

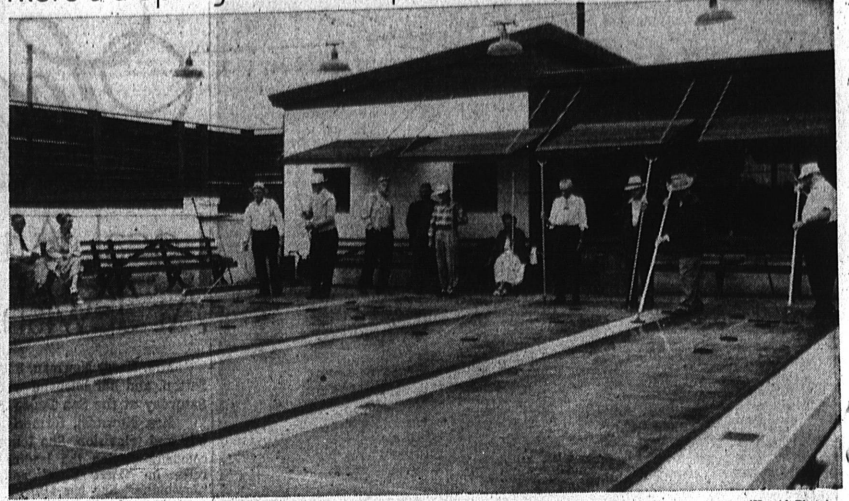


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HOBBIES, FRIENDSHIPS AND A ZEST FOR LIFE . . . are enjoyed among these members of the Adult Club of Torrance who spend much of their time at the Torrance Adult Recreation Center. Visitors are always welcome. The past with its golden memories is treasured by these senior citizens but the present and the future are the current topics of conversation. Women members and guests

pictured are (from left) Ila Gilbert and Nellie Haynes, (standing) Leola Morris, Ann Hight, Maude Jepson, (seated) Grace Enis, Olsa Brown and Katie Carlton. Club guests are Margaret Karey of Pennsylvania, Viola Klug of Torrance, Mrs. Mae Sheppard of St. Catherine, Canada, Pearl Weaver, Emma Martin and Nettie Sandman.

There's a Spring in Their Step on This Shuffleboard Court



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Torrance Solves No. 1 Problem—Senior Citizens Find Life Interesting

BY MILDRED HUNT

One of the liveliest and most enthusiastic groups in Torrance are the 72 members of the Adult Recreation Club, whose well kept center is located just back of the Torrance Library. The four-year-old center is laid out with shuffle board courts, club rooms and kitchen. It is provided by the Torrance Recreation Dept. under the direction of Harry Van Bellehen who is credited with starting the center.

It is here at this attractively furnished quarters that the older adult members of Torrance gather for a game of shuffle board, cards or to enjoy companionship with fellow club members or visitors. In the evenings, the club is open until ten, the members and guests gather to watch their favorite TV programs on a large screen set, or just visit over a cup of coffee or milk. They are a folksy group who can talk on almost any subject that might come up in the course of conversation. Their talk is spiced with the

wisdom of experience of those who have lived more than half their lives.

Although the group is an incorporated club, the center is open to the public and visitors either local or from other clubs, are always made welcome. There isn't anything the members like better than to have new faces among their gatherings. Their Friday evening card parties attract some 33 players each week.

MARK HOLIDAYS
So much of a folksy group are they that they eat Thanksgiving, Christmas and Mother's Day dinners together. The meat course of the dinners are furnished by the Recreation Department and the members provide the remainder of the meal by pot-luck dishes. At their last Christmas dinner attended by 80, the group was entertained by the music of the Christopherson orchestra of Hermosa Beach.

Mrs. Anna Hight is in charge of the center in the daytime and James Daniels takes over for the evening. Mrs. Maude Jepson is activities chairman and plans the trips taken by members to such places as out-of-town shuffle board tournaments, Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. The only fee charged is \$5 per year which covers transportation for these trips. Otherwise, all activities are free of charge at the center.

One of the main activities of the group is to sponsor the annual Easter egg hunt for the local children. With loving care, the members color and decorate the numerous eggs that bring squeals of delight to the small fry as they gather them in at the hunt on Easter Sunday.

The club has been completely furnished by the Recreation Department and includes record player, lounge chairs, tables, lamps, games and classes in flower making and textile painting at the center. Some of the members have voluntarily contributed such items as a painting by Mrs. Nedda Sandman and a piano by Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb. Mrs. Hight proudly displayed an array of towels, aprons, pillow cases and other items which the women members are making for a bazaar they plan to give the middle of October. Money raised at this event will purchase gas logs for the fireplace. Equipment for the kitchen was provided in this way. Success of the bazaar is almost assured as some of the towels, pillow cases and aprons are beautifully painted and embroidered.

WIN PRIZES
Another accomplishment of the women members is flower making. On the mantle piece over the fireplace stands a large basket of beautiful yellow roses that are artificial but so artistically made that they appear to be real.

Pinned to this basket is a ribbon placed there by the judges of the recent Hobby, Flower and Art Show as one of the winners in the hobby division.

A building is being planned for the center to house a large kitchen so that the main building can be exclusively used for club rooms. Some of their gatherings include as high as 80 which makes the smaller section of the club room inadequate. With the kitchen section removed there will be ample space to move around.

It is high tribute to a town like Torrance that provides a gathering place and activities for its elder citizens who otherwise might live out the balance of their lives in loneliness and neglect. Instead of disgruntled elders, Torrance can be proud of its young old-timers whose spirits are high and full of as much life and interest as the teen agers.

VISIT RELATIVES
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, Janice and Joe Beth spent from Thursday until Monday of last week in San Joaquin valley visiting with relatives. In Bakersfield, they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cain, in Dinuba they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Olinger and family, and in Fresno they were guests of Mrs. Laura Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Fred William.

WEEK-END PARTY
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bever entertained at a house party over the Labor Day weekend at their Crestline cabin. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, son Robin and grandson, Johnny and Mrs. Marjorie Stephens of Van Nuys.

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The President of the United States has proclaimed the seven-day period from Sept. 16 to 22 as Constitution Week.

The Senate Concurrent Resolution asking for the proclamation was introduced by Senator William F. Knowland of California at the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution. DAR Chapters all over the nation will cooperate to make Constitution Week a national re-dedication to the fundamental principles of the government of our American Republic.

In anticipation of this national observance, the five DAR Chapters of Long Beach, of which many Torrance women are members, will hold their regular monthly meetings jointly on Sept. 7. A committee composed of Mrs. Opal C. Simpson, Susan B. Anthony Chapter, chairman; Mrs. R. M. Brougher, Gaviota Chapter; Mrs. Robert Clingan, Long Beach Chapter; Mrs. William F. Floras, Los Cerritos Chapter, and Miss Reene Emory, Western Shores Chapter, met at the St. Regis apartment of the chairman to plan the joint local meeting.

They have invited the public to join them at the Veterans Memorial building at 8 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Judge Walter J. Fourt, Justice of District Court of Appeals of the Second District of California. Judge Fourt will speak on the subject "The Constitution of the United States." Several musical numbers will be included in the program. There will be no admission charge.

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