

The Social World

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BEVERLY BROWNING Betrothal Revealed

Miss Beverly Browning to Wed in June

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Browning, of 1020 Acacia Ave., this week revealed the engagement of their daughter, Beverly Jeanne, to John Richard Tippin, son of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Tippin.

A graduate of Torrance High School, Miss Browning is now a senior at the Bishop Johnson College of Nursing at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Manuel Arts High School in Los Angeles and returned about a year ago from overseas duty with the armed forces. He is now employed at Douglas Aircraft.

Date of the wedding has been set for June 12, Mrs. Browning announced.

School Teachers

Hank Bentwood Jean Lennon Wed

Hank Bentwood, eighth grade teacher at the Greenwood School, was united in marriage Saturday to Jean Lennon, reading clinician in the Long Beach Unified School District.

It was Mr. Bentwood's second marriage. His first wife passed on last year. His daughter, Claire, a senior at Torrance High School, was the soloist for the wedding, which was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Long Beach.

Miss Bentwood sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer." The bride was given away by Dr. Leo Phearman of Long Beach State College and attendants were Kenneth and Peggy Krump-holtz of Studio City.

The bride, a graduate of Iowa State University, has been with the Long Beach School District for five years. Her mother, Mrs. Marie Lennon, lives in Decorah, Iowa.

A reception in the church fellowship room followed the ceremony, which was attended by 50 people. The pair will make their home at 1313 Greenwood Ave.

New Girl Scout Troop Formed

The first cookout was held recently at a new Intermediate Girl Scout Troop organized by Mrs. Foster Kelly and sponsored by the Fern Ave. Greenwood PTA.

The 17 girls of the Troop have been taking swimming lessons from Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool in the Hermosa Biltmore pool. Girls in the new troop are Virginia Anderson, DeDe Cato, Patsy Cochran, Sue Foster, Darlene Goode, Darlene Harrison, Judy Hagan, Marie Jordan, Carol Kelly, Susie McKiernan, Myra Pitts, Sheila Thornberry. Each girl wrote her name on the material and it was then embroidered.

District PTA Convention Set Today

With "Opportunity Unlimited for Continued Achievement" as its theme, First District of California Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold its 43rd annual convention at the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach today.

Leading the nation with a membership of 325,765, elected delegates not only from all units in Torrance Council PTA but from all units in First District will convene for the purpose of electing new officers and receiving annual reports of Council presidents.

Polls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and the regular morning session, with Mrs. Walter E. Smith, president, presiding, is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Mrs. A. C. Turner of Torrance, who is financial secretary of First District, will be in charge of credentials.

PTA Mothersingers are slated to entertain during the afternoon session.

Easter Theme To Be Topic Of Fern PTA Meet

The Easter Program will be the subject of tonight's meeting of the Fern Ave. Greenwood PTA, to be held at 7:30 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. R. E. Murphy took charge of the group's last business meeting due to the absence of Mrs. C. F. Malone, president, who just gave birth to a baby boy.

Present at the business meeting were Mrs. R. E. Murphy, J. S. Gable, A. A. Krauszer, P. E. Humphrey, G. D. Arrasmith, E. W. Ingram, J. R. Patrick, G. C. Grubb, P. L. Ogle, M. A. McCabe, J. L. Hinds, K. O. Bowdoin, E. V. Hansen, C. R. Flagg, W. C. Schell, E. W. Whitcomb, A. R. Thistle, W. E. Hedrick, J. E. Radd, T. E. Garrison, William Stillwell, J. M. Stuary, D. W. Barnard, and C. I. Creelius, school principal.

The District Convention will be held today in Long Beach. A paper drive has been slated for April 30.

Child care will not be available at the meeting today. Refreshments will be served by the first and second grade mothers.

Brownies Add Four Girls

On Saturday, April 2, the Vernon Bliss home at 1225 Font hill was the setting for the investiture of four girls into the Brownie Troop No. 1739. Mrs. Bliss is the leader of the group and Mrs. Hugh Roof, co-leader.

At present girls are not sponsored but will be in the near future. After the leaders presented the pins to the girls they introduced them to the troop. The new members are Burn Allen, Judy Allen, Bonnie Barnes, and Gretchen Staff.

Sharing the spotlight with the new Brownies was Mrs. Leroy Alles, who was inducted into the group as chairman of the committee. The charter members of this Girl Scout group, as a troop project made their troop flag.

