

# Japanese Discusses Social Problem at P.T.A. Meet

## Says American-Born Nipponese Want Chance to Raise Citizenship

"You can get music out of the black keys of a piano. And you can get music by playing the white keys. But, to create harmony, you must blend the black keys with the white keys!"

Such was the principal thought of an enlightening 20-minute talk by Masao Satow, executive secretary of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. of Los Angeles, who was guest speaker at Tuesday night's meeting of Fern Avenue P. T. A. Theme of the event was "Japanese Night." More than 150 persons attended.

Speaking on the social problem that continually confronts the American-born Japanese known as the "first generation American Japanese," and the difficulty they have in trying to make their unique and peculiar contribution to the life of their community and the nation, Satow said in part:

**Social Discrimination**— "We are not spies trying to make California a part of Japan. Nor are we trying to combine the social customs of the Orient with those of the Occident. All we want is a chance to let you know how we think and feel, and to give to America something of the best elements of Japan and America that are blended in our personalities and are our only heritage."

"We were born and bred in your schools. Therefore, we think as you do. We speak your language. So, our parents, who came here 40 years ago intending to till your ground and make their little fortune then return to their native land and enjoy life, but who, because of immigration laws, alien land laws and social conditions, have been forced to stay here, don't understand us. We can't speak their language. And they don't understand much English."

"Ours is not so much the problem of immigration or alien laws, as it is of figuring out what to do with the American-born Japanese who are already here. To do this with any degree of democratic success, we must first break down the social discrimination exercised on the yellow race by the white race, and thereby help them to realize as we do that we are both American and Japanese at the same time. And that while we revere and respect our Japanese ancestry, ours is a land that boasts a government 'of the people, by the people and for the people.'"

**Present Folk Dances**— Preceding Satow's talk, his thoughts were expressed in all the loveliness and charm of the Orient with a group of folk and festival dances. In strange contrast to the kimonoed dancers were Satow's remarks that young Japanese women of today don't even know the ancient symbolic steps. "They want to learn the jitterbug steps just like your son and daughter."

Presiding over the session was Mrs. J. J. Millard, association president. She introduced Mrs. Mark Melvaine who led the pledge to the flag, and Mrs. Fred Fischer, association secretary, who read the minutes of the previous meeting. Preceding the dancing program, Miss Nondus Stump spoke briefly on

## Eastern Star Chapter Honors Grand Matron

More than 250 members attended the attractively appointed dinner party at the Hollywood Riviera Beach club last Thursday night as a part of the preliminary reception fete accorded Mrs. Helen L. Edwards of Fullerton, California's grand matron, Order of Eastern Star, on the occasion of her first official 1940 visit to any chapter in the 56th district of the order.

Host chapter for the occasion was Torrance. Joining in the reception festivities were Wilmington, San Pedro Harbor and Point Fermin chapters.

Especially appropriate were the novel nut cups and interesting center table arrangements of massed blooms. Each expressed the visiting officer's official colors for 1940 of blue and gold.

The lovely hand bouquet of Talisman roses and sprays of larkspur presented her by the host chapter carried out the same theme.

Escorting Mrs. Edwards in the ritualistic ceremonials was John Vale of Los Angeles, junior past grand patron of California.

**Order of Ceremonies**— Other grand officers accorded honor and recognition at the fete were Ralph Boynton, associate grand patron; Grace King, grand treasurer; Louise Nottke, grand Esther; Alice Benbrook, grand warder; Sam Binman, grand sentinel; Marion Clough, Kathryn Leadley and Clara Bryan, deputy grand matrons.

Presiding over the event was Teresa Hill, worthy matron of Torrance chapter, and Frank Brown, worthy patron.

Order of ceremonies included opening and business by Mrs. Hill and Brown; escort by Jessie Larson, worthy matron and Arthur Jenter, worthy patron of San Pedro Harbor; balloting by Anna B. Hansen, worthy matron and Holgar C. Carlson, worthy patron of Point Fermin; Good of the Order, closing and program by Elsie Ward, worthy matron, and Tracy Skelton, worthy patron of Wilmington chapter.

**Featured on the program** were "The Chansonettes," Fern Osti, Dorothy Pullen and Grace Neighbarger, who sang "Beautiful Dreamer" and "Moonlight Sonata." Mrs. Clark accompanied on the piano.

**MRS. MORIN TO PLAN CARD EVENT**— Mrs. Noel O. Morin and her committee are in charge of tonight's weekly card party of the Catholic Church of the Nativity to be held at 8 o'clock in Nativity Hall. Refreshments and prizes have been planned. The public is invited to attend.

