

Globe-trotting Albert Fishes Return Here

World travelers for three months, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fish, departed at International Airport Tuesday night and are now at home, 1719-C Cabrillo Ave.

The local couple, welcomed at the airport by the Ronald Wiggs of Middlebrook Rd. and many other relatives and friends, started off on their travels last fall, arriving at Tripoli, Libya, North Africa, in time to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and her husband, Air Force Lt. and Mrs. Van H. Barnard.

On the journey they saw many points of interest in France, England, Italy, Africa, Egypt, Jerusalem, Spain, and Portugal. Many reports of their travels have appeared in the Herald.

Subsequent stories of latest spots visited will begin in next Sunday's issue.

B'nai B'rith To Hear Anti-Defamation League Leader

Milton A. Senn, director of the Pacific Southwest Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, will be



MILTON A. SENN To Address B'nai B'rith

guest speaker tonight when South Bay B'nai B'rith Women meet at 8:30 o'clock at the Garden Community Center.

Senn, a native of Illinois, has been with the Anti-Defamation League since 1939. He is a member of the Public Education Human Relations Committee of the Los Angeles Board of Education and chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee of the Los Angeles County Conference on Committee Relations.

In 1950, he was recipient of the County Conference "Citizen of Outstanding Service".

The meeting is open to anyone wishing to attend, and refreshments will be served. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Bernard Yeslin, 1624 Greenwood Ave., Fairfax 8-4883; or Mrs. Ralph Kellin, 17303 Glenburn Ave., Melrose 4-8010.

Pre-nuptial Shower Fetes Miss Strika

A miniature bride and groom sheltered by a white net umbrella set the bridal shower motif at the home of Mrs. William H. Coons (nee Marge Dunham) recently when she entertained for Miss Lillian Strika, who will marry Albert DeSimone on Valentine's Day.

Wedding bells and dogwood blossoms, all in white, added further nuptial touches to living room decor. The same color motif was echoed in a refreshment table arrangement of camellias, lilies of the valley, and ferns flanked by long tapered set in crystal holders.

Bridal shower games were the evening diversion until Miss Strika opened her many gifts, brought by her mother, Mrs. Ed Hein; Misses Ann Silvester, Pauline Robinson, and Mary Silvester of Torrance; Misses Charles Dunham, Roscoe Sanders, Joe Kruger, Gerald McKenney, and Richard Olsen Jr. of Torrance; Jessie Coons of Glendale; Jack Denning of Inglewood; Mickey DeSessa of Hermosa Beach; Sam De Simone and Gus Carvellos of Redondo Beach.

Urge Former Teachers To Come Back to Classroom

An urgent appeal for former teachers to return to the classroom will be made by PTAs throughout the state this year following a new program set up by the Board of Managers of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

So reported Mrs. H. E. Carr, Torrance Council PTA president, quoting from a communication from the Board, which met last week in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Carr made the announcement following a query from Mrs. Grace Wright, local Board of Education member, as to what PTA is doing for teacher recruitment besides loaning money to students.

VOLUNTEERS ASSIST AT BLOOD BANK

Volunteers of Torrance branch, American Red Cross assisted the Los Angeles Chapter last Friday from 12:30 to 6 p.m. processing blood donors at the American Legion Hall.

Columbia Steel and Pacific Electric Railway employees and Legionnaires comprised the donors, said Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman of the branch.

Assisting Mrs. Jones were her co-chairmen, Mesdames William Cochran and David McMillan, and members of her committee, Mesdames William Coburn and Walter Sharon. Donor room aides were Mesdames W. E. Walton, Blandford Moyer, and G. Douglas Thomas.

Mrs. John Stoddard, a n.e. chairman, was assisted by Mesdames Walter West and T. T. Babbitt and Miss Margaret Anderson.

City PTA Gives Two C Notes For Welfare

Voting of two century notes for philanthropy sparked last Thursday's meeting of Torrance Elementary PTA, held at the school auditorium.

The membership approved a contribution of \$100 to Torrance Council PTA for the milk fund, which provides about 22 children with free milk every day at school, and an additional \$100 to the Torrance Dental Health Association, which helps pay for dental care of children whose parents are unable to do so.

The money for these welfare projects is raised by three annual paper drives, the next of which is slated for February.

Program highlights of the evening were the presentation in panel form of the activities and curriculum of Torrance High School. Leonard Lifton, teacher of social studies, led the discussion group, composed of four Torrance High School students.

