

# The Social World

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**BOON FOR BABIES . . .** Mrs. Frank (Evelyn) Langley explains the workings of a bottle warmer to Mrs. John (Marguerite) Melville, president of Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which purchased the machine with part of the funds raised at last year's Valentine Ball. Additional equipment for the hospital will be bought with proceeds of this year's ball, slated for Feb. 13 at the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse. Tickets to the affair, and to the \$500 treasure to be awarded during the evening now are on sale, and a schedule of "treasure teas" to boost sale of the duets will be released following the Auxiliary meeting next Tuesday, Jan. 12. (Herald photo)

## Breakfast, Card Party on Slate for Moose Women

Two big socials, open to anyone who wants to attend, are calendared by Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, this month. One is a breakfast, slated for Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Moose Hall; the second is an evening card party scheduled for Jan. 20 at the same site. "All the coffee you can drink" with ham and eggs, hash browns, hot rolls, and fruit juice will be on the breakfast menu, which will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Adults may share in the meal for \$1, while children's plates are 60 cents. Lou Johnson is chairman of this event; Chaplain Joyce Clay heads the committee planning the card party. Play will begin at 8 p.m., and each person attending is asked to bring a \$0.25 donation. Canasta, pinocle, bridge, huncs, and 500 will be the featured games. Prizes for high score in each will be given, and refreshments will be served.

## JayCettes Plan Membership Tea, Name Hobby Show Heads

Plans for a membership tea in February will be completed next Tuesday night, Jan. 12, when the JayCette executive board meets at 8 o'clock at the 1629 Acadia Ave. home of the vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Banks. Naming of central committee chairmen for the Hobby Show, to be staged concurrently with the Torrance Terrace Garden Club-sponsored Flower and Arts Show at the Civic Auditorium in May, keynoted the last regular meeting of the club. Mrs. Banks, as general chairman, will co-ordinate activities of all committees in planning the event. Her co-chairman, Mrs. Chuck Herren, will supervise the hostess committee, while Mrs. Joseph Bay will be in charge of correspondence, finances, and awards. Anyone wishing to place an entry in the show may call the chairman, Mrs. Douglas Horlan, at FRontier 2-7221, while all news releases concerning the event will be disseminated by Mrs. Ed Karlow, Mrs. Howard Percy is in charge of contacting judges and soliciting donations. The JayCette bowling team, which plays weekly in an all-women's league in this area, still is in top position, Mrs. Banks reported.

## PTA to Show Cancer Film

Spotlighting the health committee, 259th Pl. PTA will feature a film from the Cancer Society, "Self-examination for Cancer" to carry out its meeting theme, "To Know and Check Up," Thursday Jan. 21. The session, to begin at 2 p.m. in the school auditorium, also will feature Dr. Geraldine Dickenson, the school physician, in the speakers' rostrum. Hostesses for the social hour to follow will be A-3 and B-3 mothers. A series of parent education classes, conducted each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Harbor Hills Auditorium, is currently being sponsored by the Association. Slated for discussion by the lecturer, Mrs. Beatrice Woodbridge, are discipline, child development, mental health, parent-child relationships, sex instruction, and brother-sister relationships. Two films also are scheduled in February. The course is open to all, and coffee and cookies are served at each meeting.

## Missionary Home Talk on WSCS Slate

Miss Mabel Metzger, deaconess in charge of Robinson Home for retired missionaries and deaconesses, will be the featured speaker next Thursday morning when the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Church, meets at the church. The talk will follow a 10:30 o'clock business session, and a noon luncheon, served by Mrs. Lois Balsley, chairman, and members of Miriam Circle, will climax the gathering. Nursery care will be provided. Two Circles also have scheduled meetings for next week. Rachel Circle will gather at 7:45 Tuesday at the 2806 Orondo St. home of Mrs. John Taylor, while Mary Circle will meet at 8 o'clock that same evening at the 804 Maple Ave. home of Mrs. James Cahow. Mrs. Edward Smith will share a toast "honors at the latter gathering.

## Lioness Club Plans Social

January will be a busy season socially for members of the Lioness Club, who planned their monthly calendar Tuesday night when they met at the 1219 Date Ave. home of Mrs. Lowell Spring. The women plan to take one day off to go to Fontana and pay a visit to Mrs. C. B. Wallis, a former member. On Jan. 19 they will be guests at a Lions Club luncheon, and that same evening will hold their regular monthly social at the Inglewood home of Mrs. Abe Robinson.



