

Mothers March on Polio Thursday ...Porchlight Parade



HIS GIFT OF AFFECTION . . . a check from his fellow-workers at Columbia Steel upon his retirement was presented this week by Omer Gwyn to Postmistress Clara Conner, who is heading the March of Dimes polio drive in Torrance. Mr. Gwyn has a record of no time-lost accidents in his almost 30 years with the company. Pictured with Mr. Gwyn and Mrs. Conner, right, is Mrs. Glen Runsted, chairman of the Mothers March to be staged Thursday evening. Mrs. Runsted urges all residents to leave their porchlights burning from 7 until 9 p.m. when a door-to-door canvass will be made by the mothers of Torrance.

IN GRATITUDE, LOCAL MAN PRESENTS CHECK TO MARCH OF DIMES FUND

By ELEANOR B. GILBERT

"I'm grateful that I've had no time-lost accidents and I have all my limbs," declared Omer Gwyn, 1225 1/2 Acacia, as he handed a check to Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance Postmistress and chairman for the March of Dimes.

The check represented in one lump sum the gifts from his friends and fellow employees upon his retirement after nearly 29 1/2 years with Columbia Steel. "I wanted to help some child crippled with polio to be able to use his limbs," Mr. Gwyn said simply.

Mr. Gwyn's desire to help a child find health and a useful, active life again focused attention on the fact that there still remain a good many children and adults who are in need of therapy and treatment who became ill before the vaccine was discovered.

"It's on the run, but not yet beaten," is the way Mrs. Glen Runsted, chairman for the Mothers' March, describes the present status of polio. The annual March of Dimes Drive will culminate in the door-to-door campaign by many mothers in the area on Thursday evening, Jan. 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone is asked to leave his porch light burning in order that he or she may be assisted in making his donation and not be by-passed by accident. Literature will also be distributed urging adults to get the complete series of three Salk vaccine shots now for their own protection.

20,000 mail-in cards have been sent out by the members of the Torrance Junior Women's Club, under Mrs. Fred Smith. Mrs. Conner requests that each person fill and return his mail-in card as soon as it is received. They should be in by Jan. 31, but they will be acceptable any time, she said. Assisting Mrs. Conner is Mrs. Al Turner who is handling the cans in the stores and the school cards.

CANADA GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis of North Torrance have had as their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. Cecil May of Grandon, Manitoba, Canada. This was the first time that the foursome had seen each other in 35 years. All the places of interest in the Southland were visited.

COFFEE KLATCH NEXT THURSDAY

St. Girard's Guild of the St. Margaret Mary parish in Lomita will stage a "coffee klatch" next Thursday morning at the home of Mrs. Joseph Boylan, 2714 Grand Summit Rd., Torrance. The hours will be from 10 a.m. until noon. The public is invited.

DINING OUT

Localites recently noted dining at the Plush Horse in Hollywood Riviera included Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Whitney, who were celebrating Mr. Whitney's birthday; Mr. and Mrs. Les Hildon, Mr. and Mrs. C. Holger Carlson with the George Roggets, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Aydelotte, and Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Eastman.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. KASSON
... On Golden Wedding Day

Mrs. McIlvaine To Preside at State Confab

Southern California State Dental Assistants will attend their sixth annual Mid-Winter conference at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena on Feb. 2 and 3.

State President, Mrs. Rose McIlvaine of Torrance, will conduct the board of directors meeting on Feb. 2. This will be followed by workshops on various subjects, officers' duties, parliamentary procedure, leadership, and expediting laboratory work.

Sunday morning beginning at 9 a.m., a program of interesting lectures by personalities in the dental field will be followed by a luncheon and fashion show.

Dental assistants from the Harbor area, who will be attending, are Mrs. McIlvaine, president; Eva Miner, second vice president; Chesna Duis, editor; Viola Engel, harbor district director; Rosemary Leonard, Harbor District president; Harriett Beadle, district president-elect; and officers Jean Hatch, Betty Watkins, Eva Hastings, and many members.

Junior Club Will Attend District Meet

Torrance Junior Woman's Club will participate tomorrow evening in the handicraft exhibit at the conference of the Marina District, junior membership, to be held at the Community Methodist Church in El Segundo.

Mrs. C. Albert Smith of Torrance will be in charge of the exhibit in which eight clubs will vie for first and second prizes.

Mrs. Alta Gans of the local club will be soloist during the fashion show to be put on by the Goodwill Industries of Southern California. Mrs. Robert Thomas, program chairman, announces that fashions of the "20's" or "The Flappers," will be modeled by club members. After the program, refreshments will be served by the El Segundo Juniors.

Among those attending from here with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gans will be Meses, James K. Lees, club president; Russell Clawson, Howard Altermatt, D. E. Moore, Lee Clotworthy, Edwin Hatter, C. L. Briner, Robert Eipper, Lee Allen, L. S. Robbins, and W. M. Montgomery.

IN SAN DIEGO

Visiting in San Diego recently were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Meyer and their son, Michael, 2738 W. 174th St. They stayed at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley.



MISS TORRANCE OF 1955 . . . Yolanda Goldsmith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Goldsmith, 203 Arlington, has returned to USC for her third semester. She has been elected secretary of the sophomore class and this week will serve as hostess at the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority's fashion show and luncheon at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Yolanda is taking secondary education courses at USC and plans to teach drama.

