

# TORRANCE BOASTS MORE THAN 8,000 PTA MEMBERSHIPS



MR. MRS. JESSE HARRIS  
... On 50th Anniversary

## Couple Mark 50th Wedding Anniversary

Commemorating a half century of happy married life, which began Aug. 14, 1905, in Richmond, Mo., were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Harris of 23229 Huber St., Torrance. The couple received congratulations from relatives and friends at an open house celebration held Sunday at their home.

For the gala occasion, the house was attractively decorated with bouquets of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums, mixed with Shasta daisies and lilies. Centering the lace covered, serving table was a tiered cake, based with flowers and fern. Unique souvenirs provided by Rev. Mills of the First Baptist Church, were gold colored ribbons, lettered in blue, with the inscription, "Maude and Jess, God has been good—1905-1955." The ribbons were distributed to the guests as mementos of the event.

Mrs. Frank Coffey, who resides with her husband, and 6½ year old daughter, Nancy, at 1964 Reynosa Dr., was hostess for the affair. Assisting her as co-hostess was Mrs. Albert Richardson, who was present with her husband and two daughters, Judy and Jane. Mrs. Coffey is the only daughter of the honored couple. Her brother, K. C. Harris of San Diego, his wife and two sons, Michael and David, were also present, and helped their grandparents, mark the 50th milestone of wedded bliss.

The celebrants came to California ten years ago, and lived in San Diego until seven months ago, when they moved to Torrance. According to their daughter, Mrs. Coffey, they possess the happy faculty of always keeping busy and are active in church work. Mr. Harris is a retired transportation worker, a job he had held for 39 years.

Out-of-town relatives attending the Sunday event were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott, Mrs. C. Cherry of San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. C. Coffey of Fresno; Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Harris and Miss Nancy Harris of Los Angeles.

## DeMolay Moms Meet

Plans for their installation of new officers in September and their Christmas card sale were discussed at the meeting of the DeMolay Mothers Circle Tuesday evening Aug. 16 at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Roxy, president. The new by-laws were also discussed.

After the business meeting the hostess assisted by Mrs. Roy Donaldson, co-hostess served refreshments.

Attending were Mmes W. C. Scholl, Merlin Cook, K. K. Thompson, Fred Balow, H. C. Nelson, G. T. Derouin, Tracy Dale, Edward Rhone, Bernice Trenary, Mae Sherfy and Jane Stomper.

## ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Labor Day weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhone, 1019 Beech will be Mrs. Rhone's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ketcham of Phoenix, Ariz. Guests invited to the Rhone home for a barbecue Saturday evening are Messrs. and Mmes Albert Dekker, Harold Comstock and John Loefer of Altadena.

## Hi-Liters

Seaside Hi-Liters held their August meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Mills, 5152 Zakon Rd.

Plans were made for a pot luck dinner and dance to be held in the patio at the home of Mrs. Robert Ledwidge, 5124 Macafee Rd. At the close of the business session, refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those attending were Mmes Gay Fustace, Robert Ledwidge, Robert Fullerton, W. Ainsley, R. Mills, J. McLane, Bud Betrosian and Frank Callahan.

## NOTES BIRTHDAY

An evening dancing to the Spade Cooley orchestra and watching the TV show celebrated the 15th birthday of Jean McNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil, 2475 Torrance Blvd.

Making up the birthday party were Jean and her escort, Bob Chapman, Mary Jane Smith, heart and Jack McNeil and Jean's parents.

Another celebration was dinner out and a theater party by a happy foursome, Jean and Gregg Hornaday and Jack McNeil and Sheryl Hornaday.

## VISITS BALBOA

Miss Donna Wolf, 21804 Halldale returned Monday from a five day stay at Balboa. She was also the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gustafson at Newport Beach.

## Early Morning Freshness Sans Glamour Marks Junior Women's Club Breakfast

Sans glamour, sans lipstick and attired in their early morning around-the-house regalia, members of the Torrance Junior Women's club turned out for their first social and ways and means project of the year Wednesday morning. The affair was a "come as you are" breakfast at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia.

When the knock came on the door by one of the following, Mmes. Robert Mowry,

Harry Lewis, George Stevens, John Kemp, J. W. Wiczorek, Glen Amos, Robert Waddell, Phillip Hoffman, Douglas Baldwin, Dorothy Biner, J. P. Bay or George Blahnik, the lady of the house dropped everything and if she stopped to remove her bobby pins or apply the lipstick, she was fined. So she bundled the children into the car and was off to the clubhouse, where breakfast was being served.

Mrs. Sid Gans, ways and means chairman, greeted the guests at the door. Mrs. Don Porter was breakfast chairman.

Serving were Mmes. C. Albert Smith, Robert G. Leach, James Halle, James K. Lees and Don Porter.

## JESTERETTES

### PATIO PARTY

Le Lakob Ives 7 met at the home of Frae Prince, 28 Portuguese Bend Rd. for supper in the patio. After the supper a business meeting was held after which games were played.

