

### Installation Of Officers Set Wednesday

St. Margaret Mary's Altar Society held their annual installation of officers in the parish hall, Wednesday, Jan. 5, with Mrs. Edna Fisher presiding.

At the inspiring ceremonies Mrs. Harry Kersten, outgoing president, turned over her gavel to Mrs. Chas. Lupin, the incoming president, who has been an active member in the parish for many years.

Officers serving with her will be Mmes. Thomas Mathewson, vice president; James Starkey, secretary; Wm. R. Lichty, financial secretary; Wm. Hixson, treasurer; and J. H. Merrill, publicity.

Congratulations were extended to the new officers by the Reverend John V. Hegarty, pastor and sincere thanks to Mrs. Kersten and her officers for a very successful year.

Refreshments served by the Guilds St. Gerard and St. Francis, followed the meeting.



**PRIZE WINNERS**—Are the pheasants that the Harlan Whitacres raise for a hobby. A complete change from his busy life as a fireman, Harlan Whitacre enjoys his hobby of raising pheasants, quail and partridge. Mrs. Whitacre helps him with the feeding and care of the birds. —Photo by Bob Wintermeyer

### Prize Winning Pheasants Make Interesting Hobby for Whitacres

Because he raises prize winning pheasants as a hobby, Harlan Whitacre of Torrance will be on the cover of a sportsman's magazine.

Harlan Whitacre and his wife, Marie, live at 2240 231st St. and care for the birds as a hobby which they can enjoy together. Harlan is with the Torrance Fire Department and has been a fireman for 14 years starting when he was 21.

Mrs. Whitacre is president of the women's division of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. She is employed by Hazel Wright, Realtor.

Winning prizes for his pheasants, quail or partridge is not new to Harlan Whitacre. Raising birds has been his hobby for 11 years.

Prizes were won at the 1960 Competitive Show of the California Breeders' Association in Pomona, California last November.

For champion game bird—pheasant class only—Harlan won the John W. Lear Memorial Trophy and for maximum score—game pheasants

only—he was awarded the H. S. Melvin Memorial Trophy.

For individual pen exhibit two or more birds—he won the L. W. Potter Trophy.

J. L. Throp judged the competition assisted by Mrs. T. J. Finnerty and Francis Billie Jr., stewards, both of whom are esteemed past presidents of the California Game Breeders' Association. J. L. Throp for the past five years has been the curator of birds of the well known Buteyn Bird Ranch at San Luis Rey.

A Mongolian Ring-neck pheasant won the champion game bird trophy for the Whitacres.

For the winning pen exhibit, six Hungarian partridges were displayed with a setting of bamboo, fall colored maple leaves and redwood bark.

Through cross-breeding, Harlan has developed a bird that weighs 5 1/2 pounds which is large for a pheasant.

It takes 50 or 60 breedings of one species to get six good show birds.

### Congregational Meeting Slated For Seaside

Annual Congregational meeting of the Seaside Community Church, 230th and Ocean Ave., Torrance, will be held Sunday, January 8, at 7 p.m.

Nominees for the consistory are Mrs. Jack Patrick, Jack Muehleisen, John Schnepf, C. L. Martin and Harry Dice.

Reports on the program and activities of the last year will be given, and activities for the following year will be outlined.

At the morning, 10 a.m. service, Rev. Wm. K. Schatz will have as his sermon topic, "Danger—Men At Work." Child care is provided during the service. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m.

On Thursday, January 12, Rev. Schatz will continue the Adult Bible Study Class which meets at the Church Annex, 10 to 11 a.m.

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**INVITATION TIME**—For the annual Valentine Ball sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Addressing invitations and making ticket arrangements are (left to right) Mmes. R. J. Cusiman, recording secretary; H. F. Heinlein, president; R. S. Sleeth Jr., ticket chairman of the ball; and W. C. Crooker, publicity chairman for the affair. Valentine Ball is scheduled for February 4.

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