

Three Torrance Couples on Two-month Trailer Caravan Tour of Old Mexico

Joining in the 500 trailer caravan for a two month tour of Mexico are three Torrance couples, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Fossum, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones. The twenty mile line of trailers is routed through the interior of Mexico which gives the tourists an inside story on life in Mexico as well as the thrill of scenic beauty.

In a letter received from Mrs. Fossum this week, she gives an interesting account of the trip thus far:

Mazatlan, Mexico
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Hola Amigos:
It would take pages to tell you all the fun we have had and all the funny things that have happened—so just a few highlights.
I could start just about every day with "Rain Today" but no one seems to mind. We are all out for a good time, rain or shine.

We left Jan. 3 and arrived in Nogales in rain and hail, and the nights were 10 degrees. I had to buy a hot water bag to keep my feet warm. The clerk showed me one for 38 pesos or \$3.00. I only wanted a cheap one so he brought out one for 29 pesos which he said was a good bargain because it had everything. So even though I might not need everything, how could I resist a bargain.

Every town has welcomed us with open arms, they have had their governors and city officials out at each camp, they have had dances and fiestas. They line the highway for miles all waving and calling "Allo" and they swarm the camps by the thousands, all wanting to see inside the trailers. They feel the beds and look in the closets and giggle and say "nice" "Gracias."

We try to talk to them and they try to teach us but we are just a big circus to them. If we don't get fat on this trip, it isn't because we haven't laughed. Everything seems to happen to Jack, he caught cold in Nogales and yesterday sprained in a chuck hole and sprained his ankle.
We have a great time trying to make ourselves understood, but we are learning fast. One of our group wanted some eggs, so he waved his arms and cackled. The shop keeper smiled and brought him a chicken. He shook his head and cackled again and the Mexican said "You want muscock?"
We planned to stay one day in Culcan but it rained and rained. The rivers overflowed and the bridges were washed out so we stayed four days and even though we were in the mud so deep we couldn't move our trailers. We had fun. The town opened its casino and we played cards, had square dances and every evening there had a dance and floor show for us and in the rain we roamed through their strange little shops.
There are over 500 trailers so the town was swarming with

"caravaners." We all wear blue berets and all over the streets you hear "Allo."
This morning we were told we could start for Mazatlan. We got about 30 miles to the first river, Rio Lorenzo and the bridge was caved in. The Mexicans are working like beavers, hauling rocks and sand in wheelbarrows. So here we all are, 20 miles of trailers line the highway.
There are about 100 trucks and cars on the other side of the bridge, some of them have been there for five days. They have bought a cow, chickens and a pig for a barbecue so I suppose they have all had something to eat.
There is a little grass shack store by the bridge and Dr. and I walked over for an orange crush. The floor was muddy and pigs and chickens running about. A little girl came in with a pan of corn, dumped it at our feet and over came the joyed my orange crush to the tune of the grunting pig. The little girls are all dressed but the boys wear nature suits.
It may sound as though we are having tough luck, we have never "had so much fun."

Adios.



TOY DAY HELD . . . The second grade class of Meadow Park School, taught by Mrs. Tridean Cox, held a toy day at which each child brought a favorite toy that he or she received for Christmas. This gave each child a chance to talk before the class and demonstrate the toy, a part of their social studies work. Pictured are, from left, Donna Williams, Candace Jones, Esulema Cortez, Roberta Gartland, Rose Mary Ledbetter, Judy Brenden, Paulynne Wetter, Lynne Shelgrove and Lyndi Snelgrove.

THE STORK STORY

A trio of sons makes up the family register for Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kibbey of Wilmington, with the arrival of Timothy John, The 7 lb. 9 oz. youngster is being greeted by brothers Kenneth Neil 5, and James Andrew 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Kibbey of Blanchester, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Eads of Bremen, O.

Gregory Michael makes the third child for Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bartley of Paramount, Calif. The 9 lb. 5 oz. boy arrived Jan. 10 at 1:10 a.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Grandmothers are Mrs. Mary L. Smith of Missoula and Mrs. Lela Bartley of Indianapolis, Ind.

