



MISS GAIL THOMPSON ... Bride of Keith Otis

After Eight Years Father Arrives Here for Gail Thompson's Wedding

Radiant as she walked down a white aisle on the arm of her father, whom she had not seen in eight years, Miss Gail Thompson, daughter of Mrs. A. P. Dunsheath of 2155 S. Harvard Blvd. and Harry L. Thompson, met Keith Otis at a flower-banked altar and recited marriage vows Saturday afternoon at the Nativity Catholic Church.

The bride, whose father arrived by plane just before the wedding, wore a white gown fashioned with lace over satin. Tiny white flowers were inserted on a peplum of nylon net, and a lace bodice rose to a simple Peter Pan collar. Her misty, fingertip veil was caught by a pearl-encrusted tiara, and the sleeves of her gown ended in calla points at her wrists.

Gleaming at her throat was a gold cross, "something old," which was given to the bride by her grandfather. Sweetheart roses and stephanotis surrounded a white orchid in her cascade bouquet.

ATTENDANTS LISTED Dauntly light green lace over nylon net and taffeta were combined in the gown of Miss Onalee Otis, sister of the bridegroom, who attended as maid of honor. A petite lace bolero jacket matched the lace bodice, and a sweetheart hat, fashioned of the same light green lace, framed her face. The maid of honor's bouquet was yellow roses encircled by stephanotis.

Delicate hues changed to light blue in the costume of Miss Bonnie Kennerson, whose bouffant gown was fashioned of net over taffeta with a lace bodice. A cascade bouquet of pink roses matched her crown of pink rosebuds, peeping through net which matched her gown. Similarly attended was Miss Joy Schler, another bridesmaid, whose lavender costume was set off by the same pink roses.

WITH THE BENEDICTION Waiting with the benedict at the altar was Don Pniwsky, best man. Guests were ushered to pews bedecked with white satin bows by Gordon Hamilton and Douglas Gomes, Jamie Biggs, cousin of the bride, carried on a white pillow two rings for the ceremony, performed by Father Robert Gara.

Organ music in keeping with the occasion filled the church when Miss Shirley Moody, organist, presided at the console. Miss Dianne Powers sang "Ave Maria" and "On This Day O' Beautiful Mother."

WHITE RECEPTION One hundred fifty guests greeted the wedding party at the parish hall after the ceremony. Standing by the new Mrs. Otis was her mother, who chose a green taffeta ensemble complemented by black accessories and a white orchid, for her daughter's wedding.

The bridegroom's mother was attired in a light blue gown fashioned of orlon and highlighted with pink accessories and a white orchid.

Wedding bells nestled in a bower of white streamers in a white-appointed reception table. Topping the four-tiered wedding cake was a miniature bride and groom, standing in a heart. Wisps of color from the bridesmaids' gowns were carried out in being of the confection.

White candles, ornamented by delicate roses, flanked two gleaming bowls from which punch was served. Bride and groom were pictured in a cameo style on the plates and napkins, and names of the new Mr. and Mrs. were engraved on the forks.

Mrs. Gordon Hamilton, aunt of the bride, arranged the reception, and greeted guests in a costume highlighted by a white carnation corsage.

NOW HONEYMOONING As a going-away costume for their honeymoon at an undisclosed destination, the former Miss Thompson chose a royal blue suit with white accessories and the white orchid from her bridal bouquet.

The bride is a '53 graduate of Torrance High School, where she was a life member of the California Scholarship Society, advertising manager of the Torrance News Torch, a majorette, and active in Girls League, Girls' Court and GAA. She is now employed at Douglas Aircraft Co. here.

Trip Delays Style Column

Dorothy Downing, noted fashion columnist whose articles usually appear in the HERALD each Sunday, will quote latest styles in the Thursday, Aug. 26 issue this week.

The fashion co-ordinator just returned from a visit to Chicago, Ill., where she gathered up-to-the-minute information on styles.

The Social World ... for and About Women

Agnes Bolter, Editor



TWO LASSES AND THEIR FRIENDS ... who were at the Civic Auditorium Friday afternoon for a mother-daughter tea, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, are Colleen Brennan, 9, and Debbie Van Dyck, 7. Their lovely little playmates were brought for the occasion from Colleen's home at 1303 Oak St. and the Van Dyck residence, which is at 2554 Torrance Blvd.



OH YOU BEAUTIFUL DOLL ... says Susan Jo Comore of 1642 W. 214th St., seated with her big Civil War period doll which was entered in the Doll Contest held by the Recreation Department at the Civic Auditorium Friday afternoon. Seven-year-old Mary Jo Lobach and Maxine Blanchard, who is 9½ and lives at 2039 Reynosa Dr., help a giant-size boy doll to "walk."

DeMolay Mothers Name Fall Luncheon Chairmen

Appointment of a committee to arrange a luncheon for the Southern California Association of DeMolay Mothers Circles topped the agenda when the local group met Tuesday at the 1615 W. 205th St. home of Mrs. Herman Eisenbein.