The panel was followed by colorful slides showing classrooms, lockers, the gym, cafeteria, library, workings of student government, bus facilities, social activities, clubs, and sports.

A film showing how those who have and love children in the past six years have helped to overcome the dread disease, polio, by their volunteer help climaxed the evening. Helen Hayes, prominent screen personality, did the narration.

Trained Scout Chiefs Needed In Harbor City

Four hundred more students at Harbor City School could participate in Scout activities if trained leadership were available, Mrs. Ray Lemo, youth service chairman, told Harbor City PTA members when they met at the school auditorium last Thursday evening.

Appealing for volunteers in Cub Scout, Brownie, and Intermediate Girl Scout work, Mrs. Lemo said that presently only about 100 students are able to participate because of the lack of qualified leadership.

"We have two Brownie troops, one Intermediate Girl Scout Troop, and 50 Cub Scouts," she said.

Mrs. Lemo's appeal followed a panel discussion presented on "Is Discipline Necessary?" by Mrs. Marian White, Harold Ball, and Mrs. James Triffon. A movie, "Social Development," tied in with the discussion.

Meeting, opened with the flag salute by Girl Scouts Sandra Gregory and Judith Scott and inspirational message, "Something to Live By" given by Mrs. Richard Rozendal, also featured several short poems recited by Mrs. Betty Hall's A3-B4 class.

Not Quite 22 . . . but Oh My!

Gallon Blood Donor, Cab Driver, Bean Sorter, Calamity Jane on Ski Slopes—Coed Vallerie Daniels' Been 'em All

If she's accepted as a donor at the Bloodmobile at the Civic Auditorium on Feb. 8, Miss Vallerie Daniels, already a gallon donor—and the only woman in Torrance to reach that goal—will have given nine pints of her blood before she reaches her 22nd birthday.

The date of the Mobile will enable her to just scoot under the wire—she'll be 22 the next day.



WE THREE . . . Vallerie Daniels, gallon blood donor for Red Cross, poses with two of her pets, "Teddy," who "is supposed to be a cocker-terrier," and Mike, a Mexican parrot.

EVERYONE SHOULD "Giving blood is something everybody should do if he can," said the short-haired, bright-eyed miss bubbling with vitality. "It's one thing we can all do. A lot of people are squeamish about it, thinking about that big, long needle—but you really don't feel it at all!"

Vallerie has been giving blood since she was 18 years old and a graduate of Torrance High School. She'll graduate from El Camino College with a double major—psychology and physical education—this semester, then plans to continue work for a teacher's credential at Los Angeles or Long Beach State College this fall.

During the latter part of this semester, the vitality-filled coed, who has been working her way through the college curriculum at various and sundry jobs—nine since '49—has been a swing shifter at a plastics factory in Inglewood.

FOLLOW THAT CAR! One of the most interesting of the many jobs she's held has been that of cab driver.

"I never heard a customer say 'follow that cab!'" she laughed, "but I got pretty close to it. It happened like this. My fare was late to her date, so she told me to 'step on it.' Well, this cab I was driving was nothing but a bucket of bolts anyway, and if you drove it over 50 the motor would conk out. So I was up to the 50 mark and all of a sudden I saw this Cadillac barreling along about 70 miles an hour.

"Quick, there he goes!" this woman yelled. So I gave it some more gas, and what do you know, I caught that nice shiny new Cadillac in my beat-up Ford with the '46 motor!"

Another of Vallerie's jobs wasn't quite so exciting. "It seems that this coffee dealer got a bad load of beans from Brazil, so he hired an extra crew to get them processed. Eighteen other girls, one boy, and me—we hardscored those blasted beans!"

"I still like coffee though," Vallerie grinned, "but Fritos? I worked in a factory where these

are made and we were allowed to eat all we wanted. I don't care much for them any more."

Playground director at the beach, helper in the Torrance Library, file clerk at Douglas Aircraft—this busy gal has been there all yet she's always managed to find time for a little recreation. Maybe being a PE major has something to do with it or vice versa, but Vallerie's active in women's league basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, and almost any other sport you could name, including the popular winter favorites, skiing.

SLOPE DISASTER But though proficient enough in other athletics, skiing seems to be her downfall.

"On Dec. 13 a couple of years ago I bought a pair of skis on the 14th I took three chil-

dren up to the snow as a lark—and I got a fracture for each kid.

"This is how it happened—I think. The four of us got on a toboggan, we were sailing along just fine, then all of a sudden we hit a bump half way down, and flew up in the air. My leg twisted under the toboggan—and the toboggan used my leg as a runner the rest of the way down."

