



USING OIL MEDIA . . . Art Section of the Torrance Woman's Club, Mrs. F. M. Shaw, chairman, opened a series of classes for members desiring to learn oil painting. These classes will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the clubhouse. Anyone interested is invited to attend. At the first class, last Thursday, Mrs. Lee Stamps, holds a sketch pad as Anna de Hoag, instructor, assists Mrs. Andrew Acampora, club president, with suggestions.

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## Election Methods To Be League's Study Topic

Methods of electing city officials and civil service regulations will be under discussion this week at a series of meetings as the Torrance League of Women Voters continues its study of the city charter.

The charter study began with a general review and was followed by a tour of City Hall to observe local government in action, according to Mrs. Howard Foote, chairman of the

study. She pointed out that this week's meetings and later meetings will be aimed at more complete understanding of sections of the charter in which there is particular interest.

Meetings have been scheduled for tomorrow at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. O. W. Christianson, 4731 White Court, Torrance; Tuesday morning at 9:45 at the home of Mrs. F. M. Adair, 416 Via Linda Vista, Torrance; Tuesday evening at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. F. L. Otter, 1436 10th Street, Manhattan Beach; and Wednesday morning at 9:45 at the home of Mrs. B. E. Belzer, 2326 Sonoma Street, Torrance.

All League meetings are open to interested persons, according to Mrs. Victor Cole, membership chairman, and any woman of voting age may become a member of the non-partisan group.

## Hildon Wells Honored at Reception

Mrs. Viola Kramer and Hildon Well, both of Torrance, who were married in Las Vegas on Jan. 19, have returned to Torrance from a honeymoon in Las Vegas, Death Valley, 29 Palms and Palm Springs.

They are now at home at 2268 W. 239th St., Torrance.

The newlyweds were honored at a reception on Sunday, Feb. 6, given by Mrs. Well's daughters, Mrs. Richard Sprout and Mrs. Georgia Giles.

Pink and white were the colors used for the reception held at the Richard Sprout home, 2260 W. 239th St.

A decorated wedding cake centered the dining table from which refreshments were served by the bride's granddaughters. Miss Kathleen Sprout served the cake, Geraldine Sprout was at the coffee service and Judy Giles, at the punch bowl.

Susan and Peggy Giles were in charge of the guest book.

Among the guests calling to congratulate the couple were Mr. Well's sons, and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Well of Downey and Mrs. and Mrs. William Well of San Gabriel.

## Hostess To OES Group

Mrs. C. L. Porter entertained several members of her Eastern Star Chapter 477, Florence, at her home, 1026 Elm, last Thursday afternoon.

Cards, knitting and visiting were the diversions and the hostess served a dessert.

Mrs. Porter's guests were Mmes. Katie Williams, South Gate; Frances Weirick, Minnie Shields, Huntington Park; Nina Strading, Gardena; Elma Rappaport, Norwalk; Ruth Doerschel, Irene Smith, and Rose Lieber, Los Angeles; and Doris S. Thornton, Playa Del Rey.

## Group Has Annual Event

Byrotz Ladies of the Torrance Baptist Temple sponsored their second annual Sweetheart banquet on Friday, Feb. 12. The chicken dinner was enjoyed by 39 guests.

Decorations in red and white carried out the Valentine theme.

Mrs. Ruby Hargrove was chairman of the dinner and was assisted by Mmes. Betty Morgan, Geraldine Burchette, Betty Weaver, and Ethel Dorman.

Guest speaker for the after-dinner program was Rev. Hatch of Norwalk.

**Dinner Party**  
In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tilia of La Habra, who were celebrating his birthday, Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker hosted a dinner party at the Smith Bros. Indian Village restaurant in Torrance. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Russell Saunders of Lynwood.

**10th Birthday**  
A birthday celebration was held at the Pen & Quill hotel-restaurant in Manhattan Beach for ten-year-old Eileen Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Bradley, of Hollywood Riviera. The party was attended by several of the honoree's neighborhood and school friends.

## YW Class In Baton Twirling To Open Feb. 23

A baton twirling class will open at the Torrance YWCA on Tuesday, Feb. 23 for an eight-week session. Erin Davidson, former head majorette for the Hawthorne Area Youth Band, will be the instructor.

Basic twirls, marching and routines will be taught. For registration or further information, the Torrance YWCA may be called.

