

# The Social World

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**AT REHEARSAL** . . . Bob Farnsworth, director looks for flaws as Jim Reeves of Hollywood Riviera and Mary Woodson of Redondo Beach act out a scene from the next Hampton Players production, "Affairs of State," which will go on stage Redondo Union High School Apr. 2, 3, 9 and 10. Reeves, as George, is attempting to persuade Mary, as Irene, to marry him so that he will have a wife to add luster to his hoped-for career in politics. Marriage, however, must be on a businesslike basis, he insists, because he is in love with Constance (played by Pat Rogers of Hollywood Riviera). Constance, unfortunately, is out of the picture as a matrimonial mate for she already is the wife of George's best friend.



**JUNIOR DANCERS** . . . Carolyn Church, daughter of the Robert Churches, 1721 Juniper Ave., and Pat Derouin, son of the Gil Derouins, 1625 Beech Ave., show their winning fox trot to Janice Bishop, daughter of the James F. Bishops, 2821 Sonoma Ave.; Bill Melville, son of the John Melvilles, 2612 El Prado, and Robert Church Jr. Occasion is a semi-formal dance which closed the Junior Ballroom group's season Friday night. (Herald photo)

## Junior Dance Group Stages St. Pat Dance

A semi-formal ball marked the end of the dancing season for the Torrance Junior Ballroom group last Friday night, with a St. Patrick's theme highlighted in decorations.

Members of the group, from sixth to eighth grade levels, who joined in the fun were Gerry Broce, Patsy King, Diana Kunath, Mardele Clayton, Susan Severin, Ginny Sandstrom, Susan Higdon, Diane Hunsley, Marsha Hunt, Carolyn Church, and Janice Bishop.

Jim Standridge, John Sandstrom, David Smalley, Bob Church, Bill Melville, Charles Brewer, Donald Latham, Charles Sherfy, Donnie Cannon, Ricky Boucher, Michael Mullen, Frank Tuttle, Pat Derouin, and Mike Deauxum.

In the receiving line were Mrs. John K. Bardsley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. King, Mrs. Gil Derouin, Mrs. John Melville, and Mrs. F. A. Sullivan.

## Hospital Staff Honors Seven Pioneer 'Docs'

Seven doctors who have practiced here for over a quarter of a century and who were part of the original group organizing the first staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital were honored last week when the Torrance Memorial Hospital staff held a dinner party.

Receiving plaques for their service were Drs. A. F. Stevenson and Norman Leake of Torrance; Henry Smiley of Hermosa Beach, former County Health officer for this area; Floyd R. Racer of Lomita; Ernest G. Butt of Redondo Beach; Russell Shea, Mayor of Redondo Beach, and William J. Eckerle of Portuquese Bend.

Dr. Gerald Eastham, present chief-of-staff, introduced each doctor, giving in turn a short biographical sketch of the medical and community activities of each over the past 25 years and more. The span of work done by these men, both in their professional services and in their

## OES Initiates This Evening

Two candidates will be initiated tonight when Torrance Chapter No. 389, Order of the Eastern Star, holds its regular meeting at the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori Ave. Worthy Matron Florence Viellenave and Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenave will preside over the rites, and Mrs. Lois Babcock will serve as chairman of the social hour to follow. All members of the Chapter and visiting members of the Order are invited to attend.

## LOMITA CATHOLICS PLAN MONEY-MAKERS

Two money-makers are planned by male groups of St. Margaret-Mary parish for this week-end. First on the slate is a St. Patrick's Day dance at the VFW Hall on Lomita Blvd. Saturday night, Mar. 20, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the event, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

On Sunday, the altar boys will hold a food sale on the school grounds from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. community, has been and is great, and the staff is proud to pay them homage, Eastham said.

## Players Begin Rehearsals for April Drama

Rehearsals are now in progress for the Hampton Players' next production, "Affairs of State," which will be presented at Redondo Union High School Apr. 2 and 3, 9 and 10.

Frank Callahan, who plays one of the leading roles in this bright comedy about Washington life, sneaked in a tape recorder to assist with improvement in diction, project, and expression, setting it in motion, while Mary Woodson, Jim Reeves, Bruce Sutton, Pat and Carl Rogers, principal actors in the production, were rehearsing.

Work also has begun on sets for the play, which are being designed by Ray Wallace of Hollywood Riviera. Tickets may be obtained by calling FRontier 5-2721 or contacting any member of the Hampton Players.

## North City PTA Selects Mrs. Stoeckle

North Torrance Elementary PTA members re-elected Mrs. Francis Stoeckle to serve as president for another year when they met last week at the school auditorium.

The chief of the gavel will be assisted by Mesdames Clark Harris, first vice-president; Charles Denmark, second vice-president; William Wilson, recording secretary; Bert Cook, corresponding secretary; Mike Perello, treasurer; Charles Stauffer, auditor; and Tone Rogers, historian.

Mrs. Stoeckle was named to represent the Association at the state convention, to be held in San Francisco Apr. 23-24, and 16 women were chosen to attend the district convention on Apr. 8.

Program highlights included an address on "The Exceptional Child" by Warren Hamilton, director of curriculum for Torrance City Schools, and a vocal solo by Dorothy Dallas of Hollywood Riviera.

Plans were shared by the Association for the Johnny Strong Circus, to be held at the school grounds on Mar. 27. Novelty and food booths will be featured at the event.