A daughter named Helen Louise is the first child for Mr. and Mrs. William T. Curry of 3831 Emerald St., Torrance. The little lady put in her first appearance on Jan. 10 at 5:56 and weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. She will be known as granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Burton of Andrew St., Torrance, and Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Neumann of Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Waller of 21915 S. Grace St. welcomed their second child in the person of Diana Marie, who arrived at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 9, at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. She will join brother Joseph William at home. The 6 lb. 10 oz. miss will later make the acquaintance of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Waller of Clairton, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. S. Peeh of New York.

Diane Christine, 4 1/2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Person of 1552 W. 219th St., has a new sister by the name of Janet Lynn who joined the family on Jan. 9 at 2:07 a.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. She tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Mrs. Agnes Johnson of Torrance, and Mrs. Charles L. Wells also of Torrance.

Suzan Marie is the newest member of the family for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Kyer of Gardena. Torrance Memorial Hospital was the scene of her arrival, which took place at 10:41 p.m. Jan. 9. The 6 lb. 1 1/2 oz. baby will be greeted at home by sister Ellen Evelyn,

age 7. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Laslo.
Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Sooner of Redondo Beach welcomed their second child, Kathy Ellen, who put in her 8 lb. appearance Jan. 10 at 2:53 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gilbert of Redondo Beach and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Spooner of Rockford, Ill.

Carol Jean is the new addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lewis of 1549 Plaza del Amo. She made her 7 lb. 9 1/2 oz. appearance on Jan. 10 at 4:55 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Upon her arrival at home she will be entertained by brother, Ronald Murray and Barbara Ann, sister. More attention will be given her from grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Al del Palacio of San Francisco, and Mrs. Amanda Lewis of Costa Mesa.

David Parker Jenkie has a new baby sister in the person of Adrienne Susan, who made her appearance at 11:40 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Her birth weight was 7 lbs. 2 1/2 oz. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Jenkie of 128 Via Segó, Redondo Beach. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jenkie and Mrs. E. A. Jenkie are Ashley S. Parker and Mrs. Floyd E. Gerow.

Lynette Lorraine Morissette will join two brothers and three sisters at the family home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morissette of 1108 Stanford St., Redondo Beach. She was born Jan. 13 at 10:15 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Martinich of Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morissette, also of Oregon.

A new daughter has joined the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bryant of 24 E. 232nd Pl., Wilmington. Leesa Noel was born Jan. 15 at 5:22 and weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. She has a sister, Joan Mae and a brother, Ronald Lee. She is granddaughter to Mrs. Bettie Michael of Torrance, Mr. Frank Bryant of Hawesville, Ky.

The second child for Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cheek of 18709 Febur Ave., Torrance is a 7 lb. 8 1/2 oz. daughter named Reda,

ana Janeise. The little miss will celebrate Jan. 16 as her birthday. Her arrival was timed at 12:28 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. She will call Mrs. Eunice McCann of Torrance, grandmother.
Seven pound, 1 oz. Sonya Lynn greeted her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Roberts of 23001 Kathryn Ave., Torrance upon her arrival Jan. 17 at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. At home she will join sister Sherry Lee, 3 and brother Danny Warren, 4. Wisconsin grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Walder.

First child for Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ristine of Long Beach is a son born Jan. 15 at 8:23 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 6 lb. 14 oz. junior will hear his father's name, Lawrence Francis. New grandparents are Mrs. Mabel Ristine of Camden, N. J. and H. S. Burtis of Seattle, Wash.

Carolyn Jean Ashworth, age 3, is busy these days making the acquaintance of a new baby sister, Marcia Jane, who put in an appearance Jan. 17 at 9:29 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital and weighed 8 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack V. Ashworth of 4807 Louise Ave., Torrance. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green of Reno, Nev. are the grandparents.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William McGhee of 2071 Middlebrook Rd., Torrance on Jan. 18 at 2:05 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 8 lb. 2 oz. arrival has a sister, Catherine, 16 months. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. McMechan of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. McGhee of Glasgow, Scotland.

Twin daughters arrived Jan. 20 at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Michael Allan, age 2 1/2 years, of 18814 Ilton Pl. Melinda Bee arrived at 4:47 a.m. shortly after her sister, Marla Ann, who made an appearance at 4:39 a.m. They will be a double attraction for brother Michael Allan, age 2 1/2 years, who will welcome them at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bateman of Lynchburg, Oh., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lyons of Hillsboro, O.

