# Social World

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FLOWERS, ARTS AND HOBBIES . . . will be featured in the ninth annual three day show to be staged at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on April 27, 28 and 29. All individuals as well as organizations are extended an invitation to enter this outstanding event of the year in Torrance. Sponsors of the show are the Torrance Terrace Garden Club, JayCettes, and the Beau Jardin Garden Club. Discussing the entry selections, which will consist of floral arrangement, prize specimens, and miniatures, are Garden Club members, Mrs. A. R. Fiorelli, Mrs. D. W. Quigley, Mrs. Victor Benstead and Mrs. T. J. McCutcheon. Entry deadline has been announced as April 18. Invitations will be in the mail this week.

## Ninth Annual Flower and Hobby Show Set For April 27-29 at Auditorium

In the near future invitations and programs for the Hobby, Arts and Flower Show, to be held April 27, 28 and 29 at the Civic Auditorium, will be in the mail. An over-all invitation to individuals to enter and attend the show is also being extended.

The civic effort is sponsored annually by the Torrance JayCettes and the Torrance Terrace Garden Club who this year will have as a co-sponsor the Beau Jardin Garden Club, a fairly new organization in Torrance. This year marks the ninth anniversary of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club's participation in presenting a Torrance flower show.

Plans are being made for the three-day show by Mrs. Robin Lyon, Torrance JayCettes; Mrs. A. C. Turner, Torrance Terrace Garden Club, and Mrs. P. Rice, Beau Jardin Garden Club, who are the flower show chairmen of their respective groups.

Entries may be placed by calling Mrs. Gordon Jones or Mrs. Thomas Russell for the hobby and arts division, and Mrs. Ralph Russell or Mrs. D. W. Quigley, Torrance Terrace Garden Club members, or Mrs. A. W. Adkins, Beau Jardin Club representative, for flower show displays. In the flower section spaces will be provided for a variety of entries such as flower arrangements, potted plants, cut specimens, and miniature arrangements. The deadline for entries will be Wednesday, April 18.

In the past the Torrance Hobby, Arts and Flower Show has created widespread interest. It is hoped this year even more flower lovers will display their ideas and flowers, along with the many other hobbies represented.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY AT KNUTSON HOME

Guy Bottrell Knutson celebrated his ninth birthday with a party for relatives and friends which was held following the dinner hour at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Knutson, 2371 Torrance Blvd., on March 13.

A cowboy cake was cut and served with punch to the many guests present.

TALKING IT OVER . . . are the local thespians who will stage the first play by the newly formed drama group of the Junior Women's Club. The play, a light comedy, "Girls Must Talk," will be a part of the program at the April 11 meeting. Cast members from the left, are Mmes. J. W. Day, Lee E. Allen, Glenn Amos, W. M. Montgomery, Robert L. Kerber, and Royal Penner. Mrs. Ray Lires is fine arts chairman of the club. The Junior club's Pipers will also appear on the program.

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## Shower for Bride-Elect

Miss Peggy Meacham, who will become the bride of William T. Fisher on April 7, at the St. James Catholic Church in Redondo Beach, was honored with a lovely bridal shower recently at the home of Mrs. L. Lester Rice, 2047 Kathy Way, Torrance.

The rooms were decorated with yellow daffodils and a yellow and white color theme was carried out in the table decorations and the shower cake.

Appropriate games were played, after which the honoree opened her gifts. Refreshments were then served.

Those attending were Misses Beverly and Betty Bisbee, of Downey, Mrs. Ethel LeVine, of Inglewood, Mrs. Lester Cook, and Mrs. J. Herman, and the honoree's mother, Mrs. Byron Meacham, of Torrance.

Unable to attend, but sending gifts, were Mrs. Thelma Bisbee, of Downey, and Miss Mary Beth Meacham, of Torrance.

## Hi-Liters to Meet April 3

Seaside Hi-Liters will meet in an 8 o'clock evening meeting, April 3, in the home of Mrs. Jack Mitchell, 5113 Zakon Rd.

