

**ST. CECILIA'S GUILD PLANS VALENTINE FETE.**  
St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church will hold an annual Valentine social at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Guild Hall for guild members and their guests. Games of bridge and pinocle will be played and refreshments will be served. Hostesses for the evening will include Mesdames Marjorie Moore, Lillian Snow, Fan Wilkes, Maude Deininger, Irene Hopkins, May Sherkey, and Grace Mary Rhone.

Following the regular business meeting last Wednesday evening, bridge was the diversion with Mesdames Mina Shidler, Ruth Woodcock and Thelma Cannon as prize winners. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Frank Church of Lomita, Chris Jones and Anna Sandstrom.

#### BRIDGE CLUB MEETS AT NEELANDS HOME

The home of Mrs. W. J. Neelands was an attractive setting for a bridge luncheon when she entertained club members last Thursday afternoon. Garden flowers centered the luncheon table, set for eight guests. Prizes at contract were presented to Mesdames A. H. Silligo and R. J. Rogers.

#### DAUGHTER BORN TO TAPPIN FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall W. Tappin, of 2226 Arlington ave. are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Ann, born at Cottage Maternity hospital, Long Beach. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tappin of Lomita. Mrs. Elizabeth Tappin is the baby's great-grandmother.

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## People

and what they are doing

#### VISIT ENDS

Mrs. Edwin J. Allen of 1407 Greenwood ave., has returned from a month's visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Goldie Rieder of Oakland.

#### TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hedberg, of 1513 Madrid ave., celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary at a dinner party Saturday evening at Chinatown.

#### DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Quimby and son Bobby, were entertained at dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Grosch of Pasadena.

#### AT YOSEMITE

Miss Barbara Quimby, a sophomore at University of California, Berkeley, spent the weekend with friends skiing at Yosemite National Park.

#### HAVE HOUSE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cottrell, of 21117 So. Figueroa, have been entertaining as their guests, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Zeeb of Alhambra, Ill., and Ernest Zeeb of Macon, Ill.

#### BURBANK VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McCormack and their daughter, Mrs. Walter Clausen, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie of Burbank and formerly of this city.

#### NIECE VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook are entertaining as their house guest her niece, Mrs. Bird Godsey of Tulsa, Okla.

#### SERIOUSLY ILL HERE

Called here by the serious illness of J. W. Craig of 1465 W. 218th st., were his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Craig, who arrived Saturday from Oklahoma City; and a daughter-in-law Mrs. A. B. Craig, who had arrived earlier from her home in Sharon, Pa.

#### FORMER RESIDENTS

Mrs. John Marker, of Camarillo, and formerly of this city, accompanied by her son, Richard Thayer, U.S.N., San Diego Naval Training Center, visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Marker, 1617 Arlington ave.

#### TOM A. PERKINS

**WELCOME DAUGHTER**  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Perkins, of 307 E. 6th ave., Escondido, recently welcomed a new member to their family—daughter Cicely Devon Perkins. The baby's daddy is Chief of Police of Escondido and is a former Torrance police sergeant.

#### FERN AVENUE P. T. A.

**AT BOARD MEETING**  
A special meeting of Fern Avenue P. T. A. executive board was called at the school Wednesday, Jan. 31 to discuss plans for the annual Founder's Day program.

#### ELEMENTARY P. T. A.

**PLANS PAPER DRIVE**  
Mrs. Ralph Perry, who presided at the Torrance Elementary P. T. A. board meeting announces that Thursday, Feb. 8 is the date for the school's paper drive.

#### Mrs. C. E. Ward and her grandson, Dal Derouin, are enjoying a three weeks' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Guy of Parker Dam.

#### MRS. J. S. MILLER RECEIVES GUESTS

Mrs. John Stewart Miller entertained at luncheon Tuesday afternoon of last week at her home, 1628 Fern ave. Arrangements of narcissus and desert sage decorated the luncheon table where covers were placed for club members and guests. The occasion served to honor Mrs. M. W. Madden of Redondo Beach on the occasion of her birthday. Gifts were presented. Other club guests were Mrs. Sherman Hale of Redondo Beach and Mrs. George Morgan of Torrance. Prizes for high score at contract were presented to Misses L. D. York and John Struck.