ANIMAL LOVER Vallerie's always been interested in insect and animal life, but pets? "No, I don't have any, really," she said. "Just a dog, a cat and a parrot. With them I don't really need a doorbell, because the dog barks, the cat meows, and the parrot screams the minute anyone comes up the walk."

The animal-loving miss makes her home at 1629 Beech Ave. doing housekeeping for Harry D. Boynton, who has 30 years at Columbia Steel behind him—the same as she did for both him and his mother until her recent death.

"I don't think he liked my skunk when I put it in the oven to try to keep it alive, but he took it all right. And he accepted the badger who dug holes in the yard. He's been a wonderful 'uncle' to me."

FOUR-TIME LOSER But that wasn't the end of the story. All in all, Vallerie broke the cast on the broken leg four times.

The original cast was too tight, so a doctor here took it off and put on a new one. The next day Vallerie broke it playing tennis. The replacement went a similar way on a hiking trip to Topanga Canyon. The final

capital funds drive with \$3000 as its goal by March 1 currently is being conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association, Miss Nell Colburn, Torrance Branch chairman, announced this week.

"With the money," she said, "we hope to clear the building debt and to purchase essential equipment for the YW."

One of the highlights of the fund-raising campaign will be a Swiss steak dinner at the Y on Feb. 18, she continued, adding that "we hope for an attendance of 250 people, including business, industrial, and civic leaders."

As the drive progresses, aid of young adult clubs and teenage groups within the YW will be enlisted. Miss Colburn is chairman of the general committee, assisted by members of the executive committee which includes Mesdames Charlotte Lukes, branch director; Minnie Solomon, vice-chairman; Julius Stamps, treasurer; Kenneth Clutter, finance chairman; Warren Hamilton, finance committee member; and Elaine Williams, secretary.

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Anyone interested in making a donation, obtaining a dinner ticket, or helping with the drive in any way is invited to call FAIRfax 8-914.

Grad Party Planned at Harbor City

Today will be an afternoon of fun for A-6 graduates of Harbor City School, Mrs. James Triffon, press chairman, announced.

A ball game will start the fun, then grads will gather in the school auditorium for refreshments, she said. Class colors of green and gold will be carried out in cake and table decorations.

The affair is being arranged by Mrs. Michael Travers, chairman, and Mesdames G. S. Andrecht, Harry Ballie, James Alexander, and Leland Van Buren.

Robert Metcalf, A-6 teacher; Mrs. Avis Creech, principal; and Mrs. Ray Groover, PTA president, will top the honored guest list. Grads who will join in the fun are Mitchell Alred, John Braddock, Herman Greene, Robert Jones, Richard Lane, Gary Lawson, Eugene Minobe, Dennis Outmette, William Pence, Arturo Porras, Roy Suminaga, and Danny Tolliver.

Robert Wallace, Florence Aldrich, Diane Culwick, Sandra Gregory, Amber Inman, Dianna McCune, Frances Millett, Sharon Mortenson, Janine Parsons, Eve Saucedo, and Evelyn Simpson.

Seaside First In PTA Blood Donor Groups

Seaside PTA is the first of all local PTAs groups to pledge more than 10 donors for the Feb. 8 Blood Bank, Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman of Torrance Branch American Red Cross, announced this week.

This means that any member of the Association can draw on this group account, thus saving himself not only money but additional worries accompanying emergencies that arise, she said.

Anyone wishing to draw on the account may call James Waits, civil defense chairman, at Seaside School, who is largely responsible for starting this group, the chairman continued.

Other PTAs working on possible blood donor groups are Crenshaw, El Nido, Perry, Fern Ave., North Torrance, Torrance Elementary, Torrance High, Riviera, and Walteria.

Gail Thompson Otis Announce Nuptial News

Visions of birthday candles, and wedding bells took up the thoughts of Miss Gail Thompson Tuesday night when she joined her fiancé, Keith Otis, in an evening of dancing at the Palladium, for that "night out" was a combined celebration of her natal day and recently-announced betrothal.

Daughter of the A. P. Dunsheaths, 21523 S. Harvard Ave., the brunette bride-elect, a candidate for Miss Torrance of 1953, and Otis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Otis of E. Lansing, Mich., are planning a late fall wedding.

The couple surprised relatives with the nuptial news last Sunday at a dinner party at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Rose Tickell. White wedding bells formed a canopy over a decorated cake inscribed "Congratulations Keith and Gail" to set the romantic motif.

