

Trailerettes Receive George Putnam Distinguished Achievement Award Plaque

The Trailerettes, a service group comprised of young girls in Lomita, was one of fifteen youth groups honored by George Putnam on a recent KTTV telecast. In order to recognize and stimulate community service projects by youth groups and organizations, the Annual Putnam Youth Achievement Awards were originated two years ago.

SPELLER PLACES 3rd IN CONTEST

For the third consecutive year, Judy Martin, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Martin, 2445 W. 236th, placed among the finalists in the Southern California Regional Spelling Contest held in Long Beach.



Amanuensis Anybody?

Judy Martin, an eighth grade student at Howard Wood school, placed third in the Regional National Spelling Contest after misspelling the word "amanuensis," an erudite term for "secretary."—Press Photo.

OPEN HOUSE AT TORRANCE ELEMENTARY

Each parent was invited to attend Open House at Torrance Elementary School Wednesday, April 24. Featured at the short PTA meeting held in the auditorium was the High School wrestling team.

Many of the rooms had special projects and activities for the guests which demonstrated the work and progress of the children.

Dates of the annual Kindergarten Round-up will be May 15 and 16. Each parent is urged to enroll his child for next year's classes if he will be 5 years old by December, 1957.

The regular monthly board meeting of the PTA was called to order by President Mrs. J.D. Dutton in the school auditorium. Mrs. R. D. Anderson, ways and

Puppet Show

Invitations are being extended to children and their parents to attend the Bob Baker Puppet Show Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., at the Gardena Teen-age Center, 1641 Market st., Gardena. Proceeds will go to the Gardena Coop Nursery school, sponsors of the performance.

SISTER KENNY KICK-OFF MAY 1

Miss Jan Nincevic and Mmes. George Powell, Noel Peacock and Howard C. Stallman are expected to attend the Sister Kenny kick-off luncheon May 1 at Ciro's in Los Angeles for campaign leaders from Los Angeles County.

Means chairman, reported that proceeds from the successful hot dog sale will go towards the Student Dental Health program.

More than 250 nominations in Los Angeles county were received this year by groups from pre-teen to teenagers, including coed groups, Churches, service clubs and law enforcement agencies were listed as many of the sponsors.

Achievements included everything from financial contributions to welfare programs to contributions of many personal hours to the health and welfare of other children or adults.

The sweepstakes award went to the Cheres Amies Horizon club (Camp Fire Girls) of North Hollywood and Studio City, and 14 special award plaques were presented to 14 other Southern California youth groups for outstanding service to the community.

At the telecast, Virginia Miller and Carol Oriani received the award plaque for the Trailerettes for the example you set for the 30,000 other children living in trailer courts in this vast community; for providing a one thousand gallon wading pool and funds for the children of the Little Flower Missionary Home in Los Angeles; for providing such a wonderful Christmas for a family of 11 children who had lost their father; for supplying clothing for churches to distribute to deprived families in the drought areas, and for your many hours of work and efforts for charitable causes.

Other members of the group include Diane Oriani, Beverly Oriani, Sharon Steiner, Susanne Hall, Joline Cordell, Valeta Crum, Beverly Daily, Shirley Baker, Karen Exter, and Diane Wilson.

Adults who attended the award presentation were Mmes. Margaret Baker, children's advisor and woman's president; Charles Hall, Betty Miller, Dicky Barnett, and John Oriani.

Women . . .

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DURFEE PARKINS, Women's Editor

FRANCES NELSON TO WED IN JUNE

The engagement and wedding of Miss Frances Gene Nelson to Edward Frank Ricks was disclosed this week by the future bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, 1602 W. 205th st.



Engaged

The couple will be married June 21 at the Mormon Temple in Los Angeles.

Miss Nelson graduated from Gardena High school in the winter of '56. She was a member of Las Laurens (girls honor club), GAA, GLC, and was class treasurer. She is now employed at Helen-Grace Candles in Torrance.

Airman First Class Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lynn Ricks, 1028 Hickory, graduated from Torrance High school. He is now serving with the US Air Force, stationed at Hamilton Air Force base, specializing in electronics. He recently returned from a tour of duty at Thule, Greenland.

Soroptimists Hear Principal Report on Two Conventions

The Principal of Robert E. Peary Jr., High school in Gardena, Soroptimist Frances Stephan, reported on her recent trips to conventions held in Fresno and Washington, D.C., at the luncheon meeting of the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist club April 22.

She pointed out that during lunch, the population of California was increasing by 150-450 births and 300 deaths. "This growth has caused a terrific problem for the school system. Los Angeles has tried and has done a wonderful job keeping up, by opening a classroom every half hour. It has been hard to impress upon the voters of the great necessity as money to build had to come from taxes or bonds," she said.

Another problem across the whole nation, she reported, is the shortage of teachers and told of the efforts being made to obtain more teachers. She spoke also of the foreign students and of their desires for

us to understand the problems of their people and countries.

Miss Stephan closed her speech by quoting Fred Smith, past-president of the Gruen Watch co., and one of the speakers at the Washington Convention: "Wait to worry" and "before we criticize, be sure we have a foolproof remedy."

President Margaret Neff presided and the speaker was presented by program chairman, Frances Dimitri.

The next club meeting will be a dinner and a jewelry auction April 29, 7 p.m., at the home of Pearl Groot, 1147 W. 159th st., Gardena. Mary Lemberger will be co-hostess.