Mrs. Rose Schmidt will be refreshment chairman for the event, to be hosted by the Torrance DeMolay Mothers at the YWCA on Saturday, Sept. 11. Decorations will be arranged by Mrs. Bernice Trenaroy.

Couples Fete Anniversaries, Natal Days

Birthday and anniversary wishes filled the air at "Bit of Sweden" in Hollywood Saturday evening when six couples gathered for a smorgasbord dinner.

Celebrating their natal day were twin sisters, Mmes. Don (Nancy) Hartel and Paul (Doris) Woofler. Nancy and her husband also were observing their third anniversary, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Hartel, were marking 28 years of married life.

Also on the list of anniversary celebrants were Mr. and Mrs. Finley McKay, neighbors of the young Hartels, who have been wed 10 years. Others attending the party were Messrs. and Mmes. James R. Wilkes and James F. Wilkes.

Cocktails followed at the residence of the Don Hartels, 22646 Ladeene Ave.

Gay Pre-nuptial Whirl for Three Local Misses Spotlights Late Summer Scene

Colorful parties, feting late August and early September brides-to-be took the social spotlight this week as friends opened their homes to honor three local brides-elect at festive showers.

Luncheon honoring Miss Virginia Buchanan, who will become Mrs. Wayne Hollins on Aug. 27, was served at the 1617 Queensland Ave. Compton home of Mrs. Earl Boynton Wednesday.

Delicate hues of pink and green were used as a color motif on the tables, and petite umbrellas reflected the shades of trimmable favors, salad, rolls, and dessert were served, and guests had many laughs trying to guess the hundred kitchen items their hostess had sprinkled in a nutshell.

Gifts for the bride-elect's kitchen were presented to her, and Mrs. Harold Corkill of Los Angeles shared hostess honors with Mrs. Boynton.

Attending the shower were Mmes. Boynton, Corkill and her daughter, Gail; Ruth Rooster; John Brewer and her daughter; Barbara, all of Los Angeles; Chuck De Lapp of Gardena; W. Buchanan and Avanel, mother and sister of the honoree, of Torrance.

TWO PARTIES HELD Another pre-nuptial party honoree is Miss Barbara Irvin, who will exchange vows with Joseph Lawrence Sims at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita on Aug. 28.

scribed in being on the confection, which was served with punch and coffee. Pink and white were used as a color scheme in decorations.

Traditional-shower games were played by the gathering, after which the bride-elect opened presents for her personal use.

Invited to attend the affair were Misses Jean and Janice Brimley, Connie Erickson, Peggy Wood, Janet Beeman, Janice Desmond, Barbara Whitley, Norma Quine, Barbara Hazzard, Lynn Lorenz, Joan Leech, Roberta Long, Joan Laskaris, Dana Cecil, Judy Wright, Doris Popovich, Pat Flanagan, Judy Reed, Judy Nash, Cynthia East, Connie Stout, Pat Rogan, Mmes. Thurston Braddock, mother of the honoree; Sidney E. Uglund, mother of the bride-elect; and J. D. Goldsmith.

MRS. UGLAND ENTERTAINS Friday evening Mrs. Sidney E. Uglund honored her future daughter at her 1513 Madrid Ave. home at a miscellaneous shower.

The hostess planned an informal evening for the pretty bride-elect, and simple refreshments of cake, sandwiches and coffee were served. Bridal games arranged by Mrs. Thurston Braddock, mother of the honoree, were played.

Invited for the evening festivities were Mmes. Jack Long, D. Daniels, Lloyd Brack, Richard Tiernan, Jackie Malloy, E. D. Boynton, N. Nickless, George Cooper, Walter Jones, T. T. Bahitt, Harold Phillips and Brad

doc, in addition to his directorial duties, Johnson is speech, drama, and English instructor at Narbonne High School, where he teaches the tenth grade.

Jewish Center Plans Tuesday Election Meet

New officers will be elected at the regular meeting of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center, slated for Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the Western Club, 15516 S. Western Ave. at 8:30 p.m.

The Men's Club of the center announces that High Holiday services will be held at the American Legion Hall, Normandie Ave. and Gardena Blvd., beginning Monday, Sept. 27.

Rabbi Nolshe Armine will officiate at the services, and will be assisted by a mixed choir. Rosh Hashanah will be observed Sept. 27, 28, and 29, and Yom Kippur services will be held at sundown Oct. 6 through 7.

All people of Jewish faith in the area who wish to observe the holiday services may contact, in Torrance, Max Stern at 17214 Ardath Ave. for tickets and information.

Tragedy Fall Offering of PV Players

"Autumn Garden," a Lillian Hellman drama revolving around the tragedy of a group of people who have stood still and let life pass by them, will head-line the fall season of the Palos Verdes Players.

Directed by Stan Johnson, the play will be held Nov. 18, 19, and 20 at Malaga Cove School. Tryout will be held at the home of Marie Mill, president of the Players, at 1523 Via Montemar, during a board meeting. Rehearsals will run through the month of October.

