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INFORMAL DINNER
 Enjoying informal dinner parties at the Plush Horse restaurant recently were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garay, of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Paul of Hollywood Riviera, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Shearer, of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, of Palos Verdes and Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Butz, of Torrance.

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Seven

'Sweetheart Ball'
 Saturday Feb. 15

Annual "Sweetheart Ball" will be staged by the Pi Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi next Saturday evening, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Huddle "Coral Reef" room, 11344 Crenshaw Blvd. Proceeds from this dance will go the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Music for the semi-formal affair will be furnished by the Dave Burke Trio.

Each member of the chapter will step through a huge red and white heart carrying out the Valentine theme, into the lovely decorated room, where three candidates will be presented to the audience for one of them to be selected as the 1958 "Valentine Queen." Surrendering her beautifully jeweled crown and flowing red velvet robe will be Mrs. Ronald A. Bromley, Torrance, the 1957 queen. Mrs. Bromley will turn the crown and robe over to Manhattan Beach Mayor Robert Warner, who, in turn, will bestow them upon the newly selected queen along with a lovely queen's bouquet of red rosebuds.

Beta Sigma Phi is a non-academic sorority formed by leading women in the community to promote their social and cultural interests as well as philanthropic work. Pi Phi Chapter is in its third year, having been formed as a Friendly venture chapter by Mu Chapter of the organization, Santa Monica. This is the second "Sweetheart Ball" sponsored by Pi Phi.

Co-chairmen for the dance are Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Bill Garrison. Working with them are Mrs. Edith Scammell, director and ticket

chairman; Mrs. Benny Terraciano, table decorations and reservations; Mrs. Thayne Connell, door prizes; Mrs. Fred Dostal, crown; Mrs. Steve Nicely, president, mistress of ceremonies and complimentary tickets; Mrs. Jamie Seaton and Mrs. Bob Stroud, heart decorations; and Mrs. Bromley, publicity. Donald A. Bromley, will act as master of ceremonies.

Tickets for the affair may be purchased from Mrs. Donald Bromley or at the door the night of the dance.



MRS. WINIFRED ENGLISH
 ... And Oriental Mementoes

So-o-o He's Superior?
 In Japan He Really Is

By VONDA CARLTON

What do you do when you suddenly find yourself in a country where men expect a woman to light their cigarettes, open the doors for them, and trail them at a respectful distance?

If you're like Mrs. Winifred English, 231 Calle Mayor, you light their cigarettes, open doors for them. In fact, you admit men are much superior to women... when you're in Japan, at least.

Mrs. English who attended the first Nisei Businessman's Convention in Tokyo several months ago found she had to adjust to a new way of thinking.

"Men come first in Japan... and while I had been briefed before leaving about their customs, still it was strange to find men who expect to have women open doors for them,"

declared the attractive blond. Mrs. English served as Torrance's official representative at the meeting.

Speaking of the customs and modern Japan, the localite discovered that the country is fast copying American ways.

"The transportation system is tremendous. Their buildings are modern, more and more people are wearing western clothing, but customs are not changing as rapidly," she declared.

The younger generation is adopting American thought and giving equality to women, but this feeling has not permeated into the older persons' thinking, according to Mrs. English.

"One of the chief reasons Japanese women are so fond of American men is because our men treat women with respect and as equals.

"In Japan, women are subservient to men in all ways. They must remain in their homes. Even when the men attend conventions or parties, they do not take their wives."

An interesting observation was that Japan is third in the world's list of percentage of literacy. "People swarm to book shops. They read every book they can find in their thirst for knowledge."

Living expenses in Japan are low, but so are wages. More and more women are taking jobs, Mrs. English said.

"It's an unusual site in America to see a woman carrying a bucket of cement. But not so in Japan, where women construction workers can be viewed working along side of men."

While the Japanese men do not treat their wives as equals, the women are fortunate in one way, according to Mrs. English.

"They have no worries. If they become a widow, their families take them over and provide for them. Families share all their problems and worries."

