

Cecilia Pike, Louis Di Leva Reveal Engagement at Party

Family and friends of Cecilia Pike and Louis Di Leva were apprised of the young couple's betrothal last Saturday evening at an informal dinner party hosted by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike of 1658 W. 216 St.

The future bride is a senior at Narbonne High School where she has been active in school organizations. Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Di Leva of San Pedro, was graduated from San Pedro High School in 1949. He has been in the U. S. Coast Guard since October, 1950, and is stationed in San Pedro.

Guests bidden to the announcement party included the future bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Di Leva; Messrs. and Mrs. Emmett De Benedetti, A. Domocota, John Bennett, Pete Larsen, Carmine Di Leva, John Lauro, Frank Mancuso, Edward De Bennett and Pete Pugliese.

Other were Messrs. and Mrs. James Bischoff, B. Eldridge, Jimmy Ghio; Messrs. Bufega Di Leva, Nancy De Bernardo, Lucy Vuosa, Norma Virga, Vicky Guseia; Misses Betty Faren, Mary Grandinetti; Messrs. Joe Di Benedetti, George Baron, John De Bernardo, Tom Di Leva, Lawrence Di Leva and Buddy Busbee. The young couple have not set a date for their wedding.



CECILIA PIKE
... Plights Troth

Woman's Club Guest Night Is Wednesday

Tomorrow is the deadline for reservations for Torrance Woman's Club's annual guest night which will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the clubhouse.

Dinner will be served to husbands and friends of club members. Following dinner, Dean Picl, USC senior and winner of the oratorical contest sponsored recently by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, will speak.

Picl plans to attend Harvard Law School upon his graduation, Friday evening he will speak on station KXLA on "America 2052." He will be introduced on the radio by Mrs. B. Taylor Whitney, American citizenship chairman of Los Angeles District CFWC and past president of the Torrance Woman's Club. Mrs. D. J. Derouin will introduce the guest speaker Wednesday. A musical program will also be presented. Reservations may be made with Mrs. D. J. Thomson, 179-J. Cost of the dinner is \$1.50.

AAUW Plans Dinner Meet

Reservations will close tomorrow for the installation dinner of the San Pedro branch, American Association of University Women, to be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Assistance League clubhouse, San Pedro.

Torrance members of the AAUW are asked to make their reservations with Elizabeth Halfpenny or any member of her telephone committee.

Officers for the coming year will be inducted by Thelma Barnes, state AAUW corresponding secretary and girls vice principal at San Pedro High. Installed will be Mrs. W. Madison Taylor, president; William Gulding, secretary and Stratton Jones, vice presidents; Stanley Franklin, secretary; Glen Theve, treasurer; and Lillian Truesdell, fellowship chairman.

Leslie Peterson To Be Stationed In Washington

Orders to report to Ft. Lawton, Wash. have been received by Cpl. Leslie L. Peterson who with his wife, the former Daphne McVey, returned to Salinas last week after spending a 10-day leave in Torrance with their family.

Cpl. Peterson has been stationed at Ft. Ord for the past 11 months as company clerk for Company L, 20th Engineering Regiment. Mrs. Peterson plans to make her home in Torrance in the near future.

HERE FROM GEORGIA

Visitors at the N. P. Giaguin to home, 2228 Gramercy Ave. last week were Mrs. Giaguin's brother, Maj. Richard Matthews of Ft. Benning, Ga., and Mrs. Matthews. Accompanying them was their young son, Stephen.



ELIZABETH ALLEN
... Auxiliary Leader



ARTHUR MOORE
... Another Term

VFW Officers, Auxiliary To Be Honored at Reception

Newly-elected officers of Torrance VFW Post 3251 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the post will be complimented Thursday evening at a reception beginning at 8 in the YMCA building, Washington and Arlington Ave.

Arthur Moore, commander of the post for the second year, and Elizabeth Allen, new president of the auxiliary, will preside. Bea Vaca is the junior past president of the women.

Mistress of ceremonies for the evening will be Mabel Moore, senior vice president of the fourth district. She will introduce the program, which will include dances by students of Miss Ann Olson. Songs will be presented by a young quartet, Janice Crabtree, Janie Moffatt, Carol Campbell and Carol May.

