



SIGHTSEEING IN TOKYO . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen are shown on the grounds near the Emperor's Palace. The pagoda type building in the background is on the Emperor's estate and the beautiful park surrounds the palace. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen visited their son who is in the Air Force in Tokyo. They returned last Sunday from the two month's trip.

Mr., Mrs. W. E. Bowen Home From Two Months in Orient

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, 248 Avenido Atazado, arrived home on Sunday, Nov. 7, from a two-months trip to Japan. The trip was made especially to visit their son, Airman 2/c John (Rudy) Bowen, who is stationed in Tokyo with the United States Air Force.

Rudy, as he was known to all of his local friends, is in the 746th Air Corps band. He was graduated from Torrance High School in 1952, where he was president and student conductor of the high school band. He then attended El Camino before entering the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen sailed from San Francisco on Sept. 14 aboard the Flying Skud. While in Japan, they visited eight of the principal cities. They also spent time with their nephew, Kenneth Zeller, formerly of Torrance, who is a chaplain with the United States Navy, stationed in Yokosuka.

Along with the many interesting sightseeing trips, they were dinner guests of Mrs. Helen Rodgers, former librarian at El Camino, who is serving in the same capacity at the Yokohama High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen had the privilege of returning to the United States on the "Japan Bear," which was on its return trip of its maiden voyage. The ship anchored in San Francisco and the couple then came to Torrance.

The Japan Bear is now in the Long Beach Harbor and Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will visit the ship there as guests of the captain.



TOP FASHIONS FOR YOUNGER SET . . . will highlight the fall and winter fashion show to be given tomorrow morning at the Torrance YWCA by the Y-Wives. As a delightful interlude in the fashion parade, the children, from left, Karen Swanstrom, 3, Ronnie Swanstrom, 5, and Barbara Tan, 5, will model children's fashions along with the professional modeling of the season's newest trends for midday. The affair, which begins at 10 a.m., is open to the public and tickets will be available at the door. Mrs. Warren Randall is serving as general chairman of the event.

Lomita Fuchsia Society Will Stage Fall Festival Nov. 18

Lomita Fuchsia Society will stage its annual Fall Festival, Friday, Nov. 18, at the American Legion Hall, 14702 Narbonne Ave. The affair is the club's only fund raising event and is open to the public. Hours are from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Chairman of the Fall Festival, Mrs. Victor Bittner, will be hostess to the festival committee and the executive board at her home, 25322 Felja Ave., on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m., when final details for the event will be worked out.

Mrs. Ed Shurgot reports that her section has many Christmas gifts and a large selection of home sewn dresses, pinafores, shirts, and pajamas for boys and girls.

The bakery section, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Kermit Gluth, is assured of a well stocked variety of pies, cakes, candies and cookies.

Mrs. A. Eloriaga is in charge of the country store and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Eipper will supply gardener needs. A grab bag with Mrs. M.

Monge in charge, and a fish pond directed by Mrs. A. Alonge will be diversions for the children.

The snack bar will be open all day. Serving luncheon and snacks will be Mrs. John Slaughter, and Mrs. Robert Rigles. Mrs. David E. Fay will assist with miscellaneous items.

The regular meeting, open to the public will begin at 8 p.m. at which door prizes, a portable barbecue, a sprinkler, electric iron and a fish order will be awarded.

Speakers for the evening will be Mrs. Sylvia Leatherman of El Monte, an authority on ferns and a contributor to magazines. Mrs. Leatherman's topic will be "Ferns in Our Garden." A plant sale will follow and refreshments will be served.

Epsilon Sigma Chapter Opens Year With Socials, Projects

Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Torrance entertained at a luncheon in the patio at the home of Willa Lee Harris with Dorothy Harris as co-hostess.

Guests present were Norma Prang, Peggy Wadhams, and Pauline Jensen. Members attending were Enid Runsted, Paula Fuhrman, Irene Roberts, Anne Smith, Harriet Ryland, Willa Lee Harris, Dorothy Peters, Martha Sherwood, Sara Ward and Bonnie Allen.

The chapter's first educational meeting of the year was held at the home of Bonnie Allen when the topic "Self Expression and Self Appreciation in the Home," was discussed. Five members spoke on Personality, Appearance, Speech, Mind and Behavior.

Guests at the meeting were Norma Prang, Willa Dean Thorpe and two members of the Juniors, Sara Sue Ward, and Delyna Smith.

Harriet Ryan, education director, closed the meeting, and refreshments were served. The October business meet-

ing was held at the home of Enid Runsted. The chapter's welfare chairman, Irene Roberts, and Sara Ward discussed their trip through the General Hospital and listed the items needed in the physical therapy ward. Strips of material, button boards and house slippers are needed and the chapter has chosen these as a philanthropy.

The chapter held a coffee for the rushes Oct. 25, at the home of Martha Wood. Willa Dean Thorpe and Peggy Wadhams were rushers.

