

### Beta Sigma Phi Units Stage Halloween Dance

Warm spirit of friendliness was the keynote at the Halloween masquerade dance held at Club Alondra Saturday evening, Oct. 27, sponsored by the South Bay Area Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

The festive affair was attended by members and their friends of the five chapters in the council: Lambda Eta, Omicron Pi, Pi Phi, Rho Xi and Theta Nu.

Prizes were awarded to the following: Miss Rose Mary Andrews and Dave Dawson, funniest costumes; Mrs. Donald Hake and Warren Johnson, best costumes; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Griffin took the prize for the most original.

Honored guests at the affair were: Mrs. John Lundigan, of San Bernardino, president of the Southern Council of Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Lloyd Crelia, president of the Compton City Council, and Mrs. William Schroeder, advisor for the South Bay Council.

Decorations for the dance were done by Mrs. Donald Bradfield, Mrs. Ernest Somerville and Mrs. Kenneth King.

#### DAR CHAPTER HAS MEETING

Susan B. Anthony Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, convened for their monthly meeting at a Seal Beach restaurant with Miss Mildred Murphy, regent in charge.

#### ROTARY ANNS

A luau was held Saturday night by the El Segundo Rotary Anns for their husbands in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmal, 428 Calle Mayor.

The affair was attended by fifty guests dressed in Hawaiian costumes. The guests were first served cocktails and dinner, which was followed by an evening of dancing.

Mrs. Grace Dewey gave a report on the National Defense News. A new prospective member, Mrs. Claribel Christi was introduced and Mrs. Kenneth E. Phillips, a member from San Diego was among the guests.

Mrs. Vaughn Abrams was the speaker for the evening outlining the procedure for geological research at the Los Angeles Library.



IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM . . . at the S. E. Waldrip home, daughter Carole finds interest and fascination. Carole is pictured here with her favorite pet "Pete," a lovebird. In the cages are the parakeets, which have proved a profitable business venture for the high school senior as well as an amazing study in bird life. Not to be outdone, "April," the cat, decides to climb the wire cage for the photographer's benefit. It's a record that Carole has never lost a bird to the cats. The young bird fancier, who does all work in caring for the birds, now has 50 breeders and 33 babies.

## Parakeets---A Booming Business And Fascinating Hobby For Carole Waldrip

By ELEANOR GILBERT

Carole Waldrip, a freshman at North Torrance High School, raises parakeets on a professional scale, but she can "hardly wait to become a 'candy-striper' next January. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman E. Waldrip, 5420 Sharynne Lane. Mr. Waldrip is assistant superintendent for business of the Torrance schools.

"I had always wanted a pair of birds before we moved," she said. "Then a year ago last July we bought our present home, and the previous owners sold us their parakeets, too, 70 of them." When asked how her parents felt about a hobby of this proportion, Carole said they thought it was a good idea, as long as she did the work.

The birds now number 50 breeders and about 33 babies. Every three or four months she takes the babies to market. With the proceeds, she buys some of her own clothes, saves some, and puts the rest back into birds. "Not more birds," she explained, "but I have to buy food and supplies."

Carole feels the birdhouse should be thoroughly cleaned out at least once a week. She sprays for moths and ants every two weeks, the whole arrangement being thoughtfully planned and sanitary, to ensure the maximum conditions for the birds' health. She also does all repairs on the bird house, as well as care and feeding.

Besides loving the "out-of-doors and everything that goes with it" Carole likes school, sports, enjoys writing and listening to music. She likes some rock and roll, but prefers smooth music for dancing. Of her subjects in school, she likes science best, and baseball is her favorite sport.

She belongs to the Pep Club and to Job's Daughters. It is through the latter organization that she plans to join the "candy striper." "I will be

fifteen Dec. 22, so I can apply after the first of the year." Her eyes sparkled with anticipation.

In parakeet families, there is a division of labor when a pair of birds are on the nest. Father helps by bringing the food to the mother bird. She in turn feeds the babies by regurgitation, until they are about a month old and able to be out of the nest.

