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(Herald Photo)  
IN COLORFUL-ORIENTAL COSTUMES... are these members of the cast from the Greenwood School who staged an Oriental play for the Torrance Junior Woman's Club last Wednesday evening. With them is Mrs. Russell-Clawson, club program chairman. The children, all sixth graders, are (from left, standing) Tom Patrick, Bill Crosby, Bobby Sonja, Rebecca Wenske, and Lynn Pitts. Kneeling in true Chinese fashion is Barbara Bennett. Thirty youngsters gave the Chinese play under the direction of Herman Boodman, teacher.

## Oriental Program and Dinner Is Enjoyed by Torrance Juniors

Glamour of the Orient filled the Woman's clubhouse last Wednesday evening, May 22 when the Torrance Junior Women's club staged a "Night in the Orient" as their monthly social meeting. Decorations, done in a fabulous far east color scheme, were the work of Mrs. Howard Altermatt, decorations chairman. Members and guests came attired in Oriental costumes to enjoy a catered Chinese dinner served buffet style.

After the dinner, Mrs. Russell M. Clawson, program chairman, presented the "Mississippian Players" of Greenwood school who presented an original Chinese play, produced in the true style of Oriental presentation. The play was directed by Herman Boodman and the entire cast of thirty students were from his sixth grade class.

The play and players have proved so popular that since its first presentation, it has been repeated five times. The oriental style of play acting is quite different from the European style to which we are accustomed. The main differences are two prominent who wait upon the actors needs

during the show. They sit on the stage and are in black to denote invisibility. The other main difference is the very simple properties. All properties are imaginative and the scenery consists of only chairs and tables. A mountain would be chairs piled one atop another.

At intermission tea and sweetmeats were served to the audience and cast. Chinese dancers, who are also students of Mr. Boodman's room entertained the ladies at this time.

The committee for the evening consisted of Mrs. Leon Warne, Howard Altermatt, Russell M. Clawson, J. A. Barrington, Robert K. Schooley, B. F. Townsend, R. W. Stellar, Robert Waddell, Tom Halasey and R. H. Tolson.

Special guests included Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, president of Torrance Woman's Club; also Mrs. John Melville, Mrs. D. J. Thomsen, and Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, who are the coordinators for the Junior Club, and several other members of the Torrance Woman's Club. Miss Grace Porter of the Continental Distributing Company, spoke briefly about a leading blanket manufacturer and two blankets and perfume were presented to the Junior Club for door prizes. Winners were Mrs. Earlee Peterson, Phillip Hoffman and Don Carlson.

Mrs. James K. Lees, president of the Junior Club reminded club members of the CEWC Junior State Convention held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on May 24 and 25.



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LOOKING FORWARD... to another year of achievements, the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club seated its new panel of officers at a dinner meeting held at Club Alondra on May 20. Here (at the left) is Cravens Douglass, Sierra Mar district president, who conducted the installation. With her are (center) Mrs. Muriel Massie, new president of the local club, and (right) Mrs. Muriel Whiting, retiring president, under whose guidance the club has just completed one of its most successful years.

## B&PW Club Installs New Officers at Dinner-Meet

Installation of officers highlighted the dinner meeting of the Torrance Business and Professional Women at Club Alondra on Monday evening, May 20. Installing officer was Cravens Douglass, president of the Sierra Mar district of B&PW.

The president's gavel was presented to Mrs. Betty Massie. Installed with her were Ruth Shrum, first vice president; Maxine Hermann, second vice president; Margaret Dean, recording secretary; Lillian Curtis, corresponding secretary; Lucille Lewellen, treasurer; and Pearl Good, auditor.

Muriel Whiting presided at the meeting which was opened with the pledge of allegiance. Thirty-four club members and 20 guests were in attendance. Among the special guests were Mrs. Marguerite Garvin, president of the Gardena B&PW club and Mrs. Dorothy Hogan, president of the Lomita club.

Following the installation, recognition was paid to the past officers and chairmen. Mrs. Whiting, retiring president, was given a token of appreciation. The club also presented Bob Lowellen with a gift for his assistance during the year.

At this meeting, secret pals were disclosed and door prizes awarded.

## Shower for Mrs. Boylan

Mrs. Joseph Boylan, was feted at a surprise baby shower, Thursday, May 23, at the Loftview home of Mrs. Robert Belk. Mrs. Pete Thompson was co-hostess for the affair.

