



## Women's Activities ...

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### Doris Quaggin Betrothed to Robert Tolson

Doris Lee Quaggin's engagement to Robert H. Tolson was announced to holiday dinner guests when the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Benjamin W. Roberts, entertained at the family home, 1609 Amapola avenue.

Doris Lee was graduated from Torrance High School with the class of June 1946 and since has been employed in the accounting office of National Supply Company. She is a past queen of Torrance Bethel Job's Daughters and is president of Beta Sigma Phi, social sorority. The bridegroom-to-be is son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Tolson, of 903 Beech avenue. A Navy lieutenant during the war, he served as a pilot on the USS Independence and is a veteran of almost four years' service. He was graduated from Torrance High School and from Compton Junior College before he entered the Navy. Returning from active duty he completed a year's post-graduate work at Compton and entered USC to major in air transportation. He will graduate in February with a Bachelor of Science degree and plans to enter law school in the fall. The popular young couple plan an early spring wedding.

### Board Meeting Planned By Orange Street P.T.A.

Mrs. R. L. Hultz, president of Orange Street P.T.A., will preside at an executive board meeting of the association at the school Friday morning, Jan. 14 at 10 o'clock.

Plans will be made for the regular association meeting on Jan. 20 and Mrs. A. D. Benedict, child welfare chairman, will report on Christmas activities.

### G.A.A. BANQUET TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 30th

Torrance High School alumnae are cordially invited to attend the G.A.A. banquet set for 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 in the Parish house of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, 1432 Engracia avenue.

Reservations must be made not later than Jan. 21 by contacting Mrs. Betty Schaefer, Miss Doris Avis, or Lorraine Anderson, treasurer. Tickets are to be 20 cents each. "Childhood Memories" will be the theme for the program following, which is to be under direction of G.A.A. President Pauline Ban.

### Exceptional Children Topic Of PTA Meeting

Highlight of the Harbor City P.T.A. meeting this afternoon was the talk given by Miss Doris Moyle titled "Exceptional Children."

Miss Moyle is a supervisor of Special Education in the south and west district of the Los Angeles City Schools. In this area there are several schools devoted to special classes for crippled children, for sight-saving, lip-reading and speech correction. It is the duty of these instructors to help in various ways to teach children to be a part of society instead of being apart from society, the speaker stated.

Also on the program was the showing of a motion picture on nutrition which the school nurse explained.

Mrs. Herman Ludwig, president, was in charge of the meeting and room mothers of third grade children were hostesses.

### Miss McVicar To Be Wed To George Post

Announcement of the engagement of Phyllis McVicar is being made by her parents Mr. and Mrs. John A. McVicar, of 2120 Gramercy avenue to George Wallace Post, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace Post. A fall wedding is being planned.

Miss McVicar was graduated from Torrance High School and attended Compton Junior College. She is now employed with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's plant department, San Pedro.

Her fiancé also received his diploma from Torrance High School and upon his return from service with the Army Air Forces in the European Theater of Operations, he entered Loyola University as a business administration major. Upon graduation in June he will take a position with Torrance National Bank, of which his father is president.

### Study Club Sets Program

Members of the Friday Morning Study Club of San Pedro will be introduced to Carmen Venegas, charming Costa Rican, Friday morning, Jan. 14 when she will present a program of dance and speech at the Y.W.C.A. Although she is now a citizen of this country, her native Costa Rica has voted her one of its outstanding women. Her first ambition was to become an engineer and she became Virginia Polytechnic Institute's first woman engineering graduate. She was also Central America's first woman pilot.

During this time she had a secret ambition, to become a dancer, but this was frowned upon in her native land. However, her North American husband encouraged her and she is now a fascinating dancer.

Her talk, titled "A Costa Rican Looks at the United States," will be an interesting hour of dancing and information. The meeting will be opened by the president, Mrs. Elmer Higgs, and Mrs. Myrtle Sturgeon will give an original prayer and leading in the pledge of allegiance to the flag will be Mrs. L. F. Struthers.

### Clinic Talk To Draw PTA Audience

Mrs. John Boyce-Smith, from the John Spencer Tracy Clinic, will be the speaker at Orange Street School P.T.A. Thursday, Jan. 20 at 2 o'clock.

The speaker will elaborate on the monthly association topic, "The Exceptional Child," and give highlights about the clinic, which has received nationwide acclaim for its work with exceptional children.

Mrs. H. V. Blakesley and Mrs. W. W. McCann will present duet piano selections.

The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher. —Thomas Henry Huxley.