An old-fashioned melodrama will be presented, along with an olio, "Streets of New York," in mid-January. The gay opera, "The Merry Widow," will follow in March, and the mystery "Night Must Fall" will close the season in June.

All productions are under Johnson's direction, who played the leading role when the Players presented a formal dress concert reading of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Municipal Arts Center in Long Beach last night.

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War Widows Form Harbor Unit of Gold Star Wives

Widows whose husbands died in military service are forming a Harbor Area chapter of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., to fight against conflicting laws governing their pensions.

Mrs. E. M. Wade of Long Beach, regional vice-president of the national organization, says the new chapter will acquaint war widows from Lomita, Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington, and other Southland cities, with their rights and give information to augment their work in their behalf.

Under present laws, Mrs. Wade points out, survivor's benefits are small to begin with, but are lost entirely if a wife works to augment her income and receives over \$75 a month.

The financial strain on fatherless families is one of the contributing factors in the growing juvenile delinquency problem, she said.

The Gold Star Wives' new Harbor Area chapter will hold meetings at Long Beach. Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Wade at 226 Granada Ave.

Ann Stephens Fetes Former THS Friends

Chatting about their high school days were former Torrance High School students who gathered at the John L. Stephens residence, 11 CCMO Lease, Wednesday night when Mrs. Ann Stephens entertained at a pollack dinner.

Conversation took the spotlight at the affair, for many of the guests had not seen each other since their graduation.

There to share the evening were Mmes. Don Collinsworth (nee Ann Marie Bishop), Ross Sclarotta (nee Barbara Mondor), Jack Hood (nee Beverly Rogers), Robert Voin (nee Beth Jenkins), Misses Jane Eisner, Erma Carlsson, Alicia Loranzer, Dayle Denham, Martha Gruver, Marian MacDonald, JoAnn Bernard, Joan Stephens, Jeanne Whitten, and Shirley Everhart of El Segundo, a college friend from Whittier.

Mrs. Sclarotta's son Tony was also on hand for the festivities.

Harbor City PTA Leaders Plan Fund-raising Projects

Money-raising activities for the 1954-55 year topped the agenda Monday when the budget and finance committee of Harbor City PTA met at the home of the president, Mrs. Carl Gregory.

Funds from the projects are earmarked to carry on the Association's program of welfare, health, and education. During the past year, Mrs. Gregory reported, child welfare expenses exceeded \$250. Monies went for milk and lunches at school, shoes and dental services for needy children within the school district, and a convalescentary.

Johnny Strong's one-act circus, with a juggler, clown, trained horse, and cotton candy, snoco, and popcorn booths, will start off the fund-raising projects on Sept. 27. The annual Halloween Carnival will follow on Oct. 29, with a parade on the school grounds at 4 p.m. and a spaghettini dinner served in the school cafeteria at 5 p.m. Concessions will open following the parade.

On Nov. 8, a paper and rag drive will be held, with a surprise awarded to the student's bringing in the most newspapers. The annual Open House program on Mar. 31 will feature a spaghetti dinner in the school cafeteria and a youth group display in the auditorium.

A May Day celebration, with dances by the students, a festival and bazaar, will be held May 27, and dates are pending for rummage and T-shirt sales.

Mrs. Richard Rozendal, treasurer, is chairman of the budget and finance committee but was unable to attend the meeting because of illness. Attending were Mmes. D. G. Check, first vice-president; Gregory; James Creech, principal; and Avis Trifon, ways and means chairman.

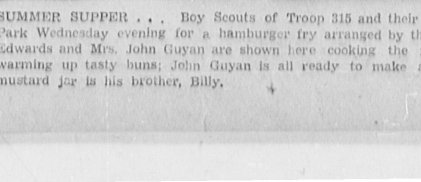
Scout Trails

Under the direction of Mmes. E. T. English of Seaside Ranchos and Jack Evans of Gardena, a course in Intermediate Girl Scout Leadership began Tuesday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

This course will continue Wednesday, Aug. 25; Friday, Aug. 27; and Tuesday, Aug. 31. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m., with a nosebag lunch at noon time.

Among the local women training for leadership are Mmes. Don Green, Elmer Bichsel, Sheldon Pettit, J. D. Pennington, Edith Jean, Betty Paulding, Gertrude Bledsoe, Joan M. Grace Lindley, Iva Herby, and Ruth Wilkins.

A Brownie leader course will be offered in the fall, but dates and place are not available at this time. Intermediate leaders are to be trained in Gardena.



SUMMER SUPPER ... Boy Scouts of Troop 315 and their families gathered at Torrance Park Wednesday evening for a hamburger fry arranged by the Mothers Club. Mrs. William Edwards and Mrs. John Guyan are shown here cooking the favorite American dish and warming up tasty buns; John Guyan is all ready to make a sandwich. Brandishing the mustard jar is his brother, Billy.