

Local People Attend Meet

Mmes. Ruth Slocum, Ann Christiana Day, Susan Boettcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stone of Torrance attended the Southwest Branch of the International Geranium Society meeting held Oct. 24 at Exposition clubhouse in Los Angeles.

The speaker for the evening was Bonnie C. Templeton, curator of the Botany department of the Los Angeles County Museum. She spoke on "How to Know Our Geraniums" and used illustrative material on geraniums and pelargoniums.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Margaret Franz who appointed Muriel Merrell of Hollywood, treasurer of the group. Mrs. Merrell is flower show chairman of the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Mrs. Elsa Stone of Torrance was appointed recording secretary.

B'nai B'rith Board Meets

South Bay B'nai B'rith Women will hold an executive board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the home of Mrs. Stanley Rappaport, 1704 W. 152nd St., in Gardena.

Plans for future affairs, including the Chanukkah party and a theatre party, will be discussed.

At the last meeting two new officers were elected — Mrs. Peter Slap, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Samuel Yawnick, treasurer.

Mrs. Earl Erdmen of Torrance, chairman of the new cook book project, announces that the book is nearing completion.

Transportation to any of the meetings may be secured by calling Mrs. Bernard Snitzer, president, at 2720 W. 174th St., Torrance.



USING THEIR TALENTS FOR CHARITY... the Hampton Players will stage a benefit performance on Nov. 14 for the Harbor District Mental Health Service. The "melodrama" will be given at the Eagles Hall, 128 S. Catalina Redondo Beach. The small donation which will be charged will go to the Mental Health Clinic, which serves 22 communities of the south bay, including Torrance.

Pictured encostume checking the ticket sales are (from left) Mrs. Donald M. Hansen, Mrs. Clifford J. Tunis, Mrs. Frank Callahan, vice president of the Seaside Hi-Liter club, one of the local organizations supporting the clinic, and Mrs. Richard C. Dugan. The public is invited to attend the show, thereby aiding this worthwhile project. (Herald Photo)

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Hampton Players To Stage Benefit for Mental Clinic

By ELEANOR GILBERT

"Egad, What a Cad!" or "Virtue Triumphs Over Villainy," a comedy "melodrama" will be given by the Hampton Players Nov. 14 at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 128 S. Catalina, Redondo Beach.

This is a special benefit performance for the Harbor District Mental Health Service, and the proceeds will go to the clinic which serves 22 communities, including the Torrance area. There will be a small donation.

The Victorian melodrama will bring nostalgic memories of the celluloid collar, the gaslight era, the day of the 5-cent

Eastern Star Celebrates Halloween

Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, held a regular stated meeting last Thursday evening in the Masonic Temple on Cabrillo Ave. Worthy Patron Edward Morgan called the meeting to order, and Worthy Matron Dorothy Flyken presided. Fern Mead served as marshal, Ruth Hardin as warder, Merlin Cook as sentinel, and Blain Willett as flag bearer in the absence of those officers.

Twelve past matrons and four past matrons were escorted and presented. The associate patron, Frank Thompson, introduced the many visitors on the sidelines. They were from Los Angeles, Temple City and Lomita. Out-of-state visitors were from New York, South Dakota, Oregon, Indiana and Ohio.

During the meeting three new members were added to the chapter by initiation. Grand Chapter reports were given by Worthy Matron Dorothy Flyken, Associate Matron Joyce Miller, Conductress Marguerite Morgan, and Associate Conductress Dorothy Hedrick.

After the business session all adjourned to the banquet hall for a social hour. Phyllis Peveley, junior past matron, was chairman of arrangements. The Halloween theme was carried out in table decorations and refreshments. On entering the darkened room members were greeted with eerie moans and screams. A witch sat watching her cauldron and lighted jack-o'-lanterns showed the way to the tables. Miniature witches decorated the tables along with the lanterns. Trick-or-treat bags of candy were presented to everyone, and delicious refreshments were served by the chairman and her committee, all dressed in festive Halloween costumes.

In addition to the chairman, those on the committee were Ethyl Peveley, Frances Peveley, Vivian Cook, Vivian Hardy, Eunice Crabtree, Mavis Cook, Helen Carpenter, Dorothy Hedrick, Lea Wells, Garnett Satterfield and Ruth Hardin.

