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1. Slipper-sox . . . leather soles and knitted socks in pastels (fine for after-skiing) $3.50
2. Angora cap . . . baby pastels, dotted with pearls (for skating or skiing) ..... $4 to $6
3. Bolero sweater . . . white angora (for hours beside the hearth) $10
4. Belt . . . calf, but perfectly simple (for her tweeds and sweaters) $8.98
5. Case of jars . . . fitted (also empty) (for her own cold-weather creams) $10
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4. Nite-cap . . . nylon in pastels . . . (the pretty way to sleep) $2.50
5. Skirt . . . quilted 'n circular . . . for television $10
6. Subscription to Vogue or Harpers Bazaar ..... under $10

IF she's a GLOBE-TROTTER . . . give her fashion

1. Umbrella . . . long and thin with detachable handle (fits into a week-end bag) $8.95
2. Stole . . . vivid in color . . . and jersey $10
3. Slippers . . . without heels, like ballets $3.50
4. Two-faced mirror . . . one regular, one magnified $5
5. Perk-up stick by Cochran . . . six-inch cylinder with separate compartments for all make-up (the cutest and most practical gift ever had) $1
6. Subscription to Vogue, Harpers Bazaar or Holiday ..... under $10

IF she's a SOPHISTICATE . . . give her fashion

1. Cigarette holder . . . not-too-long, but simple and ebony $5
2. Cigarette lighter . . . pearl or ebony . . . slender 'n tall $10
3. Earrings . . . pearl drops . . . the longer, the better $3
4. Velvet belt . . . black with pearls or stone $10
5. Velvet envelope . . . black, of course $7.50
6. A subscription to Vogue or Harpers Bazaar ..... under $10

MR. AND MRS. MIKE HOMA
. . . Make Home Here

Joint Installation Dinner Planned by Firemen, Wives

Ed Polston and Mrs. William Russell will accept presidency gavels Friday night, Dec. 11, when the Torrance Firemen's Association and Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fire Department hold joint installation ceremonies at the main fire station on Crenshaw Ave.

Rites will follow a 7:30 o'clock dinner to which members of the Association and Auxiliary and their guests are invited, Mrs. Walter West, chairman, revealed.

The new leaders are succeeding Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flagg as heads of their respective groups. To be installed with Fireman Polston are Jerry Hollomon, vice-president, and Harry Klinger, treasurer. The "Fireladies" corps of officers-elect includes Mesdames Milton Langum, first, vice-president; John Agapito, second vice-president; Ed Polston, secretary; and Bill Slonecker, treasurer.

Dinner table decor will carry out a Christmas motif, Mrs. West said.

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RECIPROCITY FETE . . . Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, president, seated at left, and Mrs. Phelan Foley, program chairman, third from left, enjoy an after-luncheon chat with guests of the day, left to right, Miss Elsie A. Ries, regional supervisor of the Los Angeles County Federation; Mrs. Tracy C. Fewell, district parliamentarian; and Mrs. C. W. Bozley, district auditor. Scene is the Torrance Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., where the local Woman's Club held its annual reciprocity luncheon last Wednesday. (Herald photo)

Need Volunteer Salesmen For Cancer Benefit Show

An urgent appeal for volunteers to sell program advertising and tickets for the "Youth for Cancer Junior Jubilee of '53" went out to local citizens this week from Mrs. Robert O'Brien, chairman.

"Here is your opportunity to do your share to wipe out cancer," she said in calling for salesmen to work the Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Lawndale, and Hawthorne areas. "All volunteers may contact me at FR. 5-9009 for additional information."

Tickets for the benefit show, slated for Dec. 17 at the Civic Auditorium, also may be obtained by calling Mrs. O'Brien. Priced at $1 for adults and 50 cents for children, they will entitle the holder to view an 18-act show featuring an all-youth cast of performers ranging from three to 23 years old.

"Pancho Nada," versatile Spanish-style comedian of television, stage, and night club circuits, will emcee the Jubilee. The Torrance Area Youth Band, Sal Frisina's Teen-age dance orchestra, and the Little German Band, all will entertain with musical selections. Various dance routines, magic tricks, and vocal numbers also will be in the spotlight.

All proceeds will be turned over to the American Cancer Society.

Miss Howard, Homa Marry

Simple, candlelight ceremonies at Greenwich Wedding Chapel in Belmont Shore Thursday evening united Miss Isabel Howard, 2018 Andreo Ave., and Michael Homa of Pittsburgh, Pa., in marriage.