Present at the affair were Frae Prince, Frances Weston, co-hostess Ann Atkinson, Alice Ruppell, Amanda Law, Ethel Peverley, Frances Peverley, Vivian Cook, Sybil Moffett and Frances Reiser.

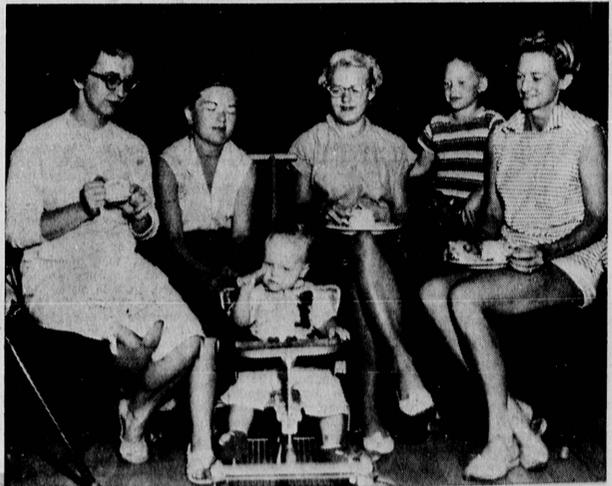
The next meeting will be Sept. 14 at the home of Frances Reiser, 1226 Crenshaw Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. Alice Ruppell will be co-hostess.

## One Year Old

Theresa Lewellen, who celebrated her first birthday last Friday was the center of attention at a family party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewellen, Jr., 1223 Elm Friday evening.

She received a number of gifts and the birthday cake was served with ice cream.

With Theresa and her parents and her two sisters, Judy and Patty were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewellen, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fenwick, a great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles Garland and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waters and Lynne and Jayne.



IT'S BREAKFAST TIME... and at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia, such scenes as the above were numerous last Wednesday morning when the Junior Club staged its "come as you are" breakfast. Pictured, are from left, Mrs. Richard Beecher, Mrs. Douglas Baldwin, Mrs. Charles Rippy Jr., Bob Montgomery and his mother, Mrs. William Montgomery. Also hustled off to the clubhouse is little Leslie Baldwin in the stroller, because "mommy" would have been fined had she stopped to get a baby sitter.



DIRECTING THE WELFARE OF TORRANCE SCHOOL CHILDREN... are these presidents of Parent-Teacher units of the Torrance Unified School System. Gathered around Mrs. W. A. Wright, president of the Torrance Council and Mrs. William C. Crooker, first vice president, are unit presidents, from left, Mrs. Robert Payne, North Torrance Elementary; Mrs. Eldon Morgan, Carr; Mrs. Paul Herring, El Nido; Mrs. Richard Heitmeier, Hillside;

Mrs. Paul Underwood, Fern-Greenwood; Mrs. H. M. Burrows, Madrona; Mrs. W. R. Dickson, Howard Wood; and Mrs. W. D. French, Seaside. Unable to be present for the picture were Mrs. William Drake, Crenshaw; Mrs. William Poser, Meadowpark; Mrs. R. F. Dohner, Perry; Mrs. Glen Grimmsley, Riviera; Mrs. Henry Heinlein, Torrance Elementary; Mrs. John L. Hinds, High School; and Mrs. Charles Jackson, WALTERIA.

## Jobies Set Wednesday For Affair

Job's Daughters of Torrance, will stage their sixth annual fashion show and luncheon Wednesday, at 12:30 p.m., at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. The clubhouse will be decorated with "Wings of Beauty" theme chosen by Sally Speck, honored queen.

A parade of fashion favorites to be provided by Torrance firms will be modeled by members of the Bethel and several members of the Job's Mothers club.

Linda Thayne and Maurine Bradford will serve as hostesses. Luncheon will be prepared by the Mothers' Club and serving will be done by the Job's Daughters.

## Beau Jardin Club Will Meet Aug. 24

Beau Jardin Garden club will meet Wednesday Aug. 24 at the home of Mrs. Sue Burt, secretary, 22305 Warmside Ave.

At the last meeting of the club held Aug. 10 at the home of Mrs. Orene Holt it was announced that the club had received third prize at the South Bay Flower Show held July 20.

Guests at this meeting were Mmes Marge Yackie, Virginia Langwill, Marion Hill, Barbara Massengill, Joanne Roschewski, and Eileen Judson.

An interesting talk on "How to make a Ming Tree" was given by Mrs. Bernice Smith. The door prize was won by Mrs. Sue Burt.

During a social hour the hostess served cake and coffee.

## 8,171 Torrance Parent-Teacher Assn. Members Look Forward to Active Year

Although the Parent-Teacher Associations of the Torrance Council have recessed during the summer, boards of the 15 units have been meeting during the summer months to work out plans for a busy school year. Membership in the Torrance council is 8,171, including 5,346 women, and 2,825 men, of which 361 are teachers.

