

# The Social World

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## Y Lays Plans To Increase Membership

"For good times, for good health, for good, join the YWCA" will be the slogan for National YWCA Week, April 19-25, according to word received locally from Mollie E. Sullivan of the public information department, national YWCA.

This week also will serve as the opening for the Centennial Membership Expansion program, to be headed by Mrs. Arthur Forrest Anderson, former national president, Theme for the overall centennial celebration will be: "For a second century, forty freedom with faith and fellowship."

Soon after the new year, the harbor area public relations committee headed by Mrs. O. R. C. Grow will lay the groundwork for this program. Members of the committee are Mesdames Chris Dorff, O. A. Elliott, William E. Guidinger, George Raymond, Marvin Kent, J. B. Chadwick and Catherine J. Lockett.

Working with them on membership phases of the program will be the membership committees in each community, headed by Mrs. Walter Levy of Torrance, Mrs. Arnold Ecklund of San Pedro and Mrs. Lorraine Harper of Wilmington.

**SOLDIER'S BRIDE** . . . Miss Ann-Marie Bishop, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Bishop, 1433 El Prado, became Mrs. Donald Earl Collinsworth last Friday afternoon at double ring ceremonies performed at the Fort Ord chapel. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lance Collinsworth, 1330 W. 222nd St., is now completing basic training at Fort Ord.

## Ann Bishop Marries Soldier

All-white chrysanthemums set the simplicity keynote last Friday afternoon when Miss Ann-Marie Bishop and Pvt. Donald Earl Collinsworth exchanged rings and vows in the Fort Ord chapel.

The bride, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Bishop, 1433 El Prado, chose a salmon-shaded knit dress complemented by an orchid corsage and pearls. Her only attendant, Miss Barbara Collinsworth, sister of the groom, selected a blue knit dress for the ceremony.

Serving as groomsman was Pvt. George W. Hamlin. U. S. Army Chaplain Edwin Hall performed the rites.

A graduate of Torrance High School, the bride is now attending El Camino College. She was installed as Queen of Job's Daughters in November and will make her home with her parents until her husband completes basic training at Fort Ord.

Collinsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lance Collinsworth, 1330 W. 222nd St., is a graduate of Fresno High School.



MEET THE PYNES . . . This is a typical pastime of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Pyne, 1743 Cabrillo Ave.—looking over postcards and pictures they have collected on their many travels. The couple have worked for the Red Cross in cities and towns and rural areas throughout the United States and are continuing their hobby by helping out at the local Red Cross Center.

## LOCAL F&AM LODGE INSTALLS '53 LEADERS

Officers for 1953 now are officially at the helm of Torrance Lodge No. 447, F. and A. M., following installation ceremonies held last Saturday night at the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave.

Taking office were Mark A. Wright, worshipful master; Chris A. Bartsch, senior warden; Frank Schmidt, junior warden; Gordon A. Mothersell, treasurer; Frederick Cook, secretary; Paul Burns, chaplain; Raymond O. Lougee, senior deacon; Frank Thompson, junior deacon; Floyd E. Mead, marshal; Thomas N. Foster, senior steward; Robert E. Starks, junior steward; and William Gallareto, tier.

Leonard D. Babcock, past master, was installing officer, while Carol Campbell was installing pianist. Fred O. Bacon, past master, served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Others participating in the rites were Paul Thompson, worshipful inspector, 562nd Masonic District; Jim Schmidt, flag presentation; the Rev. Homer Miller, invocation and benediction;

## Seaside PTA Hears Dental Talk Tonight

Dr. Harvey Cole of Seaside Ranchos and Arthur Berke of Inglewood will discuss the dental health of children tonight at a general meeting of the Seaside Elementary School P.T.A., to be held at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium.

Dr. Cole, who has resided in Seaside Ranchos for the past five years, will discuss in non-technical terms what orthodontia (teeth straightening) is, its advantages, and its uses. He is a graduate of Ohio State University and received his master's degree from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Berke, a graduate of the dental school at the University of California, practices dentistry for children in Torrance and is one of the group of dentists sponsored by the Torrance Council of P.T.A.

