

New Committeemen for Riviera Village Revealed by President

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Truit Berryman, new president of the Hollywood Riviera Village Assn., presided over his first breakfast meeting of the association held last Thursday morning at Chef Estes restaurant. Mayor J. Russell Shea of Redondo Beach was guest of honor.

A capacity number of the area's business and professional people attended the meeting which started at 7:30 a.m. New proxy Berryman, who succeeds Charles Reed, announced the following members as chairmen of his committees:

Ralph Bates, membership; John Edmonds, budget; Glenn Chugg and Stanley Davis, publicity; Al Mahoney, house lighting and decorations; Charles Carter, street decorations; and Don Ballard, children's division.

Berryman also introduced the other incoming association officers. They are John Lococo, vice president; Charles Rodenfels, secretary; and Hall Shanon, treasurer. Board directors include Richard Swanson, Phil Downing, Dr. E. J. Lewis and Charles Reed.

Plans for the association's annual installation dinner and dance were discussed. This year's dance will be held Feb. 9 at the Plush Horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd Sr. returned east recently after an extended stay in Hollywood Riviera at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd Jr., 529 Via la Selva. The Seniors are from Mississippi and it has been five years since their last visit to California.

Humphrey Owen, 120 Via Sevilla, editorial writer for the Times, was one of the principal speakers at the semi-annual Journalism Award Banquet at L. A. State College, Jan. 17. His talk, "By All Means Be a Newsmen, But—" was enthusiastically received by the capacity audience at the banquet, which was held at Scully's restaurant in Los Angeles.

Owen is scheduled to join the faculty of Los Angeles State College in February. He was elected vice president of the Greater Los Angeles Press Club about two months ago.

Four local women were co-hostesses for the baby shower for Mrs. Robert Jahn, held in the Jahns' home's playroom Saturday, Jan. 5. They were Mmes. Al Isen, Bob Herrick, Vic Bensted and J. A. Beasley. In keeping with the shower theme, principal decorations were gaily decorated umbrellas hung around the room, with small umbrellas topping the cake. Streamers and balloons completed the decor. Twenty-six Riviera women attended the festivities and engaged in the games played at the shower. Cake and coffee were served following the gifts and festivities.

More polo shots to safeguard our Riviera children are in the offing. Webster Smith, principal of Newton School, announced last week that first polo shots for kindergarten, first and sixth grade classes at Hanson Takes Part in Training in Germany.

Army Pct. Delbert M. Hanson, son of Mrs. Leon Mack, 2835 Martha St., recently participated with the 11th Airborne Division in "War Hawk," a field training exercise in Germany.

A truck driver with Battery B of the division's 457th Field Artillery Battalion, Hanson entered the Army in April, 1955, and arrived in Europe in January, 1956.

The 22-year-old soldier attended Torrance High School.

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this school will be administered on Feb. 6, with second shots following on March 6.

Mrs. Lowell Amdahl, 233 Via Monte de Oro, was appointed program chairman for the Women's Church Service Guild of the Hollywood Riviera Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, at their meeting held last week. Mrs. Lyle Gangsel was appointed her assistant.

New chairman of the Palos Verdes-Redondo unit of the Hawthorne Community Hospital Auxiliary is Mrs. Robert Pinkney, 361 Paseo de Gracia, following a meeting of the group on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the home of Mrs. David Dangler, 3624 Navajo Place, Palos Verdes Estates.

Mrs. Dangler will act as co-chairman. Mrs. Ben Kucharski will be treasurer and Mrs. W. A. Doren, secretary.

At the meeting, reports were received on the group's coming fashion show, to be given

March 19 at a noon luncheon at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro. Mrs. Max Webber, reservation chairman, announced that tables for the show will seat four, six and eight guests.

Other members present at the meeting included Mmes. Paul Howey, Alfred Artuso, Henry Upholt, Ritter Amel, Don Voorhees and Agnes Wright.

New Neighbor Department: Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. William W. (for Wilson) Van Nice, who recently moved into their Riviera home at 150 Calle de Andalucia. They came here from Philadelphia, Pa., where they lived for the past 2 1/2 years during his tour of duty at the Aviation Supply Depot.