Yellow gladioli formed the gift table decoration from which yellow and green streamers emanated. Little umbrellas and white storks completed the setting. Lemon filled foot cake with pale green frosting was served to further compliment the color scheme.

Those attending were the Mes. Bert Mennes, Al Adler, Harry Aivazian, Walter Bruhn, Robert Armstrong, Robert Trimble, John Kowitz, John Kapus, Steve Angelich, Bill Cummins, William Olney, Robert Kendrick, Edward Bentley, Pete Zamperini, C. R. Jones, Leo Renaud, and Miss Mary Farrell.



(Portrait by Seeman)  
MISS FRANKIE JANE TALBOTT  
... Fall Bride-elect

## Talbott-Eastwood Troth Is Announced at Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rumley, 26016 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, are today announcing the engagement of their daughter, Frankie Jane Talbott, to Walter T. Eastwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eastwood of Compton.

An early fall wedding is being planned by the couple. The betrothal news was first disclosed at a surprise birthday party given for the bride-elect at the home of Miss Junette West, 21710 Vicky, Torrance, on Saturday evening, May 18.

The bride-to-be will be graduated from Narbonne High School in June.

The future bridegroom is a Compton High School graduate.

## NEEDLEWORK GUILD MEETING MONDAY

Spring meeting of the Peninsula Volunteers of the Needlework Guild of America, will be held on Monday, May 27 at the La Venta Inn in the Palos Verdes Estates. All members in the South Bay and Peninsula areas are invited to attend.

A coffee hour will precede the meeting at 10:30 o'clock with hospitality chairman Mrs. Donald H. Earl in charge. A business meeting with reports from area directors will follow with Mrs. James Ingebreten, president, presiding.

## INSURANCE WOMEN TO INSTALL JUNE 20

Harbor Cities Insurance Women's Assn. will install its new officers at a dinner meeting June 20 at the Wayfarer's restaurant. Elected at the dinner meeting May 16 were Miss Geni Tabyanan, president; Mrs. Frank Bukulch, vice president; Mrs. James Sherrillo, secretary; Miss Joan Luup, treasurer.

A special guest was Mrs. E. T. Tabyanan.

## Antique Sampler Collection Is Owned by Mrs. Gae F. Tanza

By ELEANOR B. GILBERT

Events such as the recent Torrance Flower, Arts, Hobby and Aquarium Show serve as a stimulus for all hobby-tiding enthusiasts in the area. As a result many unusual hobbies come to light in the aftermath.

One such hobbyist is Mrs. Gae F. Tanza, 253 Calle de Madrid. Although she collects antiques of many kinds, her special love is samplers. This interest in samplers had its

beginning when Mrs. Tanza was in her early teens. She had an opportunity to see an authentic reproduction of an early American home from Gilford, Conn., complete with the furnishings and accessories of that period. Upon the walls were several samplers.

Her newly awakened interest in samplers was further reinforced by visits to the American wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In the rush of enthusiasm, as a teen-age girl, Mrs. Tanza tried her hand at making a sampler of her own. "I discovered I wasn't a creator," she laughed, telling of her efforts. "But I could still enjoy the work of others."

Following her graduation from college in New Jersey she was an assistant to the junior director of girls' activities at the YWCA in New York City, during which time she also attended the Theological Seminary.

She joined the WAC in January 1943 which later became the WAAC. In March of '45 she went to Europe where she was stationed at Camien, France. Later she was transferred to a base outside of Frankfurt, Germany, at the site of the I. G. Farben Works. There she was a medical technologist-interpreter until she went to Berlin in July 1945 with the first American troops to enter that city.

While in Europe she took furlough trips to the British Isles and on the continent where she was able to acquire a number of fine mementos for her antique collection.

Describing the conditions in Europe at that time, Mrs. Tanza related the following graphic experience:

"People were trading their treasures for the necessities and for items which had become luxuries for them. I bought a lovely icon from Hans Uhlman, a contemporary great in modern art, for a quarter of a pound of coffee. He is considered another Picasso but he was practically starving in an attic then," said Mrs. Tanza.