## Fiestadores Dance To Welk Music

Members of the Las Fiestadores Dance Club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on Saturday evening, Jan. 23 prior to going by chartered bus to the Palladium in Hollywood to spend an evening dancing to the music of Lawrence Welk.

Assisting the Brooks with the cocktail party were Messrs. and Mmes. J. A. Barrington, L. G. Jones, and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Grubb.

Following the evening of dining and dancing, club members returned to the J. E. Kimble home for a buffet breakfast.

Attending the annual "Evening with Welk" were Messrs. and Mmes. J. H. Backlund, J. A. Barrington, W. C. Boswell, J. B. Brooks, W. O. Clanning, W. E. Christian, R. W. Clayton, R. R. Dexter, J. A. Eisenbrandt.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. J. Gordy, J. Helphand, L. G. Jones, J. E. Kimble, J. P. Montague, R. M. Norris, A. N. Posner, Homer St. Martin, R. H. Tolson, C. M. Trezise, C. A. Woodcock, R. S. Sleeth, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Grubb, and Mrs. John Agapito.

**Stantons Hosts**  
Hosting a dinner party at the Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant recently were Mr. and Mrs. John Stanton of Waveria, who were complimenting her mother, Mrs. Fran Taylor of Torrance, on the occasion of her 66th birthday anniversary.

Well-wishers included Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones of San Diego, Miss Margaret Taylor of Torrance, Shelley and Heather Stanton of Waveria, and Greg and Torrie Jones of San Diego.

# PTA The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. M. H. Spaulding

**EVELYN CARR**  
Former presidents and past recipients of the Honorary Life Membership award will be special guests at the Feb. 23 meeting of the Evelyn Carr PTA at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Jack Till will present a special tribute to Founders Day and present this year's Honorary Life Membership awards. The theme of the program is "Our Responsibilities to the Past, Present, and Future."

Mrs. Stewart Angus will preside over the business meeting. Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Brownie Troop 114 under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Shelton. The inspirational will be given by Mrs. Perry Baker. Refreshments will be served by Room Mothers of Rooms 5, 6, and 18.

**VICTOR**  
Mrs. Joseph Russo, membership chairman and mother of eight, who has served every year on the Victor PTA board, was presented with the Honorary Life Membership at the Victor PTA's Founders Day meeting Feb. 10. Mrs. Jack Bohn, Founders Day chairman, made the presentation. Mrs. Russell McElroy, president, was in charge of the business meeting.

Four past recipient of the award present were Mmes. Howard Johnston, Harvey Horwich, William Robertson and Mr. Larry Satterfield.

Blue ribbon winners were Mmes. Gordon Kent, Bruce Sopher, Joseph Russo, Albert Stock, Chris Eliopoulos, Russell McElroy and Mr. Harvey Horwich.

Pictures of the classes having the highest membership enrollment were presented to class representatives. They were Steven Nucomber, student in Mrs. Molly Marshall's first grade class; Beckie Burford, from Miss Madeline Wayt's sixth grade; and Cheryl Kelly and Dorothy Harrison for Mr. Mitchell Denning's 7th and 8th grades.

**HILLSIDE**  
Tenth anniversary of the Hillside School was observed as well as Founders Day at the meeting Thursday evening at the school. Mrs. Lucille Inman, past president of Hillside PTA, assisted by ten students who entered school in kindergarten and graduated from the 8th grade, conducted a candlelighting ceremony.

An Honorary Life membership was presented and the nominating committee reported.

A Teachers Aide workshop is held at the school every Tuesday at 10 a.m. A request for any outgrown or unwanted Brownie or Girl Scout uniforms was made. Anyone wishing to donate is asked to contact Hillside school office.

**ANZA**  
"Family Fun in the Past" was the theme of the of the Founders Day meeting held by the Anza PTA Thursday evening, Mrs. J. Mundy gave the inspirational and Walter Anderson narrated the Founders Day program paying tribute to Alice Birney and Phoebe Hearst, who were represented by Mrs. N. J. Lowe and Mrs. G. Graves. Mrs. Frank Johnson supplied the background music. Refreshments were served by the mothers of the second and fourth grades.

**NEWTON**  
"Phoebe's Fashions" was the Founders Day program at the meeting of the Newton PTA on Thursday. The original skit, written by a PTA member, represented each era from 1890 to 1965. An Honorary Life Membership was awarded.