Both men will show slides to illustrate their talks, to be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Mrs. Wini Newborn, soloist, will complete the evening program. Hostesses will be mothers from the rooms of Miss Doris Franket, Mrs. Catherine Grogan, and Roland White.

## Young Talent Entertains Senior Club

Young people in this area entertained members of the Torrance Women's Club yesterday afternoon at a silver tea held at the Women's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Presenting a series of novelty dances were Misses Mickey Van Deventer and Alice Olson of Torrance. Included among their numbers were "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," "Spanish Cape Dance," a hula dance, "Hallelujah" and "The Wedding."

The girls concluded their portion of the show with "Me and My Shadow," a dance they presented last year on Harry Babbitt's television show, "Hollywood Opportunities."

Mrs. Oscar Olson, pianist, accompanied the dancers. Ernie Kittrell, baritone soloist of Lomita, then presented several vocal solos, accompanied by his teacher, Mrs. Nadine Nickel. He sang "I'm Yours," "Walking My Baby Back Home," "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia," "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams," "Come Back to Sorrento" and "The Lord Has Given Me a Song."

## Hawaii Tale Highlights Monday Fuchsia Meeting

Scenes of Hawaii will be brought to life for members of the Gardena branch, California Fuchsia Society, next Monday night when Mrs. Cleona Crozier tells the group of her recent trip to the islands.

Meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock at the Gardena Woman's Clubhouse, 16121 Orchard Ave. Following the business session, a plant sale will be conducted. Birthdays will be presented and members and guests will celebrate natal days in January. Refreshments will be served.

## People You'd Like To Know Vim, Vigor, Vitality Spell 'The Pynes'

Picture a man and his wife, 69 and 66, respectively, whose looks belie their years, who are great conversationalists, students of human nature and lovers of people, and who have been nearly everywhere in the United States. You'll find them every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at the local Red Cross building—and nearly every evening, if you should happen to call at 1743 Cabrillo Ave., you'll find them comfortably ensconced in a little green and white cottage that looks a little bit like England. He'll be smoking his pipe and she'll be knitting, and they'll tell you of many things—England, naturally, naturalization laws, a honeymoon in a penitentiary, government investigation work and the Red Cross.

**BOOST RED CROSS**  
For nowhere will you find such avid boosters of the Red Cross as this couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Pyne.

Across the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in big cities and small towns and rural areas, wherever they make their home, they volunteer for Red Cross.

"And of all the things I've done for the Red Cross—making surgical dressings, soliciting, knitting, packing food for prisoners of war—giving blood was the easiest," Mrs. Pyne declared.

"It baffles me to think that anyone must be persuaded to give blood," she continued, "Everyone who can should volunteer without being asked, for a steady flow of blood is needed."

**YOU NEVER KNOW**  
Now that the Blood Bank is for the use of civilians, there is all the more reason why everyone should give blood, she said, "You never know when you might need it yourself."

Mrs. Pyne also has an idea for those who can't give blood. They can help by organizing "blood luncheon" groups. Such circles would meet, go to the bank, then adjourn to the home of the member unable to donate, for luncheon.

Both the Pynes gave blood regularly until they reached the 60 year age limit. And both feel that the limit is too young—"we could go on donating for years," they say.

**FIRST VISIT MEMORABLE**  
Mrs. Pyne's first visit to the blood bank in Washington, D. C. was a memorable experience. While waiting in line, she began a conversation with the woman next to her, and the perennial question during those first days of the war, "do you have anyone in the service?" rolled around. The ladies chatted for a while about their men in the armed forces—Mrs. Pyne's son and her companion's husband.

"I thought at the time that her husband's name was rather old to be in the service, but it wasn't until later that I found out she was Mrs. Hap Arnold, wife of the Air Force general!" Mrs. Pyne laughed.