Mr., Mrs. John A. Kasson Feted on 50th Anniversary

Two new "bands of gold" was the gift from their only daughter, Mrs. Fern Long, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Kasson of Hawthorne on their 50th wedding anniversary. The honored couple are also the parents of Norman O. Kasson, 209 W. 220th St., Torrance.

The golden wedding celebrations were honored at a reception held Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Prairie Avenue Church in Hawthorne, where Mrs. Kasson is a charter member.

Serving at the reception table adorned with a beautifully decorated cake and tall tapers were three granddaughters: Meses Louise Marr Defenderfer, Jan Kasson Ewing and Norma Kasson Wright. Two little granddaughters, Miss Nancy Kasson and Miss Melanie Kasson, presided at the guest book.

The reception hall was decorated with three large bouquets of yellow roses, gladioli, stock and chrysanthemums. Rev. Carl Pike gave the invocation. The couple received many lovely gifts and flowers along with the good wishes from friends and relatives. Four generations were represented at the reception.

Telephone messages were received from their daughter, Mrs. Long, and her family, in Eudora, Kan., and a son, Orville B. Dove, of Independence, Mo., and his family.

Other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kasson are: Sollie D. Marr of Inglewood; Kent K. Wendell O., and Marvin W. Kasson, all of Lawrence, Kan.; and Glendon F. Kasson of North Hollywood.

In addition to their children, they have 26 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Kasson reside at 723 Jefferson in Hawthorne, having moved to California from Kansas in 1941.

Mr. Kasson is a native of Minnesota. His wife was born in Warrensburg, Mo., where they were also married on Jan. 23, 1907.

Prior to his retirement in 1953, Mr. Kasson was employed by Northrop Aircraft.

DINNER GUESTS

Among the Torrance dinner guests recently at the Plush Horse in Hollywood Riviera were Messrs. and Meses. George Probert, Don Hyde, John Melville, King Williams, Val Melatic, Joseph Klink, Frank Dominguez, Earl Brunner, Paul Loranger and Oscar Maples.

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THEY DID THEIR SHARE . . . in winning the All-America City award for Torrance and members of the Business and Professional Women's Club were highly praised for their accomplishments by Mayor Albert Isen at last Monday's meeting. Pictured here are His Honor, The Mayor, and Mrs. Maxine Herman, club member and police matron of Torrance pinning a corsage on Mrs. Herma Tillim, also a B&PW member and city recreation commission chairman. The Mayor presented eight certificates of merit to members in recognition of their outstanding work in civic affairs during the past year.

Mayor Honors B&PW Club for Its Part in Winning the All-America City Award

"Your club's outstanding participation in civic affairs in Torrance during the past year was one of the greatest instruments in bringing the All-America City award to Torrance," Mayor Albert Isen told the members of the Torrance Business and Professional Women at their dinner meeting last Monday evening at the Palms. Mayor Isen reviewed the club's civic activities during the past year and pointed out that these were listed in

the recent contest for the city award. He stated that in his appearance in the finals of the contest in Memphis Tenn. the work of the organizations and civic clubs were effective in disclosing the merits of Torrance's phenomenal growth and development.

On behalf of the club, the Mayor presented certificates of merit to eight club women whose efforts during the past year in civic affairs were deserving of recognition. Events pointed out were the club's participation in the

Civic auditorium dedication ceremony, the presentation of the "Woman of the Year" award to Mrs. Lita Frazier and the annual Public Affairs dinner which brought together, city, county and state officials.

Certificates were given to Mrs. Virginia Beck for her work as hostess at the dedication and her assistance with the float; to Mrs. Muriel Whiting, club president; and to Mrs. Valda Wilkins, who serves as city hostess.

Other recognized were Mrs. Herma Tillim, city recreation commissioner; chairman; Mrs. Clara Connor, Torrance postmistress who is also heading the March of Dimes Drive in Torrance; and Mrs. Maxine Herman, police matron who also assisted with the dedication ceremony; Mrs. Lucille Lewellen who served as chairman of the public affairs dinner; and Mrs. Bernice Arnold, chairman of the "Woman of the Year" dinner and program.

After the congratulatory speech by the Mayor and the certificate presentation, the program guest speaker was introduced. He was Larry Hardy, representative of the Zellerbach Paper Co.,

Soroptimist Scholarship to Go to Miss Lyla Shelhamer

Lyla Louise Shelhamer, a 19-year-old co-ed from El Camino College, will receive the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist scholarship award at a pot luck dinner meeting of the club tomorrow evening at the home of Miss Frances Dimitri. The scholarship at ECC, valued at \$100, will last throughout the spring semester of this year.

"All women students are eligible to enter each semester's contest, judged on a three-point program — scholarship, need, and promise of a successful future," according to Miss Helen E. Rodgers, chairman of the scholarship committee and head librarian at ECC.

A Hermosa Beach resident, Miss Shelhamer is an English major and plans to continue her education at the University of California at Berkeley.

Miss Shelhamer, who carries better than a 3.5 grade point average, hopes to obtain her secondary education credentials, continuing her English major.

The modest winner, working part time as a receptionist in a doctor's office, said, "The decision to graduate from Berkeley has been foremost in my mind since I was a sophomore in high school."

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THRILLED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT . . . that she is the winner of the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist scholarship award is 19-year-old Lyla Louise Shelhamer, right. In the above photo, talented coed confers with Miss Helen Rodgers, El Camino College librarian and chairman of the scholarship committee, regarding details of the award. A former resident of the Inglewood area, Miss Shelhamer now lives in Hermosa Beach. The scholarship will be presented to Miss Shelhamer at the club meeting tomorrow evening.