

A Beautification Project . . . They Choose Their Own Club Grounds



THEY GO TO WORK . . . When the members of the Garden Section of the Torrance Woman's Club decided to enter the Garden and City Beautiful Contest, conducted by the Marina District and State CFWC, they spent an afternoon last week on their own club grounds with spades,

shovels and rakes. Shown removing the unnecessary shrubs are, from left, Mmes. R. E. Moffitt, club president; Mrs. John Thuss, section chairman; Lillian Dunhouse, Alma Smith and Peter Boonstra.



AND NOW FOR THE BEAUTY TOUCH . . . On Monday morning, the work of beautification began. The area was studied, shrubs selected and the planting began. Shown here planting shrubbery are, from left, Mrs. E. C. St.

Amand, Mrs. John Thuss and Mrs. John Warnock. The contest among the clubs will close on April 15. Judging will be done by recognized landscape gardeners. Winners will be announced at the district meeting in late spring.



YES, MRS. PRESIDENT . . . Leonard Dalton, vice principal at North High School, listens attentively as his secretary, Mrs. Bettie Massie, presides at the B&PW club's annual "Bosses Night," staged Monday evening at the Palms. Members brought their bosses to hear their guest speaker, Sgt. Lillian Copeland who spoke on "Juvenile Problems." A Valentine motif was used in decorating for this dinner meeting.

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'Bosses' Honored By B&PW Group

Members of the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club invited their "bosses" to hear their guest speaker at their meeting last Monday evening at the Palms. Sergeant Lillian Copel spoke on "Juvenile Problems." A question and answer period followed the talk.

Among the guests present was Mayor Albert Isen. Members attending with their "bosses" were Mrs. Betty Massie, club president, with her boss, Leonard Dalton, vice principal and student personnel manager at North High School, and his wife, Mrs. Dalton; Mrs. Maxine Hahn and her boss, Chief of Police Percy Bennett; Mrs. Frank Dale and her husband and boss, Nick Dale; Anna Sandstrom and her husband, Mr. Sandstrom.

Miss Rose Craig, recreation commission chairman and Pearl Jacobs were in Fresno the first part of the week representing Torrance at the California Recreation Society convention.

Local club members attending the district convention held in Redondo, Feb. 15, were Betty Massie, president; Ruth

Shrum, first vice president; Virginia Beck, Bess Tufts, Lucille Lewellen, Hilda Munroe, Dorothy Featherof and Muriel Whiting.

Edythe Kennedy, state nominating chairman and first vice president of Los Angeles Sunset District, spoke on "Responsibilities of Women" with regard to present and future employment status.

Her concluding remark was "What, Where, Why and When B&PW Women Get Into Action," club and community-wise.

The election of new Harbor section chairmen will be held at the meeting March 23 at 9 a.m., at the Lakewood Country Club. New slate of officers for the Torrance club will be presented at the next business meeting March 3.



MRS. CLARA VIRONDA . . . Vice Principal Greets Sandy Douglas, New Student

VETERAN TEACHER SAYS:

Children Have Not Changed... Their Problems are Different

By VONDA CARLTON

"Children are not any different today than they were 30 years ago . . . only their problems are different."

So says Mrs. Clara Vironda, girls' vice principal of Stephen M. White Junior High School.

Mrs. Vironda, who started teaching school in 1926, is faced daily with solving some of the problems of today's teenagers.

In an attempt to cast some light on the present-day teenager and her problems, Mrs. Vironda was asked a number of questions and here are her answers:

What is the most universal problem confronting 12-15 girls?

Learning to recognize facts instead of rumors . . . learning to sort for themselves. At this age they lack maturity.

What is their most common fault?

They want to grow up too fast. They're anxious to get away from parental and school control. They are going through

the final phase of adult influence. By the time they are 16, parents have less effect on molding their character.

At what age do girls start wearing makeup?

By the seventh grade they are starting to grow up and they also start using makeup. I try to discourage this as much as possible telling them that they'll never again be as naturally pretty as they are now.

Are 13 and 14 year olds dating?

Not usually. They tend more at this age to join in boy-and-girl group activities. Some of them date boys, but the trend is toward dances and parties where they all get together.

What kind of discipline do schools use?

Depending upon the reason for discipline, we use suspension and expulsion from school, talks with youngsters and their parents and child welfare groups. In serious cases this sometimes means joint conferences with police agencies.

Do you believe in physical punishment of a child?

Swatting is permitted if it is done in front of a witness and by the school principal. It shouldn't be done in anger and many times it serves just to antagonize the youngster. The trend is more toward counseling than toward physical punishment.

What kind of "trouble" do youngsters get into at school?

Fighting, using obscene language and truancy are the main ones. When they skip school, it usually means they are running away from a situation.

Is "belonging" important to teenage girls?

