



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD HOOK ... exchanging vows

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS WEDDING UNITES MURIEL ANNE GATELY, RICHARD HOOK

Wearing a traditional wedding gown of candlelight satin, Miss Muriel Anne Gately, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Gately, 22035 Vermont Ave., walked down the aisle of the Nativity Catholic church to become the bride of Richard Edward Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hook of Los Angeles.

Her gown was fashioned on princess lines with a cathedral train. The bridal veil of illusion fell from a pointed crown of sequins and seed pearls. Completing the bridal picture was a bouquet of tuberose and glomelia. Mr. Gately escorted his daughter to the altar.

Heading the bridal entourage was Miss Susan Gately, sister of the bride, who served as maid of honor. She wore a mint green ballerina length gown of velvet and carried a shower bouquet of yellow roses. Her headpiece was of green velvet sprinkled with copper sequins. Bridesmaids were Miss Jo Ann Benard, and Miss Judy Anderson. Their gowns were of cinnamon velvet and they carried colonial bouquets of yellow roses and wore matching cinnamon velvet headpieces.

The bride and her father were met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man Bob Decker. The Rev. Patrick J. McGuinness officiated at the vow exchange which took place before the main altar banked with poinsettias and white chrysanthemums. The bride's brothers, Frank and Al Gately, served at the mass. Miss Pat Green at the organ played the wedding marches and accompanied Frank Algarne who sang traditional wedding songs.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY FARRAR ... cutting the cake

Yule Festivities Abound In Various Torrance Homes During Christmas Week-end

Sparked with good cheer and yule fellowship many Torrance people opened their homes during the Christmas week-end when old friends gathered to celebrate the most festive holiday of the year. Numerous gala social events, brunches, open houses, cocktail parties and buffets highlighted the social calendar for Torrance residents' holiday schedule.

OPEN HOUSE

The holiday welcome was on the mat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton, 1215 Cranbrook Ave., when doors were thrown open to a large number of guests for an open house on Sunday.

An old-fashioned Christmas tree, brought from Lake Tahoe by the hostess' uncle was the center of attraction. The tree was decorated in paper chains, and old-fashioned paper dolls.

A beautiful fruit ring adorned the handsome punch bowl and other holiday delicacies were served from the decorated table.

Guests enjoying the Clayton's hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ragsdale, of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mewborn, of Seaside Ranchos; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trevis of Mesa, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth, of Walteria; and Mrs. William S. Parsons, Angus McVicar, Jack Clayton, L. A. McCoy, J. R. Klink, Jr., C. A. Woodcock, E. C. Winklebauer, W. C. Boswell, Jr., Mark McIlvaine, J. H. Allgood, Floyd Devore, Calvin Blakley, Von Bergen, and J. P. Montague.

HOLIDAY BUFFET

Good, cheer and holiday gaiety prevailed at the delightful Christmas buffet supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. David Hurford Sunday evening at the Doyle home, 23123 Doris Way.

The buffet table was elaborately decorated in Christmas arrangements. Sharing the holiday delicacies were Messrs. Alex Hunt, Robert Wilson, Pierce Venable, Fred Buxton, Paul Roetter, Charlton Mewborn, and Mr. Harvey Spelman.

FAMILY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Miles, of 2303 Andree Ave., entertained with a family dinner Christmas day. Among the many from Torrance and out-of-town guests were Mrs. James W. Williams and son, Roger, and Mrs. Harry Williams, who are visiting here from Jacksonville, Fla.

Others enjoying the day were Mrs. Miles' mother, Mrs. Della Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Adams and son, Larry, of Hermosa Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hutcheron and children Jean, Jim and John of La Habra; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker and children, Bill and Beverly, of Rolling Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miles and children, Bobby, Christy and Tommy; Mrs. Eva Whitney and Beverly Whitney, all of Torrance.

Bacon-Farrar Wedding Lovely Event of Saturday, Dec. 18

The names of two prominent families of this area were linked in marriage Saturday evening, Dec. 18 at 8 o'clock in the Lomita Presbyterian church when Miss Myrna Bacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bacon, 24713 Cypress St., Lomita, plighted her marriage vows with Jerry Ray Farrar, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Nichols, 1730 Arlington Ave., Torrance.

Rev. Eldon Durham officiated at the candlelight wedding ceremony which took place before the altar decorated with white blossoms. As the three hundred wedding guests gathered to witness the ceremony, a prelude of organ music was provided. During the wedding Lee Hughes sang "Because You're Mine," "Whither Thou Goest" and the "Lord's Prayer."

