

Attorney Discusses Fluoridation

Donald J. Hitchcock, Torrance attorney, and president of the Torrance Dental Health Assn., addressed the members of the Pilot Club of Torrance at their regular February dinner meeting on the subject "Fluoridation for Torrance."

Hitchcock told some of the pros and cons regarding this controversial issue which the association plans to place on the ballot for the voters in Torrance in April, 1958, to decide whether or not to have fluoridation in the water supply.

Principally, he emphasized the work of the Dental Health Assn. to aid the school children of Torrance, and explained how the association's research on the subject of fluoridation had led them to sponsor this project. He was introduced by Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, chairman of the special funds committee.

Mrs. J. A. DeJaire, president, announced that several members of the club have joined the volunteer forces of the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign. They are Meses. Herma Tillim, J. Frank Higgins,

Nursery School Officers Elected For Spring Term

New officers were elected to serve for the coming term, February through June, 1957, at the Torrance Nursery School, incorporated. They are: Dorothy Engel, president; Betty Casey, vice-president; Victor Hetzel, treasurer; Ann Burns, secretary.

Dot Engel has appointed the following committee chairmen: Max Lanier, Father's work; Gloria Champion, ways and means; Mae Gruen, scheduling; Gerry Richhart, membership; Violet Boodman, publicity; Genevieve Carr, education; Dorothy Fisher, hospitality; Charlotte Sielaff, liaison for church; and Ralph Carr, housing.

The president is also area coordinator for the Los Angeles Council of Cooperative Nursery schools.

The nursery school is now accepting applications for enrollment. The child must be three years of age at date of enrollment. For those children not quite three it is suggested that applications be turned in now.

Gerald Cork, John Whittington, C. B. Mitchell and Miss Mae Sleep.

Women . . .

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Mrs. Edward Decker

Marilyn Poeske Marries Edward Lawrence Decker

Miss Marilyn Ann Poeske, in a gown of nylon and chintilly lace over satin, was married Saturday morning February 2, at the Nativity Catholic church to Edward Lawrence Decker.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Poeske, 820 Beech ave., was given away in marriage by her father. Her full length gown was distinctive with scattered flourescent sequins on the lace bodice and bouffant skirt. The sabrina neckline, long, pointed sleeves and chapel train completed the stylish creation. Her fingertip illusion veil fell from a crown of orange blossoms and she carried a colonial bouquet of light pink and white roses.

Sister of the bride, Carolyn Poeske, was maid of honor. Also attending the bride were Mrs. Joyce Hughes and Mrs. Joan Cagle, sisters of the bride, and Miss Carol Barnum, the bride's cousin. They wore street length crystalline taffeta dresses with empire waists in contrasting pastel colors of yellow, blue, pink, and orchid. White head bands, gloves and shoes added fashionable accents and they carried arm bouquets of tulips and stock.

Best man was Robert Decker, brother of the groom. Another brother, Anthony Decker Jr., served as an usher with James Hughes and Donald Cagle. Christine Hughes, the bride's niece, preceded the bride as flower girl in a blue taffeta, street length dress. She carried a colonial bouquet of red and white roses.

Soloist Frank Algarme sang "Panis Angelicus" accompanied by Minnie McConlogue, church organist.

Mrs. Poeske, mother of the bride, chose a beige, two-piece suit with brown accessories for her daughter's wedding. The ensemble consisted of a sheath dress and duster. She wore a rose corsage. The groom's mother, Mrs. Decker, wore a green taffeta, bouffant dress with pink accessories and a white gardenia corsage.

After the double ring ceremony performed by Rev. Martial Luebke, OFM, a breakfast was served at the bride's home and later a dinner was served to approximately 100 guests. Mrs. Marie Barnum and her daughter Linda were in charge of the guest book.

The couple left for a honeymoon in Northern California and Nevada. The bride's going away outfit was a pink knit suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of tiny pink and red roses.

Mrs. Decker is a graduate of Torrance High school in 1955 where she was active in GAA, and the Torette Y-Teens. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony B. Decker, 17016 Ardath. He is a 1955 graduate of Junipero Serra High school, Gardena. Both are employed at Douglas Aircraft and will live in Torrance.

