



**CHARTER PARTY . . .** Herb Allen, left center, receives a Barber Pole "kitty" from Paul Chamberlain, past president of the San Gabriel chapter of the SPEBSQSA at the Charter Party for the Torrance chapter at El Camino last Saturday night. More than 500 persons attended the gathering. (Herald photo).

## Local Chapter Of SPEBSQSA Awarded Charter

More than 500 persons showed up at the El Camino College Campus Center Saturday night to learn that Barber Shop Quartet singing isn't a past time—it's a disease.

The crowd sat breathless as quartet after quartet sang the old time favorites and novelty numbers. Appearing on the program were Torrance's Four Colonels of Corn, Tor-Chords, and Deaconnares; Arcadia's Melody Boys; Hollywood's Park's Bellwingers; Arcadia's Vocal Chords; and San Gabriel's Major Chords.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Community Singing led by Larry Thompson from the San Fernando Valley club. He knows all the old songs, and had no trouble getting the audience in the mood to sing with him.

The Torrance chapter of the quartet society—the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America—

was the honored group of the evening as it received its official charter from Wally Staypon, president of the San Gabriel chapter. Rus Stanton, president of the San Gabriel chapter when they first sponsored the Torrance chapter in this year, presented President Herb Allen with a hollow barber pole and donated the first coin for the "kitty."

Reddie Wright, president of the Far Western District of the society, officiated at the installation of officers.

The Torrance chapter of the SPEBSQSA is now a full-fledged member of the national organization.

## Fern, Seaside Post New Time Schedules

Both Fern and Seaside playgrounds will be open hereafter from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Frank Carpenter, recreation superintendent. Due to summer school the playgrounds were formerly opening at 1 p.m.

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Oh, where, Oh where, is my little baby kitten, is the sad little cry that two year old Janice Trezise has been saying for the past 10 days. It's only six weeks old and is grey with a white mark on its nose and paws. Janice had the kitten home at 1839 Marinette street for only a few days when it disappeared. Please, folks let's help her find it. Telephone her parents Zeke and Lou Trezise at Torrance 2122-M if you've seen it or know of its whereabouts.

Hank and Teresa Sifers, of 1804 Middlebrook road, became proud parents for the fourth time on July 21 when baby Anita Marie was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She has two sisters, Linda Jean 4 years old, Kathy Ann 2½ years old and a brother Phillip, 19 months old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Batty of Torrance and paternal grandparents are Mrs. Eloisa Sifers of Mokelumne Hill, California.

At home now and convalescing is Mrs. Herman Edgren, of 1735 West 235th street, who has been cheered-up considerably since her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis of Portland, Oregon, have arrived. They are spending two weeks here.

Leaving Kettler Knolls for their new home in Ontario are Stan and Martha Briggs and daughters of Reynosa drive. Since Stan's transfer to Ontario several months ago, commuting was a problem. So the family had to move. We're all sorry to see them go!

Mrs. Eleanor Draper of Denver, Colorado, arrived a week ago for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Sues, son-in-law, Arthur and family of 1734 West 234th street.

We hear that Jack and Mildred Baker, of 2027 Kathy way, became proud parents last Saturday morning, when a beautiful little baby boy was born at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

range Memorial Hospital. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Don and Ann Miller and daughter Linda, of 2047 Kathy way, returned last week from a delightful two weeks vacation. Their destination was Buhl, Idaho, via Las Vegas, Nevada, and Salt Lake City. In Buhl they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Caughey, former Torrance residents and sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Miller's. They spent a most enjoyable day in Sun Valley, Idaho, famous resort city, then headed for home through Reno and Lake Tahoe. Motor trouble was the only thing that marred their trip altho' the sun was mighty hot!

Celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary which is the 30th of July were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Miller, of 1823 Marinette street, who enjoyed a lovely dinner at Welch's restaurant with the Claude Smarts of Santa Fe street and the Tom Nuckles of North Hollywood.

A really wonderful personal shower was given last week in honor of Mrs. James Clark, whose entire wardrobe was wiped out during a fire in her home two weeks ago. Hostesses were Mesdames Virgie Clark and Helen Sloan. Mrs. Sloan's home at 2612 Martha street was the setting to which 18 guests had been invited. During the evening, Mrs. Clark modeled the gifts given her, followed by lovely refreshments served by the hostesses.

There's another new little baby boy on Marinette street! It's the second child and second boy for Pete and Louetta Nickole. Congratulations, folks!

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Stanton and their two young 'uns, Bonnie and Leslie, were due to return to their Falena avenue home on Tuesday from a five-day trip to San Francisco.

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