P T A Activities

Madrona

Girl Scout troop 1293 presented the flag and posted colors opening the meeting of the Madrona PTA Wednesday evening, Jan. 19. Mrs. William Crooker, president, was in charge of the meeting.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Georgia Kohlman was introduced by Mrs. Maurice Hattrem. Her topic was "Maturity, What Is It?" The Madrona orchestra under the direction of A. C. Andrews entertained with four musical numbers. This group is making plans to appear in the District Orchestra Day to be held in Torrance soon.

Girl Scout cookies and coffee were served at the close of the meeting. Attendance prizes went to the rooms of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Mason. Girls of Scout Troop 1293 baby sit during the PTA meetings.

Mothers of the Madrona PTA will participate in the March of Dimes drive this evening.

Council

Election for the council nominating committee was held at the last Torrance Council PTA Board meeting. Those chosen by the board were Mrs. William Crooker and Mrs. A. C. Turner, with Mrs. G. Runsted as alternate. These members will meet with delegates selected from each PTA unit to nominate those names that will appear on the ballot for next year's council officers.

The honorary life membership committee with Mrs. A. McKenzie serving as chairman; Mrs. J. L. Hinds, Mrs. E. W. Ingram, and Mrs. R. F. Moffitt as her committee presented four names before the council to be voted upon to select the outstanding individual in this community who will be the recipient of the honorary life award. This is the most honored achievement that the PTA presents to a particular person who has devoted much time to the development of improved life in the area.

The money that is paid to the California Congress of Parents and Teachers for the life membership is in turn set aside as a fellowship fund for scholarships to be used by prospective teachers and others who will be active in furthering youth development.

HOWARD WOOD

Executive board of Howard Wood Elementary School PTA met Thursday evening at 7 o'clock Jan. 27 at the home of Mrs. C. Hawley, 2429 W. 235th St. At this meeting, plans were made for the Founders Day program slated for Thursday evening, Feb. 3 at the Howard Wood Elementary School.

The recent paper drive netted the sum of \$68, which will be added to the PTA treasury. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kell were the chairmen in charge of the successful paper drive. Winners at the school were Mrs. Armstrong's class and Mrs. Pelland's third grade class.

DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banks were entertained with dinner recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Olin in Manhattan Beach.

Halldale

Presentation of honorary life membership by the Halldale Ave. School PTA at its February Founders Day meeting, Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the school was discussed when Mrs. E. R. Martin, honorary life membership chairman, met with her committee recently.

On the committee with Mrs. Martin are Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principals, Mrs. Walter Schwass, Mrs. Bill Overstreet, and Mrs. W. L. Harvey.

Riviera

Riviera housewives were called from their Tuesday morning chores to attend a PTA kidnap breakfast held at the school in locations in Hollywood Riviera Jan. 25 at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. D. O. Robbins, ways and means chairman, stated that the purpose of the "come-as-you-are" breakfast was to help members of the PTA to become better acquainted as well as to aid the ways and means fund.
Hostesses opening their homes for the breakfast were Mrs. Lee Kendall, Marvlin Sims, John Walt, Raymond Hole, Arthur Linnemeyer and Thorsten Burman.

Methodist Circles to Meet

Dates and places have been set for the February circle meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist church, 1551 El Prado. Activities include a rummage sale on Feb. 18 and observance of a World Day of Prayer Feb. 25.
Esther, Rebecca and Naomi circles will meet tomorrow. The Esther group will gather at the church at noon for a pot luck luncheon.
Mrs. Harry Grey will be hostess to the Rebecca circle at 7:30 p.m. at her 1583 W. 211th St. home, while the Naomi group will meet at 8 p.m. with Mrs. A. U. Turner, 3350 Torrance Blvd.

Ruth circle will meet Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for a dessert luncheon with Mrs. William Peterson, 22231 S. Vermont. Wednesday evening the Deborah members will meet at the home of Mrs. D. Schroeder, 17026 Falda Ave.
The Priscilla and Miriam circles will meet Thursday at 10 and 10:30 respectively at the home of Mrs. L. D. Blakely, 2111 La Sa and Mrs. O. Brown, 1017 W. Maple.

Pot luck luncheons will be served on Thursday at 12:30 to the Martha and Sara circles. The Marthas will meet in the church dining room and the Sara members at the home of Mrs. A. E. Palmer, 1510 W. 214th St.