#### DAUGHTER IS BORN TO RAY WHITE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White of 1452 1/2 W. 220th st., are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter born at a San Pedro hospital. The baby's father is a supervisor at Doak Aircraft Co., and her mother, the former Marie Olsen, was graduated from Torrance high school and until recently was also employed at Doak's. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Olsen of 1558 W. 214th st. and Mrs. Margaret White of Baker, Ore.

#### LUTHERAN LADIES WORKER APPRECIATED

Mrs. Billie Kerber wishes to extend sincere appreciation to the public for the splendid support of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid luncheon and food sale held last Thursday. She also wishes to convey her thanks to members of the committees who worked so diligently with her.

#### R. N. A. ARRANGES BUSINESS MEETING

Torrance Camp No. 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold a business meeting at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Men's Bible Class Bldg.

#### O. E. S. MEETING THIS EVENING

Torrance Chapter, No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star will meet tonight at Masonic Temple. Members Courtesy Night will be observed and hostesses will serve as co-chairmen for the evening.

#### SCOUT MOTHEIS PLAN MEETING

The Mothers Club of Boy Scout Troop No. 241 will meet at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, Feb. 7 at the home of Mrs. A. G. Bartlett, 2325 Sonoma ave.

#### JOE A. MILLERS WELCOME TWIN SONS

Chief Boatwain's Mate, Joe A. Miller and Mrs. Miller, of 26305 Eschelman, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of twin sons, John Allen who weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces, and James Alvin, who tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 12 ounces. The babies, identical twins, have a brother, 1 1/2 years old.

#### MRS. JOE CUCCI LEAVES FOR COLORADO

Mrs. Joe Cucci of Kiddie Lane Children's Shop, left recently for Pueblo, Colo., where she was called by the death of her mother, Mrs. Virginia Longo.

#### AT BEVERLY HILLS

Mrs. Mina Shidler spent the weekend at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rosemary DeCamp Shidler of Beverly Hills.

#### MOTHERS VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman R. Lee are entertaining as their house guest this week, her mother, Mrs. L. R. Phillips, of Rosemead.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Glades S. Reber, 31, Ocean-side, Calif.; Blanche Lorraine Allgood, 25, 1732-B Cabrillo ave., Torrance.

Leland F. Campbell, 19, 1611 218th st., Torrance; Margaret Taylor, 17, 2063 220th st., Torrance.

Winifred E. Lawson, 30, 1059 1/2 Maple st., Torrance; Bobbie M. Fritz, 31, 21921 S. Main, Torrance.

Walter F. Davis, 26, 1204 Gardena ave., Gardena; Verda M. Myers, 24, 1635 West 214th st., Torrance.

Gerhard W. E. Jaucke, 35, 508 S. Alvarado st., Los Angeles; Edna M. Kleven, 27, 1749 W. 37th st., Los Angeles.

**JAMES B. ADAMS...** a Torpedoman 1/c, arrived recently in New York for a brief leave following service in the European theater of operations. He had served in the South Pacific for more than 18 months and is now awaiting re-assignment. Adams is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Adams, 1448 Post ave.

## Wickham Given Distinguished Flying Cross

Raymond Arthur Wickham, aviation radioman, second class, U.S.N.R., has been awarded the



**RAYMOND A. WICKHAM**  
Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross

Distinguished Flying Cross, in the name of the President of the United States, by Vice Admiral M. A. Mitscher, commander, Fast Carrier Task Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

His award reads: "For distinguishing himself by heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight against the enemy fleet on 20 June, 1944, as a rear seat gunner. Fully cognizant that the target was beyond maximum range for a safe return, he assisted in a determined dive bombing attack against an enemy carrier. Using his radio equipment with great skill, he greatly assisted his pilot in locating his carrier at night under very hazardous conditions when the plane was extremely low on gas. His coolness, skill, and courage were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service."

He is the son of Mrs. Elmer Colebaugh, 1011 Cota ave., Torrance.

## Odd Lot Shoe Sale Is Due Feb. 19 to Mar. 3

Limited quantities of men's and women's "odd lot" shoes may be sold to consumers ration free at specified price reductions during the two-week period Feb. 19 through March 3, OPA shoe rationing representatives have said.

Two-fold purpose of the temporary ration holiday is to give consumers the benefit of extra shoe mileage that might otherwise remain unused on dealers' shelves, and to help dealers clear their stocks of odds, and ends and broken sizes.

The last similar stamp-free sales of odd lot shoes was held last July. At that time youths and boys shoes were also included. But due to present demands, Black said, odd lots are readily purchased and the problem on children's shoes continues to be one of supplying enough shoes to meet the stamp demand.

