

Legion Auxiliary Recruiting Volunteers for Poppy Day

An "army" of approximately 150,000 women and girls, all unpaid volunteers, is being recruited by the American Legion Auxiliary to distribute memorial poppies throughout America on Poppy Day, May 29, according to Mrs. George (Alice) Thompson, the Auxiliary's local Poppy chairman.

The Poppy Day volunteers will be largely from the Auxiliary's own members, who now number nearly one million. Junior members under the age of 18 will serve side by side with their mothers and grandmothers to bring to Americans the little red flowers worn in honor of the nation's war dead.

Young women and girls from other organizations will help swell the ranks of the Auxiliary's volunteers.

"We expect to distribute fully 25,000,000 poppies on Poppy Day this year," said Mrs. Thompson, "and we are gratified by the way in which our members and other women and girls are volunteering to help carry out this huge project. We need the help of everyone who can give all or part of the day to this work of patriotic remembrance.

"The poppies have been made by disabled veterans of the two World Wars and the Korean campaign, working in hospitals and workrooms in every part of the country. The flowers are crepe paper replicas of the little wild poppies which grew between the crosses, row on row in the war cemeteries in France and Belgium, and wearing one is the individual way to show that we remember and honor those who gave their lives for America.

"The Poppy Day volunteers will receive contributions for the welfare of disabled veterans and needy children of veterans, these contributions being the principal source of financial support for the vast programs of rehabilitation and child welfare work carried out constantly by the Auxiliary. We hope that everyone in the Torrance area will honor the war dead by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day and will contribute generously to aid wars' living victims."

PTA to Plan Open House

Plans for Open House, to be held next Thursday evening, Apr. 28, in conjunction with Public Schools Week, will keynote the agenda next Monday morning, Apr. 26, when Narbonne High School PTA executives meet at 9:30 o'clock in the office of Miss Elizabeth Parks, girls' vice-principal.

The Association is dispensing with its regular monthly meeting to hostess the Open House and plans to serve coffee and doughnuts in the cafeteria during the hours of visitation.

PROM WEEK PLANS TOP SLATE FOR THS. JUNIORS

Next Monday, Apr. 26, the junior class will launch something new in the way of pre-graduation activities at Torrance High School—Prom Week.

Under the leadership of Cynthia Easley, class president, the Juniors have charted a schedule of five activities, running from Monday through Friday to raise funds for the annual Prom.



MARY ELLEN PANGLE PLUMA BATTEN
Speakers at Soroptimist Meet

Soroptimists Take 'Challenge' As Week-end Confab Theme

"Choose A Challenge" will theme this week-end, tomorrow through Sunday, for seven members of the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist Club as they attend the annual Conference of the Pacific Region, American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs, at the Mission in Riverside.

Official club delegates are Mrs. Winona Ellis, president, who also will serve on the courtesy resolutions committee; Mrs. Edith Ennis, and Dr. Virginia Tyler. Others who will sit in on conference sessions are Mary Pagac, Helen Parrish, Margaret Neff, and Helen Bailey.

Pluma Batten of Woodstown, N. J., first vice-president of the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs, will carry out the conference theme with a talk, "Here Is a Challenge" at the Saturday night banquet.

Another Soroptimist notable, Mary Ellen Pangle, will be heard Sunday morning when she will deliver the closing message of the conference. Miss Pangle is governor of the Pacific Region and a member of the executive board of the American Federation, which includes all Soroptimist clubs in North and South America, Cuba, and Hawaii.

Plans to attend the session were completed Tuesday when the local club held its weekly luncheon meeting at the Western Club.

A talk on "Assimilation" honoring the eight new members featured the gathering. Made by Addie Parks, the address gave the over-all picture of the Soroptimist Club, telling what type of women are eligible, how they are selected, responsibilities expected of them and the various

types of activities in which they engage.

The eight new members, who have been accepted into the local organization are Margaret Herron, Adelle Low, Norma Higgenbotham, Ethel Saver, Beatrice Cron, Lavella McMillan, Ruth Smith, and Margaret Woolley.

Preparation of the glorified potato pancake will be supervised by President Al Hayman and his galley slaves. Many other unusual foods plus coffee and cake will be served at the affair.

Professional "live" entertainment, plus the music of Burt Lowe's orchestra, will round out the evening.

Men's Club of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center will hold its sixth annual Lotka Party Saturday night, May 8, at the Western Club.

Overweight people are more apt to suffer from high blood pressure as well as diabetes, according to statistics of national life insurance agencies.

Retarded Boys To Have Own Scout Troop

Immediate organization of a Cub Scouts Pack and Troop for retarded boys headlines current plans of the Mid-Cities Association for Retarded Children, Mrs. L. E. Scheer, press chairman, reported this week.