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DATE FOR DEDICATION OF WOOD SCHOOL TOLD

An open house and dedication of the new Howard Wood School will be held April 26, Robert Evans, principal, announced recently at a meeting attended by a large group of parents and teachers.

Plans got under way to start a PTA at the school and the group heard Mrs. Elmer Soper, PTA District representative, speak on the functions and policies of PTA work.

Appointed temporary chairman and temporary secretary were Mrs. Lee Polick and Mrs. Ivan Eckersley. Mrs. Polick appointed the following committees: By-laws, Mrs. Paul Grossman, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. W. L. Reich, and Evans.

Nominating committee: Mrs. Gordon Jones, Mrs. Dana Houston, Mrs. Howard Kell, Mrs. Polick and Evans.

Hospitality committee: Mrs. U. J. Tedman, Call committee: Mrs. L. Hester, Mrs. Jordan Johnson and Mrs. Ralph Engstrom.

The next meeting will be held May 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the school and election and installation of officers will be the main items of business.

Women's Club Luncheon Honors Past Presidents

A luncheon honoring past presidents was held by the Torrance Woman's Club yesterday at the Clubhouse. Mrs. G. C. VanDeventer, president, welcomed members and guests. Past presidents who were invited to attend the luncheon were Mmes. J. S. Lancaster, A. W. Johnson, H. C. Barrington, A. H. Silligo, E. A. Miles, C. B. Mitchell, R. R. Smith, Chris Jones, W. L. Laughon, S. V. Rauss, D. L. Sears, B. T. Whitney, B. W. Roberts, and A. F. R. Ewalt.

Mental Health Next Topic for 186th St. PTA

Mrs. Merrill A. Grow was to present a demonstration of flower arranging for the luncheon guests under the title "Something From Nothing," Mrs. Grow, who has taught flower arranging, was to use dry leaves and materials in her demonstration.

Mrs. VanDeventer and Mrs. Raymond Rogers, president-elect, were delegates to the recent County Convention of the CBWC in Mendota. Speakers at the convention included A. E. Thompson, of General Petroleum Corp., who spoke on "Our Indebtedness to Petroleum," and J. C. Wenger, state president, who spoke on "Federation."

Members invited to sit at the birthday table during the luncheon were Mrs. Frances Hill, Mrs. H. K. Burchfield, Mrs. H. E. Massie, Mrs. C. T. Rippey, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. K. D. Figgins, Mrs. B. Moyer, Mrs. J. R. Klink, and Mrs. Ewalt.

Each woman celebrating her birthday during the first three months of 1954 received a special gift.

A rummage sale is scheduled to be held at the clubhouse April 26 and pickup can be obtained by calling FA 8-4339. If members would like advance copies of the club cookbook, which will go on sale in May, they can be obtained by calling the same number.

Card parties have been slated to be held in the homes of members April 22 at 8 p.m., to raise money for the Torrance Dental Health Assn.

June Wedding Set For Idaho Girl, THS Graduate

A June wedding has been planned for Marjorie Jean Webb, a freshman at the College of Idaho, and Richard Carrow, Torrance High School graduate who will be graduated from the Idaho school in June.

Carrow played basketball at the college and received Northwest Conference honorable mention besides being named team captain during the '53-'54 season.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Webb of Weiser, Idaho and Carrow's parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hartley of Memphis, Tenn. His parents will journey to Idaho for the wedding, which is scheduled to be held June 10 at the First Baptist Church in Weiser.

In Torrance, Dick resides with his brother at 913 Madrid Ave. The pair will spend the summer here, after honeymooning in Yosemite. Carrow plans to accept a coaching job in Idaho next year and make his home there.

Father's Night Tonight at PTA

Tonight will be Father's Night at the monthly meeting of the Halldale Ave. School PTA, to be held at 7:30 o'clock, according to Mrs. E. E. Salcido, PTA president.

The Spring Festival, to be held on the school grounds on April 30, was discussed at the Board meeting held April 2.

Mrs. E. R. Martin, ways and means chairman, announced that a bake sale will be held following the festival.

Plans for a teacher's dinner, to be held in the near future, are being made by a committee consisting of Mrs. E. R. Martin, E. Holloway, V. Carthare and F. E. Dye.