Rehearsal For Messiah Set Nov. 11

On Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3 o'clock, the first rehearsal for the Messiah will be held at the First Christian Church, 2930 Eldorado. The church is located two blocks south of Torrance Blvd. and two blocks north of Carson, near Maple. Frank Owen will be the director. Elizabeth Moser is the soprano soloist, Trudy Troy will do the alto selections, Wayne Anderson will sing the tenor solos, and the bass numbers will be sung by Don Ogren. The combined choirs will be accompanied with both piano and organ.

Laurence M. Sargent is chairman for the Torrance area and is making final arrangements, with the help of his committee, to make this year's Messiah presentation an outstanding success. The performance is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2, at 4 o'clock, at the First Christian Church. All church choir members and other singers who wish to participate in this Christmas celebration are urged to attend all three Sunday afternoon rehearsals at 3 o'clock, Nov. 11, 18 and 25.

Shower for Ruth Armes Bride-Elect

Miss Ruth Armes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Armes of Culver City, who will be married to Gordon Garrett in an afternoon ceremony on Nov. 17 at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Lomita, was honored at a surprise miscellaneous shower recently.

The affair was given by Mrs. Henry Evans and Misses Virginia Conner and Dallene Beacham at the Conner home in Harbor City. The pink and white colors were used in decorating and a pink and white garland of blossoms encircled the beautifully decorated cake on the dining table.

After an evening of games and gift opening, refreshments were served.

The guest list included the following school friends of the honoree: Mmes. Woodrow Buchanan, William Young, Paul Gilbert, Ray Conner, Frank Zuray, Donald Armes, and Misses Adrienne Sidwell, Norma Gasser, Shirley Carlson, Marie Trounfelder, Jo Ann Holland and Gloria Shaheen.

On Friday evening prior to the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Armes will entertain the bridal party at a buffet supper before rehearsal at the church.

Society's Big Rummage Sale Begins

A giant rummage sale will be held by all the guilds of the Torrance Nativity Altar Society in the parish hall, 1420 Cota Ave., tomorrow and Saturday, Nov. 9, and 10. Sale hours will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

Hundreds of real bargains will be presented for thrifty shoppers. All clothing, which has been cleaned, will be in true department store system. On sale will be children's and adult clothing, hats, shoes, purses, jewelry, knickknacks, curtains, dishes, pots, toys, washing machines, furniture, and miscellaneous items.

The parish hall will be open all week to accept more contributions. Pickup service may be arranged by calling Mrs. R. L. Moffitt or the rectory.

Mrs. Corwin Dean, chairman of the event, announces that the collection of bargain merchandise already prepared indicates that this will be the biggest sale of all.

Among those preparing to handle sales in the various departments are Mmes. M. R. Gurrula, G. E. Gordon, J. E. Powers, M. J. Bordeaux, F. J. McCarthy, A. Rabel, F. A. Cameron, W. O. Putman, J. L. Dunmyer, Ida Earle, Helen Bishopp, and Regina Cunningham.

Returns From Eastern Trip

Mrs. Richard T. Brundin, 805 Teri Ave., returned Sunday from a two-week trip to Minneapolis where she was visiting her mother, Mrs. Carl D. Michelson.

Since Mrs. Brundin and her husband are former residents of Minneapolis and attended school there, there were many old friends to see and a number of luncheons and dinners given in her honor.

While in her home town, the 40th wedding anniversary of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Brundin, was celebrated, and Mrs. Brundin was on hand to represent their family. She attended a convocation at the MacPhail College of Music, from which she was graduated. Her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Lund, are faculty members of MacPhail College, and Mrs. Brundin assisted them in vocal and piano coaching during her stay.

The convocation was a particularly memorable one for her, because Mr. and Mrs. Lund lectured and presented music and colored slides of the different European composers whose homes and birthplaces they visited during a recent trip over the continent.

GORDON LIBBEA

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Libbea, are the parents of a son, Gordon Wayne, born Saturday, Oct. 26, at the San Pedro Community Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and one ounce at birth.

The Libbeas, who live at 214 Calle de Arboles, have three other children, Steven, Leslie Ann and Gene. The paternal grandparents, of Arcadia, are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Root, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Burt and the maternal grandparents and live in Altadena.

AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. Alma Smith attended a luncheon given by her sorority Delta Zeta at the home of Mrs. F. A. Frost in Long Beach last Saturday. On the Saturday before Mrs. Smith attended the initiation ceremony held at the UCLA chapter house. The original sorority, Delta Sigma Epsilon, recently merged with Delta Zeta. There are chapters at Long Beach State College and UCLA.

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