## MONDAY Pre-school Sex Education Next Parents' Topic

"Sex Education for the Pre-School Child" will be the topic next Monday night, Mar. 22, when the parent education class of the Torrance Co-operative Nursery School meets at 7:30 o'clock at the high school cafeteria.

Mrs. Georgie Ann Kohlman, parent education teacher for Los Angeles City Schools, will cover such points as how to answer the child's questions, when these questions are most likely to be asked, and how to handle difficult neighborhood situations.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. The board of directors will outline plans for future sessions when they meet Monday evening, Mar. 29, 7:30 o'clock, at the 2024 Cabrillo Ave. home of Mrs. Lon Monk, vice-president. Since many of the children enrolled in the nursery school will graduate into kindergarten in

## Teen-age Gals Paint Towels For Church

The King's Daughters, junior high and high school girls' club, will hold its next meeting next Tuesday evening, Mar. 23, at the 610 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach home of Karen Whitney, with plans to finish missionary letters and painting of tea towels for the church topping the agenda.

The girls, who meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, gathered recently at the 5314 Clearsite St. home of Sharon Moser to begin work on the projects. Attending were the following:

Beverly Richardson, Carolyn Bledsoe, Shirley Nettleton, Betty Mahon, Dorothy Bellehamur, Whitney, Pat Segars, Diane Buzard, Carolyn Nettleton, Evie Parent, the hostess, and the counselor, Marjorie Stewart.

In the fall, there will be several openings, Mrs. G. W. Ackerman, press chairman, announced. Anyone wishing further information may call Mrs. Bud Dahlen at FAirfax 8-5570.



**CHANTILLY LACE AND SATIN** . . . formed the bridal costume of the new Mrs. Kenneth Riens Van Dyke, nee Sarah Eileen Gassaway, who is pictured here with her husband cutting the wedding cake after Saturday nuptial rites at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Lomita. (Bob Roberts photo)

## Kenneth Van Dyke, Bride Honeymoon at Carmel, Will Live on President Ave.

When Kenneth Riens Van Dyke, son of the R. G. Van Dykes, 1519 W. 214th St., and his bride, the former Sarah Eileen Gassaway, return from a Carmel honeymoon this week-end, they will set up housekeeping headquarters at the former home of the Charles E. Gassaways, parents of the bride, 2668 1/2 President Ave.

The Gassaways have moved to Ventura since the wedding ceremony, performed last Saturday evening at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Lomita with the Rev. Eugene C. Williams officiating.

A Chantilly lace bodice featuring a high Peter Pan collar and long sleeves and side panels of matching lace extending down either side of the net over satin, bouffant skirt, topped with a chapel train, formed the bridal costume. A three-quarter length veil of illusion was held in place with a half-Juliet headpiece, and the white orchid and stephanotis bouquet was centered on a white prayer book.

All colors of the rainbow were seen in costumes of the bridal entourage, styled identically of net over satin.

Mrs. Jordan Johnson, sister of the bride, attended as matron of honor in a blue gown accented with a bouquet of pink roses, while another sister, Mrs. Tom Matthews, served as bridesmaid. Other bridesmaids were Miss Marilyn Jones in pink, Miss Betty Williams in orchid, and a junior bridesmaid, Miss Barbara Johnson, niece of the bride, in rose. Each girl carried carnation bouquets dyed to match her gown.

The blue of Mrs. Johnson's gown was echoed in the frock

worn by Marilyn Johnson, niece of the bride, who attended as flower girl. She scattered pink rose petals from a basket and wore a headpiece of matching roses.

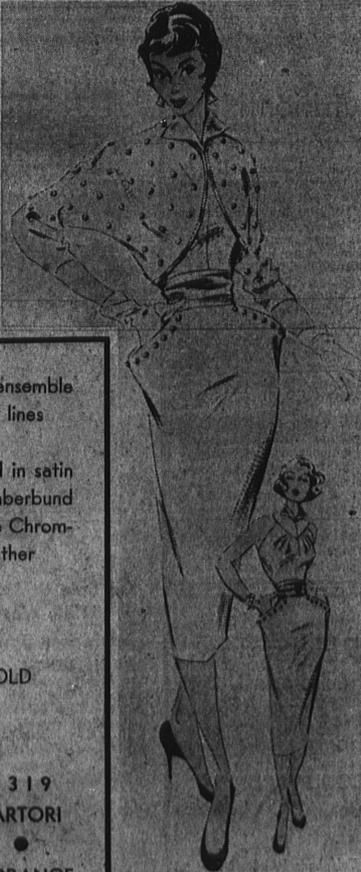
Mrs. Dick Scherer and Miss Pat Rivard lighted candles before the rites, gowning in pink with matching carnations on corsage at the wrist. "Love You Truly" and "Always," sung by Mrs. Phyllis Dwight to organ accompaniment played by Mrs. Joseph Bay set the wedding mood.

Byron Suiter attended as best man, while taking usher's posts were Bill Blaine, Jimmy Rose, David School, Baker Olivera, and Ernest Funk, nephew of the bride. Donald Irving served as ring bearer.

Some 200 people offered gifts and congratulations to the newly wedded pair at a reception in the chapel, arranged by Mesdames H. M. Jones and Nell Irwin.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyke are both graduates of Narbonne High School, where they were active in athletic programs. The bride also attended Harbor Junior College and Ventura College, majoring in secretarial science. She is now employed as clerical secretary at Douglas Aircraft Co. here.

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