Poems on the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Society were read by Winona Jackson and the work of the chapter was discussed. Refreshments were served from a table beautifully decorated in autumn flowers to Enid Runsted, Martha Sherwood, Anne Smith, Bonnie Allen, Winona Jackson, Irene Roberts, Willa Lee Harris, Harriet Ryland and Dorothy Peters. Out-of-town members present were Christine Manweiler of Anaheim and Claudia Noland of Van Ness.

Entertains

Mrs. Gerald Eastham entertained her bridge club at a luncheon and party at the Portuguese Bend Club on Monday afternoon.

In the bridge games after the luncheon, high score was held by Mrs. C. E. Blakley, and second high by Mrs. Parke Montague.

Mrs. Eastham's guests were Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, Burton Easley, C. E. Blakley, J. R. Klink, Philip Haloran, Walter Levy, Parke Montague, and Charles Ragsdale.

Mrs. Grubbs will be hostess to the club in two weeks.

Children's Fashions Added Feature at Y-Wives Fashion Show Tomorrow

What the fashionable young miss and young man will wear this fall and winter will not be overlooked tomorrow morning when the Torrance Y-Wives stage their fashion show at the YWCA, 2320 Carson, beginning at 10 o'clock. Children's fashions supplied by a local children's wear specialty shop will be modeled as an interlude by Ronald Swanstrom, 5 years old, Karen Swanstrom, 3, of 17317 Prairie Ave., and Barbara Tan, 5, of 4212 West 173rd St.

The theme of the fashion show is "It's a Woman's World." Mrs. Warren Randall is serving as chairman of the affair and modeling will be done by professionals directed by Mrs. A. C. Desiree, who will also do the commentary.

Serving with Mrs. Randall is a committee composed of Mrs. Carl Swanstrom, hospitality chairman; Mrs. Robert Tan, publicity; Mrs. Yolanda Stewart, Mrs. Pat Huber and Mrs. Janice Young. All Y-Wives members will be serving as hostesses.

Included in the array of new fashions provided by a Torrance shop, will be costumes for every occasion from sports and casuals, afternoon dresses and a line of designer suits. All the new colors, fabrics and fashion trends for the current season will be modeled.

There will be door prizes given during the morning to add to the excitement of the occasion. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be available at the door at the time of the fashion show.

Official to Visit Unit

Plans for honoring the Great Poahontas of the Reservation of California, Mamie Bodenhammer, at their Nov. 21 meeting were made by Chicopee Council 267, at their meeting held Nov. 7. Lucille Robertson conducted the meeting.

Betty Nicely and Doris Houston are planning Thanksgiving decorations and refreshments will be prepared by Marge Boling, Lydia Farquhar and Alexa Wilson.

Shower Given Mrs. R. Tolson

The rumpus room, attractively decorated in early American, at the home of Mrs. Penny Bolen, 2370 Torrance Blvd., was the setting for a lovely baby shower complimenting Mrs. R. H. Tolson, given by Mrs. Bolen and Mrs. J. A. Barrington.

Appropriate games were played after which the honoree was presented a shower of baby gifts in a handsome antique cradle.

Refreshments then were served from a tea table decorated with yellow chrysanthemums.

Attending the shower were: Mmes. George Post, Robert Leech, Jerry Long, Dee Paul, John Agapito, Robert Kerber, Jerry Witt, William Tolson Sr., Kenneth Miller, and Robert Stewart.

Those unable to attend, but sending gifts, were Mmes. Ben Roberts, Jim Post, and Naomi Lockman.

LOCAL JUNIORS ATTEND MEET

Mrs. Robert Mowry, president of the Torrance Junior Women's Club, accompanied by Mrs. C. Albert Smith and Mrs. George Blahnik, attended a district round table held at Norwalk last week, when the Artesia Junior Women's Club was hostess. The district president, Mrs. C. J. Troost, is a member of the Artesia club. Guest speaker was Mrs. Eugene C. Knott, state president.

Thursday evening, Mrs. Mowry, accompanied by Mrs. R. D. Hinkson, president of the Delphinus of Redondo Beach, went to Playa del Rey, where they attended a redistricting-by-law committee meeting.



MRS. LORENZO I. DOW ... and Old Spinning Wheel

(Herald Photo)

Nostalgic Spinning and Weaving Of Early American Days A Reality at Dow Home

By MILDRED HUNT

That old spinning wheel in the parlor is not merely a title of a song to Mrs. Lorenzo I. Dow, of 25333 Oak St., Lomita. It is a picturesque reality. For one of the large wheeled spinners reclines in a coveted spot in the Dow living room. It is outlined against a picture window overlooking the back garden of the long, low ranch type home.

This ancient spinning wheel is only part of the story in the Lomitan's, early California home and sharing equal honors with it in the corner of the room is an old fashioned loom on which Mrs. Dow weaves by hand from material made of raw wool which she spins on one of the many spinning wheels.

