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OES Chapter Observes 1950 Night in Temple

1950 Night was a gala occasion for Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, when officers who served during 1950 were honored.

Gladys Mothersell, who served as worthy matron that year, was escorted to the cast by Leonard Babcock, who served as associate matron and patron, respectively. Special escort was given to Vivian Cook and Gordon Mothersell, worthy matron and worthy patron.

Chapter was opened in regular form with Gladys Mothersell presiding.

During escort, Delora Melkeljohn, past matron of Carnation Chapter and deputy grand matron in 50, was escorted to the East and presented. A large group of 51 matrons and patrons also were escorted, as were 12 junior past matrons and nine junior past patrons in addition to a fine representation of past matrons and patrons of the Torrance Chapter and several from throughout the district.

The program featured Mickey Vandeventer, talented young pianist, whose numbers were enthusiastically received. Later a clever poem, dedicated to 50 matrons and patrons was read.

Worthy Matron Vivian Cook presided at the business session and Gladys Mothersell addressed the chapter, expressing her appreciation for the special observance.

Delora Melkeljohn complimented the officers and especially mentioned the warder, Alice Spehger. Her talk was followed by one given by the worthy matron, who commented on the unusual situation of having four presiding officers in the East, representing two husband and wife combinations.

A unique presentation was made to the junior past matron by Alethea Smith, who used harmony as her theme in offering a gift from the 1950 officers, the hosts and hostesses. Joan Pierce made the presentation to the junior past matron.

Attired in old-fashioned night gowns and carrying lighted candles, the 51 matrons presented Fred Cook with a suitable gift, the presentation being made by Lorraine Bates.

Gladys Mothersell closed the chapter and gave the farewell. Green and gold decorated the banquet room and cleverly designed place cards bore the names of "Gladys and Fred," and gifts for the 1950 officers were banked on the head table. Arrangements for the social hour were completed by Persia Fess and her committee.

Red Cross Head Speaks To Council

Mrs. A. B. Cowie, PTA Council president, reminded her board of the First District CCPT, conferences for PTA presidents and administrators being offered at Crozier High School, 151 N. Greville, Inglewood, at 9:30 a.m., September 27.

Guest speaker at the council board meeting was Mrs. Don Hyde, local Red Cross chairman, who spoke on the varied services Red Cross is offering the community, among these: First Aid and Home Nursing courses which are offered free to anyone interested. Clerical aides are still needed at Red Cross headquarters, Mrs. Hyde stated, and board members were reminded to contact Torrance Red Cross headquarters to lend assistance to this worthwhile organization.

Mrs. Cowie, announced that the council's junior past president, Mrs. A. C. Turner, had been appointed Reading and Library Service chairman for the First District CCPT.

War Mothers Plan Meeting

Torrance-Lomita Chapter of American War Mothers will meet at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, September 26, in the study of First Christian Church on Engracia avenue.

All members are urged to attend and mothers of service personnel presently in Japan and Korea, as well as in the States, are cordially invited.

Mrs. Jeannette King, president, says there is so much to be done for hospitalized veterans and the local chapter needs more members to accomplish even a small portion of the work. However, she states, visiting mothers are not "high pressured" into membership, although their presence and interest is vital.

Fern PTA Board Outlines Year's Program at Meet

A meeting of the Fern Avenue PTA executive board was held recently at the Elm Avenue home of Mrs. Gerald C. Grubb. Main business of the meeting was to plan the program for the coming year. It was decided that all regular meetings would be held on the second Thursday of each month. Most of the meetings will be in the evenings, but some will be held in the afternoon.

Due to the fact that the opening of the Greenwood School divides the original Fern Avenue PTA membership in half, it was decided that both schools would operate under the Fern Avenue PTA for the present. This plan was agreeable to both the principals involved.

Charles Creelius, new principal of Fern Avenue School, and Miss Katherine Lawrence, teacher, represented Fern Avenue School at the meeting. Raymond Ellerman, Greenwood School principal, and Miss Cathryn Chisholm, teacher, represented the Greenwood School.

PAST STATE OFFICER ADDRESSES CLUBWOMEN

Mrs. Odessa Davis, past California director-at-large, was the principal speaker at the September 17 dinner meeting of the National Business and Professional Women's Club at Scribner's Manchester restaurant. Hostesses were Miss Lucille Stroh, Mesdames Maude Deininger, Mildred Brady and Laddie Johnson.

Mrs. Davis spoke of the need for orientation of new club members into the procedures of Federation mechanics and urged that prospective members be explained to them that the B&P is not a philanthropic organization; neither a cultural group nor a social group. The four purposes for which the Federation was organized are to elevate the standards for women in business and the professions; to promote the interest of business and professional women; to bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women in the United States and to extend opportunities to business and professional women through education along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities. She recommended that new

members prepare well in their own clubs, looking toward going ahead into district, state or national offices. Mrs. Davis also brought to the attention of the club a two-point study program which is very important during this fiscal year 1951-1952; namely, the change in the hours and wage laws concerning working women and the 23rd amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Mrs. Ruth Robinson, finance chairman, requested members to turn in reports on the tickets sold. Anyone having unsold tickets please contact Mrs. Zada Ramsey, who will place them elsewhere.

Bay Section meeting will be held at 9 o'clock, September 23, in Pinos Verdes Country Club, with the San Pedro Club as hostesses. Reservations should be made at once with Mrs. Ramsey.

