

L. A. TRAFFIC NO PROBLEM AFTER SNARL IN JAPAN

"We can stand anything America—even Los Angeles—has to offer after the Japanese traffic din!"

These were the words of Miss Georgia Patterson, 17348 Yukon Ave., recently discharged WAAC who has spent the past 22 months in Tokyo, Japan, and Cpl. Dorothy Hennessy of Miami, Fla., who was stationed with Miss Patterson for 18 months and spent several days at her home following their return from the Orient the latter part of last month.

The Japanese people are the most courteous and polite in the world—until they get in a car or on a train, the girls said.

"They drive on the left hand side of the street, never signal,

take years for them to realize that their Emperor is just an ordinary man."

Japanese homes are only one of the big differences. All of them are very small, with sliding doors. There are no chairs; the people sit on cushions the size of a sofa pillow. There are no beds; the people sleep on a futon, which is like a thick



FROM THE ORIENT . . . Miss Georgia Patterson, 17348 Yukon Ave., right, and her recent houseguest, Cpl. Dorothy Hennessy, compare souvenir dolls they brought to America from Japan. Both girls were stationed with the WAACs in Tokyo, Georgia serving for 22 months and Dorothy for 18 months. The local mist is now out of the service; her visitor is still claimed by the Army. (Herald photo)

Ball Starts At 9 p.m. Saturday Expect More Than 400

Scene played at the left by Ed Karlov and his pretty wife, Lou, will be duplicated in homes throughout Torrance and the South Bay area next Saturday night, Feb. 18, as approximately 400 men and women prepare to attend the Torrance Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Valentine Ball.

Setting will be the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse, bedecked with hearts and other symbols of Cupid's holiday, and dancing will be continuous from 9 p.m. 'til 2 a.m. A buffet supper will be served from 11 p.m. through 1 a.m.

When the clock strikes midnight, signalling the beginning of Valentine's Day, someone in the crowd, or someone who has made a donation, will get a special Valentine surprise—a treasure chest holding \$500 cash.

The third annual Valentine Charity Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary, which is headed by Mrs. John Melville, the event is held to raise funds for Torrance Memorial Hospital. Previous balls have enabled the Auxiliary to purchase cubicle curtains, a diathermy unit, bottle warmer, and other necessary items.

To add an extra something to the gala evening, many local couples have planned cocktail parties in their homes before the ball begins. Inviting friends in will be Drs. and Mesdames George Andersen, Eugene Cook, Henry Upholt Jr., John Beaman, and Gerald Eastham; Messrs. and Mesdames William McFadden, James Hall, Theo Linhart, Roy Nash, Frank Burk, Jack Pomeroy, Jack Dabbs, Edward Schwartz, and Paul Roetiger.

MONDAY

Pre-schooler's Vocabulary on Class Agenda

A discussion of the vocabulary of the pre-school child by V. Foyle, director, will feature next Monday night's meeting of the parent education class of Torrance Co-operative Nursery School, according to Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, parent education chairman.

The talk will follow a 7 p.m. potluck dinner in the high school cafeteria, she said.

Last week's discussion topic, presented by Mrs. Georgie Ann Coleman, parent education teacher for Los Angeles City Schools, covered the emotionally-mature person and the modern woman.

"Few of us ever reach complete emotional maturity," she said, "but our success as parents depends in a large measure on the degree we attain."

Highlighting the business session was the naming of a new board of directors by Mrs. Robert Evans, president. Included on the list of chairmen are the following:

Don Newman, purchasing; Gaen Trussell, fathers work; Mesdames Maurice Hanson, transportation and scheduling; Maurice Hattem, parliamentary; George Ackerman, publicity; Don West, area council representative; and Bud Dahlen, membership.

Information regarding enrollment may be obtained by calling Mrs. Dahlen at FAirfax 8-5570.

Y-WIVES CANCEL FRIDAY MEETING

Because tomorrow is a holiday, the Y-Wives will not hold their regular weekly meeting. Mrs. Rufus Sandstrom, president, reported this week.