The bride, who is employed at Vurp's Cafe, and groom, who flew here from his Eastern home the day before Thanksgiving, are now making their home at the Andreo Ave. address.

A profusion of white chrysanthemums decorated the altar for the quiet rites, attended only by members of the wedding party and a close friend, Nadine Sawyer. For the occasion, Miss Howard chose a black velvet frock with white accessories and a white orchid corsage presented to her by her employer, Maxwell Katz. Pink-tinged carnations en bouquet added a note of color to her costume.

Maxine Di Cristina; 839 Sartori Ave., attended as maid of honor in a green wool frock with white accessories and contrasting corsage of yellow carnations. James L. Crawford served as best man.

Friends gathered at Vurp's following the ceremony to drink a champagne toast to the new bride and groom. Among those attending the reception were the honored couple, the wedding party, Bob Nickerson and Lillian Ertel, Mike Roeder, Kurt and Kathleen Johnson, Sandy and Edna Sanders, Marvin McQuillan and Sally Fitzgerald, and Katz.

TALENT FIGHTS CANCER . . . Kathy Borges, shown above as she danced "I'm an Old Cowhand" on Gene Norman's television show recently, will be a featured entertainer at the "YYouth Fights Cancer" Benefit Show, slated for Dec. 17, 8 p.m., at the Civic Auditorium. The six-year-old miss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borges, 17087 Arlington Ave., will do a ballet number, "Vienna Waltz." All proceeds from the show will be turned over to the American Cancer Society for research, and tickets, at $1 for adults and 50 cents for children, may be obtained by calling Mrs. Robert O'Brien at FRontier 5-9009. (Harlan Studio photo)

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Choosing the Christmas motif for table decor, Mrs. J. P. Montague entertained several of her friends with a bridge luncheon at her 1328 Beech Ave. home Friday afternoon.

Joining in card play were Mesdames Earl Eckert, B. L. Easley, Ed Grubb, J. R. Klink Jr., Phillip Halloran, G. M. Eastham, Walter Levy, and C. H. Ragsdale.

COMMITTEE TALK . . . Elyse Aehle, president; Mrs. Dale Sexton, Torrance regional director; Howard Trimmer, dinner chairman; and Jan Darian, art committee, exclaim over the large crowd which gathered at the Hermosa Biltmore Thursday evening for the Pacific Bowl Association's Founders Dinner. Event was the kick-off for the Association's campaign to raise funds for a new Southland Bowl and Art Center.

TORRANCE WELL REPRESENTED . . . Flanking either side of Mrs. Stanley Schnetzler, regional director for Palos Verdes, are four of the many local residents who attended the Pacific Bowl Association's Founders Dinner Thursday evening. At the left are Judge John A. Shidler and his wife (Rosemary DeCamp) while at the right are City Attorney and Mrs. James Hall.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Welcoming the first bit of femininity into their family are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haworth, 1319 Fern Ave., who on Nov. 30 became parents of a 7 lb. 11 oz. miss whom they have named Linda Louise. The National Supply supervisor and his wife also have two sons, Jim, 15, and Gary, 7. Grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames V. H. Haworth of Redondo Beach, and George D. Kirby of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

First December arrival is Brenda Sue, 8 lb. 6 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Meredith, 20509 Lawrence Ave. Born at 8:46 a.m. Dec. 1, she joins two brothers, Roy Lee, 12, and Billy Joe, 3; and two sisters, Geraldine, 10, and Pearldine, 8. Messrs. and Mesdames L. D. Phillips of San Pedro and F. W. Meredith of Lake Hamilton, Ark., are grandparents.

Arriving as a playmate for two-year-old Lowell Williams, son of the Robert L. Easleys, 24721 President Ave., Harbor City, is a 7 lb. 10½ oz. baby sister. Born Dec. 2 at 1:45 a.m., she has been named Linda Louise. Father is a plasterer at a local construction company, grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames C. R. Stites of Redlands and Guy L. Easley of Culver City.

Also getting a new baby sister Dec. 2 was Jerry Lee Wallace, 15½-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wallace, 1608 W. 221st St. Named Pamela Sue, she weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. when born at 5:52 a.m. Father is a truck driver for Frank's Furniture; grandparents are the P. H. Woodwards, 1530 W. 218th St., and Mrs. Mable Wallace, 21724 Figueroa St.