BEST MOVIE

"Singin' in the Rain" has been chosen picture of the month by 10th District PTA, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mrs. Vernon Kidd, motion picture chairman.

ATTEND COUNCIL

Mrs. Jack Spence, president of Carson St. PTA, represented her PTA unit last Friday afternoon at the Gardena-Wilmington Council meeting at Amestoy School in Gardena. She was accompanied by Mrs. Charles Linn.



CINCO DE MAYO . . . One of the most festive days on the Mexican calendar is "Cinco de Mayo" or the fifth of May, when those of Mexican birth and Mexican heritage celebrate their country's independence from the French invaders. As gay as our own fourth of July, the traditions of the day have been passed down through the generations and are still carried on, though to a lesser extent, by young Americans whose parents or ancestors hailed from South of the Border. Here Nadine Vasquez, third from left, is assisted with her colorful costume by Billie Carrizosa, kneeling; Armlida Carrizosa and Virginia Jimenez. All are Torrance High School students. (Herald photo).

The Social World

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ENTRAINED THURSDAY

Canada, Eastern U. S. to Be On Local Woman's Itinerary

Major cities of the United States and Canada are on the itinerary of Mrs. H. Glen (Lois) Babcock of 2398 Maricopa Pl. who left Thursday afternoon on the El Capitán for Chicago. Mrs. Babcock, worthy high priestess of Messiah Shrine 16, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, is en route to Toronto, Canada where she will serve as a page during the international White Shrine convention.

Yesterday Mrs. Babcock was in Chicago where she was a guest at the annual YWCA convention and attended a Y luncheon, at the Hilton Hotel. Today she is en route to Toronto and the White Shrine parley.

While in Toronto Mrs. Babcock will spend a day with C. C. Goldring, director of Education there, comparing curriculums of Toronto High Schools with that of Torrance.

From the Canadian metropolis she will go to Erie, Pa. for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bond, and from there to Long Island, N.Y. to spend several days with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes.

Washington, D.C. is the next stop on the traveler's schedule. She will visit her nephew, Lt. Kenneth Gaven, a doctor at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, and his family.

Journeying westward, Mrs. Babcock will travel via New Orleans to San Antonio, Tex. to spend a few days with her nephew, Sgt. Arthur J. Bond, and his family, before returning to Torrance.

Mental Health Week Planned

Three open houses have been scheduled by 10th District PTA in observance of Mental Health Week May 4 through May 10.

From 1 until 5 p.m. May 8 the child guidance area of the District Health Center will be open to parents interested in observing the work being done by Mrs. Geraldine Korda, chief psychologist; Mrs. Pearl Axelrod, chief psychiatric social worker; and Mrs. Marie Wilson, psychiatric nurse.

The Venice Clinic will be open from 1 until 3 p.m. on the same day, and the North Hollywood Clinic will have its open house May 7 from 2 until 4 p.m.

10th District Women Home From Parley

Tenth District PTA played an important part in the 53rd annual State Convention from which almost 500 delegates from the district returned last week.

Much of the leadership came from the district, with Mrs. Edward T. Walker, retiring president; Marvin Owen, seventh vice president-elect; Joseph S. Hook, Lee Hedges, Daniel J. Dalbey, Robert Hogan, William Robertson, Harry Eckles, L. S. Baca, E. F. Hue, Merle Brown and Ralph E. Lewis, president-elect of the 10th District, conducting conference.

The women were appointed by the new state president, Mrs. P. D. Bevil to serve the state congress next year.

Three to Be Added to Perry Staff

Three teachers will be added to staff of Perry School in September to take care of an expected enrollment increase of 100 children.

This fact was made known to members of Perry School PTA during their April meeting by Lester Foster, principal of the school. He also told the assembly that the new Alondra School at Yukon and 168th St. might be ready for occupancy by February, 1953.

During the business session plans were discussed for the hot lunch to be served at the school Tuesday, May 6. The PTA will assist at the Scout circus in June, according to Mrs. Jack

Guiding Child To Maturity Series Topic

Second in a series of six lectures entitled "Guiding Your Child into Maturity" will be given tomorrow evening at 8 in the home of Mrs. George E. Everett, 624 24th Pl., Hermosa Beach.