Next business meeting of the Torrance club will be held Monday evening, October 1, according to Helen Williams, news service chairman.

Stork Shower Compliments Young Matron

Complimenting Mrs. Henry Pulkoff Jr., Mrs. Paul V. Jones and Mrs. Henry Pulkoff Sr. entertained recently at a stork shower given in the Jones home, 2030 Cabrillo avenue.

Prizewinners at typical stork shower games were Misses Marian Grubb, Roxie Sarukian, and Bernice Disario.

Gifts for the heir-to-be were found in a red brick chimney over which hovered a stork bearing a diminutive baby in his beak.

Refreshments were served at a lace covered table lovely with pink tapers in crystal holders and a three-tiered cake topped with a pink baby sitting in a playpen. Favors were pink and blue nut cups, and storks and napkins were in kimono design.

A beautiful orchid corsage, a gift from her husband, was received by Mrs. Pulkoff during the party.

Present were the honoree and Misses Bernice Disario, Angelina Disario, Marian Grubb, Norma Costa, and Roxie Sarukian, all of Torrance; Rose and Terry Torres and Carmen Bryan, San Gabriel; Virginia Castro, Costa Rica, South America; Bea, Lou, and Mary De Santo, Downey; Ann Tedesco and Grace Volpe, Los Angeles, and Gwen Torres, Hermosa Beach.

Seaside PTA Plans Kidnap Breakfast

BETTY LOU SPARKS

Residents of Seaside Ranchos, Seaside Heights, or Hollywood Riviera area who hear a knock on their doors next week need not fear it is a bill collector, a wolf or other unauthorized person. In all probability it will be a member of the Seaside Elementary School PTA urging you to a social gathering which one of their members, Mrs. C. A. Mewborn, has elucidated in the following poem:

"IN SEPTEMBER"
There's a Kidnap Breakfast for all good neighbors
On Tuesday, the twenty-fifth, so mark down the day,
Leave your dishes and drop your labors;
Let's bring our quarters for the PTA;
Our hospitality fund is very low.
So come on your own, or we'll call for you,
5345 Carol Drive is the place to go;
It's coffee and donuts for friends old and new.

Garden Club To Elect 26th

First meeting of the season for Torrance Terrace Garden Club was held Wednesday at the 214th street home of Mrs. Wilfred Stevens.

Mrs. Marion Hartley, president, called the meeting to order and presented Mrs. Douglas McClay, who outlined a course in Home Landscaping and Gardening being offered at El Camino College. Interested persons may enroll until tomorrow, according to Mrs. McClay.

Mrs. Iver Broderson, program chairman, gave garden hints and necessary chores for early fall.

The nominating committee, headed by Mrs. Frank J. Farrell, reported a panel of candidates for office during next year, election to take place at next meeting, September 26, in the home of Mrs. Maybelle Schmidt, 1739 Gramercy avenue.

Girl Scout Leaders Attend Meet

Girl Scout leaders of the Torrance Neighborhood met Monday night in the library with Mrs. Phillip Humphreys as acting chairman. In addition to Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Olive Dickson, field executive, there were fourteen leaders present.

The first Monday of the month has been chosen as the regular meeting time at 7:30 o'clock in the library lecture room. It was suggested that leaders make a special point of inviting their troop committees to attend these meetings.

Camp licensing training for the Harbor Section will be held jointly with the Southwest Section, starting September 24. Those desirous of taking this or other Scout training should contact Mrs. Robert Reid, 1715 W. 236th street, Torrance; phone Lomita 2335-W.

Charles Vonderahes Mark 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Vonderahes, pioneer Torrance residents now living in Brawley, were honored Saturday evening on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary when their sons-in-law and daughters entertained at dinner in the Gramercy avenue home of Mrs. Vonderahes's mother, Mrs. W. H. Reve.

More than 60 family members from Torrance and out-of-town were bidden by the couples, who completed the party arrangements, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Vonderahes.

A highlight of the celebration was presentation of a handsome diamond ring and matching wedding ring to Mrs. Vonderahes from her husband, with Rev. Father P. J. McGuinness arriving for a ring blessing.

American beauty roses in a silver bowl was the buffet table centerpiece and during the evening a beautifully decorated tiered anniversary cake was cut.

Walter Shumaker Claims Bride in San Diego Rite

At home at 1605 Elm avenue are Mr. Walter Shumaker of this city and his bride, the former Mrs. Margaret Foster of Redondo Beach.

The couple exchanged nuptial vows in a ceremony performed recently in San Diego. Attending them were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker of Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Shumaker was attractive, attired in a tailored suit as was Mrs. Parker.

Following the ceremony the bride couple and their attendants enjoyed a dinner party at a San Diego restaurant.

Mr. Shumaker has many friends in Torrance, having lived here for the past 30 years.

Represent Bethel at Reception

Torrance Bethel 50, International Order of Job's Daughters was well represented recently at a reception given in Sunset Mizpah Masonic Temple, Los Angeles, to honor grand officers of the lodge.

Honored were Mrs. Zelma McCauley, grand guardian; Mr. George Olmstead, associate grand guardian, and other grand officers. The reception was arranged by the Southern California Guardian Council.

Attending from Torrance Bethel were honored queen, Marian McDonald, Carol Campbell, Jane Moffatt, Judy Wolf, and Marilyn Edwards. Accompanying the girls were Mrs. Mildred Edwards, deputy grand guardian, and her husband, M. J. Edwards.

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