**TASTE TREAT . . .** Wally Moody gets a big spoonful of hobo stew from his wife, Sue, while Aurora (Mrs. Gil) Derouin perches on his knee and Gil Derouin gets ready to drop another carrot into the pot. The "Hard Times" four, together with the Paul Roettgers, form the planning committee for next Saturday night's Sobada dance, to be held at the Western Club in Gardena. The pot of stew will take a spotlight in hobo-style decoration at the event, and each member and guest attending will dress in tacky old clothes to carry out the depression theme. (Herald photo)

## High School PTA to Hear Of Reading

"Reading" will be the topic of discussion at next Tuesday night's meeting of Torrance High School PTA, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, according to Mrs. J. E. Popovich, publicity chairman. Due to the increase in attendance, all future meetings will be held in the cafeteria rather than in the library as formerly, she said. Discussing the teaching of reading in Torrance High School, with Garth Belknap, senior problems teacher acting as moderator, will be a group of teachers of various grade levels. According to Bruce Magner, principal, not only reading in the usual English and social studies fields but the carry-over and tie-up of teaching reading in all subjects will be explained. A buzz session will follow the discussion, at which time the audience will be asked to gather in groups, under chairman, to formulate questions they desire to have answered. Mrs. Frank Lane, program chairman, said that she believes this will prove a very interesting experience, and she urges all parents to attend the meeting in order to learn the methods used today in the teaching of reading. Sophomore parents and teachers will be honored at this meeting, and sophomore mothers will act as hostesses for the social hour to follow.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TAKING SIGN-UPS

Temple Menorah Religious School is accepting applications of students from three years of age to eight months up for registration in pre-kindergarten through the 10th grade, Mrs. Sydney Siegel, president, announced this week. Morris Jay, who arrived at 12:13 a.m. Jan. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lane, 3713 Hickman Dr., weighed 8 lbs. He has two brothers, four-and-a-half-year-old Dorsey Richard and two-and-a-half-year-old Gerald Earl. Father is a rides manager for Fox and Sons Amusement; grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames Henry A. Lane and S. D. Glass of Redondo Beach. Parents of the next boy arriving this week, 8 lb. 1 1/2 oz. Michael Andre, are Mr. and Mrs. Andre M. Lacrox, 4602 Ave. C. The new infant was born at 9:22 p.m. Jan. 6 joining a brother, Raymond E., and a sister, Jacqueline M. Father is a radio officer with Union Oil Co.; Mrs. Veuve E. Lacrox of Brussels, Belgium, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Anderson of St. Petersburg, Fla., are grandparents.

## Saturday Night Sobadas to Don Old Clothes For 'Hard Times' Dance

"Holidays are over, and we're all broke. Don't laugh Sobadas, it ain't no joke. Dig out your old clothes, the worst you can find. Reminiscent of the depression days of '29." So read invitations to next Saturday night's "Hard Times" dance received by members of the Sobada Club this week. Tucked in paper bags and written on brown paper burned at the edges, the novel billet-doux emphasized the hobo theme of the event, first of the '54 season, which will begin at 9 p.m. at the Western Club in Gardena. Clothes lines hung with dilapidated wearing apparel, old torn sheets scattered on the walls, and many signs, such as "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime," and "Free Tickets to Bankruptcy," all reminiscent of the depression days, will feature club decor. In the center of the hall will be a "hobo's paradise," an old grass shack housing a large tin washtub full of hobo stew. As guests walk through the door, they will be given slips of paper imprinted "good for one handout" which will put their names to the pot for a midnight supper of baked beans, wieners, French rolls, garlic bread, and cole slaw. Frank James and his six piece orchestra will provide the music, and selections will include favorite numbers of the depression as well as popular hit tunes. The Sobada executive committee, composed of Messrs. and Mesdames Paul Roettger, Wally Moody, and Laurence Derouin, is in charge of arrangements.

## 'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd K. DeVore, 1636 E. 213th St., topped the arrival list at Torrance Memorial Hospital this week. Still in the hospital until he gains more than his four lb. birth weight is twin number one, Danny Gene, who was born at 11:31 a.m. Jan. 3. Home with mama is twin number two, Raymond Dean, who arrived an hour and four minutes later, weighing 5 lbs. 5 oz. The twins make a total of five on the masculine side of the DeVore family; already "chips off the old block," who is a laminitor with Zenith Plastic, are Floyd Jr., 3 1/2, and Bobby Don, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Devore of Weleetka, Okla., and Mrs. Norma Lee Sullins of Boynton, Okla.

## 'Jungle Jim,' Miss Judson Reveal Troth

When he returns from his duty stint overseas next fall, wedding bells will ring for U. S. Navyman James W. "Jungle Jim" Leech and Miss Judith Judson. "Jungle Jim," who received the nickname when playing football for Torrance High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Leech, 727 Border Ave. He graduated from THS in 1950, enlisting in the U. S. Navy shortly afterward, and left last Thursday for overseas duty on the USS Rochester. The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson, 22329 Redbeam Ave., will be graduated from Torrance High School in June. Barbara Ellen, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Raymond McDonald, 24245 Hawthorne Blvd., was the first baby girl born at the hospital this week, arriving at 5:59 a.m. Jan. 4 and weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. Father is a carpenter; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Cosby of Pacheco, Calif., and Mrs. Jose McDonald of Hermosa Beach.