At their last meeting held March 20, with Mrs. Robert Fullerton in her 4187 Zakon Rd. home, Mrs. Frank Callahan, vice president, conducted the business portion of the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Garrett Eustace.

A social hour followed during which members were served refreshments.

Members attending were Mmes. Walter Ansley, Jack Mitchell, Gene Williamson, Albert Meteney, Kathleen Humble, A. O'Connor, Robert Taylor, J. C. Gaines, and J. W. McChune.

## PUBLIC CARD PARTY TUESDAY

Royal Neighbors will hold a card party open to the public tomorrow evening, March 27, at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. Betty McNeil is chairman. In the games to begin at 8 pm., all popular cards will be offered. Prizes will be given and refreshments served.

## Lovely Party Fetes Margo

The pastel Easter colors were beautifully used by Mrs. B. T. Whitney, 1004 Acacia, last Saturday, when she entertained at a luncheon complimenting her daughter, Margo, who was celebrating her sixth birthday.

The colors were predominant in the party favors and place marks and the birthday cake was white, decorated with the delicate shades.

Several clever games were played with prizes for the winners.

Margo's luncheon guests were Sandra Risher of Gardena, Pamela Boswell, Jo Ann Eisenbrandt, Paula Johnson, and Roberta Fiorelli.

Mrs. Whitney was assisted in entertaining by Margo's grandmother, Mrs. Jeannette Elliottt, her godmother, Mrs. Bob Haggard and a long-time friend, Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt.

## AT PALM DESERT

Vacationing at Palm Desert this week are Mrs. Robert B. Jahn and children, Brian, Bart, and Beverly, of 440 Via Linda Vista, Hollywood Riviera.

## ATTEND PROGRAM

Mr. and Mrs. Toni E. Watson, 1446 W. 219th St., attended the ladies night meeting and program of the Adventurer's Club in Los Angeles Thursday evening.

## Shower for Mrs. Cullum

Mrs. Edward Knutson entertained with a pink and blue stork shower at her home, 2371 Torrance Blvd., honoring Mrs. George Nelson Cullum II.

Decorations for the Thursday evening shower were in the form of a canopy of streamers extending from a pink net umbrella and a large cake designed with figures of a stork and baby bootees.

Game prizes were won by Mrs. Leona Thiesing, Mrs. Helen Hassen and Mrs. George Cullum II.

Guests attending the enjoyable event were Mmes. Carl Larkin, Estelle Jacobs, Leona Thelsing, Helen Hassen, Betty Smith, C. W. Moore, Waynelle Richardson, Betta Jane Lines, James Lines, Anita Harris, Clyde Bottrell, Thomas Faren, and Mary Craig.

## LOCAL ARTIST PLACES SECOND

Michael Mullin of Torrance, piano student of Dorothy Judy Kline of Long Beach, won second place and a cash award of $25 in the "young artists' contest" last Sunday.

This competition is conducted for the purpose of encouraging talented young students in the furtherance of their musical education. It is sponsored by the Long Beach Women's Music club.

## 'Girls Must Talk' Will Be Presented by Junior Club

"Girls Must Talk," a light comedy based on the heretofore untold life of four store mannequins, is in rehearsal under the direction of Mrs. Ray G. Lires, fine arts chairman of the Torrance Junior Women's club. The play will be presented as part of the program at the April 11 meeting of the club.

Six club members are in the cast, two window decorators and four mannequins. The decorator roles are being taken by Mrs. D. E. Moore and Mrs. W. M. Montgomery, Mannequin roles will be enacted by Mmes. Charles Blahnik, J. W. Day, Robert Kuber, and Robert Waddell.

Helping behind the scenes will be Mrs. L. E. Allen, Mrs. Glen Amos, Mrs. R. G. Lires, Mrs. F. E. Smith, and Mrs. Royal Penner.

Adding to this program, which will be one of the outstanding of the year, will be the Junior Women's Club choral group known as the Pipers. In this group, are Mmes. Allen E. Hofferber, director, Richard Brundin, Sid Gans, Earle Peterson, James Van Dyck, and C. L. Briner. This group has entered the district competition held in Pasadena, and will also do a recording to be entered in the State Junior Women's Club choral competition.

