

**Pacific Talent Academy Gives Program Here**

Students of the Pacific Talent Academy, including 25 young people from Torrance, presented an interesting program at Moose Hall last evening. The same group has been in demand for shows throughout Southern California. Monday they gave a performance at Redondo and on next Wednesday half the group will appear at Inglewood in the Rebekah Lodge reception and the balance of the troupe will give a show at the Woman's Club, Huntington Park. The entire cast, appearing under the title of "The Talent Show Case," will show in Inglewood Saturday, Aug. 26.

Pacific Talent Academy and the Bessie Clark Dance Studio of Inglewood conduct classes in Torrance at the Moose Hall every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**Cornelia Club Elects Officers Tuesday Afternoon**

Members of the Cornelia Club were delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. A. Miles, 2303 Andreo ave. Colorful dahlias and American beauty roses created a pretty background for the tables where a dessert course was served. Following a short business session, conducted by Mrs. Miles, officers were elected for the ensuing year. Mrs. M. N. Felker will serve as president and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster will be secretary-treasurer. Prize winners at contract were Misses Lancaster and W. I. Laughon.

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**FAMILY REUNION**

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Obole have returned from a 10 days' vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bullington of Denver. They were joined by their son-in-law and daughter, Pvt. and Mrs. E. R. Lillenthal. Mrs. Lillenthal is employed by the War Labor Board in Washington, D. C., near her husband's base.

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**TO LAKE ELSINORE**

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hedberg and children Jackie and Jean left Saturday for a visit with their father, W. C. Hinman of Lake Elsinore.

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**FORMER RESIDENT HERE**

Mrs. George Fleming of New Orleans, La., and formerly of Torrance, was a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ashley here this week.

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**Members Attend**

**L. A. Convention**

Lester Fix, commander of the Torrance post of the American Legion, together with C. E. Youngken, Jimmy O'Toole, Frank Richardson and Charles Dunham have been attending the American Legion department of California convention in Los Angeles this week. Gov. Earl Warren, himself a Legionnaire, addressed the meeting on Tuesday, telling the delegates of the 26th annual session of the department of the momentous postwar problems facing the state.



—Cut courtesy L.B. Press-Tribune

**STILL A-PUMPIN'** . . . In its 20th year as a producing well is a hole on the 236th st. property of Frank X. Neher, who died in his shack near the well. Neher in the early 20's leased the land to C. C. Julian, promoter, who later died in Shanghai, a fugitive from justice. Julian had offered Neher a quit claim deed to two wells on the land for \$3,000. Cautious, Neher went out at the first opportunity, at night, to look things over and found riggers taking all the equipment away from one well, in violation of the quit claim deed. Neher got the deed to the remaining well for \$250 and has kept it pumping ever since, collecting 500 barrels at a time in his tank.

**AT LOS ANGELES**

Mrs. J. O. Moore returned Monday from a weekend visit at the home of Mrs. Ruth Haggard of Los Angeles and formerly of Torrance.

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Servicemen's stationery with correct monograms is easily ordered by calling at the office of the Torrance Herald for details.

**Frank X. Neher Is Found Dead In His Home**

The community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Frank X. Neher of 236th st. the past week. Early Monday morning friends found his body in his home, where authorities said he had died of natural causes several days before.

The body is being held at the Stone & Myers mortuary pending word from a nephew who lives in New York.

The Lomita News ran a special feature about Mr. Neher several weeks ago and at that time the reporter found him in seemingly good health and with plans for the future.

He was a bachelor and one-time brewmaster and had lived near his "personal" oil well, which has been pumping steadily for the past 20 years. Neher had leased his land to an oil company which failed and neared a quit-claim deed to the rig and machinery for \$250. He also owned a score of potash claims in the Little Tujunga country, staked out between 20 and 30 years ago.

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**STAFF ASSISTANTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Marie Beale, chairman, staff assistance corps, Torrance Branch American Red Cross, announces a splendid attendance at the six weeks' class for staff assistants being conducted each Wednesday at Torrance Civic Auditorium. Mrs. Ellis McCay of Lomita is instructor. The course will be concluded Sept. 13.

