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TO ENTERTAIN AT COCKTAILS

Mrs. Fred W. Iseman, president, of the Dianas, will entertain her board of directors at her home, 5328 Sharynne Lane, at cocktails Saturday evening prior to the "Reflections in Silver" Ball to be held at La Venta Inn. The ball will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Dianas.

Ball to Mark Dianas' 25th Anniversary

A large mirror and silver leaves will fill the ballroom of the La Venta Inn, in the Palos Verdes Estates, on Saturday at 9 p.m., forming an appropriate setting for the "Reflections in Silver" Ball of the Redondo Beach Diana Junior Woman's Club.

With the aid of a mirror, the Diana's past 25 years as a federated junior woman's club will be reflected. It is hoped that many of the past presidents and members will attend to make this a momentous occasion, said Mrs. Fred Iseman, president and resident of Torrance.

Mrs. Iseman also announces that the proceeds will benefit the San Pedro Branch of the Los Angeles Mental Hygiene Clinic, which is the CFWC Marina District Junior philanthropy for the current year.

Mmes. Herbert Mueller and John Kenny are the co-chairmen of the ball. The decorations were handled by Mrs. Ralph Riche.



ON A PINK CLOUD . . . were members of the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary yesterday afternoon when they attended a beautiful "all pink" luncheon at the home of Mrs. Baker Smith, when their "Pinky Project" was introduced. "Pinky" is a little hand puppet to be made by auxiliary members and supplied to all children patients at the hospital. The auxiliary members will also wear uniforms of the same cheerful color. Enthusiastically introducing "Pinky" are, from left, Mrs. Allen E. Hofferber, Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, and Mrs. Baker Smith, in whose home at 904 Esplanade, the affair was held.

Auxiliary's Pink Luncheon Introduces 'Pinky Project'

Everything was "in the pink" at the Torrance Hospital Auxiliary luncheon held Wednesday at Mrs. Baker Smith's, 904 Esplanade, Redondo. Pink carnations and pink tablecloths with matching napkins were used to carry out the theme introducing the "Pinky Project," a state-

wide good will gesture being undertaken by hospital auxiliaries throughout California. A hand puppet—to be constructed by volunteer labor and from funds accumulated at group luncheons and other intra-organization gatherings—is to be given to each entering pediatric case at the local hospital by the auxiliary, beginning in the very near future. This little puppet, though generally called "Pinky" and designed to fit over little fingers, will be made of cheery cherry red material, the new hue in uniforms recently adopted by auxiliaries in the state. Local ladies will make the change over for their identity in the local hospital soon, in an effort to brighten things up for entering patients and visitors.

Separate from the auxiliary's regular fund-raising activities the Pinky project is designed to acquaint hospital patients with the activities of the local volunteer group, as well as to cheer up incoming children. The idea originated at the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital recently and has spread over the nation.

Heading the project in the Torrance area are Mmes. W. E. Grubbs, chairman; Allen Fayette, Gerald Eastham, John C. Schwartz, and Allen E. Hofferber.

Mrs. Smith provided the luncheon dainties Monday, while Mrs. Grubbs contributed dessert.

Shower for Bride-Elect

Miss Barbara Fedor, bride-elect of Wayne Neal Strittmatter, was complimented at a surprise miscellaneous shower last Sunday afternoon, given by Mrs. Patrick Brunner and her daughter, Miss Corella Brunner, at their home, 1735 W. 234th St. Pink and white carnations were used in decorating along with clusters of white wedding bells.

Games were played after which the future bride opened her gifts. The hostesses then served refreshments.

Bringing gifts for the bride-elect were: Mmes. Stacy Stevens, Frank Sciorrotta, Denver Wear, Robert Leggett, and John Fedor. Others were Misses Sharon Conner, Georgene Kitzman, Shirley Bullock, Jennie Sandstrom, Loretta Robison, Rachael Hogan, Arlene Kastrop, and Ginger Brunner.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Enjoying the music of the Bernie Jones Quartet while dining at the Marineland Restaurant in Palos Verdes were Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Thomson of Torrance and their cocktail-dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin V. Cleef of Greenwich, Conn., and Jack Sherrard of Redondo Beach.



YOU ARE INVITED . . . and they graciously accept as they purchase their tickets from Mrs. Jack Dabbs, ticket chairman, for the Nativity Mothers Club benefit dance for the Little Company of Mary Hospital Saturday evening. These two visitors to Torrance (center) are Mr. and Mrs. Carol Edson of Wilmington, who stopped by Caprino's one evening last week. Mr. and Mrs. Dabbs also dropped

in and spurred with enthusiasm for the new hospital, nabbed them for ticket sales. They will gladly attend the dance for such a worthy cause, they tell Mrs. Dabbs as Mr. Dabbs looks on with favor. Saturday's dance will be held at the Civic Auditorium with Leighton Noble orchestra furnishing the music. Ticket sales are soaring and residents from the entire area will attend.

New Hospital Benefit Dance Slated for Saturday Evening

This Saturday evening in the Civic Auditorium, a mammoth benefit dance sponsored by the Nativity Mothers Club will be held to raise funds for the new Little Company of Mary hospital to be built in Torrance. Approximately 100 members of the Mothers Club are making preparation for this benefit. Music for dancing from 9 p.m. until a late hour will be furnished by the Leighton Noble orchestra. Mrs. George Witz is chairman of the dance. Mrs. Jack Dabbs is handling ticket sales, and Mrs.