Joining the honored pair, her parents, and the hostess for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hamilton and daughter, Bonnie Eileen, of Torrance.

The bride-elect, 1953 graduate of Torrance High School, included among her campus activities majorette for the band, life membership in the California Scholarship Federation, advertising manager for the school newspaper, TNT, and Girl's O.G.s, currently employed at Douglas Aircraft Co. is a '53 graduate of Mason High School in Mason, Mich.

TO WEDNESDAY Shower Fetes Di Cristina This Evening

Tonight friends of Maxine Di Cristina, who will marry Herald display ad salesman Jim Crawford next Sunday afternoon, will gather at Vurp's Dining Room to honor her with a bridal shower.

Doing hostess honors at the event will be Mrs. Michael Homa, the former Isabel Howard, who also will attend as matron of honor at the marriage service, to be read at 1 o'clock at Granwich Wedding Chapel in Long Beach.

This will be a turn about for Mrs. Homa, for the future Mrs. Crawford attended as her maid of honor last December.

Standing with the groom as best man will be William King. Herald display advertising manager.

A reception at the chapel will follow the nuptials, then the new Mr. and Mrs. will leave for a week's honeymoon at Palm Springs. They plan to make their home in Torrance.

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MOMS PLAN BOX SOCIAL

Going back to the days of the pioneers for a fun-packed evening Saturday, Feb. 6, is the Mothers Club of Boy Scout Troop 761.

The moms, under the direction of Mrs. James Snell, president, and Mrs. Vic Wheeler, chairman of the event, are putting their heads together to plan a Valentine dance and box social at Verburg's rumpus room. Dancing will begin at 8 o'clock to popular recordings, and at 11 o'clock Reese Holbrook will auction off the boxes, with the highest bidder for each claim.

In both the contents and the cook as a supper partner. Proceeds will benefit the troop.

OES Confers Degrees on 3

Degrees were conferred on three new members last Thursday night when Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, met at the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave.

Worthy Matron Florence Viellenave and Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenave presided during the evening. Receiving honorees were Annette Polando and James Nash, worthy matron and worthy patron of Point Fermin Chapter, as well as a large group of past matrons and past patrons.

Ivy and red berries decorated the banquet hall for the social hour which followed. A group of those joining the membership were visitors from Lunita and San Pedro Chapters, Long Beach, Tonopah, Nev., Rome, N. Y.; Asheville, N. C., and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Anna Mae Jones, chairman, was assisted by Dave Jones, Bettina Miller, Hazel and Oscar Fossum, Addie and Fay Parks, Rolive Bever, Myrtle Clayton, and Bud Edwards.



MISS GAIL THOMPSON Plans Fall Wedding

Scouts Mark Third Birthday

Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA's Girl Scout Troop 1209 celebrated its third birthday last Saturday with two events. Mrs. Adam Krauszer, press chairman, reported this week.

The girls first attended the Juliette Low Ingathering at Torrance High School auditorium, then gathered for games and refreshments at the El Prado home of Councilman and Mrs. Willy Blount.

Three girls—Barbara Krauszer, Mary Margaret Blount, and Susan Severin—shared natal day fun with the troop celebration.

Two cakes, one topped with yellow roses and green leaves to carry out the troop colors, and one inscribed "Happy Birthday" to the three girls, highlighted table decor.

Form Women's Club in Heights

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Hold Honor Court Tonight

Michael Gurrola Jr. will receive a Life Scout award tonight when Boy Scout Troop 219 holds court of honor and charter presentation ceremonies at the Moose Hall at 8 o'clock.

The award will be presented by Tom Wilkes, Scout committeeman, as a climax of the honor court. Stars and merit badges will be presented earlier in the evening by William Sells, committeeman, and Michael Gurrola Sr., assistant Scoutmaster, respectively.

Troop charter will be presented to J. B. Scotton, vice-president of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club, by Dr. Howard Wood, Harbor Area chairman of Scouting and past lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis. Scotton in turn will present it to Scoutmaster Ernie Swift and the troop committee.

See Film on Human Growth

"Human Growth," a film prepared by the University of Oregon after seven years of research, highlighted last week's Wednesday session of Riviera PTA. Mrs. Henry A. Graef, press chairman, reported this week.

Presented by Mrs. Otto S. Willett, the film was followed by a question and answer period led by Principal Robert Dexter and Mrs. Flora Marx.