The series began last Monday evening, and will be given each Monday at the same time and place through June 2.

Mrs. Dorothy Laws, counselor in human relations currently with the Compton Counseling Service, is the lecturer.

The series is sponsored by the Hollywood Riviera Cooperative Nursery School as part of its regular child study program. Other parents may attend the lectures, but should make arrangements before the meetings with Mrs. Everett at Frontier 40148. There is a 50 cent charge for each lecture.

ELMER MOON HONORED BY PTA BOARD

Members of the executive board of Torrance High School PTA gave a luncheon last week at the home of Mrs. J. E. Popovich, 2067 Carson St., honoring Elmer Moon, retiring president of their unit.

Special guests during the festive afternoon were John Stainbaugh, principal of Torrance High School, and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Arrangements of spring flowers were placed about the Popovich home. The board presented Mr. Moon with a gift, and he in turn gave each member a corsage.

Mrs. I. O. Kasten, president-elect, reported on the recent California Congress of Parents and Teachers convention in San Francisco. Mrs. Hugh Bowman was appointed to fill the position of treasurer, created by the resignation of Mrs. Kenneth Russell.

The board voted to present another life membership during their next PTA meeting May 13.

Therapy Work Explained to Las Vecinas

Therapy work at Harbor General Hospital was the subject of Mrs. Carole Kile OTR, director of occupational therapy at the institution, when she addressed Las Vecinas members at their meeting last Thursday afternoon.

Speaking at the Redondo Beach Woman's Club, Mrs. Kile explained how hobbies and playing with toys help strengthen children's muscles as well as providing them with time-consuming pastimes while they are patients at the hospital.

Las Vecinas has adopted the children's ward at Harbor General as one of its philanthropic projects, and members gained insight into the problems of patients from Mrs. Kile's talk.

During the business session, Mrs. Everett Rowan, membership co-chairman, inducted 12 provisionals into Las Vecinas. The nominating committee report was presented by Mrs. Pierce Venable.

Mrs. Frank Hanover presided over the meeting and refreshments were served by the committee headed by Mrs. Raymond Goggin.

RUMMAGE SALE

Dates of the forthcoming rummage sale sponsored by the ladies of First Methodist Church were announced yesterday by Mrs. M. D. Hiebert, chairman of publicity. The sale will be given May 23 and 24.

SENIOR EVENTS AT HIGH SCHOOL TO BEGIN MAY 29

Pre-graduation festivities are shifting into high gear at Torrance High with the completion of plans for the annual senior trip which this year will be May 29.

The city of Avalon on Catalina Island is the chosen spot for the day-long jaunt of young men and women who will be leaving the familiar halls of Torrance High School June 12.

Water taxis will provide the modes of travel for the class at a considerable savings over the price of the Catalina steamer.

Other pre-commencement activities include the writing of a class song by Leo McLeveid and Ted Lloyd and the selection of Hollywood Riviera Beach Club for the after-graduation party.



(Max Munn Autrey)
MRS. THOMPSON EDWARD WEST
... To Live in Lomita

Joan Gillanders Becomes Mrs. Thompson E. West

Picturesque Laguna Beach was the setting yesterday afternoon for the four o'clock wedding of Joan Gillanders of Lomita and Thompson Edward West of 1619 W. 216 St.

The informal ceremony was performed by Rev. Dallas R. Turner in First Presbyterian Church of Laguna. Peggy Deverell of Laguna Beach was the bride's single attendant, and Joseph Aiken of Wilmington served the groom as best man.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gillanders of Grand Forks, N.D., chose a navy blue suit with shell pink accessories for the ceremony. She carried a white Bible, with two white orchids. Her maid of honor was attired in a beige suit with white accessories.

A small reception for members of the family and close friends followed the nuptials in Miss Deverell's home. The newlyweds will be at home at 2168 1/2 25th St. after May 18 following a honeymoon to Sequoia Park and Las Vegas.