Meetings will be resumed Friday, Feb. 19, with a talk on "Mental Hygiene" by a speaker from the County Health Department.

Valentine



RELMA McRAE



DORIS LEE TOLSON

THS Thespians Will Entertain Woman's Club

Torrance High School thespians will entertain the Torrance Woman's Club at next Wednesday's informal luncheon, to be held at 12:30 p.m. at the clubhouse, 1422 Ingracia Ave.

The skit, "Why I Am a Bachelor," will be directed by V. W. Hershey, head of the THS drama department, with the assistance of two students, Jim Babb and Louis Houck.

Included in the cast will be Neill Mahon as the lecturer, Larry Carter as Algernon, Sue Mayer as Henrietta, Elsa Barlow as Henrietta's mother, Barbara Van Alstyne as Aunt Emma, and Connie Stout as Ida May.

Nominations from the floor for new officers and the election of a nominating committee to screen the candidates will feature the business session. Also sparking the agenda will be the naming of a delegate to join Mrs. G. C. Van Deventer, president, in representing the club at the Los Angeles County CPWC Convention.

Convention is slated for Apr. 5 at the Tuesday Afternoon Club in Glendale.

Representing the Torrance club at a reciprocity luncheon at the Wilmington Woman's Club yesterday was Mrs. A. E. Palmer, ways and means chairman.

WANTS TO FORM DAR GROUP HERE

In an attempt to form a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution here, Mrs. M. M. Schwab this week requested that all eligible women interested in such a group contact her at FAirfax 8-1381.

To be eligible, she said, a woman must be a direct descendant of someone who fought in the Revolutionary War.

McGuire New Song Writers President

John McGuire will conduct his first meeting as president of the South Bay Song Writers Club next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, when the group meets at 8 o'clock at the 1184 Cypress St., Hermosa Beach home of G. H. Cheseldine.

Elected at the last semi-monthly meeting, McGuire will be assisted by Mrs. Joyce Hodges, vice-president; Mrs. Von Hershey, secretary; Cheseldine, treasurer and Mrs. Andrew Peterson, publicity chairman.

Introduction of new members and discussion of new material also featured the last session. The club recently originated a method of criticizing members' work by anonymous ballot as well as open, verbal comment.

Anyone interested in any form of song-writing is invited to become an active member of the group, Mrs. Peterson said. Additional information may be obtained by calling FRontier 2-5319.

Mental Health Lecture Topic

"Looking for the Future," a topic covering the goals of good mental health, will be given by Mrs. Dorothy Law, counselor, lecturer, and instructor in family life education, next Thursday, Feb. 18, at the North Torrance Elementary School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

In her talk, Mrs. Law will stress ways of helping the child develop mature, adult attitudes. This is the final lecture in a series of four offered by North Torrance Elementary PTA in cooperation with the Torrance School of Adult Education.

More Founders Day Events Scheduled; Award Winner Told

Three Fetes Slated Today Feb. 16 Date For Narbonne

Walteria PTA will hold its Founders Day program today at 2 p.m. at the school auditorium, with presentation of honorary life memberships as the highlight. Past presidents will be guests of honor.

Other Founders Day events on today's slate are Fern Ave. Greenwood PTA's at 7:30 p.m., Fern Ave. cafeteria, and Seaside's, planned for the same hour at the school.

Prepare Skit About Moms

A skit, "Mothers of Yesterday and Today," is getting its final polish this week as members of 25th Pl. PTA continue to rehearse for the Founders Day program slated for Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium.

Evelyn Creager and Ethel Aspitte will contrast the mother of yesterday with the mother of today. Others in the cast are Billie Boderman, Dean Kelley, Billie Rood, Helen Chitwood, Arline Zell, Norma Orseth, Blanche Wilson, and Evie Trevathen. Virginia Powers and Jo Boderman will be narrators. Organization and direction is by Charlotte Deck, while Blanche Wilson is making and assembling props.

