

### Stork Shower Compliments Mrs. Sutton

Mrs. Charles Sutton was honored at an attractively appointed shower arranged Tuesday evening at the Halldale avenue home of Miss Marge Dunham.

The stork motif was suggested in the use of small cradles and dolls as party appointments and crepe paper streamers suspended from the dining room ceiling accented the pastel pink and blue color scheme used throughout. A beautiful arrangement of lilies of the valley centered the buffet table enhanced with diminutive cradle favors and napkins were crepe paper replicas of baby dresses.

Prize-winners at games were Mrs. Burley Crawford, Mrs. Leon Dodson and Miss Louise Peterson.

Others present were the honoree and Misses Ralph Peterson, LeRoy Schwenk, Claude Stephens, C. G. Sutton, Oleta Beadle, Virginia Sandberg and the Misses Ina Petty, Shirley Peterson, and Jean Lovelady, all of Torrance.

### 186th STREET PTA TO SPONSOR PLAY TOMORROW NIGHT

The time is here for that evening of fun at the American Legion Hall, 1238 W. Gardena boulevard in Gardena, when the 186th District P.T.A. will present the Jolly Jesters of Torrance in their three-act comedy, "A Ready-Made Family."

How can two certain persons try to make calm and sensible plans when there are children who upset the apple cart? A 17-year-old pretends to talk baby talk, another offspring poses as a kleptomaniac, another appears to have fits, etc. Oh what a mixup!

"Come and see how the older folks beat the kids at their own game."

Admission is 50 cents per person. Proceeds will be used for child welfare work. Tickets may be obtained from any of the 186th P.T.A. board members or one may buy them at the door. Everyone is welcome. Remember the date, tomorrow Friday Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

### DEGREE OF HONOR INITIATES GROUP OF NEW MEMBERS

Sibyl Pence of Lomita, president of Degree of Honor No. 114, presided at the first meeting of the lodge for 1949 at the Woman's clubhouse, San Pedro with initiation of several new members highlighting the order of business.

Admitted to membership from Lomita were Alice West and Elizabeth Eichman, who completing their initiation were greeted by the lodge organizer, Bess Eaton.

Application for membership in the Junior Degree of Honor Lodge included the following from Lomita: Carolyn Margaret and Ronald West; Ronald Roter, George, Charles, Jeanne and Veronica Carter; Edna Bechtold, director, announced that the drill team would practice following tonight's meeting. Joan LeBlanc will be hostess for the evening.

Christine Patricia was assisted by Thelma Thomas as she took charge of the social hour and serving of refreshments immediately following the meeting.

## Women's Activities ...

By MARY VONDERAHE



REBEKAH OFFICERS PROMINENT IN CEREMONIES—Myrtle Ballard, (left) deputy marshal of Rebekah District No. 84 calls attention to the insignia of the noble grand office after it had been presented to Dorothy Rogers during impressive installation ceremonies Wednesday night. Others standing in the group are Margie Russell, junior past noble grand of Trio Rebekahs and (extreme right) Ann Brown, president of the Rebekah district. Odd Fellows, district officers, fellow Rebekahs and a host of relatives and friends of the officers-elect of Trio Rebekahs attended the ritualistic service held in the social hall of the Community Presbyterian Church. (Lomita News Photo by Arthur Willey).

### AUXILIARY SPONSOR OF BENEFIT AFFAIR

American Legion Auxiliary of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 will sponsor a benefit party to be held at 8 o'clock Monday, Feb. 21, in St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish house.

The program, to open with a Western show, will feature square dancing. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets may be procured from auxiliary members or at the door.

### Paul Comon Is Prexy. of Chi Rho Club

Election of officers for the newly organized Chi Rho Club was the principal business transacted at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening in Nativity Hall. Present was the chaplain, Rev. Father Edward Sullivan, assistant pastor of Nativity Catholic church.

Joan Ziemke, as chairman, conducted the business session and supervised the election.

Chosen to serve during the ensuing term are:

Paul Comon, president; Don Zurschmidt, vice president; Pauline Ban, secretary; Joan Ziemke, treasurer; Robert LeBlanc, sergeant-at-arms and Frank Algarne, assistant.

Presentations for use of the teen-age group included a television set, a record player and amplifier and table tennis equipment.

Plans for a Valentine party scheduled for the evening of Feb. 15 occupied a portion of the meeting time.

