

## Local Girl Awarded TV 'Glamorella' Title

Winning the title of "Glamorella" on the Rita La Roy television show recently was Mary Ann Rurak of 23127 South Western avenue, Torrance.

The young Torrance miss was the lucky winner when her name was drawn during the Thursday December 9 show at 3:30 p.m. on Channel 11 over KTTV.

Among the prizes awarded Mary Ann during the week and at the next week's show on December 16, were a navy blue taffeta dress, navy blue shoes fashioned in the new French line, a haircut by Victor of the Statler, striking new plaid pixie eyeglasses, and two tickets for dinner at Fairchild's restaurant on La Cienega. She was also given the pattern and material for a formal of seafoam green taffeta, nylon net, and lace.

Upon her scheduled follow-up appearance the following Thursday, December 16, Miss La Roy also presented her with a new wallet to replace one she lost in her excitement en route home the week before.

Mary Ann, a sophomore at Torrance High, is secretary of the YW Coquettes, a member of the girl's athletic club, and a member of the Juniorettes.

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## Fiestadores Dance Tonite

The Portuguese Bend Club will be the setting of a pre-New Year's formal invitational dance tonight, December 29, at the Los Fiestadores gather at 9 p.m. for the final club dance of the year.

Acting as hosts and hostesses for the affair will be the board members, Messrs. and Mrs. Rod Norris, Ralph Ruff, L. G. Jones, Robert Triplett, and Arthur Woodcock.

Preceding the dance the thirty-two couples will enjoy hors d'oeuvres at the club.

## LEGION DISTRIBUTES NINE FOOD BASKETS

Torrance's American Legion Post No. 170 this year distributed nine Christmas baskets, valued at \$25 each, to deserving families in the Torrance area.

The annual event was under the chairmanship of Vernon Coil, service officer this year.

## TORRANCE JAYCETTES HOLD GALA XMAS FETE

The Jayettes of Torrance enjoyed a festive Christmas party last week as members, prospective members, and guests, gathered in the banquet room of The Palms restaurant.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Joseph (Dorothy) Banks, the room was made festive with a sparkling white Christmas tree decorated with red globes and lights which cast their merry glow over the table and the packages the girls brought for one another, and which were exchanged following a brief business meeting.

Miniature angels, poinsettias, and tiny Christmas trees on the table were also silhouetted by the glow from the tree, and place cards decorated with holly welcomed the girls to their places at the table.

Guests and prospective new members attending included Mesdames Larry (Jean) Middleton, John (Louise) Mangan, Joe (Betty) Waters, Leonard (Evelyn) Bradford, A. (Martha) Cline, and Roy (Bobbie) Boltz. Also an honored guest was Mrs. Joseph (Nadine) Bay.

Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Fred (Grayce) Hansen, and Jack (Juanita) Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart E. Westcott, of 2806 Martha St., announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces.

## Progressive New Year's Festivities

One of many neighborhood parties on New Year's Eve will be held by several couples residing on Kornblom and Font-hill avenues in the Torrance Plaza district.

Among the couples having a lot of fun, eliminating the hazards of holiday traffic, and enjoying get-togethers as they progress from each other's houses will be the Otto Lippoldts, Pat and Tom Thornton, Frances and Bill Fox, the Bill Stars, Vi and Leonard Kane, the Joe Sabas, the Charles Barrets, Jean and Bob Kilday, and Ida and Ed Vang.

The couples plan a half hour at different houses, terminating the evening at 12:30 a.m. by refreshments on a potluck basis at one of the homes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peckham Jr., of 2220 231st St., announce the birth of a son, Kenneth David, weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tyler, of 1858 256th Pl., announce the birth of a daughter, Jacquelyn Lili, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Vann Whittington, of 1230 Hickory Ave., announce the birth of a son, Richard Edward, weighing 8 pounds and 12 ounces.

## EARL WATSON TO WED MISS JANET THOMPSON

St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Van Nuys will be the setting tonight, December 29, as Earl Lamar Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom E. Watson of 1446 W. 219th street, Torrance, will take as his bride Miss Janet Ann Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Fred Robert Thompson and the late Mr. Thompson of Van Nuys. The Rev. Dennis J. Bennett of St. Mark's will officiate.

Met At UCLA  
The young couple met at UCLA from where they both graduated last spring. She is now teaching in Reseda, and he is employed as an engineer by Los Angeles County in the road design department.

The bridegroom-elect is a Torrance High School graduate, and also attended Long Beach City College for a short time following his Army service, and prior to majoring in engineering at UCLA.

For the formal wedding to-night at 8:30, Mrs. Watson has chosen a floor-length gown of smoky rose nylon and lace, and Mrs. Thompson will wear a full-length dark blue lace dress. Both of the mothers will wear corsages of orchids.