OPA estimates that 4,500,000 pairs of shoes will be sold to consumers ration free during the stamp-free sale. This represents about three percent of total rationed supplies now estimated to be in retail and wholesale.

## James Hardin On Maritime Service Trip

James Hardin, 1405 Rolling Knolls Drive, Lomita, was getting his sea legs today aboard the "American Seafarer," according to a report from Commanding Officer E. Porter, U.S. MS, who commands the fine gray-clad 8,000-ton U.S. Maritime Service training ship. The two weeks cruise out into the blue Pacific climaxes Hardin's apprentice seaman training begun at the U. S. Maritime Service training on famous Catalina Island.

Emphasizing the vital need for merchant seamen, Captain Porter said just before sailing that never in her long career has the "American Seafarer" filled a more important assignment than this one of supplying actual sea experience to new men.

And the men themselves agreed that the Maritime Service offered a swell opportunity to men from 17 to 80... a chance to help deliver the goods to the fellows overseas and at the same time get started on an exciting post-war career.

## 1944 Rainfall Way Behind That Of Year 1943

Torrance had a dry December, and as a result, the whole year's rainfall total in 1944 fell considerably behind that of 1943, according to figures of Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, keeper of the rain gauge.

Total rainfall for 1944 was 15.38 inches, as compared with 20.27 inches for 1943, a loss of 4.89 inches. The December total in 1944 was a mere .51 of an inch, against 5.52 for December of 1943.

The first rain of January started falling shortly before noon yesterday, but was not measurable at press time last night, according to Chief McMaster.

## Gramling Is Awarded Order Of Purple Heart

Pfc. Carl J. Gramling, Jr., has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. This news was contained in a letter written by him, Jan. 14, a few minutes after the award was given, and received by his parents at their home, 908 Cota ave., one week later. The letter also contained a small fragment of purple ribbon, which he had cut and sent to his proud mother.

Young Gramling was quite surprised, he said, when he met a cook from his company and learned that he and his driver had been reported "blown to Kingdom Come" when his jeep had stopped a German 57 mm. shell.

**DELBERT J. THOMSEN...** a sergeant serving in A.A.F. at Douglas, Ariz., and Mrs. Thomsen, who is engaged in personnel work at the same post, were here recently visiting and attending to business matters.

## Robert Newton, In Jap Camp, Sends Message

Cpl. Robert A. Newton, U.S. M.C., a Japanese prisoner of war, in a recent communication to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Newton of 2071 1/2 Torrance blvd., stated: "I've received a few letters from you and only one picture. I would like to have pictures of all of you as soon as you receive this letter. Will you also please send a food parcel containing vitamin pills, powdered milk, sugar, concentrated foods and plenty of tobacco."

"I have been gone over four years and don't know when I will see you. Please tell the men of our family to keep up the good work and I will look forward to a happy reunion with you, Love, Robert."

Newton, who was taken prisoner at Guam, Dec. 7, 1941, had sent two previous messages to his family here. He had not been advised of the death of his brother, James B. Newton, fireman, 2/c, U.S.N., caused by shock following the bombing of his ship in January, 1943.

## Lt. Deatherage Is Stationed at Fort Sumner

Second Lt. Glenn K. Deatherage, 21, of 26104 Eschelman ave., Lomita, is now stationed at Fort Sumner Army Air Field, Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Lieutenant Deatherage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn H. Deatherage, entered the Army in February, 1943. He was a longshoreman in civil life.

Lieutenant Deatherage is a trainee pilot at Fort Sumner Army Air Field.

#### NORDEN BOMBSIGHT

The Norden bombsight, invented in 1924 by C. L. Norden, was originally developed and used by the Naval Air Service and is now utilized by both the Army and Navy.

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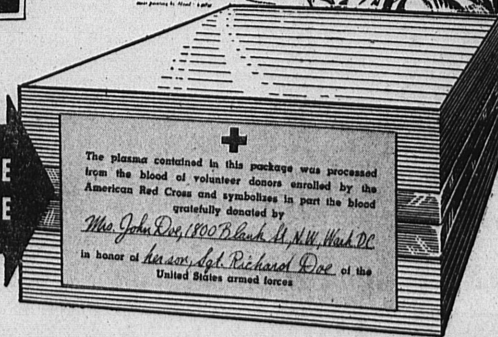
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