



VETERANS TO HEAR CHORUS TONIGHT—Mothersingers of Orange St. PTA will be heard at Sawtelle Veterans' Hospital tonight in a program of selected chorus numbers. Included in the group are (left to right, front row) Mesdames H. V. Blakesley, director, C. W. Hawley, W. W. McCann, R. P. Kellogg, Herman Palm, Harry Kaempfer, J. J. Harris, A. D. Benedict. In the second row are Mesdames David Kneeland, G. C. Tait, H. L. Hultz, R. C. Eyster, Donald Brown, H. W. Wilkins, Ralph Bertram, and A. D. Scott. (Staff Photo).

## Women's Activities ...

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Section B

### Mothersingers To Be Heard By Hospitalized Veterans

A treat is in store for the hospitalized men and women of Sawtelle Veterans' Hospital this evening when members of the Mothersingers of Orange St. P.T.A. will be presented in an hour and a half program under the direction of Mrs. H. V. Blakesley.

Marimba solos will be given by Mrs. Phil Brennen of San Pedro when she selects a group of Latin-American numbers; an instrumental trio, Don Crum, cello; Duke Blakesley, violin and Mrs. H. V. Blakesley, piano will present "Dance Gypsy, Play Gypsy" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Bryan Jones, 11-year old pianist, will entertain with boogie-woogie selections and Jim Harris of Monte Vista avenue will play his accordion.

Community singing will complete the musical evening, which has been arranged to bring delight to all who will hear it.

Instrumental numbers by other artists will supplement the program which will be heard by those veterans who can leave their beds to attend. However, a public address system will take the program to those confined to their beds throughout the hospital.

Selections which have brought repeated pleasure to many audiences through out the harbor area will include "The Green Cathedral" by Carl Hahn; "Nightfall in Granada" by L. Bueno; "Alice Blue Gown,"

Harry Tierney; "Little Song of Life," Albert Hay Malotte; "Serenade from The Student Prince," Sigmund Romberg; "Rosita," Paul Dupont; "Over The Rainbow," Harold Arlen; and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," Jerome Kern.

### SHOWER HONORS TORRANCE MATRON AT HICKEY HOME

Mrs. Richard Beck and Mrs. Roderick McDaniel were co-hostesses at a stork shower given Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Hickey, 25409 Narbonne avenue, in honor of Mrs. Lee (Retta) Campbell of Carson street, Torrance.

The stork motif was carried out in the nature of games played, the decorations throughout the house and on the refreshment table.

Invited guests included Mrs. Pat Pearce and Mrs. Betty Wickstrom of Long Beach; Mrs. Phyllis Davis and Mrs. Nellie Myers, Torrance, and Mesdames Jack Russell, J. Michael Hickey, R. J. Myerscough, John Myerscough, Harold Jack, Jim Biller, Martha Myerscough, Retta Dorr, Annie Hugo, Lulu Myerscough and Christine Carpenter; Miss Rose May Scholl and the honored guest, Mrs. Campbell.

### MRS. WHYTE ENTERTAINS CLUB GROUP

The home of Mrs. Grover Whyte was a lovely setting for a bridge luncheon Thursday when members of her club were her guests.

Colorful fruits and leaves formed the dining table centerpiece and arrangements of fall flowers were used throughout the rooms.

Present were Mesdames J. W. Post, R. J. Deininger, C. T. Rippey, George Peckham, J. R. Klink, J. S. Lancaster and C. C. Schultz. Prizewinners were Mesdames Deininger and Lancaster.

Mrs. Schultz will entertain the club in her home on Cota avenue on Friday, Nov. 19.

### MRS. SIDEBOTHAM IS RECIPIENT OF MANY BABY GIFTS

Honoring Mrs. Leo H. Sidebotham, Mesdames Marshall W. Tappin and J. F. Cook entertained at an attractively appointed shower given Friday evening at the home of the former, 2107 Arlington avenue.

A pink and white inverted umbrella centered the table where Mrs. Sidebotham found lovely gifts for the heir to be. The same dainty color scheme was followed for menu and buffet table appointments. Typical baby shower games furnished the evening diversion.

Present were the honoree and Mesdames May Sidebotham, May Scott, Estelle Graham, Bessie Bills, all of Torrance; Louise Johnson, Rolling Hills; Norman Spear, and Pearl Mitchell, Long Beach; Roy Knight, Glendale; M. M. Devine, Burbank; Bernard Faucault, Gordon Cook, Los Angeles; Anthony Alongi, San Pedro; Richard Beck, Mickey Hickey, Coy Farquhar, Arthur Basile, and Elizabeth Tappin, Lomita.

### Torrance Delphians Join Groups at Redondo Beach

Torrance Sigma Rho Chapter was well represented at a joint meeting of the South Bay Delphian Societies held yesterday at Irons Cottage, Redondo Beach.

