

Teri Akers Winning Acclaim As Jazz Singer, Records Released

By MILDRED C. HUNT

Teri Akers' low and sultry-toned voice is being heard on a new record released Sunday, under the title of "I Don't Wanna Cry." The record, her second, was recorded by the Dig Recording Co.

This 18-year-old Torrance girl was the lead voice of the Tears, a quartet of Torrance High School for the past two years whose popularity brought them before teen-aged groups, TV and the attention of the well known Johnny Otis, on whose program they have appeared several times. Teri was the blond solo singer appearing with the Torrance High School last November on the Gene Norman, TV show.

Teri gave the local quartet the name of Tears, but how she arrived at the name she doesn't remember. This group is now disbanded due to the fact their coming school program does not allow time

necessary to practice their personal appearances. Members of the quartet were Jill Moore, Dick Dawson and She. and Tiernan. All were graduates of last June's class at Torrance High School.

As for Teri, she has her eyes on the road to success and plans to continue her career regardless of the fact she will work at Northrop Aircraft at night, and attend El Camino College in the daytime to study music. "I want to be a good jazz singer," is the way Teri's ambition runs. She is willing to work hard and take the advances, one step at a time. She has appeared on guest spots at Ciro's on the Sunset Strip, Strollers in Long Beach, Balboa Inn and several other night clubs.

"I've been singing all my life," relates Teri who is the oldest child of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R.

Akers of 22240 Susana Ave. The family, Stephen 16, Cindy 15, Debby 12, Melissa 7 and Chris 10, moved to Torrance four years ago from Houston, Texas. Her father began playing a saxophone in a high school orchestra and later worked with a band. He now plays at Northrop. Her mother sang but never made a career of it. Her great uncle, Gilbert O'Shaunsey played with the Red Nichols and Jack Teagarden bands so popular in the 20's.

Although she has never taken individual voice lessons, she has sung with school choirs including St. Joseph's Academy. She first appeared before an audience when she was five years old. While in the first grade of a Catholic school, she was taught to sing in Latin.

After she completes her two year studies at El Camino, she would like to study at Westlake Music College. In the meantime she hopes to become a vocalist with a good name band. She has no romantic interests at the present and hopes to avoid cupid's arrow at least until she has carved out a career for herself.

Teri has the appearance of a singer, a blue-eyed blond, she has a "baby face" and is a bit on the well-rounded side, a la Kate Smith version. She wrote the song of her first recording, "Until The Day I Die" which she sang with the local school group. The record has been on the market for some time now and has been released under another cover by the Teen Queens, but she has not as yet received any money. "I hope to start receiving something for it any day now," says Teri.

The local singing aspirant will be 19 years old on Nov. 30. Her hobby is collecting records of which she has acquired \$200 worth which she plays on a hi-fi set of her own. While in school she was president of the Junior Red Cross and of the Thespian Society. Next to music, she is interested in med-



MISS TERI AKERS
Eyes on the Stars

Lodge Plans Card Party

Torrance Camp of Royal Neighbors will hold a public card party on Tuesday evening, Sept. 18 in the Woman's clubhouse on Engracia Ave.

The regular games of bridge, pinochle, canasta, and 500 will be played with prizes going for high scores. A door prize will also be given. Mrs. Susie Walker and Mrs. Cordie McDermott will be the hostesses of the evening.

At the recent meeting it was voted to have two business meetings a month starting in October. The card party will be on the fourth Tuesday. The second meeting on Oct. 16 will be surprise meeting night and a good attendance is desired at this time. Hostess for the month of October will be Mrs. Mary Baker.

The South Bay Past Oracles were entertained by the Culver City Camp with the following camps being represented: Ocean Park, Inglewood, Gardena, San Pedro, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. A splendid report was given by all camps represented. The following members from Torrance were present: Mary Baker, Margaret Stavens, Rosy Shepherd, Selma Norris, Vertie Grimm, Belva Brase, Mary Conner, Maud Jensch and Dora Foster.

