

The Social World

... for and About Women

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ADMIRING DECORATIONS . . . at the Torrance Terrace Garden Club's beautiful Christmas luncheon held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. H. P. Lisman, 1508 Post Ave., are from the left, seated, Mrs. A. R. Fiorelli, Mrs. Dean L. Sears, Mrs. O. A. Linney and Mrs. John W. Thuss. Guests sharing in the beauty are standing, from left Mrs. Ralph Russell, Mrs. H. O. Sandberg, Mrs. Hazle E. Ward, and Mrs. J. A. Eisenbrandt.

GARDEN CLUB HAS LOVELY CHRISTMAS BUFFET PARTY

Gilded magnolia leaves and brilliantly-decorated angels in pastel shades formed the centerpiece on the buffet table at the lovely Christmas party given by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club at the home of Mrs. H. P. Lisman, 1508 Post Ave., Wednesday afternoon. Party favors were individual Christmas angels. The decorations for the party were done by Mrs. A. R. Fiorelli and Mrs. J. P. Montague. Seventeen members and their guests enjoyed the delectable potluck luncheon, after which games were played under the direction of Mrs. Minot Rugg. Prizes were won by Mrs. Wilford Stevens and Mrs. J. E. Cox. Those enjoying the affair were Meses. Minot Rugg, Victor Benda, Bertha Duroy, J. E. Cox, A. R. Fiorelli, Dean Sears, O. A. Linney, John Thuss, Ralph Russell, H. C. Sandberg, Hazle E. Ward, J. A. Eisenbrandt, J. P. Montague, Laurence Derouin, Thomas McCutcheon, Wilfred Stevens, and H. P. Lisman.

Bridge Club Has Yule Party

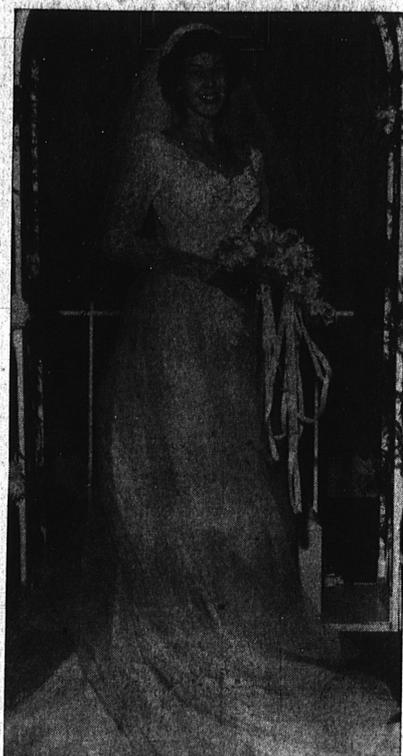
The Christmas motif was used in decorating the table when Mrs. Alice Robinson and Mrs. Albert Posner entertained their bridge club at its annual party Monday evening at the Robinson home, 1307 Arlington Ave. After the buffet supper, bridge was played. Instead of the usual gift exchange, the gaily wrapped presents were chosen according to bridge scores. Enjoying the delightful affair were: Meses. Lloyd Jones, Robert Dexter, Robert Morton, Warren Hamilton, Tony Baratta, Alan Kincannon and Jim Shidler.

WEEK-END GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears had as their houseguests last weekend Mr. Sears' brother and wife, Dr. and Mrs. George W. Sears from Reno, Nev. Dr. Sears is retired dean of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Nevada.

Society Has Christmas Tea

Women's Society of the Methodist church entertained with its annual Christmas program and tea at the church last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. J. E. McMullen, president, conducted a short business session after which the program was opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Richard Brundin. Mrs. Jack Vehri gave the devotionals, Christmas carols and the Christmas story from the gospel of St. Luke followed. A trio, composed of Mrs. Richard Brundin, Mrs. Tom Fisher, and Mrs. Allen Hofferber, sang "What Child is This." Mrs. John Taylor gave the reading "Why the Chimes Rang" and Mrs. Jack Croly sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem." As Mrs. Croly sang, members placed their gifts for the Thornburn Terrace Deaconess home, under a white Christmas tree. The program closed with the group singing "O Silent Night." Tea was then served in the church parlors from tables beautifully decorated with poinsettias and fern. Presiding at the tea tables were Mrs. J. S. McMullen and Mrs. Chelsea Shelby.