DEADLINE MAY 15

3 More Weeks to Enter Press 'Woman of the Year' Contest

As the May 15 deadline draws near for the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" contest sponsored by the Torrance Press, more and more clubs and individuals are nominating their candidates in the five fields—PTA, Civic and Cultural, Social and Philanthropic, Business and Professional, and Church.



However, the important phase now is to compose a letter of recommendation describing your candidate and reasons for nomination in her particular division. This will be your final entry.

For those of you who failed to submit a nominating entry blank, it is still not too late to enter the contest which definitely closes on May 15. On May 16 the judges will confer to select the winners who will be the guests of the Torrance Press at an invitational luncheon May 23. So that the judges won't be rushed in their decision, please submit your final entries as soon as possible.

Remember, it is still not too late to enter the contest even though you may not have submitted an entry blank. Talk to your friends, discuss it at your next club meeting and write us a letter describing your candidate. She may be one of the five winners in this first annual "Outstanding Women of the Year" contest.

Winners will not be restricted to contributions made during the past year, but outstanding work at any time will be considered.

If there are still any doubts about the contest as to the divisions, qualifications, etc., contact the Society Editor of the Torrance Press at FA 8-2345.

Still Time to Enter

May 15 is surrounded by a few of the nominating entry blanks returned to the Torrance Press in the "Outstanding Woman of the Year" contest as a reminder that it is not too late to enter. Just write us a letter describing your candidate before the deadline, May 15.—Press Photo.

Sorority To Present Puppet Party May 4

South Bay Alumnae club of Alpha Phi will present its annual "Puppet Party" on May 4 at Eagles' Hall, 128 S. Catalina, Redondo Beach, with performances at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Proceeds from this event will be donated toward a local cardiac phase, in conjunction with Alpha Phi's international philanthropic cardiac aid project. Enthusiastic public response to last year's puppet show enabled the group to donate two heart massaging machines to Hawthorne Community hospital.

Final plans for the puppet party will be made at the next regular monthly meeting May 1 in the Hollywood Riviera home of Mrs. Guthrie Worth. New officers who will be installed at this meeting include Mrs. Don Wilson of Manhattan Beach, president; Mrs. John Dozier of Torrance, vice president and treasurer; and Mrs. Worth, secretary.

Chairmen are Mrs. Robert L. Fogel of Torrance, press; Mrs. L. W. Springer of Torrance; Alpha Phi quarterly correspondent; Mrs. Robert Griffin of Manhattan Beach, social; and Mrs. Guy Sherod of Torrance.

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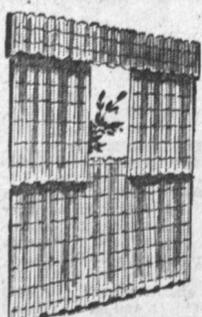
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Bride-to-be Surprised At Shower

Miss Phyllis Brandmire, who will marry Royal Licht June 1, was honored at a surprise wedding shower recently at the home of the groom-to-be's grandmother, Mrs. G. Johnson by Mrs. F. Johnson, a great aunt from Petersburg, Alaska.

Her gifts were displayed on a table under a pink and white crepe paper umbrella with white paper streamers leading to a white wedding bell in the center of the room.

The cake was decorated with light green frosting, a white umbrella, white roses, daisies and doves. Ice cream and punch were served after the honoree opened her gifts.

Miss Brandmire is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Brandmire, of Wilmington, and her future husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Licht, of Torrance.

MATISSE FILM SHOWING SET BY ART GROUP

Torrance Art group will meet Friday, April 26, 8:30 p.m. at McMaster Park, 3624 W. 174 st. —A color-sound film on Matisse, famous French modern artist, will be shown.

A short business meeting will precede the film. A nominating committee for selection of officers and club constitution will be selected.

As usual, members are asked to bring in one piece of recently done art-work for the discussion period.

The meeting is open to the public.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE FIVE-YEAR PINS

Five year pins are being awarded to ten women volunteers who have served in the various Services of the Torrance-Lomita Branch of American National Red Cross for a combined total of more than fifty years.

Mrs. W. H. Cochran, liaison representative of volunteers, who also received a pin, presented pins to Mmes. Paul Loranger, M. B. Miller, Leo McMillan, David McMillan, Axel Martinson, Walter Sharon, John Stoddard, Douglas Thomas, and Walter West.

"These women have given unstintingly of their time to serve as Canteen workers, Donor Room aides, typists and receptionists at the numerous Blood Banks held in this area, both civic and industrial, and this pin is a token of recognition given by the Red Cross," said Mrs. Cochran.

One other local woman holds the 5-year pin—Mrs. Gordon S. Jones, chairman of

the blood program, who received the award two years ago.

Mrs. Enid Miles holds the record locally, with fifteen years of service, having taken the first Canteen course offered by Red Cross after the outbreak of World War II. She has served continuously since that time and is one of the unseen workers at the civic banks preparing food for the more than 40 workers usually needed to staff the banks held at the Civic Auditorium three times a year.

Anyone interested in doing volunteer work for the Red Cross may contact Mrs. Cochran or the local office.



Red Cross Awards Made

Mrs. W. H. Cochran, liaison representative of Red Cross Volunteers, presents a five-year pin to Mrs. Paul Loranger. Other recipients of the award are (l-r) Mmes. David McMillan, Leo McMillan and (r) M. B. Miller.—Press Photo.



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Awards Made

Cub Pack 703-C held its regular monthly pack meeting at the Carl Steele school, Tuesday, March 12.

Following along the theme of Indian trails, Dens 6, 7, and 8, displayed miniature Indian villages. Den 3 presented a skit which included the Indian chief and six Indian braves. They concluded their program by smoking the pipe of peace.

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