"In Japan, no woman would be left to provide for herself. In some ways, they feel Americans are hard-hearted toward their families."

After touring the country for nearly three weeks, the local woman is convinced that the new generation of Japanese—the teenagers—will little by little replace the old customs with newer ones adopted from their American friends. Women will be treated with equality... living conditions will improve as Japan continues to copy American ways.

League Day
 Set Tuesday

Members and friends of the League of Women Voters are reminded that State League Day is Tuesday, Feb. 11, by Mrs. Melzar Jones, president of the Palos Verdes Estates League. Southern California Leagues will meet at the Alexandria Hotel at Fifth and Spring Sts. in Los Angeles from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The morning program will be a panel on "The Constitution at Work: Its Effect on the Executive, the Legislative and the Voter." Lunch will be from 12 to 1:30, followed by a presentation of the 1958 State Legislative Program and a pro and con review.

Next week, Northern California Leagues will hold a similar meeting in San Francisco. This provides an opportunity to exchange information with other League members doing similar work, and to expand knowledge of League work into larger areas.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Robert Christensen.

KURT WESTON

Mr. and Mrs. Don Weston, 1382 27th St., San Pedro, are announcing the birth of their fourth child, a son, on Feb. 4 at the San Pedro Community Hospital. The young man, who tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 1 oz., has been named Kurt Melvin.

He is being welcomed by two sisters and a brother. They are Paula, Kimberly and Don. The father of the new baby is foreman at the Torrance Herald.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Douglas, of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, have returned to their home following a visit with the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh R. Percy, 1230 Acacia Ave.

The couple spent two weeks in Torrance.

Six Local Camp Fire Girls
 Given Woodgatherers Rank

Six members of the Okiciyapi Winuke Camp Fire Girls recently passed their Woodgatherers rank and were reviewed by Mrs. N. Guidinger, chairman of Committee of Awards of the harbor district.

Girls completing the rank were Janet White, Dawna Riggs, Lynda Barber, Vickie Thompson, Carol Ellis and Linda Kern.

Work on the rank began in March, 1957, and included an overnight camping trip to Tapia Park in the Malibu Mountains, preparing and serving dinner to 60 guests, producing and presenting a drama on the life of Edith Kempthorne, who worked in Camp Fire for 37 years, demonstrating doll making in the booth at the Pomona fair, planting hibiscus plants at Edison School, and other activities.

The entire group is planning a week end soon at Camp Yalani, Feb. 15-16. After this event, the other seven girls will be eligible for the Woodgatherers rank.

At the annual district Camp Fire meeting, Jan. 27, at McMasters Park, the girls presented their 6-act drama. The Trail Seekers memory books, which had received national awards, were on display.

Girls of the group are Anne Yokoyama, Gwen Glenn, Angie Manjarrez, Jennifer Cable, Carol Ellis, Peggy Taylor, Vickie Thompson, Janet White, Lynda Barber, Dawna Riggs, Sandra Scrivens, Sally Marcus and Linda Kern.

Guardians are Mrs. Dean White, of Hermosa and Mrs. Delmer Kern, of Torrance.

JOANNE MINNIEAR
 ENROLLS AT UC

Miss Joanne E. Minniear, of 5125 Cathann St., Torrance, has been admitted to the University of California's new College of Letters and Science at Riverside.

She will enroll this month in the Humanities Division, which stresses study of language, literature, history, philosophy and the arts.

Although just four years old, the new liberal arts college was recently ranked among the 10 best small colleges in the United States.

RECEIVE RECOGNITION... Woodgatherers rank was bestowed recently on six members of the Okiciyapi Winuke Camp Fire Girls. They are, front row, Lynda Barber, Carol Ellis, Vickie Thompson. Back row, Janet White, Dawna Riggs and Linda Kern. The girls were reviewed by Mrs. N. Guidinger, chairman of the Committee of Awards of the Harbor District of Camp Fire Girls.