MRS. BELL WILL HEAD AUXILIARY

The first meeting of the North Torrance Little League Auxiliary was held Wednesday, February 20, at the home of Mrs. Jeff Bell, 3719 W. 187th street.

Present at the meeting as guests were Mrs. L. Marshall and Mrs. D. Campbell of the Torrance National Little League Auxiliary who advised the North Torrance group on the purpose and duties of a Little League Auxiliary.

Elected to serve as officers at this meeting were: Mrs. Jeff Bell, president; Mrs. I. J. Mack, vice president; Mrs. Jaunita Schaefer, secretary; Mrs. Paul Welch, treasurer.

Chosen to serve on the Board of the Auxiliary were Mrs. G. A. Cunerty, publicity chairman, Mrs. Joe Sorenson and Mrs. Art Sharon, ways and means co-chairman, and Mrs. Herb Fisher and Mrs. L. L. Smith, concessions chairmen.

President, Mrs. Bell, said the purpose of forming an auxiliary for the North Torrance Little League was to aid and assist the players and Little League officers and managers in all undertakings.

Mrs. Bell advised there would be a general meeting of the newly formed auxiliary on Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the Crenshaw Elementary school. Mothers of Little League players are invited to attend and become members of the North Torrance Little League Auxiliary.

FOUNDERS HONORED BY PTA

Mrs. Leland Van Buren presided at the Founder's Day meeting of the Harbor Day PTA Wednesday, February 20. The Webelos, of Cub Pack 743C, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Past presidents were presented corsages, made by Mrs. Van Buren, and gifts in their honor. Those present to help commemorate the occasion were: Meses. William Tregarthen, Charles Hilzer, Ray Groover, George Weeks, Carl Gregory, Max Schatz, Lula Higgs, Winifred Kroll, Gibson, E. R. Walker, and W. J. Schroeder and Mrs. O. C. Grubbs.

Mrs. Don Furu, Founder's Day-chairman, represented Norman Condon, soloist, who sang "Wishing Will Make It So" and "The End of a Perfect Day." A candlelight ceremony was held by Meses. Virginia Giffin, Dorothy Sipes, Lenore Stango, Evelyn Dunphy, Barbara Furu and Kathleen Bourland.

Mrs. C. S. Andreotti, life membership chairman, presented life memberships to Mrs. Don Bourland and Mrs. Leland Van Buren, for their service to the community through youth groups, PTA, and many other activities.

Mrs. John Conshafter gave the inspirational message. The nominating committee has met and submitted the following names to the Association for the coming year: Mrs. James Alexander, president; Mrs. Dallas Wallick, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Marvin Thomas, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. John Blencowe and Cecil Pruett, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Harry Alexander, secretary; Mrs. Michael Travers, treasurer; Mrs. Anthony Graro, auditor and Mrs. Albert Dudley, historian.

Hostesses were room mothers from rooms 3, 8 and 9. A beautifully decorated cake, made by Mrs. James Alexander, was the centerpiece amid candles and corsages decorated by Mrs. Van Buren.

Robert Metcalf's A6 class, and Mrs. Vera Newman's A2 class will receive room prizes for having the most parents present at the Association meeting.



Last Minute Details

Members of the Nativity Mother's club put on the finishing touches while their husbands wait impatiently for the dance Saturday, March 2, at the Torrance Civic auditorium. All proceeds will go towards the Little Company of Mary Hospital which is to be constructed this year. Anticipating the gala affair are (l-r) Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Janasik, and Mr. and Mrs. James Fornelli.

Police Officer Discusses Narcotics at PTA Meeting

Lieutenant Douglas C. Cook of the Torrance Police Department gave several prime examples of the drastic reactions to narcotics addiction as he addressed the Sepulveda PTA group on February 21.

"Heroin is like a cancer, especially in teen-age groups. Find one addict among them and there are five more in the same neighborhood," said Lieutenant Cook. "There is a constant scheme to find ways to buy heroin, since many must have it each morning before they can face a new day."