Yes. Recognition by fellow classmates, and a desire to be one of the group are extremely important to teenagers. This same desire to be one of the group is what causes fads such as types of haircuts, kinds and clothing.

Are youngsters growing up faster today than they were 20 years ago?

Yes. The world is growing smaller . . . there's better communication . . . the world is moving faster today. There's greater access to more and better education.

Are teenagers more vindictive and more troublesome today?

No. People are basically good and they are getting better. The race as a whole is improving with each generation.

Silver Tea, Program on Wednesday

Garden Section of the Torrance Woman's Club, Mrs. John Thuss, chairman, will entertain at a silver tea and program next Wednesday at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

For this affair, to which the public is invited, the Garden Section has secured one of the Southland's outstanding garden authorities as guest speaker. He is Joe Littlefield whose topic will be, "Bare Root, Pruning and General Gardening."

Mr. Littlefield will speak at 1:30 p.m. and the tea will follow. Mrs. Sid Gans will decorate the tea table. Hostesses will be Mrs. L. A. McCoy, Mrs. F. G. Fittin and Mrs. Dean Sears.

Dessert-Card Party Planned

Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club will stage a dessert-card party Wednesday, 8 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Husbands, friends and members of the Senior club are invited to attend the party which is a ways and means project under the chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Waddell.

Mrs. James K. Lees is in

charge of prizes and serving will be Mmes. George Blahnik, Phillip L. Hoffman Jr., Robert Davis, Lee E. Allen and James K. Lees.

FEDIR FAMILY

Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Fedir and their family, 2737 Via Anita, Palos Verdes Estates, spent a week end enjoying the hot water plunge at Glen Ivy Hot Springs.

MINNESOTA GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson, 2517 Carson, had as their guests for four days last week, Mr. Nelson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson, of Minneapolis, Minn.

TO VENICE

Mrs. John Thuss, chairman of the Garden Section of the Torrance Woman's Club and Mrs. John Warnock will be guests of the Venice Garden Section on Feb. 28.

CDA Valentine Party Last Social Event Before Lent

A combined Valentine party and business meeting was enjoyed by members of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, Monday evening, the last social gathering before the Lenten season. Two officers, Mrs. William A. Hardesty, and Mrs. Tom Moore, were co-chairmen, assisted by Mmes. Florence Turner, Frank Quinn, Joseph Turkmanny, John Hoffman and James White.

Attractive decorations in the Valentine motif were used in Nativity parish hall and on the tea tables from which refreshments, also in the seasonal theme, were served. Secret pals exchanged gifts, revealing their names, and new secret pals for the next year were drawn. Mrs. Michael McMahon is the new secret pal chairman.

During the business meeting, two new members were welcomed by Mrs. John McVey, extension chairman. Mrs. Robert M. Klaesges and Mrs. William Van Fleet were initiated as members of the local court at reception ceremonies held recently by Court Our Lady of Victory in Redondo Beach.

Other chairmen reporting included Mrs. T. T. Babbitt, parliamentarian; Mrs. Donald Bryant, standing rules; Mrs. William Healy, education, regarding the poetry contest; Mrs. Frank Quinn, sunshine. A report on the January party at Harbor General Hospital was given for Mrs. George Shelton, social welfare chairman.

Construction has started on the long-awaited swimming pool at Camp Teresita Pines, a girls' summer camp near Wrightwood in the Big Pines area maintained and operated by the CD of A courts in the

Los Angeles area. The camp's annual meeting was held recently in Los Angeles, with Mrs. Don Cowden and Mrs. LeRoy Armstrong representing Court St. Catherine. Other improvements are to be made before camping season opens, according to Mrs. Cowden's report.

The grand regent, Mrs. Cowden, also Mmes. Armstrong and Francis A. Gately attended ceremonies instituting a new CD of A court in Hawthorne this past week. A large delegation from Torrance will be going to Lynwood this afternoon for a reception of new members by Court Madonna. Father P. J. McGuinness, former pastor of Nativity Catholic Church here, is chaplain of the Lynwood court.

No social activities are scheduled by Court St. Catherine during the Lenten season.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Dr. and Mrs. Murray N. Schultz, of Palos Verdes Estates, recently entertained at The Polynesian, in Waleria, with an authentic South Sea Island dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hughes of Leimert Park, who were celebrating Mrs. Hughes' birthday anniversary.



A SOUTH SEA FROLIC . . . Guests encostume, island foods and music were in order when the Torrance Lions Club, with their wives, the Lionesses, staged an anniversary luau at the Portuguese Bend Club on Feb. 15. Having fun, from left at table, are Charles Bural, Lucille Bural, Josephine Diamond, Paul Diamond, Fred and Gwen Boren. In the background, from left, Allen and Zylvia Klokzer, Lottie and A. K. Peterson, Bill King and Maria Dominguez. (Photo Arts Studio)