**"Proper Diet"** Chairman of the evening was James Yoshinobu. Gay lanterns and Japanese refreshments added a note of characteristic charm to the event.



**ON THE JOB**... The Duchess of Windsor, in her uniform of French Section Sanitaire Automobile, subsidiary of French Red Cross. She'd go to front if military operation developed. (Radiophoto from Paris).

## NAUTICAL THEME MARKS ANNOUNCEMENT

Climaxing a romance begun four years ago when both were students at Chapman College in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Weidlen of Manhattan Beach announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Marie, to Cecil E. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Orrin Bishop of 2021 Carson street, at an open house event given Saturday night by the bride-elect's parents.

More than 120 persons were invited. The wedding will be solemnized in September.

Unusual interest centered around the theme of the event, "The Ship of Happiness," artistically fashioned of sweets and gardenias. The same motif was used as the buffet centerpiece and coffee table decoration. Miniature "logs" of "The Good Ship Life" officially announced the engagement.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Glendale high school, is an art teacher at Wasco Union high school. She is an alumna of Chapman College, and also attended U. S. C. for one year. She is affiliated with Beta Chi sorority.

Bishop, a graduate of Torrance high school, spent two years at Chapman college, and while there became affiliated with Kappa Delta Nu fraternity. He graduated from U. S. C. where he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta.

**CLUB CLOSING MONTH WITH DESSERT BRIDGE**— Members of the Betsy Ross Club will climax their busy January social calendar with an attractively appointed open dessert bridge to be held at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 31, in the Masonic Temple.

In charge of refreshments will be Mrs. Billie Kerber. Mrs. Jennie Moore is to preside over the table and card arrangements, while Mrs. Rosalie Morgan and Mrs. Allie Bush are to plan the prize awards. The public is invited to attend.



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**THE MIDAS TOUCH** by Margaret Kennedy: The central figure of the story is Evan Jones, the unrecognized son of an international financier of the "Kreuger" type. He is born with the "Midas touch." Visiting England for the first time, Jones encounters his father and, although they never realize their relationship, their careers in both business and love become inextricably mixed. Clever and fully formed, it affords pure entertainment.

**WINE OF GOOD HOPE** by David Divine: This is the story of Tony Lemaire who leaves his family's vine farm on the Cape of Good Hope to fulfill his traditional wanderlust. For three generations the owners of Langueodoc have deserted their homes and wandered. Through the scheming of his sister and a sudden misfortune, Tony forsakes the girl he loves and his beloved vineyards. Across the world he goes as adventure pines on adventure. Here is a novel crowded with incident, color and clash of character, and written with genuine distinction. It is the first novel of a young South African author.

**WATCH FOR THE DAWN** by Stuart Cloete: Though this is the story of events that preceded the Great Trek of the Boers and of Kaspar Van der Berg, it is in reality Kaspar's book—Kaspar and shy Aletta. The tale begins in 1815 when young Kaspar leaves his father's great farm in Cape Colony and heads North to the border land. Trouble is brewing there between the Boers and English in which Kaspar becomes involved. Turned into an unwilling outlaw he escapes to live in a strange country beyond the law. Yet all the time his only desire was to become the simple Dutch farmer that his father was before him. Kaspar is the typical Boer and his life the epitome of their lives. The author creates some splendid figures you will not soon forget.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY** by Somerset Maugham: Written in the brilliant lucid style characteristic of the best of this author's work, this gripping story of five days' adventure will fulfill all the expectations of Somerset Maugham's admirers. It is an absorbing story with a group of lively diversified characters, though the author is more concerned with a conflict over a way of life which has now reached the proportions of a world war. The young hero has a shattering experience when thrust into the dark seething underworld whose current, the author leads us to assume, will eventually destroy the world of comfortable democracies. The art of story telling is nowhere better displayed than in the adroit ending of the book when the final crashing sentence makes the import of the story absolutely clear.

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**MRS. BEALE FEELS BRIDGE CLUB GUESTS**— Mesdames Harley Haynes, Scott Ludlow, Charles Mitchell, George Morgan, John Hooper, Boyd Thompson, William J. Neelands and Ralph Hutton of Los Angeles were entertained recently by Mrs. M. J. Beale at her home, 1402 Acacia avenue, for a dessert and contract bridge session. Prizes went to Mrs. Thompson, high, and Mrs. Neelands, consolation. Mrs. Neelands was a guest at the event.

