

## MUCH ADO ABOUT ...

By MARJIE MEYER

Returning from coffee Thursday afternoon we were greeted by two pretty members of the younger set who fixed us with smiles and asked, "What does a reporter do?"

This, a simple question in itself, was not easy to answer. The wee misses took down our words of wisdom verbatim to report them next day at Greenwood School in front of the 30 members of Mrs. Gladys Lewis' fifth and sixth grade.

We said, "A reporter works under an editor, and usually covers a beat." They asked, "What does an editor do then?" and "What is a beat?" We said, ...

The girls were Carol Shinoda and Gerry (or Jerry) Day. They and the rest of their class are going to publish a newspaper, but before they do, Mrs. Lewis wants them to find out all about papers—from the history to the departments.

Sally Nicholas, another on the roster, last week made Mrs. Fred Beck's Farmer's Market column in a Los Angeles newspaper. Mrs. Beck, who succeeded husband Fred with the daily summation of doings at the market, seemed almost as tongue-tied as we with explanations. She referred Sally to other columnists, just as we referred Carol and Gerry to Reid Bundy and Dick Friend for further info.

The project, which Mrs. Lewis said grew out of a daily discussion on current events, is one that more schools should launch—there's no better way to impress kids with the importance of spelling and sentence structure. That's the time to learn it, too—not in high school or college.

These foggy early mornings present problems of assorted shapes and sizes, but do more to convince us that women drivers' names are unnecessarily taken in vain than anything else could.

Last Friday when we were nosing along the white line on Arlington there was a car doing same just ahead. Came the corner of 22nd, the thing pulled to the right to read a street sign or something, then angled left again.

Being the kind of driver who gets angry in Chicago cab driver's lingo, we muttered unsavory words which changed to pure expletives when the weaving vehicle swooshed daintily close to our front bumper and

performed a deft left turn.

Had we been the proper prototype of newshen we'd have honked the driver down. It was, naturally, a MAN!

An amazing thing about this month of February came to our attention the other day—upon calling the ministers and priests of each Torrance church we discovered that so far there are no weddings scheduled. And this is the traditional month of hearts, flowers and romance—besides being Leap Year to boot!

Don Findley appeared in our office Friday to say hello—he's the "most eligible bachelor," you'll remember. He added a postscript to our feature that we herewith reveal to the public. "In all the years of my bachelor life," said he, "the only ones who have urged me to get married have been the women. I've never heard a word to that effect from a husband!"

Valentines have taken a Leap Year turn in a not-so-sly manner. We looked casually at a few to see how they've changed from old, for stationery people informed us that people no longer buy the sentimental kind—just the ha-ha variety.

An old favorite seems to have vanished from the scene—remember those penny ones on big sheets of paper that told you your eyes were like split peas and your hair resembled stacks of hay?

In their places are deceptively pretty cards with such

literary efforts as, "Me Thinketh—Thee Stinketh," and "If I just knew some magic, then each time you came near, I'd use my magic powers—to make you disappear."

The Leap Year approach isn't subtle at all—we found, "I don't need a mansion or lots of money! With you I could live on a shoestring. Honey!" Our fingers were snapped by a mouse

trap affair picturing a gal in school child through supervised play and to the education of the parent through assistance at school, workshop, discussion and individual conference.

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**TICKETS AND FAVORS** . . . Important points of a gala affair such as the Torrance Memorial Hospital "Valentine Ball" are the acquisition of door favors and sale of tickets. Seated above are two women responsible for these projects. Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, left, chairman of the awards committee and Mrs. George C. Andersen of Manhattan Beach, who topped all other members of the Women's Auxiliary with her sale of 42 tickets. (Herald photo).

## Riviera Nursery School Names New Play Director

Hollywood Riviera Cooperative Nursery School has named Mrs. Betty Goodman of San Pedro as its full-time director.

Mrs. Goodman has had many years of experience in the field of child growth and development during the pre-school years. Her most recent position was as organizer and director of the San Pedro Cooperative Nursery School.

In her capacity as director of the Riviera Nursery School, Mrs. Goodman will supervise programs for the children, give instruction classes for new mothers and conduct discussion groups for parent-members of the school.

The Hollywood Riviera Cooperative Nursery School is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of the pre-school child through supervised play and to the education of the parent through assistance at school, workshop, discussion and individual conference.

The nursery meets four mornings a week, from 9 to 11:30 at

the El Retiro Park building in Hollywood Riviera. Children from 2½ to kindergarten age are eligible. Mothers act as assistants at school on the average of once a week. Further information may be secured by calling Mrs. Harry Cassel, membership chairman, Frontier 5-3659.

## PTA Affirms Family Life, Sex Studies

Family life education programs and sex education should be an integral part of the Los Angeles City School curriculum at elementary, junior high and senior high levels.

A resolution reaffirming 10th District PTA's support of these teachings was passed by the organization's executive board Jan. 23 when issue was again raised as to whether certain film media should be incorporated into the visual-education programs of city schools.

Leading women of the PTA affirmed their endorsement of "Human Beginnings" and "Human Growth" films in the schools. Their petition stated that they "believe the previous policy of having such showings completely interpreted by adequately trained school personnel when shown to children upon written request of parents, be re-enacted."

The resolution concluded by saying the PTA feels that when over 90 per cent of the parents express a desire for this



**LACE AND SATIN** . . . Part of the success of the Torrance Memorial Hospital Ball which will be staged Saturday at Palos Verdes Country Club by the Women's Auxiliary to the hospital will depend upon efforts of the decorating committee. Shown above at the home of Mrs. James W. Post, committee chairman, 1448 El Prado, are, left to right, Mmes. Post, G. M. Eastham, Richard Bishop and John Keefer. They're putting final touches on oversize Valentines which will grace the walls. (Herald photo).

## Villa Burpee New Member Of Local BPW

Miss Villa Burpee, bookkeeper for Torrance Medical Center, last week was elected unanimously to membership in the National Business and Professional Women's Club of Torrance.

During the business session, Mrs. Zada Ramsey, president, announced the executive board's decision to sponsor the county X-ray program. The X-ray unit will be stationed in front of the Safeway store Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Torrance adults are urged by the BPW to avail themselves of this free service.

Feb. 18 has also been set as the date for Torrance BPW's next dinner meeting at Miller's Restaurant, Long Beach. Mmes. Dorothy Rogers, Stella Matherly and Miss Mary Lou Tucker will be hostesses. Reservations may be made by calling Lomita 1246-M or 1237-W after 4 p.m.

Feb. 14 is the deadline for cancelling reservations. Los Angeles District BPW meeting will be Feb. 16 at the Alexandria Hotel. The business session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. Mrs. Ramsey is in charge of reservations, which must be made by Feb. 11.

## HOME FROM TRIP

Nuptials of interest to Torrance residents were attended last week by Mrs. Cordie White of 2117 Torrance Blvd. Mrs. White returned Monday from Northern California where she attended the wedding of Miss Mary A. West, formerly of Torrance.

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