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**STORK SHOWER GIVEN FOR MRS. V. E. NEWMAN**

Mrs. Virgil E. Newman was a shower honored last Tuesday evening when Mrs. Harry Newman and Mrs. A. Rossi entertained at the home of Mrs. Marion Newman, 1811 Andreo ave. Shower games with prizes for winners were the diversion following the presentation of many beautiful gifts. At the buffet table, a large cake, especially decorated for the occasion, and other refreshments were served. Those present were: Mmes. Lea Wells, Bert Wells, Emma McElfresh, Ruth Clarke, Rose Gallimore, Charlotte Newton, Benita Dishman, Toddier Newman, Gladys Wardrop, Theresa Rossi, Katherine Coster, Rose Schmidt, Ethel Parimore, all of Torrance; Inez Burrow of Lomita; Margaret Smith and Alvina Forrestress of Long Beach; Lois Schrapel, Alma Rosset, Gertrude Shrigley, Mary Joe Schrapel, all of Lynwood, and the Misses Ethel Schimmeck, Glenda Lea Wells, Rose Marie Rossi and Ann Gallimore of Torrance.

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**PRESCOTTERIAN GROUP PLANS PICNIC PARTY**

Moneta Presbyterian church will sponsor a Sunday school picnic to be held Saturday, August 19, at Torrance City Park. Picnickers will take the bus at the church at 9:30 a.m. and will be returned to their homes at 4 p.m. Each person will supply sandwiches. Pop, ice cream and a hot dish will be provided. Games and races will follow the picnic lunch.

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**WILKES SISTERS ARE BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

The Misses Nancy and Dorris Wilkes, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilkes, celebrated their 17th birthday anniversary with an enchilada dinner party last Friday evening at their home, 2463 Carson st. Those present were Dot McNew, Shirley and Violet Thompson, Eunice Abramson, Virginia Moore, Shirley Phoenix, Grace Hjerpe and Barbara Fullmer. Many beautiful gifts were presented.

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**MRS. ANN GERRY IS BIRTHDAY HONOREE**

Mrs. Ann Gerry, a floor lady at Longren Aircraft plant, was the surprised honoree at an impromptu party at the plant Wednesday evening when about 40 co-workers on the swing shift entertained. A handsome group gift was presented and later a decorated birthday cake and other party refreshments were enjoyed.

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**H. R. LEE FAMILY AT ANNIVERSARY FETE**

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Phillips of Rosemead, parents of Mrs. Hillman R. Lee, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of another daughter, Mrs. F. N. Roberts of Los Angeles. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Lee and their daughters, Marilyn and Janet, more than 20 family members were present to offer felicitations and present many lovely gifts.

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**FAMILY REUNION AT DEROUIN HOME**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Derouin, 1825 Beech ave., was a setting for an enjoyable family reunion Sunday when they entertained at a picnic lunch. Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. Francis Derouin and children of William and recently of Torrance; Laurence Derouin, Aime LeBlanc and family, Joe Fontaine, C. E. Ward and Mrs. Alphonse Derouin and Harry Guy.

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**CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING**

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic ladies' card party are Mrs. T. T. Babbitt and her committee, Mmes. Moser, Murray, Anderson, Melville, J. E. Sullivan, L. Savoie and Savoie. Everyone is cordially invited. The first door prize will be presented promptly at 8 o'clock and card play will follow immediately. Tables of contract and auction bridge, pinochle and 500 will be in play. Refreshments will be served.

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**HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. PLANS BOARD MEETING**

Torrance High School P.T.A. executive board will meet Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Torrance City Library. In addition to the routine business of the association, plans for attending the 10th District school of instruction will be made and student recreation for the school year will be discussed.

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**FRIENDS REUNITE AT ASHLEY HOME**

Mrs. R. J. Ashley entertained at her home Monday evening honoring her houseguest, Mrs. George Fleming of New Orleans and formerly of this city. Other guests were Miss Mary Elizabeth Ashley of Hermosa Beach and Mmes. Edward Rhone and Fred Quaggin.

**Mrs. James E. Casey Is Complimented At Luncheon Party**

Mrs. James Edward Casey, the former Miss Mary Jane Smith, was honored at a post-nuptial luncheon given last week at Haggerty's tearoom, Los Angeles, when her aunt, Mrs. William Apgar of Lincoln, Neb., entertained. Those present were the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Louis J. Smith; her sister, Mrs. Martin Smith of Whittier; Mrs. Jack Shaw of Chicago; Mrs. Margaret Booth of Los Angeles, and the Misses Sybil Janis and Marie Apgar, who, with their mother, are vacationing in Southern California.

Another lovely courtesy for Mrs. Casey was a recent surprise party for ten at a Los Angeles cafe following a Hollywood Bowl concert. The group included members of the office staff of Desmond's Long Beach store.

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**FERN AVENUE P.T.A. HAS BOARD MEETING**

The executive board of Fern Avenue P.T.A. met at Torrance City Park Tuesday, Aug. 15. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at noon following a business meeting. The resignation of Mrs. Jack Long as president and of Mrs. E. A. Stamper as treasurer were accepted.