## Creative Family Living

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## 'Star' Child Has Great Need For Recognition, Approval

What kind of a pattern is your child beginning to develop? If the star pattern in his dominant one, chances are he loves attention and enjoys being the center of attraction. As we mentioned last time, there seem to be four main personality patterns well developed within most individuals: the star, the tyrant, the clinging vine, and the turtle. One of these will usually be the dominant pattern with the others taking secondary roles and perhaps one even rejected or denied. EVERY STAR MUST SHINE The older child with a strong star pattern as his dominant one seems to have a strong drive for recognition, a great need for approval. The worst thing that can happen to him is to be left. As one mother said about her little "star" child: "You just have to include him or he makes such a nuisance of himself." She learned, especially when guests were present, to tell Tommy he the doorman, point the way for seating, or take wraps, etc. Every star must shine; a star without a part to play, even a small one, sometimes will resort to very negative behavior in order to win attention from those about him. Every star needs an audience, consequently the little "star," even though he has a great deal of ego strength, is more dependent upon others than he realizes. He gravitates toward others, and is often well-liked in a group (if he doesn't try to "do it all.") He makes an excellent leader, but needs strong approval from his group. The child with the dominant star pattern has several lessons to learn if he is to be guided into a well-balanced expression of this pattern. MUST LEARN TO TAKE BACK SEAT To learn to "take a back seat" occasionally, to respect the right of others to express themselves, to realize he can't always be first are just a few. To avoid an egocentric pattern he needs to learn to recognize the talents and abilities of others, that "there is more than one star in the sky," so to speak. The "star" child can often develop fear of disapproval and then strive to avoid situations of this kind. Naturally, out of his very fear he makes mistakes, says the wrong things, and generally creates the very thing he so much wants to avoid. The "star" with a highly aggressive nature will seek his recognition and approval openly, however. One with a lowered aggression often wins approval by being "good" or helpful, an excellent student in school (the "teacher's pet" when we went to school) etc. Egocentric "stars" can be vain and self-centered, can use putting and sulking to get their way. They have a neurotic drive for limelight, tend to monopolize, sometimes enjoy creating scenes and tend to dramatize even the smallest "scene." They will somehow manage to get the center of attention onto them and often are most indifferent to the needs of others. STARS THAT DON'T SHINE Often in my work I find a little "star" who isn't shining. From the first minute 10-year-old Sally\* came into the playroom she was quiet and withdrawn. She seemed very eager to please, however, and watched me for approval. At school I was told Sally "didn't pay attention," spent more time looking out of the window than into her books. She was uncooperative and sullen at home, according to her parents; teased her three younger brothers unmercifully and battled constantly with the children in the neighborhood. Mother said: "I just don't know what to do with her"; father said hopefully: "Maybe she'll outgrow it." This particular pattern of behavior had begun to develop over the past two years quite strongly, so this wasn't likely to happen. Father was away from the home because of his work a great deal of the time, which meant that mother had often to do her share as well as her husband's. FELT INSECURE Little Sally felt insecure about her mother switching roles so much of the time. Her brothers offered no source of identification for her; she had a strong competitive feeling toward them. She felt rejection from her mother, that the boys were the favored ones. Gradually she began to build a little shell and crawl into it. Naturally I can't give you the full details of this little girl's problems, but as a result of the parent seeking understanding of it through counseling and reading, this little "star" brought forth a very lovely dramatic ability and was soon writing plays for the neighborhood children. She even began to develop a talent for painting and drawing. Sally was a repressed "star." When she was a tiny baby and a very small little girl, she received a great deal of attention. Later, as more children arrived upon the scene, she lost the center of the stage and suffered from feelings of rejection. She felt lost and alone with so much "masculinity" about and had the feeling that the boys got the best of everything in the family. Mother was busy and "didn't have time," and when Daddy came home "all he does is tell us what to do." It is easy to see how her dominant pattern became repressed. This little Sally had a wonderful imagination which I think she will do great things with one day in the future. Next week I'll tell about the turtle pattern as a dominant one. \* Sally is a fictitious name, of course.

## SET HEARING TESTS

Kids at Nativity Catholic School will have their hearing tested next Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13 and 14, when the Hearing Center of Metropolitan Los Angeles conducts exams at the school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents of pre-school children also are welcome to bring their tots to the school for the test. Mrs. Laura B. Felker announced.