The Torrance group, who joined Hermosa's Beta Sigma and Manhattan's Delta Tau chapters as guests of Alpha Mu Chapter, Redondo Beach, included President Mrs. B. T. Whitney and Mesdames Don L. Hyde, Dean L. Sears, Fred A. Lincoln, Hartley E. Carr, G. J. Derouin, Lee A. McCoy, C. Maxwell Rohring, Edwin B. Brown, W. H. Martin, Von M. Bergen and C. E. Ward.

The seminar program for discussion was "Italy, Pawns of Politicians." Among the topics outlined was that chosen by Mrs. Carr, "Fascist Economics and Propaganda."

Another delightful out-of-town meeting attended by the Torrance women was a Delphian assembly and luncheon at Ciro's, Hollywood. Included were Mes-

dames Dean L. Sears, Lee A. McCoy, Don L. Hyde, C. M. Rohring, Edwin B. Brown, Fred A. Lincoln, C. E. Ward and W. H. Martin.

At the semi-monthly meeting held Wednesday in Torrance city library lecture room at which Mrs. Whitney presided, members discussed "France, Leader of European Civilization." Objective of the discussion period was a survey of the role of France in modern civilization; a consideration of the effects of World War II and the post-war prospects.

### Mildred Edwards, Leonard Babcock Will Head Torrance Chapter 380 Eastern Star

Officers of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will be headed by Mildred Edwards as worthy matron and Leonard Babcock, worthy patron, during the 1948-49 term.

They were elected Thursday evening to succeed Edna Babcock and Vincent Viellenave.

Elected to serve with the above named officers are: Gladys Mothersell, associate matron; Frederick Cook, associate patron; Vivian Cook, conductress; Alethea Smith, associate conductress; Rosearnold Winners, secretary; Estelle Graham, treasurer.

Following election an interesting and colorful report of Grand Chapter was heard and later the members adjourned to the banquet room where Alethea Smith and her committee served pumpkin pie and whipped cream, coffee and tea at tables attractive with fall flowers.

Present at the meeting were many past matrons and patrons of Torrance Chapter; Worthy Matron Jo Hostetter, worthy patron, Clarence Cartwright and many out of state visitors.

### Club Dance, Dinner Set

Townsend Club members and their guests Friday evening will dance to the music of Jack Rich at Torrance Woman's clubhouse. Old time and modern dancing will begin promptly at 8:15 following a pot luck supper at 6:30.

Everyone is invited to attend these popular weekly Friday parties.

### TO TENNESSEE

Mrs. C. T. Rippey left by plane Thursday evening for Union City, Tenn., where she was called by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Walters.

## SOPRANO ENTHRALLS AUDIENCE

Members of the Torrance Community Concerts Association were privileged to hear one of America's greatest singers, Miss Nadine Conner lyric soprano of the Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera Companies, last Friday evening, at the Torrance High School.

It was immediately noticeable upon entering the auditorium that the audience was in a state of high anticipation due partly to the glowing reports of the singer's abilities by nationally known music critics. Also, many music lovers were gratifying a wish to see the soloist who had delighted them so many times on the radio. They were not disappointed.

Miss Conner must have been pleased with the warm reception she received because of her eager friendliness, great beauty and exquisite singing. She is one of those singers who is able to tax her voice to the limit in every kind of song and still be as fresh and lovely of voice at the end of the program as at the beginning.

Her English in song is so beautiful and precise one misses not a word of her message and it was also noted that she was able to convey through her beautiful eyes and her perfect stage presence and lovely voice the messages of those songs sung in foreign tongues.

The great range of her voice is most unusual and she sings her highest and lowest notes without changing the production method of attaining the singing tone. Her low tones are remarked about often by nationally known critics as they are usually out of the range of a soprano.

In analyzing the program one can only say that every number was a jewel unto itself including the encores with which she was most generous. She began by singing the recitative and aria from Handel's "L'Allegro," "Let Wander Not Unseen," and "O Let the Merry Bells Ring Round." From the opening notes one realized that here was a voice and personality and ability to really sing. The number was easily accomplished and the warmth and lovely texture of her voice was immediately apparent as well as her amazing breath control.

All of the program showed the remarkable facility of her tongue and lips, so clear-cut is her diction. The "Jewel Song from Faust," (Gounod) showed her aptness in the field of the coloratura soprano and here again it was noted that never did she lose the warmth and roundness of her tones.

The most taxing number to this reviewer's mind was "Mondnacht," (Schumann), in which there are long sustained tones in the upper register with occasional octave drops. This was exquisitely done.

Miss Conner generously responded to the insistent applause with three encores, one of which, "Comin' Through the Rye," was so beautifully and mischievously done that she left her audience completely captivated.

Mr. Galen Lurwick, the assisting artist, is a soloist of no mean ability but his accompaniments are his true forte and show great intelligence, high artistic and technical ability and a most sympathetic background for a soloist. —Jessie Wood.

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