## Volunteers for Children' Installation of First Officers at Meeting on March 21

Mrs. Virginia Stoddard was installed as the first president of the Volunteers for Children, an organization to bring care and happiness to the children patients at the Harbor General Hospital. Installation of this first panel of officers of this new group was held Wednesday at noon at a Lomita restaurant.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Millie West, first vice president; Mrs. Rita Smith, second vice president; Mrs. Shirley Phelps, recording secretary; Mrs. Maggie Licht, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Grace Hoehn, publicity secretary; Mrs. Dolly Reed, treasurer; Mrs. Phyllis Luzen and Mrs. Geraldine Orzio, directors. Dr. Kurt Shery conducted the installation.

Luncheon was served preceding the installation, at tables elaborately decorated with spring flowers. The invocation was given by Miss Hilda Tanck.

Mrs. West introduced the special guests who were Dr. L. A. West, medical director of Harbor General Hospital; Darwin Parrish, and Dr. Kurt Shery.

The first meeting of this group was held at the home of Mrs. Stoddard on Sept. 12, 1955, when she invited a few friends who were interested in assisting at the hospital. The group now has a membership of 70. "Tender and Loving Care" is the theme chosen by the group who work in shifts to care for and entertain the children patients at the county hospital.

Anyone interested in joining in this worth-while work may contact Mrs. Harold Hoehn or Mrs. John Stoddard.

TENDER AND LOVING CARE . . . is their motto and under this banner the Volunteers for Children are bringing happiness to the youngsters at the Harbor General Hospital. This new organization installed its first panel of officers at a luncheon last Wednesday at a Lomita restaurant. They are, from left, Geraldine Orzio, director; Rita Smith, second vice president; Virginia Stoddard, president; and Millie West, first vice president. Second row, from left, Maggie Licht, director; Grace Hoehn, publicity chairman; Shirley Phelps, recording secretary; and Dolly Reed, treasurer. The group, which held its organizational meeting last September, now has 70 members. Interested persons may contact any of the above women.

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## Freddie is One

A family gathering on Sunday, March 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Crawford, 2064 W. 220th St., celebrated the first birthday of the couple's son, Freddie.

An Easter bunny cake was served with punch to those calling to wish Freddie a happy birthday.

Present were an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman and sons, Jackie and Bobby of Lomita Pines, and a great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Linderman, Mike and Brook and Sue, of Torrance.

## Queen Kathleen Takes Over Reign at Ralph McBee Home

Beaming over their newly adopted daughter are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McBee of 17315 Atkinson St. Three weeks' old Kathleen was adopted by the local couple when she was two and one-half days old, and is now three weeks old.

The little lady arrived on Feb. 28 and had a biirth weight of 8 lbs., 9 oz., with a measurement of 21 inches.

The McBees have a son, Michael, who is 11 years old and is a fifth grade student at North Torrance Elementary School.

"Our friends and co-workers have been wonderful," stated Mrs. McBee. "They have showered us with presents which included a movie camera and a bathinette and so many clothes, that Kathleen will have enough to wear for the next two years."

Both the McBees have worked at North American, where the father continues to be employed, but Mrs. McBee is giving up her work at the aircraft plant to care for their new daughter. They came here from South Gate, eight years ago and have been Torrance residents ever since.

The McBees are busy these days welcoming the new baby whom they describe as having deep blue eyes and coal black hair. "Everything is working out fine, and the baby is growing and thriving," concluded the proud mother.

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MRS. RALPH McBEE . . . Michael and Kathleen

## Convention Will Be Held In Torrance

Forty-fifth annual meeting of the Southern California District Assn. of Royal Neighbors of America will be held in Torrance.

The convention was voted here at the forty-fourth confab held in Gardena, on March 20, at the VFW Hall.

Another honor accorded to Torrance was the placing of a Royal Neighbor on the state board. She is Mrs. Mary E. Baker, secretary, and treasurer of the Torrance lodge.

At the convention, the local lodge opened the session with their ritualistic work.

Thirty-four members from here were in attendance.