Emphasizing the fact that an addict loses a "kick" very quickly, Lieutenant Cook mentioned the danger of drugs on the market which are too easily available for those unfortunate who must maintain a "high feeling." Attempts are being made, he said, to classify as a felony the possession and distribution of these barbiturates.

Emotional disturbances at home are an underlying factor in the lives of those children who fall easy prey to narcotics addiction, he added. More stress is being placed upon the importance of giving children love.



Founder's Day Notables

At the 223rd St. School PTA meeting last week, Mrs. David Goolsby, (second from left) was honored with the Life Membership Award. Others helping to make the evening a memorable one were (l-r) Mrs. LeRoy Jacobsen, Founder's Day chairman; Mrs. Carl Eppenheimer, honorary life chairman; and Mrs. Elizabeth Danky, principal.

223rd ST. PTA AWARD GIVEN MRS. GOOLSBY

Mrs. David P. Goolsby was recipient of the 1957 Honorary Life Membership at the Founder's Day meeting held by 223rd St. School PTA.

The award represents a donation that has been given to the PTA teacher's scholarship fund in the name of the recipient. The awards are presented only to those who have made outstanding contributions to the community through their efforts for and with children.

Mrs. Goolsby, who has been active for many years in PTA work, has given unsparingly of her time to further the PTA purpose.

Elected to a nominating committee to recommend candidates for offices next year were Meses. Carl Eppenheimer, Ray Carrick, Jack Cameron, Willis Albaugh and alternates, Wayne H. Vinson and Gene LeRoy.

Twelve delegates and two alternates will represent 223rd St. PTA at the coming council and district elections. They are Meses. George LaMontagne, H. Carroll, Edward Kollmeyer, Donald King, Ellis Blankenship, A. A. Venable, Francis Anania, Wallace McLay, Richard Carrier, Paul Kelso, James Gonderman, Fred Trujillo, and alternates, Harold Muth, and LeRoy Jacobsen.

Mrs. Gene LeRoy, March of Dimes chairman, thanked all the mothers who marched on polo and announced that \$352.72 was collected by 223rd St. mothers.

Bob Fleischman, field representative of Los Angeles Area council of the Boy Scouts of America, spoke on scouting.

As a result many youngsters will be disappointed this year unless volunteers step forward to assume youth program responsibilities, Fleischman stressed.

GENERAL GIFTS DRIVE BEGINS FOR HOSPITAL

Almost one hundred women volunteers, each of whom is a captain for the General Gifts fund-drive for the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign, began recruitment last week of 500 team workers, according to George W. Post, general gifts corps director.

Eighty captains in Torrance will each enlist five volunteers for their teams.

Kickoff dates for General Gifts contingent was February 27th in Torrance.

Torrance captains include Meses. N. E. Turner, Zita Gonzales, Kenneth Collins, C. F. Malone, M. B. Millar, F. A. Cameron, Madeline Moon, McLaughlin, Joan Slick, Evelyn Augustus, Robert Leech, Howard Altermatt, Joseph Cancelosi, Thomas Andreoli, John McVey, Cecilia Young, F. Gately, Jim Fornelli, William J. Garrity, John Jansse, Bernard Meier, Charles A. Fischer, Alfred D. Crawford, Herma Tillim, Dorothy Swaton; Vie Whittington, Mildred Mitchell, Evelyn Stanford, Florence Sommers, George Clay, Virginia Dow, Neva Cato, John Tippin, Carl Brinke, Norman Watson, Iler, James Hall, Rosemary Rourk, Loretta Hogan, Betty Bucher, Ann Willis, Frances Snodgrass, Billie Gross, Bertha McNeil, Lyle J. O'Hara, John Brislin, N. A. Staff, Giovenco, L. Russell Cason, T. Frontiera, C. M. Leichtweiss, Pauline Reeves, Anna Glenn, Agnes Keeffe, June Mosbrucker and Theresa Schuster.

Wins Saucepan

Mrs. Margaret Hollinshead, 2121 Border ave., was the lucky winner of a Sunbeam saucepan given away by Allen Jewellers, 1321 Sartori ave., on Tuesday, February 26. The winning ticket was drawn by Mrs. H. Ley Newman of the Gay Shop.

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