MRS. THOMAS MOTTA Beautiful Bride

Gayle Paulson - Thomas Motta Repeat Wedding Vows Dec. 4

Main chance of the Western Avenue Baptist church in Lomita was banked with baskets of white pom pom chrysanthemums and white gladioli interspersed with tall white candles for the wedding of Miss Gayle Garnet Paulson and Thomas Motta at 8 p.m. on Dec. 4. The Rev. Walter Graham officiated.

NEIGHBORS HAVE 4TH ANNUAL PARTY

Good will and neighborliness are expressed each Christmas season by the women on Falda Ave., when they staged their annual neighborhood Christmas party. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Christmas party has been given. It was held at the home of Mrs. B. Dennis, 17313 Falda Ave. Co-hostesses were Mrs. C. Enright, Mrs. Alan Schwartz, and Mrs. B. Dennis. A brilliantly lighted Christmas tree was the center of attraction and there was a gift exchange. Punch and cake were served.

Those attending the party were Meses. B. Ball, H. Epperson, J. Hodges, C. Holmes, T. Mahoney, G. Fleming, J. Eaton, I. Babbitt, D. Overhouse, R. Klour, J. Nunez, C. Stroube, B. McDougal, P. McDougal, H. Burns, M. Sterling and B. Gage.

JACK DEANS HOSTS AT BUFFET SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dean were hosts at a pizza party Sunday evening at the home of Mr. Dean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean, 2564 Torrance Blvd. The delectable Italian menu was served buffet style from a table decorated with the Christmas motif. Those enjoying the party were: Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito and children, Debbie and Vince; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Herin and son Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Comerick, and Miss Sally Speck.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dean and their two children, Jill and Joe, returned to Torrance recently from Kingsville, Tex., where Mr. Dean completed his tour of duty with the United States Navy. They are temporarily at home with Mrs. Dean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Speck, 1511 Acacia Ave.

BIRTHDAY EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, 1512 El Prado Ave., Mrs. Katherine Conter, and a Brewster Arms, spent last Saturday evening dinner-dancing at the new Surfside Restaurant in Pasadena. The incentive for the party was the birthday of Mr. Melville.

TOMMY THOMSEN MARKS BIRTHDAY

Fox Hills Riding Academy in Inglewood was the scene of a party last Saturday afternoon, when Tommy Thomsen was honored on his seventh birthday. Horseback riding was the highlight of the festivities, followed with refreshments served at the home of Tommy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomsen, 1447 El Prado Ave. Decorations and the refreshments emphasized the Christmas motif. Guests helping Tommy celebrate were: Margo Melville, Gall Rydge, Judy Ness, Anna Beth Blount, Franklin Blount, Jimmy Ulrich, and Cathy Thomsen.

WINTERING HERE

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Parker and sons, 2110 Normandie Ave., have as their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Snedden, of Spokane, Wash. Mr. Snedden is a retired Federal Meat Inspector having completed over 40 years in the federal service. This is their first winter in California.

Guild Elects Officers at Yule Party

St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church held its annual Christmas party and election of officers at the home of Mrs. Dean Sears, 1605 Post Ave. Christmas decorations were used on the table from which a buffet supper was served. New officers elected during a business session were: Mrs. R. S. Sleeth, president; Mrs. D. A. Murphy, vice-president; and Mrs. Dean Sears, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Alma Smith, retiring president, was presented with a gift from the guild. Installation of the new officers was conducted by Mrs. Alan Moore, president of the Women's auxiliary of the church. After the installation, bridge was played, with the prize going to Mrs. James Wilkes. Attending the affair were Meses. H. W. Brady, L. P. Barber, Edward Dalton, Ralph Davis, Louis Deinger, A. C. Golden, Sidney Hopkins, John Miller, D. A. Murphy, Benjamin Roberts, F. W. Sandstrom, Mae Sherfy, J. W. Siegfried, Robert Sleeth, James Wilkes, Alan Moore, Alma Smith, and the hostess, Mrs. Sears.