Lioness Club Charts Social

Plans for a Valentine social, a potluck dinner at the 1317 Elm St. home of Mrs. Fred Boren on Tuesday, Feb. 16, highlighted the agenda last Tuesday when the Lioness Club met at the home of Mrs. Henry Burke, 1628 Crenshaw Blvd.

Crafts Club Names Chiefs

Mary Ulmer will lead the Arts and Crafts Club during 1954, assisted by Mary McDonald, vice-president; Mae Jones, secretary; and Vivian Cook, treasurer. Officers, elected at last week's meeting at the home of Ruth Hardin, will be installed following a dinner on Feb. 20 at the Fish Shanty.

The new president and Ann Woods were hostesses for evening Refreshments carried out as a shower motif honoring Betty Thomas on the adoption of her new son.

NORMONT SCHOOL STARTS NEW CLASS

A special training class for mentally retarded children began this semester. Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan announced at a recent Normont PTA session.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Mrs. Ethelyn Petterson, Red Cross representative of this area, who showed a film on the procedure and importance of donating blood. The drive will begin Mar. 1, she said.

Mrs. Jordan led community singing during the afternoon, and second grade mothers served as hostesses during the refreshment hour.

An honorary life membership, bestowed each year to the person doing the most for PTA, youth, or the community, will be awarded at the Feb. 16 Founders Day meeting of Narbonne High School PTA at the school auditorium.

In charge of selecting the candidates for the award are Mesdames H. T. Seeman, chairman; C. L. Wilson, C. C. DeVore, M. R. Rugg, and A. J. Anderson. Executive board members voted to present the award when they met recently at the school auditorium. Other business highlights included the ratification of Mrs. Seeman to serve as secretary in place of Mrs. O. C. Grubbs, who has resigned because of illness; charting of plans for a rag and paper drive in February; and discussion of a get-acquainted tea for B-7 mothers in March.

Lomita-Pedro Council Names Miss Porter

Miss Caroline Porter, director of the Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro for the past 16 years, got the highest award a PTA can bestow, an honorary life membership, when Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA held its Founders Day program Tuesday of last week.

Carrying out the theme of the day, Mrs. Frank Mickunas narrated the history of the Council, which originated in 1916. Mrs. Harry Nishimoto led the Cabrillo Mothersingers in hits popular during the terms of each past Council president.

Past presidents participating in the ceremony were Mesdames L. Stump, S. C. Murray, J. J. Millard, E. R. Walker, D. O. Wolfe, A. C. Atkinson, and William Brockebank, junior past president. Mrs. Mabel Quinn accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. Norman Manes, Founders Day chairman, presented each of the retired leaders with a gold ribbon corsage centered with a pair of earrings to represent a flower.

Opened with an inspirational message, "Not Where, But How," read by Mrs. Mickunas, the business session included the naming of Mesdames George Weeks and C. L. Wilson as official hostesses for the 10th District Founders Day meeting on Feb. 18.

Other business highlights were election of Mrs. Louis Miller as representative to the 10th District credential and election committee and reports from the following chairmen:

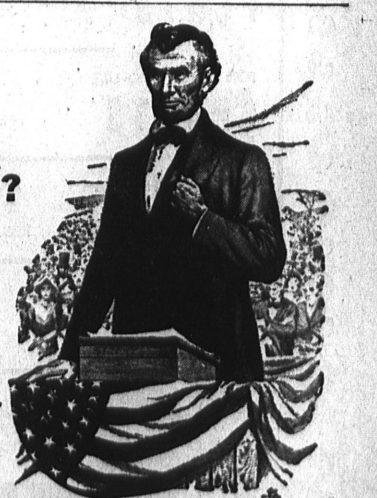
A. Marinovich, health; E. A. McIntyre, magazines; A. C. Atkinson, motion picture; C. L. Wilson, membership; Harry Foat, Red Cross; Miller, juvenile protection; and Weeks, June breakfast.

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