**ARLINGTON**  
Mrs. William Ford, Founders Day chairman, directed the program at the Arlington PTA's Founders Day meeting Feb. 18. Mrs. Frank Oldt, Honorary Life chairman, presented an award. Nominating committee made its report and refreshments were served by Fifth Grade room mothers.

**TORRANCE HIGH**  
Honorary Life Memberships were presented at the Torrance High School PTA meeting on Feb. 3 with Mrs. H. S. Hobers presiding.

Following flag salute led by Dr. Carl Abee, school principal, and inspirational message delivered by Mrs. Leo Levanas, health and welfare chairman, Mrs. Alton Littlejohn, honorary life chairman, presented corsages to Mmes. Robert Sleeth and Paul Roberts, past presidents and former honorary life membership recipients, Mmes. A. C. Turner, W. C. Bowen, James Wayt, past presidents; Mmes. John Spiller, Eric Westcombe and O. O. Clayton and Messrs. Marcus Caldwell and Abee, former honorary life recipients.

Mrs. Littlejohn then presented honorary life membership to Mr. Arlo Sullivan, teacher at Torrance High School, in recognition of his many activities in behalf of young people through the years in Cub Scouts, Little League and as recreational director and teacher at the Sunday School of his church.

Mrs. James Wayt also was honored with an honorary life membership for her many years of valuable services to both PTA and Little League.

Program for the evening consisted of documentary film, which was introduced by Mrs. Levanas. This film is used in the health education program at the school.

## Book Group Refresher Set Feb. 26

South Bay District of Great Books Discussion Groups will hold its mid-winter refresher Friday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. in the American Savings and Loan building, 1959 Kingsdale Avenue, Redondo.

The book to be discussed is George Orwell's "Animal Farm." It will be a general meeting, open to all leaders and members of groups in the area.

Arrangements have been made with a nearby restaurant for a dinner party preceding the discussion for those interested. Persons wishing to attend the refresher or make dinner reservations should contact Dale Cade, 26548 Mazur Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

**Engagement Party**  
Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant was the scene of an engagement party given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts of Torrance in honor of their daughter, Deiores A. Johnson, and their future son-in-law, Frank Lynn Hale of Torrance.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Roberts of Long Beach, Denny Voelker of Torrance and Traudel Foster of Torrance.

**Auxiliary Card Party on Feb. 22**  
Ladies Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Dept. will hold a card party, Feb. 22, in the classroom of the Park View Village, West, 20707 Anza. All popular games will be played and refreshments will be served. Hostesses will be Mmes. Ronald Powers, Charles Reintzma and Jay Neilson.

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SERVICES HONORED . . . Beaming with pride, Mrs. Herbert C. Clark, left, and Mrs. Jeanne Hoyt, first grade teacher at Halldale School, show their Honorary Life Membership to Mr. Clark immediately after receiving the honors from the Halldale PTA. The awards are presented in recognition of service to the youth of the area. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Sorority Hears First Hand Talk on Berlin

Members of Xi Theta Xi Chapter, of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, were in for a treat when they traveled to the lovely new home of Mrs. Robert Hollister, in Westminster, recently for their meeting.

Mrs. Hollister presented the cultural program on "Berlin," which was made interesting by the presence of Mr. Walter Stark of Long Beach, 63-year-old uncle of the hostess. Mr. Stark was born in Berlin, and recounted many personal experiences, and gave the historical background to the modern culture of the area. He also pointed up the military custom, the industry, and the strict social relations, as well as giving highlights on several ruling dynasties of Germany. The guest is a great admirer of Willy Brandt, Mayor of Berlin, and told many incidents in the life of the mayor.

Tentative plans were presented by Mrs. Robert Nickelson, ways and means chairman, for a cocktail party, to be given in the near future.

Mrs. Lola Abrams gave a report on the sorority's Southern California Council bi-monthly breakfast meeting at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, San Gabriel Valley.

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**Noble Grands**  
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## Mabey Son Is Baptised

Nicholas Joseph Mabey, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Mabey, was baptised on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14 at the St. James Catholic Church.

Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gerald Mabey. After the baptism, grandparents of the new baby, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas H. Edwards entertained at a dinner at their Torrance home.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Nicholas H. Edwards, Joseph Gerald Mabey, Aleck Edwards, George Athey, Nicholas Edward, William Edwards, Harry Riley.

Others were Mrs. Shirley Serabian; Johnnie, Fran and Kathy Riley.

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