Richard Olson is chairman of the refreshment committee. Publicity for the dance has been handled by Mrs. Murray Rudnick.

The door prize will be an O'Keefe and Merritt gas range. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the door on the night of the dance.

In this fastest growing community of the Southland, whose population today has reached 82,238 as compared to

the 1949 population of 9950, the new hospital for Torrance is urgently needed as pointed out by Sam Levy, general chairman of the hospital drive. In further stressing the often critical need of approximately 20,000 or more ill or injured patients, Mr. Levy said that Torrance now has 63 accredited hospital beds. This means that each hospital bed must serve 303 patients this year.

To meet this need come the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, a community of nurs-

ing sisters who since 1870 have operated hospitals in many parts of the world. The order recently purchased a 10 acre site on Torrance Blvd. at Earl St., where this year a 125 bed hospital, the first for the Little Company of Mary in the West, will be constructed.

The dance Saturday evening will be one of the most important benefits in the series of fund raising events being staged by the residents of Torrance. The public is invited to attend the affair.



MRS. C. J. BURKE
... former Joy Fossum

Mrs. Joy Burke Featured In Saturday Post Article

The Feb. 23 edition of the Saturday Evening Post is being read by local residents with a great deal of enthusiasm as it carries an interesting story on a hometown girl, Mrs. C. J. Burke, the former Joy Fossum, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum, 1621 Cota Ave.

From a town where first interests are its children, the future citizens, Mrs. Burke is appropriately featured in the story "We Started Our Own School" written by Miriam and Jerome Ellison of Bloomington, Ind. It deals with the new "cooperative nursery" school which is now enjoying a "coast-to-coast boom" since 1940 when the idea began to catch on and fathers took a hand.

The authors say, "It would be hard to say just how many of the 12,000,000 parents of 7,500,000 three and four year olds are up to their ears in "roll-your-own-nursery schools." In the feature, Mrs. Burke, the only full time paid teacher, is pictured with two of the mothers teaching the children how to act out a musical record.

Mrs. Burke was graduated from Torrance High School in 1939 and Whittier College in 1943. She received a scholarship to Whittier and while at the local high school was an Ephebian.

While continuing her education at USC, she met her

husband, Dr. C. J. Burke, who has been a professor of psychology at the University of Indiana for the past nine years. The couple have two children, Michael, 10, and Karen, 5. Two years ago, Mrs. Burke taught for a year at Walteria School while her husband was out here on sabbatical leave from Indiana University.

For the past two years, Mrs. Burke has been in full charge of the Children's Corner Nursery in Bloomington.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crowley, 22621 Ladeene Ave., have as their guest, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Crowley from Edmonton, Alberta Canada, who will be visiting until some time in June.

IN NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George R. McMillen Jr., and their daughters, Lavena and Jill, have recently moved into their new home at 4909 Paseo de las Tortugas. They were former residents of Manhattan Beach where Mrs. McMillen is president of the Madhatters. The girls now attend Riviera School.

Gail Ann Doyle Becomes Mrs. DeWitt on Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil DeWitt are this week driving across country to Chicago where they will make their home. The couple was married last Thursday morning, Feb. 21, at 8:30 at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lomita. The bride is the former Gail Ann Doyle, daughter of G. J. Doyle, 24303 Narbonne Ave., Lomita. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. V. DeWitt of Chicago.

Mr. Doyle accompanied his daughter to the altar. She wore a gown of white imported lace designed as a sheath with bands of white fur trimming the short sleeves. Her small hat was made of white lace and her corsage was of white orchids, stephanotis and valley lilies.

Miss Pauline Stickney was the bridal attendant. She wore a pink sheath dress with a matching hat and a pink rosebud corsage.

John Abbott stood as best man as the Rev. John Hegarty officiated at the marriage ceremony.

The bride was graduated from St. Anthony's in Long Beach. The bridegroom was educated in Chicago and served with the United States Marine Corps.

BRIDGE PARTY

Entertaining a group of friends at bridge last night was Mrs. T. R. Corazza, 847 Calle Mayor. Her home was decorated with stock in pastel shades and with yellow jonquils.

Guests were Mmes. Fred Filigiano, T. J. Ledbetter, Paul Rottger, M. T. Phillips, Quinton Johnson, Louis Candiotti, and Ernestine Rathbourne.



MRS. VIRGIL DE WITT
... Recites Vows

(Stanford Photo)



MRS. LAURENCE EDWARD DECKER
... On Honeymoon

Poeske-Decker Nuptials Are Recited at Nativity Feb. 23

Last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, Miss Marilyn Poeske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Poeske, 820 Beech Ave., walked down the aisle of the Nativity Catholic Church to plight her wedding vows with Laurence Edward Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Decker, 17016 Ardath Ave.

The bride, who came to the altar on the arm of her father, wore a gown of net and lace over candlelight satin. The gown was fashioned with a bateau neckline, long sleeves and a full net skirt with panels of lace down the front and back. The full skirt fell into a long train. A tiara held the full chapel veil and the bride carried a nosegay of pink roses.

Miss Carolyn Poeske served as her sister's maid of honor.

She wore a yellow net gown and carried an arm bouquet of tulips and stock. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Joyce Hughes and Mrs. John Cagle, also sisters of the bride, and Miss Carol Barnum, a cousin. Mrs. Hughes was in blue net. Mrs. Cagle in pink, and Miss Barnum in lilac. Their bouquets were also of tulips and stock.

Little Christine Hughes, niece of the bride, was flower girl. She wore blue net and carried a nosegay of miniature roses.

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