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## Fashion 'Drama' To Be Staged By Students Tomorrow

There comes a time in the life of every co-ed of Torrance when, for a few hours, she forgets books, exams and teachers and starts out to enjoy the carefree, happy-go-lucky life of Miss Riley. And that time has come for a group of 1940 students. For at exactly 2:35 tomorrow afternoon, more than 75 girls will grace the high school assembly hall stage for Torrance's first showing of just that many of spring's loveliest, gayest and newest fashion silhouettes. And what a fashionfest that will be!

However, unlike other semi-annual fashion showings held by the students, this year's will be in the form of a drama, and will accent the varied colors, skirts, arm treatments, personality points and other interesting and novel details of California's casual wear, according to Mrs. Lockbridge, head of the Home Economics club, and Ellen Milligan, sponsors of the show. Home Eco Club members are to usher. The show will last about one hour.

Each costume, designed and executed by Home Economics club members, will also be modeled by its maker. Following the showing, a silver tea is to be presided over by members of the school's faculty. The public is invited to attend.

Others on the planning committee for the event include Mrs. Hazel, flower arrangements; Miss Helen Collier, umbrellas; Emma Ball and George Dye, block prints; Margaret Svensen, color chart; Sam Levy, furnishings; and James Burchett, stage crew and lighting effects.

## LEGION AUXILIARY WINS AWARD

Not only matching their 1939 paid up membership quota of 78 members but with one to spare, 50 members of the Torrance post, American Legion Auxiliary, celebrated with just cause Tuesday night at a gala membership dinner in honor of committee headed by Mrs. Pearl Power, in charge.

Mrs. Louise Walker and Mrs. Anna Carlson were initiated into the Torrance chapter Sunday at a ceremony in Long Beach. Mesdames Zoe Detrichs, Anna Wilken and Vertie Grimm of Torrance assisted with initiatory ritual. Others attending from Torrance were Mesdames Bertha Stevenson, Martha Cooper, Elsie Smith, Katherine Gossiaux and Mrs. Barnett.

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## GUILD TO PRESENT "FAMILY ALBUM"

"The Family Album," with all its fond memories, faded daguerotypes, curling mustaches, hooped skirts and hidden smiles, will be opened once again when members of the Guild of St. Andrew's church sponsor a silver social at 8 o'clock Tuesday night in Guild Hall.

"The Family Album," a humorous skit with a cast of 32 characters, will be presented promptly at 8 o'clock, according to Mrs. Fred Quaggin, director in charge. Proceeds from the event are to go into the fund to purchase a new pulpit for the church. The public is invited to attend.

Tea, coffee and other refreshments have been planned by Mrs. Fred Sandstrom, guild president, and her assisting hostesses. Cast of the skit includes Mrs. Nick Cucci, Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mrs. Boyd Thompson, Mrs. Sandstrom, Mrs. Herman Mitchell, Mrs. D. A. Murphy, Mrs. Fred Harder, Mrs. Theodore Cheesman, Miss Virginia Bark, Lou Deinger, Hugh Barnes, Charles Stewart, Fred Quaggin, Herbert Bishop, Sr., Herbert Bishop, Jr., Edward Rhone, Robert Ashley and Fred Harder.

## MOOSE WOMEN TO FETE NEW MEMBERS

A luncheon at noon tomorrow will be followed by a card party when Mrs. Auguste Barnett, 2007 Andros, opens her home to Women of the Moose. Bridge, 500 and bunco will start at 1 o'clock with the chapter's publicity chairman in charge. The public is invited.

Free instruction to the public in crocheting and fancy work will be given at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Jan. 31 by members of the Homemaking Committee at a meeting in Moose Hall, according to Mrs. Barnett, publicity chairman.

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock new members will be honored at a party in the hall. Games and refreshments are planned, with members of the membership committee headed by Mrs. Pearl Power, in charge.

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## P. T. A. ANNOUNCES SPECIAL HONORS

Of the host of worthwhile contributions made to society annually by the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, probably one of the most noteworthy and constructive is the life membership program according to local P. T. A. leaders.

Goal of Tenth District for 1940 is 308 new life memberships all of which must be purchased before March 15 for Torrance and other district units to receive credit. And, in order to qualify to retain the life membership cup again this year, Tenth District associations must make all life membership purchases before April 1. Consequently, members of local associations have been more than busy this month selecting recipients of and awarding life memberships to persons whom they feel are worthy of the honor. First 1940 awards went to Mrs. Charles E. Woodcock, president of Torrance High school unit, and to her life membership chairman, Mrs. I. C. Rous.

Torrance Elementary awarded life memberships to Miss LeElla Murphy, school clerk for

many years. Fern Avenue awards are to be announced at their Feb. 23 meeting.



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