The new Mrs. West, an Alpha Phi at the University of North Dakota from which she was graduated, is employed in the advertising department of National Supply Co. She is secretary of the South Bay Chapter of Alpha Phi Alumnae.

The benedict is the son of Mrs. Mac West of 1619 W. 216 St. and was graduated from Compton Junior College. He is in the sales department at National Supply.

BPW ELECTS TOMORROW

Important business on the agenda of the Business and Professional Women's Club tomorrow evening will be the election of officers and of delegates to the California State Convention.

The meeting, which is an annual one for the Torrance BPW, will begin at 7:30 with Mrs. Zada Ramsay presiding.

The slate of candidates for offices in the club will be presented by Mrs. Frances Clark, chairman of the nominating committee which also includes Mrs. Billy Dunning and Maude DeJonghe.

Mrs. Stephen P. (Ivy) Grace of Hollywood, a former resident of Torrance, is president-elect of the state organization. She will take office during the state parley in Sacramento beginning May 16.

Reports of delegates to the recent BPW District Convention will be given tomorrow night.

SPRING FASHIONS FEATURED IN FREE DRESSMAKING CLASS

A free class in dressmaking and tailoring, now featuring spring and summer fashions, is being conducted by Bessie Marsh and Florence Laycock, instructors in the course.

A morning class is held at 10 o'clock each Monday at the Walter Recreation Hall, 242nd St. and Ocean Ave. Evening classes are conducted at Torrance High School at 6:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Both beginning and advanced students may join this course and may register at any time by attending the class. It was stated.

RETURNS HOME

A three months visit in Torrance ended Thursday for Mrs. Joseph Kelley when she returned to her home in Sioux Falls, S.D. She has been a guest at the home of her son, Rester J. Kelley, and his family at 1835 Bundy Ave.

Camp Fire Candy Drive Results Told

Top honors in the Torrance section of the Harbor district for work in the Camp Fire girls area-wide candy drive completed last week go to Virginia

Barnard of the Sunshine Blue Birds led by Mrs. William Deverell's home. The newlyweds will be at home at 2168 1/2 25th St. after May 18 following a honeymoon to Sequoia Park and Las Vegas.

More than 100,000 boxes have been reported sold throughout the area with the final check still to be made.

Other girls in the top 10 list of saleswomen for Torrance include: Arlene Farmer, Halldale Camp Fire Girls; Janet Sawyer, Sunshine Blue Birds; Gayle Hoy, Virginia sold 105 boxes. Second in sales was Alice Johnson of the Blue Bonnet Blue Birds with Mrs. Richard Landon, leader.

Credit for the success of the drive in this district goes to Mrs. O. D. Barnard, who served as Harbor District candy chairman and to Mrs. Elva Mooneyman who handled the details locally as a station manager. The total amount sold more than doubled that of last year.

Y-Teens From Seaside Area Hostess Ball

Carnation flowers formed the theme of the recent Carnation Ball at the YWCA given by members of the Y-Teens at Seaside School. Sharon Morris was chairman of the evening and music was furnished by Johnny Trainor.

Decorations were planned by Johnny Trainor, Eleanor Faircham, Judy Powell, Susie Dukeman, Leah Toppert and Alex Merola.

Others helping with arrangements were Adrienne Keyes and Patti Smith. Adults who assisted included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merola, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sanno, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson; Mmes. Robert Hammond, advisor; Joseph Lukes, branch director; Darrel Smith and Miss Lorraine Clark.

Attending the affair in addition to those who helped with arrangements were Misses Elizabeth Morris, Marilyn Joyce Linscott, Donna Young, Margaret Sanno, Ellen Gaul, Barbara Van Alstyne, Sherrill Larvins, Donna Toppert, Sandy Rocco, Alice Rene Shackelford, Jackie Guide and Sandy Merola.

Their guests included Bob Caulkins, Benny Boehg, Gary Neale Maddox, Gary Crain, Hal Muldoon, Don Hall, Terry Zervanin, Bobby Dwyer, Tony Mickas, Tommy Harkins, Phillip Gouli, Bobby Holatin, Bobby Savage, John Roccoforte, Ray Burdgra, Richard Silva and Billy Morris.