## Nancy Ward Wed to Wm. E. Reeser, Jr.

Keynoted by simplicity was the recent December wedding of Miss Nancy Ellen Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ward, of 21035 Madrona avenue, Torrance, when she exchanged rings and vows in the Gretna Green wedding chapel in Yuma, Arizona, with William E. Reeser, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Reeser of 2217 Pullman Lane, Redondo Beach.

Her winsome blonde beauty enhanced by the pale blue taffeta dress she wore, the bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a spray of white carnations on her shoulder, and a small velvet hat of deep blue.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Reeser, mother of the groom, while the bride's father, Thomas Ward, attended the groom as best man. Officiating at the rites was Rev. Moulden of the Gretna Green Chapel.

The bride attended school at Torrance High, while the groom received his schooling in the east. The newlyweds are now residing at 1029 West Carson street, Torrance. The bride's parents are co-owners of Paramount Builders' Supply on Torrance Blvd.



ARIZONA WEDDING: Mr. and Mrs. William E. Reeser, Jr., the former Nancy Ellen Ward, were married in Gretna Green Chapel in Yuma by Rev. Moulden (in background) as members of the couple's immediate family attended.

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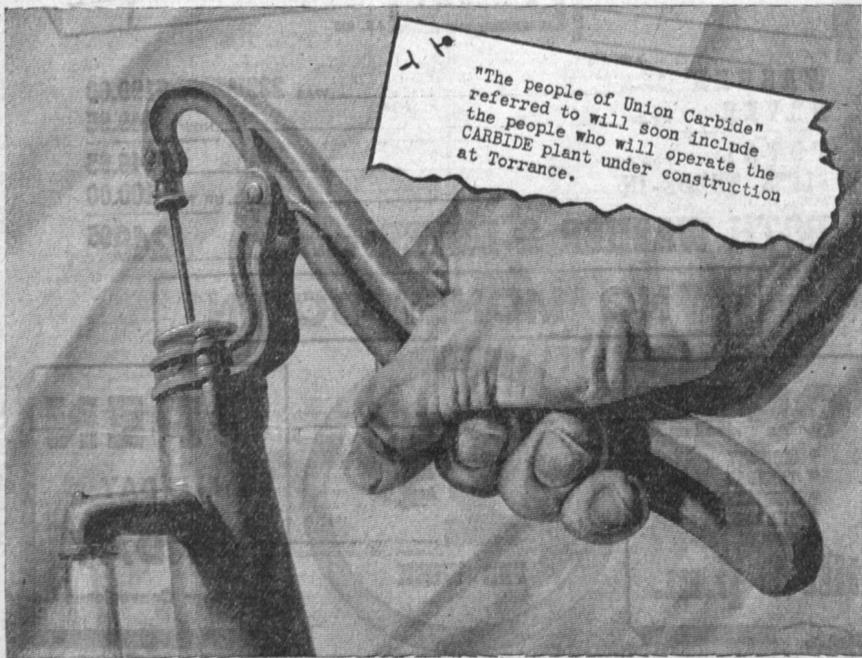
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RECENT NEWLYWEDS: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edward Hook, nee Muriel Anne Gately, present a picture of radiance as they leave Nativity Catholic Church following their wedding December 18. They are now in the east visiting relatives in New York and Boston before taking up residence near Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, where he is to be stationed.

## NEWLYWED OLVERAS ON ENSENADA HONEYMOON

Honeymooning in Ensenada last week were Mr. and Mrs. F. Baker Olvera, the former Miss Suzanne Benard, who were married in a colorful pre-Christmas wedding at Nativity Catholic Church Sunday December 19, followed by a reception in the Torrance Woman's Club.

### Christmas Decor

The green and red Christmas colors of poinsettia baskets and the holly-decked aisles formed the backdrop for the lovely white chantilly lace gown worn by the bride, as she was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Victor J. Benard. The afternoon rites were performed by Father Robert Gara.

Miss JoAnn Benard was her sister's maid of honor, and wore a gown of ruby red taffeta which was matched by the nylon muff, poinsettias and holly she carried. Bridesmaids were Miss Penny Benard, also the bride's sister, and Mrs. Irwin Kasten, wearing turquoise dresses.

Wearing white velvet was little Caroline Olvera, who was flower girl, the other junior attendant being Nicholas Gregory, Jr., ring bearer. John Mitchell was best man, and ushers were Jerry Cox and Fred Carlson.

### Torrance High Graduate

The bride, daughter of the Victor Benards of 1448 Engracia avenue, graduated from Torrance High in 1953, and is employed at the YMCA, while her husband, son of the F. C. Olveras of 2240 W. 250th street, Lomita, is a 1952 graduate of Narbonne High, and is employed by the Southwest Instrument Company.

The young couple have established their residence at 1617 Arlington avenue in Torrance.

### CLASSES

A class in "Exercises for pregnancy and Preparation for Childbirth" will be given by the Torrance YWCA beginning the week of January 10.

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