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Get Acquainted Luncheon Held

Pioneer Girls of First Baptist Church held their fifth annual Pal and Gal "Get Acquainted" luncheon in the social hall recently with 130 attending.

A patriotic theme was carried out with hatchet name tags made by the girls, cherry trees and George Washington silhouettes.

Following the luncheon, the Colonists, grades 7 through 9, with their guide, Mrs. Edythe Fenske, gave a demonstration of their Column Council. Miss Linda Wicker, fifth and sixth grades guide, led the group in a songfest, then held an "encampment," the awarding of badges and ranks to girls in her group who had earned them. Mrs. Jeannette Sievers, fourth grade guide, presented her Pilgrims with their badges and ranks, followed by the third grade group, guided by Mrs. Marilyn Corley.

Garden Checklist

- Rose feeding can start this month. Ask your nurseryman about the proper food for roses.
- Delphinium and primroses may be purchased as established field-grown clumps this month. You can get primroses at your nursery in bloom for immediate color effect in your garden.
- Frost-damaged plants should be pruned only after all danger of further frost is past.
- Don't work the soil right after a rain. Let it dry out some before turning it over.
- New lawns are best planted this month or next. Old lawns will be helped to renew themselves if you give them a good feeding in early March.

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TV CANDIDS
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The American public had reason to be proud recently — proud of a new First Lady who has revitalized an old house. Mrs. Kennedy's tour of the White House was a splendidly patriotic hour and I cannot recall when I have been so proud of anyone on television — man or woman.

The program gave most citizens a first glimpse of our most famous building. It also gave Americans their first real look at their First Lady. I hadn't realized how little we really know about Mrs. Kennedy until this program. Few have heard her speak in public. Maybe she had been practicing for the tour.

She had done her homework well because her commentary was full of facts, names, dates, and anecdotes and she ad libbed them all without faltering.

The First Lady was not at all what I had expected. Her voice was breathy and precise, almost girlish — a combination of Marilyn Monroe and Shirley Temple. She was beautifully mannered and assured yet shy; and she had a manner of walking that was as unassuming and dignified as her simple, two-piece wool dress (plum colored, ladies, with a three-strand necklace of pearls).

The history of the old house is fascinating and Mrs. Kennedy knew it in every detail. It is a storehouse of American history and it is astonishing that, until now, there had been no real interest in the place shown by any First Lady of recent administration.

Until a law was passed last year, at the behest of the Kennedy Administration, any President (or more likely his wife) could sell or give away anything in the building! Mrs. Lincoln was the worst offender and sold off a great many pieces of furniture which are slowly being returned by the descendants of the people who bought them. Mrs. Kennedy remembered the names of the people who have donated things — and happily and lovingly noted their gifts.

In the Blue Room a marble bust of Washington was placed above a handsome pier table of Monroe's period. "I found the bust in the men's room downstairs and the table was being used for a sawhorse in the workshop," said Mrs. Kennedy brightly.

Mrs. Eisenhower acquired the 18th Century furniture in the Diplomatic Reception Room and Mrs. Coolidge had shown some interest in the building, but the names of Bess Truman and Eleanor Roosevelt were totally absent from the conversation.

"People seldom associate Theodore Roosevelt with such things," said Mrs. Kennedy, "but he was second only to Thomas Jefferson in his interest in the architecture and furnishings of the White House." (Among other things, Roosevelt added some stuffed heads of animals he had shot. Mrs. Kennedy did not disclose their present whereabouts. Maybe she used them to replace the bust of George Washington.)

Bond Issue Given Boost

Major industries in Torrance are in favor of the airport revenue bond proposal that will be on the April 10 ballot, according to Fred Mill of the chamber of commerce industries Tax Committee.

On the proposal as drawn up by the city the money would be paid by the revenue from the airport to retire the bonds. This would mean the city could have an airport at no cost to the taxpayers.

Total cost of the airport improvements paid by the issuance of revenue bonds will be \$1,225,000. Matching funds from the federal government will be used on certain projects that will qualify for the aid as authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Businessmen Form Retail Committee

Glenn W. Pfeil, board advisor for the Commercial Activities Committee held his first meeting with representatives from major shopping center yesterday at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce office.

Purpose of this committee is to seek to improve the business of retail merchants and to strengthen their relationship with the community. Through organized effort in this field the Torrance Chamber of Commerce expects to further develop the Torrance trading area.

Action of this committee should bring about better merchandising methods and encourage cooperative activities by which retailers can render better services at less cost. This committee when organized will provide information relative to our market area and will encourage business to work together.

Glenn W. Pfeil is co-publisher of the Torrance Herald and a member of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

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