



MISS JULIE MENNI
... Lovely Bride-Elect

Julie Menni Will Become Bride of Roland Carlson

Mothers Plan Food Sale, Salvage Drive

Nativity Mothers Club will conduct a food sale Saturday, April 21, at the entrance to the Gay Shop.

A three-day drive for papers, grease, and rags will be concluded tomorrow. Cooperation of parents and friends of the school is urged by the president, Mrs. Louise Cook.

Plans for the school's annual carnival are under way. The date, May 31, locale, the school. Feature of the carnival will be coronation of a king and queen to be chosen from the first grade. It was announced.

Valley Selections Include Basic Books on Iran, China

How the spotlight moves from corruption in China, Iran and other important world points to corruption in the U.S.A. with need of reform on the part of both parties, was pointed out by Loris Baker Valley, popular reviewer of world affairs and current books in her April lecture Friday at Torrance Woman's Club.

"We think too much about too little and think too little about too much," was the quotation from Leonard Bacon which Mrs. Valley used to sum up the condition of affairs in this country.

"It's a strange situation when two Democrats uncover this corruption during a Democratic regime, while the Republicans only emphasize 'McCarthyism.' Anything can happen in '52—election year," declared this commentator who spoke before an enthusiastic audience of club members and their friends.

Basic books on China and Iran are included in her complete April list which follows:

"New China," van der Sprenkel, Guilan, Lindsay; "Red Storm Over China," Robert Payne; "Half Slave, Half Free," Hallett Abend; "Florence Nightingale," Cecil Woodham-Smith; "The Vicious Circle," Margaret Case Harriman; "Man of the World," Donald Henderson Clarke; "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," Ethel Waters; "I Married an Arab," Mary Winifred Bushakra; "Suleiman The Magnificent," Harold Lamb; "Caldemias Bay," Ruth Moore; "From Here To Eternity," James Jones; "We Kept Mother Single," Eleanor Kamb; "The Place Of The Lion," Charles Williams; "Festival," J. B. Priestly; "Neither Five Nor Three," Helen MacInnes; "Round The Bend," Nevil Shute.

Members and guests remained for tea, which was served at a table lovely with an arrangement of mixed spring blossoms and tapers. Mrs. B. Taylor Whitney, president and Mrs. Bronson C. Buxton poured.

Mrs. M. F. Nakerman served as chairman of arrangements in the absence of Mrs. Earl A. Miles, tea chairman for the lecture series.



PHILANTHROPISTS GATHER . . . When Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, center, opened her home last Tuesday to entertain the philanthropy section of Los Angeles Cosmos Club, she was assisted by, left to right, Mrs. May Thompson of Wilmington and Mrs. Otto A. Kresse of this city. Also shown, left to right, are Mrs. Edwin Bralley, first vice president and

Mrs. M. C. Kersey, philanthropy chairman. Luncheon was served to 40 club members whose gift, a handsome layette for Torrance Memorial Hospital, is another evidence of their interest in Torrance, which began more than 25 years ago when the hospital was founded. (Herald photo).

Engagements Highlight Early Spring Season

Women's Activities



LOVELY SPRING BRIDE . . . Joan Ramskill Obidine, whose marriage to Roland Andre Rush was solemnized recently in Washington, D. C. The former Torrance girl, a brilliant student, graduate of Torrance schools, UCLA, University of California at Berkeley and Columbia University, during World War II served as recruiter, first class, with the WAVES. She was given away by her father, Capt. Thomas Ramskill of this city, who is attached to the National Guard Reserve.

Piazza-Lovell. Betrothal Formally Announced

PTA Plans Open House, Luncheon

Next meeting of Torrance Elementary PTA scheduled for April 26 will mark observance of Public Schools Week when classrooms will be open and work of pupils exhibited.

At the recent board meeting presided over by Mrs. M. B. Millar, plans for a buffet luncheon on April 24 were outlined as a ways and means project. Mrs. Victor Benard will open her home at 1448 Engracia avenue for the affair to which members and their friends have been invited. Mrs. Hugh Bowman, Torrance 1714-W, is accepting reservations.

At the close of the session refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. William Diesel.

Mrs. Benard Elected to Council PTA

At Tuesday's meeting of Torrance Council PTA, Mrs. Victor Benard was elected to the office of vice president, succeeding Mrs. Byron Johnson, who has just accepted the presidency of Seaside PTA.

Mrs. A. C. Turner, president, conducted the session and gave the inspirational message.

Mrs. A. B. Cowie announced that the year's program of each unit in the council had received an award of merit.

Dental needs of Torrance students and plans for meeting them were discussed. Concluding the session were reports of PTA associations, including: Fern Avenue, Torrance Elementary, Perry, North Torrance, Walteria, Seaside and Torrance high schools.

FROM EL CENTRO

D. R. Snow arrived from El Centro for a week end visit with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lovell of 1541 W. 215th street are formally announcing the engagement of their daughter, Carol Madeleine, to Mr. Samuel James Piazza, son of Mr. and Mrs. 907 Beech avenue.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Narbonne High School and her fiancé, a veteran of United States Navy service during World War II, received his diploma from Los Angeles High School.

He is associated with his brother in the produce business in Manhattan Beach. Plans for a summer wedding are being discussed by the lovely bride-elect and Mr. Piazza.

Card Party Luncheon Set Today

Mary Harder Babcock, as general chairman of today's Legion Auxiliary-sponsored luncheon and card party, is enthusiastic with the response received by her ticket chairman, Velora Murphy, and other committee members.

Tickets will be available at the door for the 12:30 o'clock party. Proceeds will be used for child welfare, it was announced.

HOME AGAIN

J. W. Smith has returned to his home at 23019 Narbonne avenue following five weeks treatment and observation at Harbor General Hospital.

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Redondo Beach

BETHEL 50 TO SERVE BREAKFAST

Proceeds of a breakfast sponsored by the senior princess of Bethel 50, Job's Daughters, will help defray her installation expenses.

April 21 is the date, and Central Evangelical Guild hall, the setting for the benefit affair.

The girls promise a wonderful meal and will serve from 6:30 a.m. until 11 o'clock.

Tickets at 85 cents for adults and 50 cents for children may be procured at the door, or call 1408-M.

Dietlins Greet Son

A new arrival in Torrance is Craig Paul, 7-pound, 14½ ounce son born to Mr. and Mrs. William Dietlin, of 1007½ Portola avenue.

On the welcoming committee were the baby's grandparents, Mrs. Helen Dietlin of Portola avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Korosic of Reseda.

CONVALESCENT

Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bennett, 1609 Post avenue, returned last week from Orthopedic Hospital where he underwent surgery.