Carolyn Lee is the name chosen by Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Turrentine for their new daughter, who arrived at 12:28 a.m. Dec. 2 weighing 5 lbs. 14½ oz. The baby girl has two brothers, Billy, 6, and Dan, 3. Father is assistant stillman at General Petroleum; Messrs. and Mmes. O. E. Willman, 710 Columbia Ct., and Harry Dudley, 2366 W. 231st St., are grandparents.

Northrop Test Engineer James Olmstead and his wife, 20934 Dalton Ave., are announcing the arrival of a new son, whom they have named Scott David. The 8 lb. 7 oz. male infant arrived Dec. 3 at 2:30 a.m. Also welcoming the new arrival are a 16-month-old sister, Claudia Ann; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Trogdon of Bakersfield, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Olmstead of Glendale.

Finance Tale Sparks Final Study Group

Story of PTA finances, presented by Mrs. Bessie Rosin, 10th District auditor, highlighted Monday's Parent-Teacher Information Study Group, final one in a series of six sponsored by Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA.

Mrs. Rosin gave a suggested budget for the year which enumerated 30 per cent of the funds for organizational expenses; 30 per cent for child welfare; 20 per cent for the general account; 10 per cent for convention and conference expenses; and 10 per cent for the 10th District Health Center.

She also recommended the appointment of a budget and finance committee at the first of the year to determine the money-raising events for the entire term and draw up a budget from this basis. This committee, she said, should include the ways and means chairman, treasures, auditor, child welfare chairman, principal, and president.

Sign Up Now to Donate Blood, Says Committee

Blood recruitment committee of Torrance branch, American National Red Cross, this week urged all eligible donors to call FAirfax 8-6610 for an appointment to donate their blood at the Los Angeles Chapter, 1130 S. Vermont Ave., during the week of Dec. 21.

"Let's make this lay-away plan work! Your efforts may give someone his life for Christmas," said Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman.

Nearly 200 Attend Pacific Bowl Dinner

Today, when the world is sitting on a keg of dynamite, it takes courage to direct our energies into a continued effort for man's betterment. The Pacific Bowl Association is showing that courage in its plans to build a new Bowl and Art Center for the Southland, because it is through art and its patrons that the vision for a better world becomes a reality.

This was the message of David Bruton, noted author and lecturer, when he addressed nearly 200 people who gathered at the Hermosa Biltmore Thursday evening for the Association's Founders Dinner.

The gala affair served as a kick-off for the fund-raising campaign to build a new Southland Bowl and Art Center, a project which won the praise not only of Bruton but of Rev. Richard Parker, president of the South Bay Ministerial Association, of J. Russel Shea, mayor of Redondo Beach, and several other visiting dignitaries.

Spiritual life goes hand in hand with cultural life, Rev. Parker said, and our association is happy to be represented in this project.

The important thing in any effort is to keep the crowd coming and the enthusiasm rolling, Mayor Shea said. "I'll be in office four more years—and I'll do all I can to keep enthusiasm in the Bowl high."

The words of greeting followed musical selections by Marian Darlington, who does the bird songs for Walt Disney movies. Accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Nichols, she whistled "Tales from Vienna Woods," "Bird Songs at Eventide," and "I Stood Tiptoe on a Little Hill," and also sparkled several anecedotes with imitations of bird calls, including the quail, whippoorwill, mourning dove, bluejay, loon, canary, oriole, chirping sparrow, wren, chikadee, and mocking bird.

A medley of songs from the musical "Oklahoma" and "All Day on the Prairie," presented by Merwyn Dant, bass baritone, also highlighted the program.

Tables decorated by several florists from throughout the South Bay carried out a variety of motifs but were predominantly in the Christmas theme. Among those winning enthusiastic applause were a mantel festoon of Christmas greenery, bright tree ornaments, and red ribbon; a praying angel set amidst ivy; pink-tinged carnations, white candles, and silver leaves set in white stryofoam; and red roses and silver leaves intertwined with white candles.

During a social hour preceding the dinner, guests viewed displays of antique art objects as well as paintings by many of the South Bay's most famed artists.

Howard Trimmer of Hollywood Riviera served as dinner chairman, assisted by the Association president, Elyse Aehle, and Daisy Odom Geery, who also lives in Hollywood Riviera. Other local residents assisting with arrangements were Mrs. Charles Lumsden, Seaside Ranchos director; Mrs. Dale Sexton, Torrance director; Vara Grube, Hollywood Riviera director; Jan Darian, art committee; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callahan, program committee.

Judge John A. Shidler and his wife, Rosemary DeCamp of radio, TV, and movie fame, and City Attorney and Mrs. James Hall were among those glimpsed at dinner tables.