Artist Giving Much Attention to Completing Mural Painting in High School Library

Mrs. Burchett Succumbs After Long Illness

A long illness came to an end last Saturday for Mrs. Doris Burchett, wife of James H. Burchett, Torrance high school shop instructor, at their home, 1411 Amapola. Mrs. Burchett, who had many friends in this community where she had lived for the past 10 years, was 38 years of age.

The Christian Science service was held Tuesday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel with Mrs. Betty Vandegrift as reader. Cremation followed, at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale.

In addition to her devoted husband, Mrs. Burchett was survived by two children, Hazel, 14, and James, eight, students in the local schools; and her mother, Mrs. Lillian E. Howland, also of this city.

Lomita Men Hurt in Head-on Crash

Two Lomitans, Lester M. Leslie, 54, of 24335 Narbonne, and Warren Hamilton, 29, of 2118 245th street, were badly injured in a side-swipe and head-on automobile collision early last Sunday morning at Narbonne and 230th street. Both were given emergency treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital and then taken to their homes to recover. The other driver involved in the crash was A. Chaykowski, 27, of 724 Border avenue, this city, according to local police.

'Couple of Beers' Costs $50 Fine

Raising $50 to pay a fine for driving while intoxicated is going to be hard on Curtis Brown, 30, of Sartori court, because he told City Judge Robert Lessing he makes only $12 a week. Brown plead guilty to the charge, declared he only had "a couple of beers." He agreed to pay the fine in $25 installments due May 1 and May 15. He said he was married and has two children.

MOTHERS CHORUS WILL SING

The Mothers Chorus of the local P.T.A. groups will be featured on a Mothers Day program planned by the Torrance Chapter, O.E.S., at its regular meeting next Thursday evening, May 5.

Lomita Park Site Improvement to Start Soon

With the filing of papers for the purchase of six and one-half acres on Eshelman avenue boulevard, all local forms connected with the acquisition by the county of a new park site in Lomita were complete last Friday.

Partial improvement of the site is scheduled to get under way at once with further improvements to be made in later years. Location of a county park has been a project of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce for several years.

Justices' Salaries To Be Adjusted

An adjustment in the salaries of 22 justices of the peace, to conform with the actual amount of work which they perform, today, had been approved by the board of supervisors, to take effect at the start of the new terms next January.

The adjustments will result in increases in the salaries of 10 justices and decreases in the salaries of 12 justices, at an increased total cost of only $35 a month. The Inglewood court, which serves Torrance, will be cut from $350 to $300.

Walteria Hall is Being Transformed

Having been equipped with a new lighting system that was used for the first time last Saturday night at a community dance, the Walteria recreation hall will soon complete its transformation from a barn into an attractive community center by a paint job. A stage, built by Walteria carpenters during their spare time has been finished and the new lights replace those which were condemned as unsafe.

MRS. BARLOW IS HONOREE AT SHOWER

Miss Jean de Noville and Mrs. Ray Sleppy were co-hostesses at a stork shower given in honor of Mrs. Vern Barlow at her home, 1412 Cota avenue, last night. The affair, a complete surprise to Mrs. Barlow, brought a number of lovely gifts for the expected baby. Guests included Bea Shawger, Bobbie Ritmiller, Daisy Watson, Annabell Shell, Lorene Springer, Freda Evans, Thurlow Lessing and Mildred King.

Work Takes Longer Than Monrovian Anticipated

When she came here about a week ago to put the finishing touches on the mural she painted at her home in Monrovia as a Federal Art project for the high school library, Miss A. Katherine Skeel thought the work would take only a few days. But the final work will take almost another week to complete.

Miss Skeel, who is the guest of Miss Ada Chase, high school Art director, while in Torrance, discovered that the painting of Pueblo Indian communal life at Taos, N. M., could be much improved by changing certain colors. This was necessary because of the position and the lighting the mural has in the high school library.

She has an assistant helping her brush in these color changes and complete certain parts of the huge painting (34 feet in length and eight feet in width) that covers the entire wall space above book racks. Miss Skeel has received a number of artist-visitors during her stay here. They have given her generous praise for its conception, faithfulness to details and color values.

The painting, which depicts in soft colors the Indian life of New Mexico, is the result of intensive studies at Taos, N. M., by the artist. She is a graduate of Pomona College who received her art training at the University of California, Art Students' League in New York and at various academies in Paris, Florence, Italy, and elsewhere.

The mural was presented to the school by the Federal Works of Art Project administration on May 14, 1937, and has attracted keen interest of local art lovers as well as the attention of all students frequenting the library.

Judges Named for Poster Contest

The Lomita Chamber of Commerce committee, headed by A. F. Franklin, which is directing that community's observance of national Air Mail Week, May 15 to 21, has enlisted the aid of Mrs. Hershel Crum and M. H. Ferguson. They will assist in judging the Air Mail posters now being drawn by Lomita school children. The poster contest will close Sunday, May 1, according to Postmaster Birda Paddock.

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Rites for Year-Old Child Held Monday

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for Duane Westley Ketler, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ketler of 1605 Greenwood, who passed away last Friday at Torrance Memorial hospital. The child became ill shortly after coming here some five months ago with his parents from Ohio.

Rev. B. C. Brewster was in charge of the rites at Stone and Myers' chapel and Mrs. Lorene Ulrich was soloist. Interment was at Roosevelt cemetery.

Local Grads Serve As Trojan Greeters

Laurella Lancaster and Louis Zamperini, Torrance high graduates now attending U.S.C., have been appointed to serve on a Trojan committee to welcome alumni when U.S.C. holds its open-house on the Troy campus May 7.

Same Dress In 42 Baptisms

DARLINGTON, Wis. (U.P.)—When Joseph Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. McDonald, was baptized he wore the same dress that has been used for 42 baptisms in his family during the last 65 years.

Narbonne Ephebians Chosen by Faculty

Dorothy Hall and Kiyoto Nakoka are the senior A's at Narbonne who were chosen as Ephebians from the '38 summer class by faculty vote. Such factors as a high scholastic rating, participation in school activities, leadership, and civic-mindedness were considered in making the selection.

Dist. Edison Head Named Club Prexy

Torrance friends of C. C. Bartlett, district manager for the Southern California Edison company, have been congratulating him on his election as president of the Redondo Beach Rotary club. Bartlett is also head of the beach city's Chamber of Commerce. The Hermosa Beach group has named Claude Moore to succeed Frank Johnson, publisher of The Review, as president.

SELLS BUSINESS

T. C. Carmony has sold his fountain and lunch business on Lomita boulevard next to the Lomita post office to Mrs. Margaret Taylor of that community who took possession yesterday.

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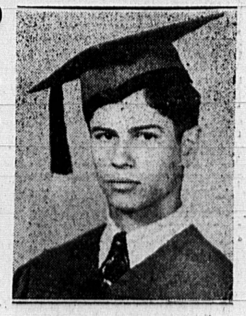
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