Card Party Slated At St. Margaret Mary's

The Holy Name Society of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Lomita will sponsor a card party tonight at 8 o'clock at the school, according to Mrs. Joe Jones, press chairman.

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The rummage sale, first spring ways and means project, will be held at the Guild Hall, corner of Arlington and Marcella, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Merle Johnson, and Mrs. Maud Lock.

Doors will be open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Children and adults clothing and draperies and miscellaneous household articles, will be among items on sale.

Pitts Vacationing

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Journalist To Speak To Republican Women

Walter L. Scratch, assistant to the editor of the Hollywood Citizen News, will be guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the South Bay Republican Women tomorrow in the Neptunian clubhouse, 620 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach.

Scratch, a lecturer, author and journalist, will speak on the subject "Communism."

For many years he was Sunday editor of the Oakland Tribune and before that served for a number of years as city editor of the Honolulu-Star Bulletin. The study of philosophy has been Scratch's hobby for years due to his intense interest while studying under the late Dr. Robert Mark Wenley, past Dean of Philosophy at the University of Michigan. He has learned how dialectical materialism, upon which Communism is founded, differs from the basic principles upon which the American way of life is based. It is his belief that the method to destroy Communism is to unmask it. Once understood, Communism, he feels, is destroyed.

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Reservations for the luncheon can be made by calling Mrs. Bertha Walters at Frontier 2-2383 or Mrs. Clyde Haset at Frontier 5-4331. These, due to limited seating capacity, must be made on or before Wednesday, April 7.

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MAKING PLANS . . . Mrs. Warren Hamilton (center) chairman of the planning committee for the third annual meeting of the YWCA, shows Y-teens Sally Moore (left) of the Debs, and Marilyn Poeske, Torrettes, the historical value of an old family album while making plans for a presentation of the "Y" history—based on the "This Is Your Life" theme. Theme of the presentation at the meeting will be "This Is Your Y," and members are busy preparing a large-size album to be used as a prop. The meeting will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the YWCA. Reservations should be made for breakfast.

'This is Your YWCA' Theme of Breakfast

"Young at Ninety-Nine" will be the topic of Mrs. Louise Larson, program director of Homer Toberman Settlement House, when she speaks at the Annual Meeting Breakfast of the Torrance branch of the YWCA, to be held at the branch, 2320 Carson St., on Saturday April 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Larson has just returned from the Western Regional Conference of the YWCA held at Astorian. In addition to her settlement house work, she has served as Young Adult program director in the YWCAs of Memphis, Tenn., New Orleans, La. and Los Angeles; and executive director in the YWCAs in Shreveport, La. and Kanai, Hawaii.

"This is Your YWCA," will be the theme of the meeting with program groups in the association depicting the highlight of the year in each group.

The results of the election will also be announced. Those who are running for the nominating committee as a carry over from 1954 are Mrs. W. O. Clausen and Mrs. E. E. Clayton; one will be elected. Four will be elected for the nominating committee of the group of candidates who are: Mrs. W. M. Walmsley, Mrs. B. W. Roberts, Mrs. Darwin Parrish, Mrs. E. L. Snodgrass, Mrs. R. A. Bingham, Mrs. Paul Shinoda, Mrs. William C. Boswell, and Mrs. Floyd Miller.

'Squarejets' To Entertain At Box Social

The "Squarejets," a group of North Torrance square dancers, will entertain Saturday night, when the North Torrance Fuchsia stages an old-fashioned box social to raise funds for the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show to be held at the Civic Auditorium May 21, 22, and 23.

Fun will start at McMaster Hall, 174th and Yukon Sts., at 8 p.m. and attire for the evening will be calico and jeans, according to the press chairman, Mrs. Gerald Cunery.

In addition to square dancing and reels, there will be ballroom dancing for those not acquainted with the art of square dance, Mrs. Cunery said.

Price of admission is a box supper for two, Carl Malkow, master of ceremonies, also will auction off the lunches.

Youth Groups Slate Dance

The CYF of the First Christian Church and the MYF of the First Methodist Church of Torrance will hold a joint square dance Saturday night at the YWCA according to Carol Christ and J. Gene Walker, presidents of the respective groups.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and close at 10 p.m. Refreshments will be served free of charge.

"Through this event we are hoping to promote a greater fellowship between the two groups," the presidents said.

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