AT COUNCIL MEET

Three members from 186th Street P.T.A. attended the Gardena-Wilmington Council meeting at the Community Methodist church in Dominguez. They were Mmes. Leo Wagner, Myrtle Ten Eyck and James A. Gauley.

### Dorothy Rogers Inducted Trio Rebekah Noble Grand

The social hall of the Community Presbyterian church was filled with Lomita Rebekahs, Odd Fellows, visiting Rebekahs from surrounding cities and towns and relatives and friends Wednesday night for the installation of Dorothy Rogers as noble grand of Trio Rebekah lodge No. 240 and her staff of officers and chairmen for the coming term.

Opening the impressive ceremonies was Margie Russell, retiring noble grand of Trio Rebekah lodge, who gave the address of welcome and the marshal escorted to seats of honor Ann K. Brown, deputy president of Rebekah District No. 84; Winifred Jones, deputy president of Redondo Beach District No. 66 and Frank McCoy, past patriarch of Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows, District of Manitoaba.

For the ceremonies Mrs. Rogers chose a full-length pink crepe gown which was complemented with an orchid corsage.

District Deputy President Ann Brown, District Marshal Myrtle Ballard and staff of Compton were installing officers and presiding at the piano was Past Patriarch Frank McCoy. Malvina Norton of the Theta Rho Girls presented the national colors.

An escort team of Odd Fellows, Rev. Wesley Roloff, Arza Veatch, Virgil Deems, Jack Bradshaw and Carl Ross, presented Noble Grand Dorothy Rogers, Vice Grand Winifred Brase, Recording Secretary Irma Powers, Financial Secretary Edith Marriott and Treasurer Retta Nelson for induction.

Other officers and chairmen escorted to their respective stations by the visiting installing team were Margie Russell, junior past noble grand; Amy Savage, warden; Ona Pence, conductor; Mary Smith, chaplain; Ruth Deems, musician; Nettie Taylor, right supporter to noble grand; Fronia Branagh, left supporter to noble grand; Tirzah Taber, right supporter to vice grand; Belva Brase, left supporter to vice grand; Anna May Ishell, inside guardian; Ada Anderson, outside guardian; Hazel Cooper, assistant to warden; Mary Ulmer, assistant to conductor; Peggy Blatz, color bearer; Merle Oliver, right supporter to chaplain; Marie Aris, left supporter to chaplain; Etta Woods, right supporter to junior past noble grand and Lola Neilson, left supporter to junior past noble grand.

Trustees named were Belva Brase, 18 months term; Nora Luuk, 12 months and Pearl Montonye, 6 months.

Ladies of the installing staff chose aqua and pale pink marquisette formal gowns and, with Odd Fellows wearing their drill regalia, demonstrated their drill work and at the conclusion Mrs. Ballard sang "Through the Arches."

Mrs. Russell presented Mrs. Irma Powers in two whistling selections during the program. She chose "The Desert Song" and "One Alone" from "The Desert Song" and Mrs. Winifred Brase sang "Summertime" from "Porgie and Bess" by George Gershwin.

New officers received many gifts and good wishes as they took over duties of their respective offices. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by Margie Russell, chairman, assisted by Lola Neilson, Retta Nelson, Nettie Taylor, Etta Woods, Olive Veatch and several Theta Rho Girls hostesses.

### Woman's Club Members Report Social Activities

"The Red Shoes," technicolor picture at Fine Arts Theatre, Los Angeles, was the production chosen by Torrance Woman's Club members and friends when they arranged a theater party and luncheon last Tuesday afternoon.

Luncheon at the new Hody's restaurant in West Los Angeles preceded the matinee. Included were Mrs. W. I. Laughon, president and Mesdames L. Ahrens, B. C. Buxton, Roy Ashley, Glen H. Babcock, Myron Russell, W. F. Bartholomew, Dean L. Sears, B. Taylor Whitney, Charles T. Rippey Sr., Paul Loranger, J. T. Oursler, Merle Sahli, S. V. Rauss, LaVerne Gill, R. J. Rogers, Earl A. Miles, R. E. Olsen, Jack Quigley, Tom Braswell, Grace Gibson, Fred Cooper, J. J. McDonald, George Evans, J. E. Stavert, Charles Sherwin, M. J. Beale, E. L. Snodgrass, C. M. Crook and Charles E. Ward.

Ways and means projects are under way with the club-women currently working on progressive bridge parties.