A professional weaver, Mrs. Dow has made many beautiful articles during her 20 years of hand weaving. Lately, she has been making shoulder stoles which resemble the kind worn by elegant ladies during the mid-victorian era. A long, white fluffy one made of spun wool is brightened by strips of blue metallic thread. Another in the bronze shade is flecked with gold. Added to this is an array of material from which dresses, suits and even shirts for her husband were made. The cloth is bolded and it has the appearance of having come from some exclusive shoppe.

Not only does she weave with wool but from orlon and rayon as well. She is now planning to weave charcoal colored material of wool and rayon to be tailored into a jacket coat for her son-in-law who lives on Balboa Island with her only daughter, Jacqueline Watson and grandson. The dark material will be spiced with pink wool thread. Displaying a suit which she made several years ago, along with a short bolero jacket and skirt. She tells you the material wears like iron. It isn't hard to believe as you feel the full-bodied weight of the cloth.

In a special weaving room in her home, remarkable work is displayed. Place mats of many colors ranging from orchid to a deep red with touches of metallic thread to contrast the solid color. Belts, and even a window shade has been woven using inserts of bamboo sticks to make it flexible.

So realistic is she in her weaving and spinning that she was chosen from the Southern California Hand Weaver's group of which she is a past president, to play the part of an old woman sitting at a spinning wheel along with other extra players in the Cecil DeMille motion picture, "The Ten Commandments" which is now released. For this picture she used an ancient spinning wheel, which she owns, that has a square wooden wheel in place of the usual round one.

Her fascination for anything old and ancient may have motivated her in becoming interested in weaving. Not only does she religiously study at this work but she teaches it to groups or in private lessons.

In keeping with the collection of spinning wheels and looms in her home, the furniture and architecture is of the early California style. Outstanding is the kitchen where brick work and knot hole wood paneling creates the appearance of early America. At the top of the walls, looking much like a border, hangs a collection of old, flat iron stands some of which are lettered with a letter of the alphabet. In a far corner stands an old, pot-bellied stove flanked on either side by a comfortable reading chair. The stove is not only a showpiece but is used daily and fired up with wood in the cool mornings and evenings regardless of the fact that the house is equipped with a modern heating system. It is in this cozy corner where the Dows read their newspapers and carry on small talk. In addition there are two large, brick fireplaces in the home. One in the living room and one in the weaving room.

Topping the decor of the home is just a touch of the influence of the early Spanish Dons who left their mark of charm on California. Written above each room on a blackened board in Spanish is the name of that particular threshold. Over the living room door is the name "El Parlorio," the bathroom, "El Baño," the kitchen, "La Cocina," the hall, "El Vestibulo," the patio and garden, "El Pato" and lastly the front door, "Adios."

Appropriate "baby" games were played after which a decorated bassinet filled with gifts for the expected baby was presented to Mrs. Goheen.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table covered with pastel pink linen and centered with a fluted pink net umbrella, from which tiny baby dolls were attached to pink and blue streamers. The cake was iced in pink and white and topped with a miniature stork.

The bride was graduated from the Narbonne High School in 1954, after which she attended the Harbor Junior College. The bridegroom was a member of the 1953 Narbonne class, and later attended Harbor Junior College.



MRS. DAVID ROBIN HOLSTROM ... on Her Wedding Day

Madrid-Holstrom Rites Read At St. Margaret's on Nov. 5

Miss Nadine Marcella Madrid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Madrid, 250th St., walked down the aisle of the St. Margaret Catholic Church at 2 o'clock on Nov. 5, to plight her wedding vows with David Robin Holstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holstrom, 1710 W. 224th St., Torrance. She was accompanied to the altar by her father.

The bride was lovely in her wedding gown of imported Chantilly lace, fashioned with a sloop neckline and long lily point sleeves. The full skirt of Chantilly, designed with a draped plume in the front, swept into a seven foot train. A pearl crown held the illusion veil, and the bride carried a cascade of white roses and orchids.

Miss Christine Madrid was her sister's maid of honor. Miss Rita Ruiz in pale blue, Mrs. Dolores Trampus in shrimp, Miss Eileen Burrell in blue, and Miss Eleanor Dreger in shrimp, gowns of net taffeta and carrying white roses were the bridesmaids.

The couple are now on a honeymoon in Reno and Sacramento and upon their return, will be at home in Lomita. The bride was graduated from the Harbor Junior College.

Dean Home is Party Scene

Mrs. Larry Herin and Mrs. Carl Dean were co-hostesses at a pretty pink and blue baby shower complimenting Mrs. Gordon Goheen, the former Alice Phillips, at the Dean home, 2564 Torrance Blvd., last Wednesday evening.

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Club Holds Guest Night

Formal invitations are in the mail for the Las Flestadores dance and guest night to be held Nov. 19 at the Hacienda Hotel. The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rugraff, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Clausing, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klink, and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Norris.

AT DISNEYLAND

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barrington and daughters, Lesley and Claudia, spent Sunday at Disneyland.

SAN DIEGO GUESTS

Week end houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bassler, 316 D Calls Mrs. Mar, were Mr. and Mrs. John P. Snodgrass of San Diego.