Spring Dance Plans Made

Plans for a spring dance in May and a potluck social next month were made when Torrance Fireladies met Monday at the home of Mrs. Sam Martin, 2015 238th St. Mrs. Richard Sprout was co-hostess.

The next meeting of the group has been scheduled for March 3 at the home of the group's president, Mrs. James Wass, 3252 Winlock Dr. Attending last week's meeting were Mmes. Wass, Bill Stonecker, Alvin Stratton, Milton Langum, J. J. Benner, Harlan Whitacre, Ronald Power, and Bill Wood.

FESTIVE PARTIES

Many festive dinner gatherings have taken place during the past few evenings at the Plush Horse Restaurant.

Recent party hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Scott of Redondo, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shawger of Palos Verdes, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wilson of Rolling Hills, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Randies of Palos Verdes and Mr. and Mrs. John Planagan of Rolling Hills.



FIRST OFFICERS... Estrella del Mar 35, a new junior division of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, was instituted at the Neptunian club on Jan. 31. In the presence of Grand Officers of the organization from the entire southland, the first officers were installed. They are,

from left, Barbara Gonzales, recording secretary; Jet Willman, marshal; Kathy Paulsen, past president; Lynn Wilton, president; and standing, Sandra Bancroft, vice president. The new junior group is sponsored by Tierra Del Rey Parlor.

Native Daughters
 Juniors Organized

A new unit of the Junior Native Daughters of the Golden West has been organized under the sponsorship of the Tierra del Rey Parlor, 300, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Hermosa Beach. The new organization has been named Estrella del Mar, 35.

The institution ceremonies were held Jan. 31 at the Neptunian Club in Manhattan Beach with Mrs. Irma M. Caton, grand president of Native Daughters from Argonaut Parlor 166, and Mrs. Maxine Porter, grand marshal of Native Daughters and state chairman of Juniors, Inglewood Parlor 282, presiding.

The initiation ceremonies for charter members were conducted by Misses Betsy Mears, president; Leona Harman, marshal; Carol Baldwin, past president from Assistencia Junior Unit 20, San Bernardino.

Installation was conducted by Cynthia Harris, president; Martha Keenel, marshal; Marie Otto, past president; and Dianna Brossey, past president, from Palomar Junior Unit 24, San Diego.

Charter officers installed were Kathy Paulsen, past president; Lynn Wilton, president; Sandra Bancroft, vice president; Barbara Gonzales, recording secretary; Joan Heintz, financial secretary-treasurer; Jet Willman, marshal; Suzanne Jensen, sentinel; Christian Malling, Cheryl Rozaire, and Vickie Kaiser, trustees; and Christine Kerr, organist.

Serving on the board of advisors are Mmes. Frank Wolfgram, William Rozaire, Gilbert Austin, Benjamin Tyack, Jack Lewis, Russell Tutt and Betty Purcell, members of Tierra del Rey Parlor 300.

Grand officers from numerous parlors from the entire Southland were on hand for the institution of the new junior chapter.

Lions Club
 Valentine
 Dance 15th

North Torrance Lions Club will stage its first annual St. Valentine's Day dance on Feb. 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Berendo and 166th St. Gardena. Proceeds from this dance will go to the Lions Club fund to support their sight saving project and youth activities.

The affair is open to the public and tickets may be secured from any club member or at the door. A fellowship hour will be held from 8 until 9 p.m. when dancing will begin with Viola Stuetz and her orchestra furnishing the music.

Numerous door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

VISITOR LEAVES

Mrs. M. E. Tweedie recently returned to her home in Canada following a six-months stay with her son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh R. Percy, 1230 Acacia Ave.



A FAREWELL PARTY... At a Palm Spring Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Di Mayle, of Desert Springs, former Torrance residents, were feted at a gala party prior to their leaving for a six months trip to the Orient. The Di Mayles are pictured here, at the left with their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. John Noyes, managers of the hotel. Mrs. Noyes holds "Chico" her five-month-old pooch. While in the Orient, Mr. Di Mayle will be doing television work. (Lee Wenzlick Photo)