Hostesses, who since the first of the year have arranged delightfully informal parties in their homes to help swell the club treasury include:

Mesdames C. M. Crooks, Blaine Walker, B. Taylor Whitney, Fred E. Cooper, R. E. Smith, Earl P. Kent, R. E. Olsen, Charles Sherwin, Harwood Clark, H. E. Massie, C. P. Olson, Dean L. Sears and Myron Russell.

Plans are being completed for still other progressive parties as each guest in accepting an invitation obligates herself to entertain for the club in a similar manner.

FERN PTA SALVAGE DRIVE ENDS FRIDAY

Fern Avenue P.T.A. is conducting a waste salvage drive for grease and rags Feb. 4. Funds obtained from this project will go toward purchasing an honorary life membership and toward the milk fund for children at the school.

Last year more than 3000 bottles of milk were distributed through efforts of the P.T.A. at Fern Avenue School.

Forkums Attend Fraternity Fete

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Forkum and Mary Lou motored to Sunset Beach Sunday where they were entertained at a spaghetti supper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Randie.

The affair was a reunion for five of Mr. Forkum's fraternity brothers and their wives.

### Woman's Day Program Set

Thursday, Feb. 10, will be Woman's Day for members of Women's Society of Christian Service of Methodist Church.

Mrs. Alice Palmer, president, will call the meeting to order at 11 o'clock and luncheon will be served at 12:30 by members of Circle No. 1 under direction of Mmes. Luella Bender and Lillian Robinette, co-chairmen.

Mrs. C. E. Rudman will lead devotions and the speaker will be J. E. Smith, director of Los Angeles Harbor General Hospital, whose topic will be "History and Development of the Institution." He will augment his talk with an outline of plans for the future. Marimba solos by Rudolph Bowen will conclude the program.

### YW Leader Attends USC Conference

Miss Elaine Allsbrook represented the Torrance Young Woman's Christian Association at the University of Southern California's School of Social Work last week. Nearly 100 from Pacific Coast cities attended the classes.

The Institute was arranged by SC at the request of the National Federation of Settlements, National Girl Scouts, National Jewish Welfare Board, Camp Fire Girls, YWCA, YMCA and the California Recreation Association.

Dr. Grace L. Coyle of the School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and Harleigh B. Trecker, associate professor in the SC School of Social Work, taught the courses.

### Mrs. Shields Is Honored on Birthday

Complimenting Mrs. Frank Shields on the occasion of her 85th birthday, her husband entertained a group of friends Sunday afternoon at the family home, 2004 Gramercy avenue.

Refreshments of ice cream and birthday cakes were enjoyed by the honoree and Messrs. and Mmes. Fred Lockett, John S. Tolson, E. Phillips, Mmes. Margaret Fordice, Luella Curler, Della Moon, Frances B. Clark and R. T. Donley.

Mrs. Shields, a Torrance pioneer resident, was the recipient of congratulatory messages, cards, lovely handkerchiefs and other gifts.

### HALLDALE SCHOOL IS HOSTESS TO HARBOR COUNCIL

Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal of Halldale Avenue School, was hostess at the school recently to the Harbor Administrative Council. Following the business meeting, the council, which consists of all the principals of the harbor area and Mrs. Myra E. Nelson, assistant superintendent of the southern section of Los Angeles schools were served refreshments. Committee members were Mrs. H. V. Seeman, president; Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, vice president and Mrs. V. W. Weise, hospitality chairman of Halldale P.T.A.

Mrs. Evelyn Dobbins Sullivan poured tea at a table decorated with pink camellias and matching candles.

Special guests were B. J. Strand, former principal of Torrance Elementary School, and Mrs. Strand.

Halldale Avenue School also was the meeting place for teachers of the harbor area with Halldale teachers as their hostesses.

Mrs. Margie Parcell, spoke on her experiences as a teacher in Germany. Mrs. Flossie Clayton, chairman, presided.

### PTA PRESIDENT PLANS SESSION FRIDAY AT HOME

Mrs. H. T. Seeman, president of Halldale P.T.A., will meet with the room mothers of the Misses Fischel's and Shaver's rooms Friday, Feb. 4 at 1 o'clock in her home, 1502 W. 218th street.

Mrs. V. W. Weise, hospitality chairman and Mrs. William Roberts, refreshment chairman, also will be present to make arrangements for the social hour for the Founders Day meeting Feb. 10.

Mrs. W. R. Lewis, newslette chairman and Mrs. John Wright, health chairman for Halldale P.T.A., acted as chaperones for the Cub Scout skating party Jan. 29 at Redondo Beach.

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