The society's president, Mrs. J. S. McMullen will be hostess to the Rachel circle, Feb. 8 at 7:45 p.m. at her 1734 Watson Ave. home.
The same evening, Mrs. Paul Slyd will entertain the Mary circle in her home at 2551 Leserman Ave.

May Dedication Planned For New Church Sanctuary

Tentative plans for May are being made regarding formal dedication ceremonies of the new main sanctuary building of the Nazarene Church which has been under construction since last Sept. 1.
The Rev. Freeman A. Brunson, pastor, revealed that requests have been made for the first baptism in the new edifice as well as the first marriage. The two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Sears North Torrance will be the first baptism listed on the new church record book, and Donald Kenner and Hannelore Mendez is to be the first marriage.
Work on the almost completed church has been done by members of the congregation, who have donated their services. Exterior of the edifice is of Colonial design, with the interior featuring open laminated beams. Choir section and pulpit are of Philippine mahogany. Nursery, choir rooms and pastor's study complete the layout of the new church building.

Members of the Missionary Society met at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Ellen Hall, W. 215th St. Dedication will be given by Mrs. Lola Baldwin while Mrs. Grace Ashley will give a report on missionary work. Mrs. Janice Howell will present a book report on India.

RESORT WEEK-END
Mrs. Laura Felker and daughter Andrea, and Mr. and Mrs. John Ricci and children, Johnny and Sharon, spent the weekend at Lake Arrowhead enjoying the snow.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON
Betsy Ross club will serve a merchant's lunch to the public on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave. Mrs. Frances Reiser is chairman of the benefit.

BALDY TRIP
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Callahan and daughter, Vicki Lin, of 8245 Bindewald, accompanied by Mrs. Callahan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Price, of Lawndale, spent last Saturday at Mt. Baldy enjoying the snow.

VISIT DAUGHTER
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, 3480 Del Amo, drove to Newhall last Monday and spent the day with their daughter and her husband; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Angel.



AT KIDNAP BREAKFAST . . . staged by the Riviera PTA are, from left, Mrs. Carlton Paul, Mrs. James Hall, Mrs. D. C. Robbins, ways and means chairman, and Mrs. Lee Kendall. Six homes were thrown open for the come-as-you-are breakfast for the purpose of getting acquainted and raising money for the ways and means fund.

Parents Elect Officers

Election of officers was held at the pot luck dinner meeting Monday night of the Parent Education class of the Adult Education department. At this meeting held in the high school auditorium, Mrs. Don West was elected president. Serving with her will be Mrs. Richard O'Brien, vice-president; Mrs. Duane Crooker, secretary; and Mrs. Don Hughes, treasurer.

Chairmanships were assigned by Mrs. Galen Truesdell, membership; Mrs. Thalia Bolter, publicity; Mrs. Ann McLean, scheduling; Mrs. Jean Foley, purchasing; Mrs. Sarah Bigelow, education; and Norm Laverty, father's work.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Vivian Laverty, outgoing president. A film on "Four and Five Year Olds" was shown and a discussion was held by Mrs. Virginia Foyle, nursery school director.
The Adult group is planning an exhibit of some of the children's paintings and their own reading material at the open house to be held at the high school cafeteria Friday evening, Feb. 4 from 7:30 to 10.

Circles Meet Thursday

A Valentine theme will be used in table decorations for the luncheon meeting of Circle 2 of Wayside Chapel to be held at the home of Mrs. Florence Broad, 25834 Appin Way, Thursday.
Other 12:30 circle meetings for Thursday will be Circle 1 at the home of Mrs. Nora Christensen, 1520 W. 257 St., Harbor City; Circle 3 at the home of Mrs. Elsie Schmidt, 1839 W. 254th St. Circle 4 at the home of Mrs. Edith Marriot, 2306 W. 255th St. Circle 7 with Mrs. Hazel Walker, 26004 Narbonne Ave. and Circle 8 at the home of Mrs. Helen Scott, 1750 W. 252nd St.

Night meetings for Circles 5 and 6 will be held at the homes of Mrs. Gloria Crokrey, 26232 Alta Vista, Harbor City and Mrs. D. Wilson of 1031 W. 227th St., Torrance. Mrs. Crokrey's meeting will begin at 8 o'clock while Mrs. Wilson's meeting will convene at 7:30.

VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Faye Parks have returned from a week's vacation spent in Las Vegas. They also visited with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Butler at Henderson.

SCOUT TRAILS

Twenty boys of Kiwanis Boy Scout Troop 218, in full uniform attended the preball game at the Coliseum Sunday, Jan. 16. Transportation was furnished by Scoutmaster Mike R. Gurrola and F. J. McCarthy, Delbert White, and Peter Colombo.

Roller skating was enjoyed by the girls of Troop 711 last Saturday. A cub scout den was also present. The fifteen girls were accompanied by Mrs. Doroth Green and Babs Cage.

Public relations luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. Earl Breat when the Girl Scout Cooke sale was discussed. Public relations chairman and cookie sale chairman from each district attending were: Mmes. Mabel Crossman, H. A. Campbell, W. Walton, Earl Brest, Gerald Grubb, Charles Veitel, Elaine Albee, Frances Joat and Eva Williams.

Pledge of allegiance opened the January meeting of the North Torrance Girl Scout meeting, Monday evening. The field representative for the Harbor district, Mrs. Audrie Rowitscher was introduced.

The trip to girl scout camp in Glendore was discussed. This trip will be made Feb. 12 by two or three girls from each troop. Miss Pat Steele was elected secretary. Mrs. Earl Brest talked on Tri-Hi troops and their importance to girls of that age group.

Mrs. Carl Davis was nominated as day camp chairman and Miss Pat Steele was appointed day camp director. Any person interested in helping at the day camp is asked to call Mrs. Carl Davis.

Mrs. Elmer Bechsel presided at the meeting.
In the traditional Brownie ceremony the girls of Troop 580 will be invested into Scouting on Friday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Howard Wood School. The girls are sponsored by the PTA here.

Their leaders, Mmes. Paul Albright and Edward Wells, gave each girl her Brownie pin after she repeated her promise. The committee also received Girl Scout pins as being members of the group.
The new Scouts are Anita Carcerano, Karen Ank, Donna Dorman, Shirley Frayne, Cindy Geiger, Patricia Patterson, Susan Hinkley, Marsha Johnson, Sandra Kreck, Cleona McComas, Jeannette Salrica, Sandra Strahm, Laurel St. Onge, Katherine Tidmarsh, Sandra Wells, Rose Will, Judy Wyrick.

The group, along with other Scouts of the Los Angeles Council, are planning to put the Cookie Sale over the top.

Cub Scout Pack 201-C sponsored by the Madrona School PTA held its monthly pack meeting in the school cafeteria Friday, Jan. 21. The program was opened with the flag ceremony by Roger Batty, Mike Hartley and Richard Hale of Den 6.

Announcement of the blue and gold dinner to be held Feb. 18 at the YWCA and of Scout Week were made.

Circle Meets Announced

Circles of the Christian Women's Fellowship group of the First Christian church will meet as follows:

Dr. Rambo circle with Mrs. Helen Harding, leader, meets Friday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Gladys Smith, 1877 A. West 220th.
Dr. Donald Rice circle, Mrs. Ed Pletzchke, leader, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 12:30 with Mrs. Tom Herd, 3703 226th St.

Thursday, Feb. 10 the Miss Ruth Leslie circle, Mrs. W. Jackson, chairman, will meet with Mrs. T. Holloway, 2559 255th St., Lomita, at 12:30.
The Dr. Hope Nicholson circle will meet at the church for a covered dish luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m. Mrs. C. B. King is leader. Each member is asked to bring her table service.

The Faith McCracken circle, Mrs. Dorothy Hadley chairman, will meet Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The place will be announced later.
The Wicks group will meet Friday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at the church for installation of officers. To be installed are Mary Sippel, president; Gladys Olsen, vice president and program chairman; Janice Bristow, secretary; Judy Vanderpool, treasurer; and Carol Crist, publicity. All teenage girls of the church are invited to join this group. Mrs. W. R. Broyles is sponsor.



A BENEFIT LUNCHEON . . . was given by the hospital committee of the Torrance chapter, Women of the Moose, Wednesday at the Moose Hall to raise funds for the furnishing of a room at Meesehaven. Pictured are, from left, Dorothy Smith, junior regent; Marquerite Baudin, treasurer; Frances Schmidt, Doris St. Amant and Elsie Schmidt.