There also seems to be a violent streak in these tiny birds. "Sometimes, the females get so mad," said Carole. "When they are very angry they throw the eggs out of the nest and sometimes even kill the babies." When questioned about this unmaternal behavior, she explained that this violence usually has a very good cause. Sometimes the eggs are infertile, then over the side they go. Also, one must make sure there are enough nests. If there is a female without one, she will enter other nests and throw attacking the mother whose nest it is. Sometimes in fighting off the invader, babies are killed, but more often the out the eggs or kill the young, mother is so mad, she herself throws out the eggs or kills her young. "It's the females who have the bad tempers," Carole said ruefully. "But they don't get mad unless something goes wrong." It seems at the times of these outbreaks of temper the fathers prudently stay in the background, Carole carefully plans to

have some birds resting while others are breeding. She allows each mother to hatch out only two "clutches" of birds, so the mother will not get too worn out. After two clutches are hatched and the young taken care of, each pair is allowed to rest until they "look healthy again." Apparently the length of time varies with individual birds.

There also seems to be two schools of thought as to the permanency of the relationship of pairs of parakeets. Some people say they stick to one mate until he or she dies; others say the relationship lasts only until the two clutches are hatched and raised. Carole said she did not watch them closely enough to support either theory, particularly since she doesn't raise them for color.

She is particularly fond of "Pete," a black-cheeked lovebird who shares the bird house with the parakeets. Last summer, Carole won a blue ribbon with Pete, for the most unusual bird, at the pet show, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept. Although Pete is her favorite, she loves all the birds.

She remembered that at first she didn't want to pick up the baby birds. They were so bare and ugly. But now she thinks they're cute, and she feels protective toward them. "They look so helpless then," she said. In a month, however, they are completely feathered and begin to be able to look out for themselves.

Carole and her sister, Kay, also have two cats. Misty (from the name Mischief) who is almost 10 years old, the Persian kitten "April" born in that month. Waldrips used to have a duck named Petunia. But they had to get rid of her because she "harvested" the boysenberry crop for her own use before the Waldrips could do so for theirs.

When her high school activities become too heavy, Carole said she might sell all her birds, or perhaps Kay will take them over.

#### REBEKAH BAZAAR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347 will sponsor a bazaar and ham dinner in the dining room of the Torrance Masonic Temple, 238 Cabrillo on Wednesday, Nov. 7. The booths for the bazaar will be opened at noon and dinner will be served from 5 until 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and to stay for the public card party which begins at 8 p.m.

#### FOR SERGEANT

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Manchester entertained at a farewell party for Sgt. Richard Regal who will report for active duty tomorrow morning at Camp Pendleton.



A THRILLING SIGHT . . . are the parading and strutting majorettes of El Camino College. The foursome boasts two former Torrance High School students, from left, Jerry Rusk and Gaye Wilson. At the right, are Iris Dunning and Bobbie O'Connell. These girls, in their routines with the college band, are adding a high note of glamour and excitement during this football season.

### Lomita Amaranth Order Notes 31st Anniversary

Past royal matrons and past royal patrons were honored guests last Thursday evening, Oct. 25, when Lomita Court 61, Order of Amaranth, celebrated its 31st anniversary.

Elective and appointive officers relinquished their several stations to the honorees of the evening, the past royal matrons and past royal patrons of the court. Under the direction of Honored Lady Sally Weber, royal matron in the year of 1949, acting royal patron, and Sir Knight Thagrad Buchholz, junior past royal patron, acting royal patron, performed the ritualistic ceremonies of the evening in the characteristic manner of all past officers.

Special escort was accorded Royal Matron Gladys Motherwell and Royal Patron Clyde Satterfield who were presented from the throne and seated in the east.

Lomita court's grand officers, Honored Lady Sally Weber and Acting Royal Patron Sir Knight Thagrad Buchholz were pleased to present 14 past royal matrons and three past royal patrons who were present as honored members, five of the past royal matrons being charter members of the court.

Presiding during "good of the order," Sir Knight Buchholz led the pasts in an enjoyable period of reminiscence in which the recounting of many and varied experiences in the history of the court were enjoyed by all present.

Preceding the meeting Honored Lady Audrey Bacon, associate patron, and her committee served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings to the assembled members, as well as late evening refreshments.

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### Guilds Meet Monday Night

All guilds of the Catholic Altar Society will meet Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the parish hall, 1420 Cota Ave., to complete plans for their mammoth semi-annual rummage sale to be held Friday and Saturday Nov. 8 and 10.

Anyone having articles to donate, may bring them to the parish hall any time this week. Following the business meeting tomorrow night, refreshments will be served by Mmes. G. E. Gordon, F. A. Cameron, F. J. Cameron, F. J. Angerer, and H. W. Hurley.

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