Mr. Van Nice is a retired Navy man, having served with our Naval forces throughout the world during his Navy career. In recalling the various areas in which they served and lived, Mrs. Van Nice recalls most fondly their stay in Ja-

pan. He was stationed not only in Tokyo, but in Yokosuka and Totsuka, where he served as chief in charge of the Navy's transmitter station there. The Van Nices brought back many lovely mementoes of their Japanese stay including Japanese water colors on silk, oil paintings and two large chow tables, one inlaid with mother of pearl.

Van Nice is currently leading a double life—attending Loyola University and also working at a local aircraft company.

Shades of a long-standing want of Hollywood Riverians Current talk in postal circles has it that Torrance may soon become a central Postal office for this entire area. Brings memories of the long and so far fruitless struggle of many Riverians for a "Hollywood Riviera, California," address. Maybe, if and when Torrance becomes a central drop, we can get this long-cheshived

dream through and say a "farewell forever" to Redondo Beach's handling of our mail.

Our commiserations go to Mrs. Daisy Gerry, 116 Via Estrellita, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Cary Odom, who passed away Saturday, Jan. 12. Mrs. Odom resided with her daughter in Hollywood Riviera for several years, and was a resident of the South Bay since 1924. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 14, at Niland's Chapel with Dr. C. Gunnar Emanuel of the First Baptist Church officiating at the last rites.

Very special congratulations are in order this week for Robert H. Strauss Jr., 19, of 936 Calle Miramar. He has received the principal appoint-

ment for this area for the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and probably will become an enrolled cadet in the next entrance class. Young Strauss was singled out for this honor by Rep. Cecil King and will take his entrance exams this spring. He is attending preparatory school in Washington, D. C., at this very time.

Strauss makes his home in Riviera with his grandparents, Col. and Mrs. Strauss, retired from the Air Force. His father, also an Air Force colonel, is stationed in England.

Phil Mehan, longtime Riviera resident and for many years co-owner of the (at that time) only gas station in Riviera, tells us he has switched affiliations from Rolling Hills

Really and is now with Coastline Realty, a new outfit located in our village.

Mrs. Mrs. Henry Graef presiding, the Newton PTA held its monthly meeting last Thursday at the school cafeteria. The short business meeting saw Mrs. Otto Willett report on the TEAC luncheon, while Mrs. Albert Seaver reported on the national PTA magazine. Mrs. Marvin Sims, publicity chairman, discussed the Founders Day program to be staged Feb. 21. Mrs. Frances Stoeckle,

president of the Torrance Council, was guest of honor.

Refreshments were served with the tables decorated in patriotic theme to highlight the guest speakers, exchange students from foreign countries who are attending Torrance schools.

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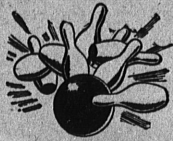
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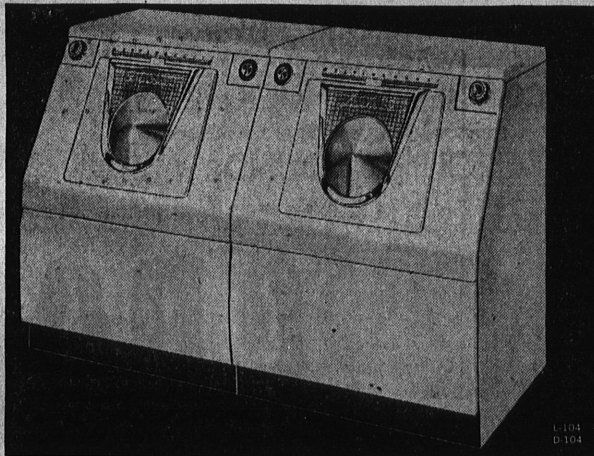
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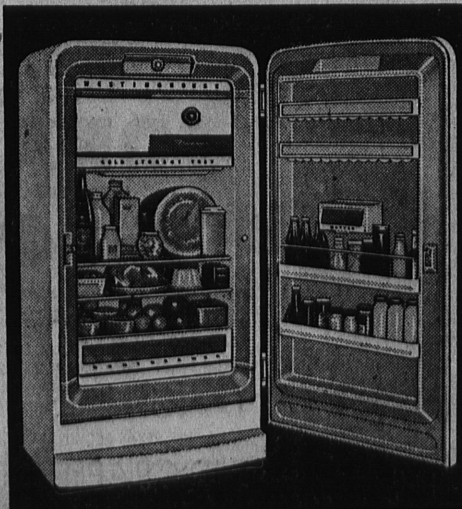
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