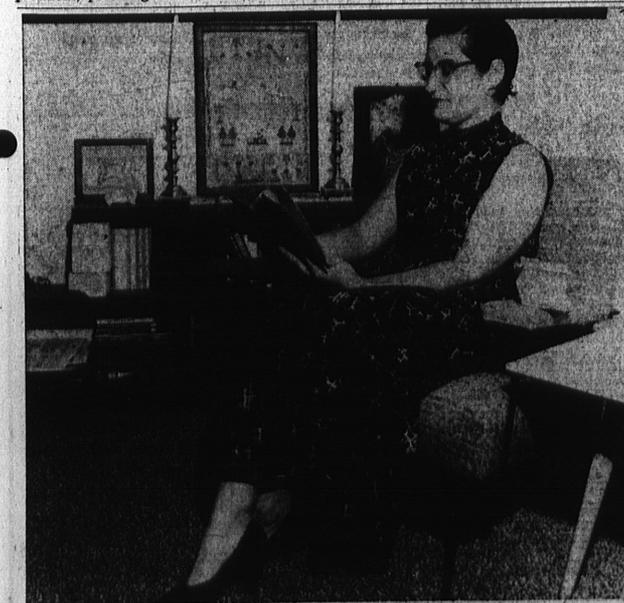
She purchased her first sampler in England at Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop. It represented the handwork of a certain Miss Edith Cooper made on Sept. 16, 1817.

Two other samplers collected in the British Isles and cherished by Mrs. Tanza are one purchased in Carlyle, Scotland, as she changed trains on her way to Edinburgh, and another in England. The Scottish sampler was made by 14-year-old Ann Donaldson in 1837. The other purchased in England was made by 13-year-old Sarah Lewis on March 26, 1827, while attending Bunbury School.

The most elaborate sampler was made by a Welsh girl, a student at the "Female

While in Europe she took

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(Herald Photo)  
FROM THE AGES... Mrs. Gae F. Tanza enjoys reading a "Natural History" published in 1693. On one arm of her reading chair is a "Bible de Martin Luther" bound in vellum and published in Germany in 1752. In this picture also are brass candlesticks which were made in a farm forge and have been in her family for the past five generations. The interesting background includes several antique samplers and other art treasures from her collection.



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ASSUMING THE LEADERSHIP... of the Torrance JayCettes for the coming year will be Mrs. John Mangan who is receiving a corsage from the club's new vice president, Mrs. Leonard Radford. Installation of the new panel of officers will take place at a combined dinner meeting with the Junior Chamber of Commerce on June 15 at the Club Alondra.

## Mrs. John Mangan Is Named New President of Jaycettes

Mrs. John Mangan has been elected president of the Torrance JayCettes. The new president has not only served in various capacities on the JayCette board, but has been active in church and Girl Scout work in Torrance. She has also been instrumental in bringing the needs of the TB patients at the General hospital before the public. Mrs. Mangan is the mother of four children.

At Tuesday's meeting Mrs. Charles Herren, retiring president, reported on the Catalina convention. Mrs. Ed Karlow announced that the club would participate in the Ranchero Days planned for July 24-28 with Mrs. Leonard Radford, volunteering as chairman. Hostesses for the meeting were Mes. Mike Goetsch and Lloyd Fossum.

A board meeting will be held June 11 and a general meeting June 18.

## Delta Gams Pledge Five New Members

Five new members were pledged at the Delta Gamma chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International sorority held Monday, May 13, at the home of Mrs. Paul Crossman, 2143-Middlebrook Rd.

Mrs. Jack Clifford, vice president and Mrs. Winona Jackson, district secretary conducted the installation. Repeating their vows were Mes. Earl Brest, Donald Coleman, W. W. Jackson, Virginia Clark and George Perce.

Each Jewel Pin member will instruct the pledges in a lesson in the next six months.

The by-laws were reviewed by Mrs. Marguerite Kelsey, and will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

The recent dinner-dance of the group at the Hacienda on May 11, was reported on by Mrs. E. C. Osterlund. Mrs. Allen Beresford, president, who recently moved to Arizona, was honored with a remembrance from the chapter for her service in the past year.

Installation of officers for 1957-58 will be held at the home of Mrs. Kelsey, 817 Madrid, Monday, June 17.

## TO NORTHWEST

Off for a two weeks motor trip to Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest are Messrs. and Meses. Jack Miller, Fred Bever, and Abe Shrinert. The party left here Saturday morning.

## HOUSEGUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Parks have as their houseguest for two weeks, Mrs. Parks' brother-in-law, Hayes Burdick, of Tonopah, Nev.