The veteran blood donor's most exciting day at the Bank was in Chicago, when a motorcycle was waiting outside the center to take the blood, and rush it to the airport, where an airplane was all ready to rush it to Guam. "I felt then that I was really a part of it all," said Mrs. Pyne.

Mr. Pyne remembers the St. Louis Blood Bank best of all. "They had the most wonderful refreshments—sandwiches, cake and cookies, all sorts of appetizers. Oh, that stuffed celery!" he said, smacking his lips in remembrance.

**NEW RESIDENTS**  
The couple came to Torrance about a year and a half ago. A doctor had advised Mr. Pyne to seek a warmer climate, specifically Florida. But their son, who works for American Airlines, induced them to come to California and use his free mileage. They found Torrance through another friend and think it is a well-planned city. Their one complaint is—no shade trees!

Mr. and Mrs. Pyne celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary last Christmas Day. They were married in Minneapolis, Minn., on that day in 1914 because "it was the only day he could get off," Mrs. Pyne said. He was then doing investigation work for the Department of Agriculture.

"We had no sooner been married than he got a rush job at the penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo.—so that's where we spent our honeymoon. I'll never forget the look of suspicion on the postal clerk's face at the next town when I picked up my mail with the penitentiary address," Mrs. Pyne laughed.

**HONEYMOON WITH KIDS**  
The Pynes had planned to go to England for their honeymoon but just then the war broke out, and it wasn't until four years later that they were able to make the trip.

"Then it wasn't a real honeymoon," Mr. Pyne said, "because by then we had two children!"

"For my son's birthday, I bought an egg," Mrs. Pyne said, "because at that time in England eggs were very scarce. The egg cost me a shilling (50 cents). I took one bag of groceries into the house and came back for the rest and there was my egg, smashed to bits on the sidewalk. I could hear what the crowd around was thinking—"Crazy Americans, throwing away eggs at a shilling apiece!"

**AMERICAN TWICE**  
Mrs. Pyne is an American twice over. Born in this country, she lost her citizenship when she married Mr. Pyne, a native of London, Eng., and had to be naturalized. She was the first woman to be naturalized in Illinois.

"I caused quite a sensation," she recalled, "as I was wearing my DAR pin at the time!" (Her family dates back to Gov. Bradford, who came over on the Mayflower, and Gen. Seth Pomeroy, who was on the staff of Washington's army.) "And to top it off I had to pay \$4 to get back my birthright!" she said.

That's how it goes during evening with the Pynes—humorous anecdotes, serious thoughts—and just plain good talk. They are two warm personalities, who despite their newness to this city, are carrying on the Torrance tradition of friendliness.

## Psychologist To Address Business Club

Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club will have an opportunity to learn more about psychology when they attended the January dinner meeting, to be held the 19th at the Persian Room, 208 W. Anaheim, Wilmington, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Dorothy Law, consulting psychologist for the Completion Counseling Service, will be the guest speaker.

Reservations for the affair must be made by Friday, Jan. 16, announced Mrs. Muriel Whiting, publicity chairman. Chairmen to contact are Harriet Covington, Lomita 2555; Herma Tillim, Torrance 3321; and Frances Lee, Torrance 1513 during times, Mrs. Whiting said.

## MISSIONARY GROUP TO STUDY AFRICA

Work in Africa will be surveyed at three sessions of the Missionary Study Group, Women's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, during the next three weeks.

All three sessions, scheduled for Jan. 15, 22, and 29, will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Members of the WSCS also are planning a rummage sale, to be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31, in the women's parlors of the church. Executive board members are in charge of the money-making project.

The day or Torrance 1439-W in the evening.

The local club will be hostess for the Harbor Section breakfast, to be held Mar. 1 at a place to be announced later.

New section officers will be elected at the meeting. Members wishing to attend the Rivera Charter Party on Jan. 31 should call Zada Ramsey, Torrance 1336, for reservations, Mrs. Whiting said.

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