The membership increase is indicative of success of the membership campaigns staged during the past few years. Number of PTA members in 1945 was 2,032, jumping to 5,909 in 1954, and up to 8,171 in the 1955 campaigns.

During the past year, two new PTA units were added, Hillside and Meadowpark, bringing the unit total to 15. Others are Evelyn Carr, Crenshaw, El Nido, Fern-Greenwood, Hillside, Madrona, Meadowpark, North Torrance Elementary, Perry, Riviera, Seaside, Torrance High School, WALTERIA and Howard Wood.

Mrs. W. A. Wright will begin her second term as president of the Torrance Council. Other presidents are Mmes. Eldon Morgan, William Drake, Paul Herring, P. T. Underwood, Richard Heitmeier, H. M. Burrows, William Poser, Robert Payne, R. F. Dohner, Glen Grimmsley, Wilbur D. French, Henry Heinlein, John L. Hinds, Charles Jackson, William Dickson.

Other health safety, instituted by the council.

Among the other child welfare work last year, the group distributed 209 baskets of food, 168 pairs of shoes, provided glasses, cuticles, special shoes and emergency doctor's care and an abundance of clothing for the needy.

A good job of stimulating interest was the formation of a recreation council to procure more recreational facilities for children in the community such as the Junior Rose Parade contest on bicycles, when traffic, home and school safety is taught.

Highlighting the president's platform "Democracy in Action" was the project of fine citizenship spearheaded by one of the smaller units, who stimulated enough interest to register for voting over 250 persons in the community. Open house was held for registration and a deputy registrar was present at the regular meeting.

A Parent-Teacher information course was sponsored, and 22 persons received certificates. The international field was also taken care of with all units inviting foreign students to take part in their program. Donations were also presented to the American Field Service and to CARE.

Honorary life memberships were presented to Dr. Howard Wood and Mrs. Eleanor Ruffell for their humane service and outstanding child welfare service in the community.

Mrs. Wright, in looking forward to the beginning of the new year said: "After a summer of widely diversified vacation pleasures, Torrance Council is looking forward to a year of high accomplishment in parent-teacher activities. Of special interest, as we begin our fall plans, is the membership drive. All parent-teacher people are justly proud of the magnitude of our association but we hope this year, to do something more than to just merely add to our numerical strength. We hope to materially increase attendance, for we feel that attendance at most of our meetings has not kept pace with our fast growing membership.

We want to draw in the entire community so that they may see the value of the overall picture and nation-wide plan of Parent-Teacher, for we feel that with this community service, we will have our own heart's sincere approval and satisfaction."

## Catholic Daughters Stage Breakfast at Young Home

As a mid-summer social and a money raising project, Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters entertained at a "come as you are" party at the home of Mrs. Leonard Young, 2355 Eldorado, on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Robert Lewellen, Jr., was general chairman of the affair.

Breakfast was served at individual tables in the rumpus room, decorated with seasonal flowers. Seventy-six breakfasts, consisting of homemade coffee cake and coffee, were served. Proceeds go to the court's general fund.

The committee assisting Mrs. Lewellen, was composed of Mmes. P. B. Clayton, Lawrence Finlayson, William Hardesty, Robert Wilson and Leonard Young.

Special guests were the Revs. P. J. Guinness and A. E. Glynn.

Mrs. William Hardesty is grand regent. The regular business meeting of the group will be held Sept. 12, at the church hall.

## BOX SOCIAL AT LEGION HALL

The American Legion and the auxiliary will hold a joint old fashioned box social tomorrow evening at the American Legion hall at 7 p.m. Each auxiliary member will bring a box lunch.

Auxiliary members in charge of the affair are Mmes Barbara Crew, Dorothy Parks and Gwendolyn Barrett.

## PTA Course at Crenshaw School

A Parent-Teacher information course will be held at the Crenshaw school, beginning Friday, Aug. 26, and continuing for four consecutive Fridays. The hours will be from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. All schools are invited to attend.



"COME AS YOU ARE"... was the invitation of the Court of St. Catherine Catholic Daughters last Wednesday, when they held their ways and means project at the home of Mrs. Leonard Young, 2355 Eldorado. Enjoying the informality along with the homemade coffee cake and coffee are, from left, Mrs. William Hardesty and daughter, Claudia, Mrs. Robert Lewellen, Mrs. Joseph Rubco and Mrs. William R. Steele. 76 breakfasts were served.

## OHIO GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Slyh of Columbus Ohio are spending six weeks here and are at the Slyh's cabin at Idyllwild. Mr. and Mrs. Slyh and their children Paul, Jr., John and Doralee spend the weekends with them.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for Sunday school at the Gardena Valley Jewish Center will be held between 10 a.m. and noon on Sept. 11 and 18. School will open Sept. 25.