The following chairmen were ratified: Mmes. L. E. Corey, treasurer; Mrs. E. A. Stamper, programs; Mrs. W. Browning, newsmagazines; Mrs. H. R. Schott, newsmagazines; Mrs. Vivian Cover, hospitality and room mothers; Mrs. Earl Robnett, magazines and publicity; Mrs. George Leech, ways and means; Mrs. Charles L. Martin, membership; Mrs. I. O. Kasten, registrations, and Mrs. John Grub, parliamentarian.

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**MRS. KERBER, AIDES, EXPRESS THANKS**

Mrs. Billie Kerber and her assistants, who conducted the recent rummage sale as a benefit for Betsy Ross Star club, wish to express their appreciation to all those who participated in the sale and particularly to Torrance Branch American Red Cross for the use of the storeroom at Post and Cravens ave., and to Torrance merchants who displayed the rummage posters in their store windows.

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**P.T.A. FAMILIES ENJOY OUTING**

Mrs. L. F. Watson, president of Torrance High School P.T.A., returned Saturday from Camp Radford, Tenth District's annual Parent-Teacher outing in the San Bernardino mountains after a week's vacation. The Earl Robnett and Hillman Lee families also returned, while the Floyd Millers and A. C. Turners remained for the final week, with Jarvis Watson as their guest.

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**CLUB GROUP LEAVE FOR MOUNTAIN RESORT**

Members of the Pineafire Club and their mothers left Tuesday for a vacation at the Fred Bever cabin at Crestline. In the group were Mrs. Fred Bever and Joyce; Mrs. Fred T. Fischer, Larry and Jane; Mrs. Ralph Sprout, Sally and Peggy; Mrs. Noel Morin, Nella and Peggy; Mrs. Howard E. McDonald and Marian; Mrs. St. Martin, Charlene and Diane.

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**Teachers are Feted At Tea Party Given Friday Afternoon**

The Palos Verdes home of Mrs. Guy L. Mowry was a beautiful setting for a tea Friday afternoon when she and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Lingo, entertained about 30 Torrance and Palos Verdes friends. The party was given to honor Mrs. John A. Young and Miss Ada M. P. Chase, both of whom recently resigned from Torrance High school faculty. Mrs. Young leaves Saturday to make her home in San Gabriel.

At the lace covered tea table, lovely with an arrangement of pink gladioli, matching coral and sea shells, Mrs. Harry Branton and Mrs. W. C. Moyer poured.

Miss Chase received many compliments from the guests when the hostess disclosed that a beautiful pastel, "Floor Bouquet," her gift to Mrs. Lingo for her post-war home, was her work. The floral arrangements throughout the rooms were also completed by Miss Chase.

**JEAN HEDBERG AT FOURTH BIRTHDAY**

Jean Hedberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hedberg of Madrid ave., celebrated her fourth birthday Monday at a gala children's party at her home. Outdoor games were enjoyed with prizes to winners and at the conclusion of the game period a decorated birthday cake and other refreshments were served. Jean's guests were neighborhood friends, including: Neila MacDonald, Vivian Brown, Jimmy Scheibler, Michael Thornberry, Danny, Phillip, Charlotte and Phillip Meyers, Joan and Una Ingles, Gary and Kent Osborne, Joanne Cronin, Wathina and Caroline Duncan, Raymond Garner, Jerry and Davy Maloy and Jean's brother Jackie.

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**FAYE GOSSET IS NOW EIGHT**

The eighth birthday of Faye Gosset was the occasion for a delightful children's party when Mrs. M. V. Gosset entertained at their home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Gosset was assisted by Charlene Johnson. Birthday refreshments were enjoyed following the presentation of many lovely gifts. Those enjoying the party were: Janet Poe, Judith Adams, Louise Vanderrilp, Nancy Answer, Ted Chalda, Clarence Johnson, Geary Reams and Jimmie and Jerry Farrar.

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**BRIDGE CLUB MEMBERS MEET WITH MRS. SLEETH**

Mrs. C. D. Pennington was delightedly surprised last Friday when about 35 members of Catholic Daughters of America, representing Torrance and Redondo Beach, arrived at her home, 1407 Ampolia ave. Following shower games and the presentation of many lovely gifts for the Pennington heir-to-be, dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mmes. R. J. Douglas, J. F. Greaves and G. A. Cotter.

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**MRS. SHIELDS RECEIVES BRIDGE CLUB MEMBERS**

The home of Mrs. Frank Shields was a setting for an enjoyable dessert bridge when she entertained last Thursday afternoon. Covers were arranged for eight guests, all members of the Thursday Afternoon Club. Contract awards were presented to Mmes. O. W. Hudson, B. F. Dye and J. O. Moore.

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