Mr. Bacon escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a traditional white wedding gown of Chantilly lace over satin. Her fingertip veil fell from a seed pearl tiara and she carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis encircled with tiny pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Norma Farrar served as matron of honor. She wore pink faille and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Bridesmaids were Misses Darlene Houston, Darlene Slon, Glenda Wells and Roxann Johnson. They wore identical gowns of pink faille and carried cascade bouquets of pink carnations.

Jim Farrar served as his brother's best man. Ushers were Jerry Nesely, Tom Robins, Bob Hopkins, and Don Brown.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the church where Miss Jeannette Pearson was in charge of the guest book. A honeymoon is being spent at Big Bear and the new home will be established on 248th St., Lomita.

Mrs. Farrar was secretary of the T.Y.E. and a member of the Girls Athletic Assn. at Narbonne High School. The bridegroom was student body president at the local high school, a member of Tartar Knights and was active in football, basketball and tennis.

GREET FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Moss chose the holiday season for the first party to be given in their beautiful new home, 416 Calle de Castellana. The affair was a festive open-house Sunday afternoon. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Champagne punch was served from a handsome silver punch bowl flanked with tall Christmas bundles in silver holders. Adding to the holiday decor were arrangements of colorful delicacies. Bidden to the lovely party were: Messrs. and Mrs. Charlton Mewborn, Alex Hunt, David Hurford, all of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCurdy and Richard Moss, of Palos Verdes; Messrs. and Mrs. Roy Nash, Eugene Byrd, William Jacob, Chet Weidlo, Don Montooth, Richard Blakley and Dr. Leonard Mortimer of Hollywood Riviera; Mr. and Mrs. Fay Goetz, of Lakewood, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Grothenhus of Long Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sewart, Steel Wolkyns and Evangeline Holly of Los Angeles; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taxon of Redondo Beach.

CHRISTMAS EVE

'Twas the night before Christmas that Mr. and Mrs. William Parsons put on the Yule log, gaily decorated their home at 1225 Cranbrook and stood at the door to receive a large number of guests at an open house. Invited to join the Parsons in Yule friendliness were: Mrs. Frances Clark, mother of Mrs. Parsons; Mrs. B. Warner of Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hodge of Lomita; Dr. and Mrs. Alden Smith of Rolling Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brunner and daughter, Jerry; Dr. and Mrs. Carl Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark, Rolling Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donke, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steppy, and Messrs. and Mrs. Kenneth Nagel, Bob Haggard and Herb Allgood of Manhattan Beach.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS

A tape recording of Christmas greetings from friends in New York highlighted the holiday party given by Mrs. R. D. Smith and Mrs. Lois Christensen at the latter's home, 448 Via los Miradores Sunday afternoon. More than 150 local and out-of-town guests attended the open house.

A large white Christmas tree decorated the living room. A buffet of Christmas delicacies was served from a table covered with a blue linen cloth and centered with a miniature silver tree flanked with blue candles. A handsome crystal punch bowl was at one end of the table and a silver chafing dish at the other.

During the party a tape recording was made to be returned to New York by the Long Island New York friends here for the holidays.

Dr., Mrs. Cook Return from Jamaica Trip

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook, of 2703 Arlington Ave., returned to Torrance in time for Christmas at home after a month's trip to Florida, Jamaica, Havana and New Orleans.

The couple flew to Miami, where they attended the American Medical Assn. convention which was in session there from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3. They then went by plane to Jamaica, where they attended the convention of the British Medical Assn. which was held in Kingston, Jamaica. After the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Cook attended the reception given for all delegates at the Myrtle Hotel. Honor guests at the reception were the Governor of Jamaica and his wife, Sir Hugh and Lady Poote.

The Torrance residents then spent sometime in Havana before flying to New Orleans, where they remained for several days sightseeing before returning to California.

TREE TOPS GLISTEN ... CHILDREN LISTEN

And dreams do come true ... their dream of a White Christmas came true for the four daughters of Judge and Mrs. John Shidler, 317 Camino de las Colinas, Hollywood Riviera.

Their first train trip and a white Christmas all rolled into one as Mr. and Mrs. Shidler, and Margaret, Martha, Valerie and Nita Lou boarded a train at the Union Station early Christmas morn for a trip to the Grand Canyon. They not only marveled at the wonders of the canyon but enjoyed Christmas festivities at the beautiful El Tovar Lodge, located on the canyon rim ... and there were sleigh bells in the snow.