### NEW OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN FOR ALTAR SOCIETY

Mrs. Robert Allred will serve as president of the Altar Society of Nativity Catholic church, succeeding Mrs. J. W. Gandsey. Elected to serve with Mrs. Allred are Mesdames Clayton Bowen, vice president; Walter Shaefer, treasurer and Albert Martin, secretary.

The new officers will be honored at a covered dish luncheon in Nativity hall on Feb. 8.

Plans for a two-day rummage sale were set for Jan. 21-22 in the storeroom formerly occupied by Carl's five and dime, 1512 Cravens avenue. Mrs. J. W. Gandsey will serve as general chairman.

### Ceremonies Accompany Installation

Final plans for the public installation ceremonies for Lomita Royal Neighbors officers were made Wednesday evening at the Flight Strip hall.

The Community Presbyterian church social hall has been chosen for the installation meeting on Friday Jan. 21 at 8 p.m., with Mrs. Charles B. Airey, orator and her supporting officers to be inducted.

During the meeting greetings were extended to the following members who had birthdays on Jan. 6, Mesdames Susan Adler, Louise Andrews, Clara Baldwin, Pearl Montonye, May Perry, Aino Jones and Dorothy Haig. Following the meeting, piping hot chili beans, crackers, vegetable salad and hot coffee were combined as a welcome supper menu and served by retiring orator, Anna Erickson.

### Officers Installed

Mrs. Rolene Haboush was installed president of the Altar Society of St. Margaret Mary Catholic church succeeding Mrs. Sara Litton at a luncheon meeting held at Circle hall Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Farrell of Torrance was installing officer.

Supporting Mrs. Haboush will be Mrs. Rosella Hapgood, vice president; Mrs. Jack McKinney, secretary; Mrs. Judy Hicks, financial secretary; Mrs. Jean Farrar, treasurer and Mrs. Margaret Jones, publicity chairman.

Mrs. John Gandsey, president of the Altar Society of the Church of Nativity, Torrance, gave an inspiring talk during the afternoon and plans for the guild program during next year were announced.

Mrs. Arthur Bonnot, Girl Scout representative, spoke on the Girl Scout program and organization of a new troop to be sponsored by the Altar Society.

Mrs. Sara Litton will be the leader of the troop and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 will be accepted. Therese Yelverton modeled the hero of her nineteenth-century novel, "Zanita. A Tale of Yosemite," after John Muir, the noted American naturalist, according to Francis P. Farquhar's "Yosemite: The Big Trees and the High Sierra: A Selective Bibliography," published by the University of California Press.

### James Meyers Will Marry Miss Simonson

A holiday announcement revealed the betrothal of Erlene Simonson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Simonson of 1610 Greenwood avenue, to Mr. James Charles Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Meyers of 21730 Figueroa street.

The news was told to family members who had gathered at the Simonson home for an informal party. No wedding date has been set.

Miss Simonson is a senior at Torrance High School. The bridegroom-elect was graduated from the same school with the class of winter '46 and now is employed with Columbia Steel Company.

### Principal Is Host To PTA Executives

The home of principal and Mrs. J. W. Pearson in Rolling Hills was the setting for an executive board meeting of Normont E.T.A. Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. V. R. Diffeo, secretary, presided in the absence of both the president and vice president. Mrs. Claude Fields, ways and means chairman, introduced two suggestions for raising funds for the organization: the collection of used magazines for resale and urged the group to collect used clothing and other articles for a white elephant or rummage sale.

Mrs. Pearson suggested the name for the newsette to be known as the Normont Narrator and Mrs. Fred Postach was elected newsette chairman.

Mrs. E. R. Walker, president of Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council, was present and suggested a tree planting for the new school after it is opened.

Mrs. Pearson served delicious refreshments and Mrs. Walker presided at the coffee urn.

### Doughnut Sale Scheduled By Lomita PTA

Orders will be taken on Wednesday and Friday of this week by children of Lomita Elementary School for the doughnut sale to be held Jan. 17.

The community will be solicited for this sale with proceeds to go to the P.T.A. of the school and each classroom receiving 60 dozen or more will be eligible to attend a party. P.T.A. leaders say the doughnuts will be made by a well-known bakery and will sell for 50 cents a dozen. Children will collect the money at the time the orders are taken.

A rag drive for Jan. 20 is also among the plans of the ways and means committee of the association. Cotton rags and wearable cotton clothes are being collected. Rags must be not smaller than 12-inch squares and no silk or rayon will be accepted.

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