Kendall Home Party Scene

The Pot-Luck group, which meets once a month, was entertained at a beautiful Christmas party Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Kendall, 503 Calle Mayor, Hollywood Riviera. The party was held in the recently completed playroom which was decorated with a huge brilliantly decorated tree. The buffet table was adorned with a red and silver centerpiece and places were marked with cleverly handmade angels. A gift exchange followed the supper. Attending the party were: Meses. and Mrs. William McRoberts, Otis Willett, Benjamin Roberts, Gilbert Derouin, Mrs. Laura Felker and the hosts.

TEXAS GUESTS

Arriving from Houston, Tex. to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thomas and children, Gail, Robin, Janice and Edward, are Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Goring and daughter Donna. Mrs. Goring is a sister of Mrs. Thomas.

IN CALIENTE

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Rogers, 1731 Fern Ave., spent the last week-end in Caliente, Baja California. Mrs. Rogers, who recently underwent major surgery, is reported recuperating nicely.



DIRECTING CLUB AFFAIRS . . . are these members of the outgoing and incoming committees of the Triple T Dance Club, one of Torrance's oldest social clubs. They are, from the left, seated, Mrs. Delbert Thomsen, Mrs. R. A. Bauman, Dr. R. A. Bauman, Mrs. Robert Lewellen, Mrs. Albert Ewalt, and Mrs. Lester King. Standing, from left, are Lester King, Mrs. James Stavert, Albert Ewalt, Robert Lewellen. Committee members not pictured are Delbert Thomsen, James Stavert and Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Bingham.

Betrothal Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sandstrom, 2042 W. 288th St., Torrance, are this week announcing the engagement of their daughter, Carlene Louise, to Joseph Mooneyham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mooneyham, 1509 Ravenna Ave., Wilmington. The bride-elect is a junior at the Torrance High School. The bridegroom-to-be attended the local high and is now employed by a Los Angeles firm. The wedding is being planned for July, 1956.



PRISCILLA BENNETT January Bride

Priscilla Bennett's Troth To D. D. Zander Is Announced

An announcement of wide interest came this week when Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Bennett, 2926 Opal Ave., revealed the engagement of their daughter, Priscilla Jane, to Darrell Dean Zander, son of E. H. Zander of Long Beach. The bride-elect was graduated from Torrance High school in the class of 1954. She was popular on campus being a member of Tartar Ladies, dramatic club and the school paper staff. At present she is employed in the design and planning department at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

CO-HOSTESSES AT CLUB PARTY

Mrs. R. R. Dexter and Mrs. Charles Rippey Jr. were co-hostesses at the Christmas party for their bridge club at the Rippey home, 1727 Fern Ave. The rooms were prettily decorated in the Christmas theme. Gifts were then drawn according to bridge scores, after which refreshments were served.

Present for the party with the hostesses were: Meses. Lou Stelmar, J. H. Hull, William Christian, Lloyd Jones, John Kemp, Douglas Baldwin, and J. W. Day.

EASTERN HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Christian and children, Jimmy and Janet, of 1012 Sierra Place, will leave Dec. 17 for Connersville, Ind., where they will be the guests of Mrs. Christian's parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Grant and C. Ellis Grant. The family will return to California about Jan. 7.

Doing for Others is Theory For a Long and Happy Life

Doing for others, which of course, highlights leading a good Christian life, is the theory for a long and happy life, passed out by Mrs. Eva Paxton, 716 Amapola, who celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday last Saturday. Mrs. Paxton enjoyed to the fullest a surprise birthday party given by her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Paxton at their home, 1301 Crenshaw Blvd.

For the occasion the home was beautifully decorated with poinsettias and chrysanthemums. A large number of friends called to bring felicitations on the happy occasion. United Presbyterian church and the other in the Methodist church. During the receiving hours, from 2 until 4 p.m., guests were served a large decorated birthday cake and coffee. A great-granddaughter, Miss Helen Smith presided at the guest book. Grandchildren who brought good wishes to their grandmother on her birthday were: Mrs. Gordon F. Smith of Torrance; Mrs. James R. Paxton of Wilmington; Mrs. Raymond Paxton, Los Angeles; Mrs. John Glowacz, Sandra Paxton, Jeanne Paxton, Gardena; and Wilson B. Paxton, of Torrance.

"I'm kept busy these days," said the octogenarian, "you see I piece quilt tops and quilt quilts for all of my grandchildren."

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