Auxiliary Opens Year

Mrs. Frank Hart, president, will preside at the first general meeting, Thursday, Sept. 20, when the Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital Auxiliary officially opens its fall season at the Fox Hills Country Club, 5800 Slauson Ave. Luncheon will be served at noon, followed by a brief business session. In charge of arrangements are Meses. Victor Tillmanns, hospitality chairman and James Neller.

Mrs. Robert M. Woods, first vice president and program chairman, will introduce the speaker, Miss Caroline Leonetti, popular and well known charm and fashion expert. The winners of the bridge and canasta tournaments will be introduced and also some 100-hour pins awarded.

Y-WIVES SLATE CHARM COURSE

A charm and personality course will be a regular Tuesday morning feature for the Y-Wives of Torrance. The course will continue for one semester starting Sept. 18.

Anyone interested in the course is invited to attend and may secure further information by calling the YWCA. The class starts at 9 a.m. and nursery care is provided.

PEO MEETING

SLATED SEPT. 19

Members of the PEO who are interested in forming a daytime chapter in the South Bay are invited to attend a meeting, Sept. 19, at 12:30, at the home of Mrs. F. L. Baugh, 2725 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes. Any unaffiliated PEO interested may call Mrs. Robert Boulger, 509 Knob Hill, Redondo; Mrs. Clarence Severson, 20942 Brighton, and Mrs. Phillip Weaver, 669 31st, Manhattan Beach.

PAST ORACLES MEET MONDAY

Past Oracles Club of the Torrance Royal Neighbors will hold its regular business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Louise Walker, 2003 Andree, Monday evening, September 17.

A social hour will follow the business meeting. Mrs. Sophia Duncan was elected to serve out the term of secretary following the resignation of Mrs. Marle Bankston.

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Stork Shower

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As the guests arrived they placed their gifts in a yellow fuffed lace bassinet. Games were played after which the hostess served the cake which was decorated with babies riding swans.

Guests attending the party were Meses. Alice Hill, Alma Gustin, Arleta Whaley, Blanche Horton, Marie Bittner, Beverly Skelley, Kay Thippen, Rita Swift, Kay Owens, Joan Leonard, Ella Wiggley, Lorene Arsenau, Gloria Hofius, Myrtle Effinger and Cora Bidwell.

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Reception For Church School Head

A reception and pantry shower honoring their school superintendent and his wife were given by members of the St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Harbor City Sept. 9.

The affair honored Mr. and Mrs. Don Berlinski of Detroit, Mich. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berlinski have their BS degrees from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Ill. Mrs. Berlinski will teach this year at Immanuel Lutheran School in Redondo Beach.

Installation services were held Sunday during the morning service.

Classes at St. Matthew's Lutheran Day School will open

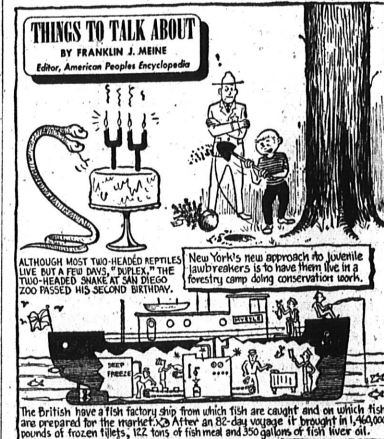
PI PHI CHAPTER BEGINS YEAR

Pi Phi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. G. Bird, Redondo Beach.

Plans were made for a western party to be held Sept. 22 at the American Legion Hall in Mar Vista honoring rushees and husbands.

A program, "The Inward Beauty of a Beta Sigma Phi" was presented by Mrs. B. J. Garrison.

Refreshments were served with a devotional service on Sept. 17. Regular schedule will be daily from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for children from the first to the fourth grades. Rev. E. M. Passow is pastor.



The British have a fish factory ship from which fish are caught and on which fish are prepared for the market. A few are on 82-day voyages. It brought in 1,640,000 pounds of frozen fillets, 122 tons of fish meal and 350 gallons of fish liver oil.

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