SEARS HOME SCENE OF FESTIVITIES

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears, 1685 Post Ave., was the scene of a round of festivities during the Christmas week-end. On Christmas Day their dinner guests were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Treise and children, Leslie Ann and Barry of Mesa, Arizona; and two other daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clink, Jr. and sons, Robert and Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clayton and son, Richard, all of Torrance.

On Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Dean were hosts at a breakfast at which they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hukisson of Banning and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sues of Los Angeles.



MISS LYNN LORENZ ... future bride

Engagement of Wide Interest

An engagement announcement that will be of interest to their wide circle of friends is that of two popular Torrance high school graduates, Miss Lynn Lorenz and Lee Mortenson. The future bride was presented with a diamond engagement ring at a family party on Christmas Eve.

Miss Lorenz, who makes her home in Torrance, is the daughter of Mrs. Louise Frazier, 11848 New Hampshire, Los Angeles. She was graduated from the local high school in the class of 1954, and was song leader, Tartar Lady Queen, and won the Lions club scholarship as the most outstanding senior girl. She is now attending Long Beach state college where she is a Tri Delta sorority pledge.

The benedict-elect, son of Mrs. Mae Wright, 1314 Portola Ave., was an outstanding high school athlete, having participated in basketball, football, and track. He was president of the student body and was a Tartar Knight Captain. Mr. Mortenson also won the Lion's club scholarship as the most outstanding senior boy. At present, he is attending El Camino college and plans to enter the UCLA college of engineers next year.

The young couple has not disclosed their wedding plans.

Wedding Bells on Yule Tree Reveal Couple's Betrothal

The engagement of Miss Barbara Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jackson of 114 Vista del Mar, Hollywood Riviera, formerly of Torrance and George Machado Jr., of Hermosa Beach, son of George Machado of Santa Barbara was disclosed to a number of relatives and friends attending a party at the home of the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. James Skidler, 23053 Doris Way. The romantic news was revealed to guests upon their arrival by white wedding bells adorning a green Christmas tree. The names of the engaged couple, in gold lettering, were on white satin streamers attached to the tree. Refreshments were served from a table decorated with red and white carnations with touches of gold forming the centerpiece.

Miss Jackson, whose family has long been identified with the civic and cultural development of Torrance, is a graduate of the Torrance High School. She will be graduated from Willamette University, Salem, Ore. in June, with a degree in journalism. At the university, she is president of the Phi Beta Kappa, Delta, honorary, and Beta Alpha Gamma, honorary sophomore sorority. In her freshman year she was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary, and Beta Alpha Gamma, honorary sophomore sorority. Mr. Machado was graduated from UC, Santa Barbara campus, with a degree in mathematics. He is a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity and is now employed as a lineaman at the Douglas Aircraft Co. June 24, which is the 24th wedding anniversary of the bride-elect's parents, has been set by the young couple as their wedding day.

Woman's Club to Open Year With Program Meeting Jan. 5

Torrance Woman's club will meet Jan. 5 at 1 p.m. at the club house for a business meeting to be conducted by Mrs. Ray Rogers, president. At this time the new members list to be given Jan. 25 will be discussed.

After the business session, a vocal duo: Heinz Blankenburg, baritone and Irene Cummings, soprano, will entertain. Mrs. R. Bingham is chairman and Mrs. J. Burehett is co-chairman for the meeting. Assisting will be Misses: J. G. Arnold, Leonard Atwood, Lolly Ahrens, Glenn Babcock, George Baer, J. C. Barrington, McCune Beale, V. D. Bonard, F. M. Betts, T. J. Beidch, R. F. Bishop, G. P. Boss, W. C. Boswell, Hugh Bowman, H. K. Burchfield, Henry Burke, Bron-

son Buxton, W. E. Christian, Frances Clark, W. O. Clauson, E. E. Clayton, W. A. Clinkscales, C. E. Cook. Mrs. A. E. Palmer, philanthropic chairman, has announced that the club provided furniture for several families, clothing for three families, toys for forty children, and six baskets of food for needy families as their Christmas charity work.

PHOENIX GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Carl Osterlund, 2813 Sonoma, entertained as their Christmas guests: Mr. R. F. Bishop, G. P. Boss, W. C. Boswell, Hugh Bowman, H. K. Burchfield, Henry Burke, Bron-

MISS BARBARA JACKSON ... to be June Bride

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