All boys eight years of age and older, living in this area are eligible for participation in the movement, first of its kind in the Southland. Through the program, the retarded child can receive valuable training and experiences as well as the all-important feeling of being like other boys in the community, Mrs. Scheer said.

Parents may obtain application blanks and further information by sending a postal card to The Association, Box 24, Compton. The group also plans to organize a Girl Scout troop in the near future.

Beach Styles Told Sunday

Dorothy Downing, Herald fashion columnist currently on tour of Eastern style centers will write of Florida fashions in the Sunday, Apr. 25 issue.

Her column will be spiced with seashore styles, telling both the silhouette and color which are currently "in the mode."

Riviera Woman Captures Top Painting Prize

Dale Brent Sexton, popular and versatile portrait painter who resides in Hollywood, Riviera, captured top honors at the Tower show of the City Hall of the Women Painters of the West, it was announced this week by Howard L. Trimmer, press chairman.

Mrs. Sexton's work, a genre painting of New Orleans entitled "Royal Street" will be on exhibit at the patio Arts Gallery, 22623 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach, from Sunday, Apr. 25, until May 23.

Judges were Kenneth Ross, director of the Municipal Art Department, which administers the Tower Gallery and other exhibitions, and John Sowell, city art co-ordinator. The current exhibition, on view at the City Hall Tower through tomorrow is one of a series in which the department provides exhibitions for artists of major local art organizations. Display includes 89 paintings by 26 painters.

Newly-instited Trio IOOF Names W. Powers as Chief

Warren Powers, one of the principals on the organization committee, is the first noble grand of the newly-installed Trio Lodge No. 495 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The leader was elected and installed following institution proceedings conducted by Grand Master Ed Seelye, with 24 members signing the charter, last Saturday night at the Lomita Masonic Temple. Trio Lodge was so named because it draws members from three cities: Torrance, Lomita, and Harbor City.

Scoted to Assist Powers were Robert L. Jacobs, vice-grand; Bill Brase, recording secretary; Wilbert Tolliver, financial secretary; and LeRoy Snow, treasurer, all elective officers.

Named to fill appointive posts were A. Powell, warden; R. E. Ferrin, conductor; Edwin Clark, chaplain; Walter Peck, inside guardian; Elza Holley, outside guardian; Raymond Ferrin, right supporter to noble grand; Delbert Bench, left supporter to noble grand; Charlie Merryman, right supporter to vice-grand; Golden Brandon, left supporter to vice-grand; Forrest Perkins and Charles Surber, scene supporters.

Elected to the board of trustees for a three-year-term was Merryman; Merle Gasser will serve on the board for two years, while Ferrin will hold a similar position for one year.

J. Harley Brown, district deputy grand master of District 88, and his degree team from Compton conducted installation rites. Men and women on the team made a striking color effect in black trousers and white coats and white lace gowns over black slips, respectively. Elective leaders were escorted into office by their wives, while appointed chiefs were escorted by women on the degree team.

The regular Chapter meeting was then resumed, with a large number of past matrons and past patrons introduced and many visitors welcomed and introduced by the associate patron.

Purple and white, the Jobie colors, were employed in table decor for the social hour which followed. Bouquets of stock in the two colors provided centerpieces, and purple crepe paper streamers were used as runners down the full length of the tables. Assisting the chairman were Helen Miller, Marie Raylor, Mary Lewis, and Dorothy Jones.

Mildred King, Health Officer Rotarian Wed Talks to PTA

Expected to return Tuesday evening from a honeymoon in Northern California were the former Mildred King, 1508 Post Ave., and her husband, Robert McCallum.

The pair exchanged vows last Thursday evening at ceremonies in Los Angeles and plan to be at home in Los Gatos after May 1. For the rites, the bride, the daughter of the late Senator John Marshall and Mrs. Lillian Taplin, chose a blue suit with blue and white accessories.

McCallum, a past president of the Rotary Club, is employed at Torrance Sheet Metal Shop.

Dr. Morley Sellery, health service section, Los Angeles City School District, gave the feature address when 186th St. PTA held its April meeting at the school auditorium.

Address carried out the theme for the day, "Opportunity Unlimited to X-ray Our Attitudes—the Destiny of Our Children in Regard to Mental Health."

Following the talk, Halldale Mothersingers entertained with songs which they will again sing at the state convention, slated for April 21 through 23 at San Francisco. Refreshments in the Easter motif were served by Mrs. H. Eisenbeiss and her committee.

TOURIST TRADE About 200,000 American tourists visited Germany during 1952.

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