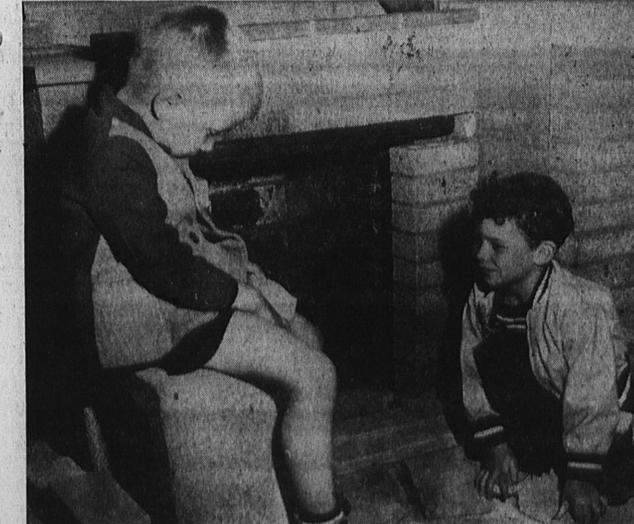
Duo-piano and solo numbers will be featured in the recital of Kathryn Buffington's students Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4 at 2:30 p.m. in the new Buffington studio at 1926 Arlington Ave.

Sixteen pupils will take part in the recital, including Mickey Van Deventer and Judy Yeltema, who presented several of their duo-piano selections during the Chamber of Commerce banquet Wednesday evening in Civic

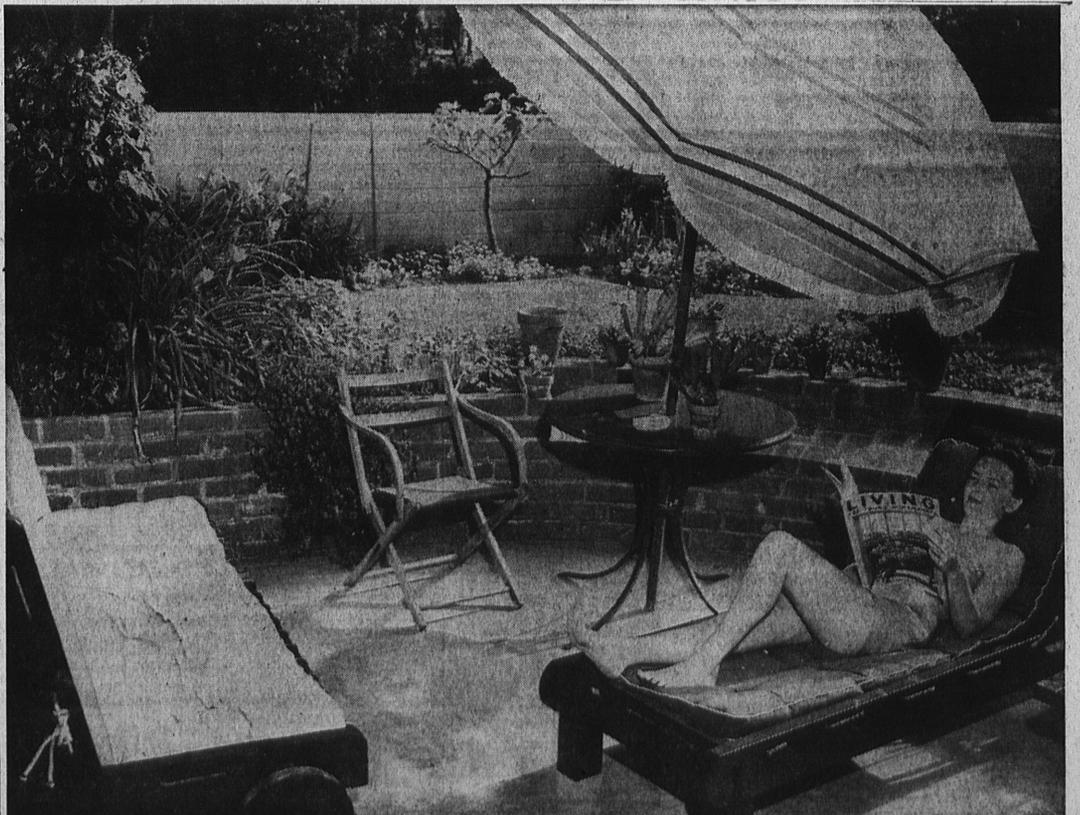
Missionary Study Group Plans Pot-Luck Supper

An interesting evening has been planned for members of the Missionary Study group of the First Methodist Church, WSCS Wednesday.

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will present a skit following the "share a dish" supper at 6 p.m. There will also be an inspirational movie.



THIS IS THE WAY IT'S DONE . . . Even the Hopalong Cassidy set is enthused about building when it comes to such things as barbecues and patios. Five-year-old Sandy Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore of 344 Via Colusa in Hollywood Riviera, shows his young neighbor, four-year-old Joe Borman of 713 Calle de Arboles, just how to set in a piece of flagstone flooring. Sandy's parents started the barbecue and patio last summer and still "have SO much to do," according to Mrs. Moore.



SUNSHINE AND SOLITUDE . . . What more appropriate magazine could be read on this restful patio than one entitled "Living"? Mrs. Richard H. Blakeley of 720 Calle de Arboles curls up often on her comfortable chaise longue for a few minutes of relaxation in the sunshine. The Blakeleys worked on the patio for two years, finished it two years ago. Redwood furniture complements the redwood trim on their house, and the large um-

brella furnishes shade on scorching days. Friends often gather about the Blakeleys' barbecue, not shown in the picture, and enjoy the charming garden which surrounds the patio. The brick wall is topped off with a planting box filled with greenery and flowers. Potted geraniums have been set around for added color and beauty. (Herald photos by Dick Friend).