

Social World

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CLUB HOSPITALITY . . . Regular meetings of the Woman's club feature a program of speakers, artists and other entertainers, who are followed by a tea, providing sociability for club members. Presiding at this tea table are from left, Mmes. H. F. Heinlein, Delbert Thomsen and Alma Smith, club hospitality chairman. Several parties throughout the year are always included on the social calendar.



MRS. J. G. LOUVIER
... Woman's Club President



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS . . . Mrs. E. A. Miles, center, who served as president of the Torrance Woman's club in 1940-41, and who has been a member for more than 30 years, shows the scrapbook of progress to two new members, Mrs. Val B. Lehnberg, left, and Mrs. Frank Neff, right. Mrs. Miles recalls the war years when the clubhouse housed the USO and said "one of the happiest days of my life was the day we paid off the clubhouse mortgage."



FOR GARDEN LOVERS . . . An active group in the local Woman's Club is its garden section, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the clubhouse. Representing this section are, from left, Mrs. Roy Apsey and Mrs. R. L. Rudy. Speakers and field trips are enjoyed by this group, who are also working to beautify the sunken garden at Civic Center in cooperation with City Beautiful of which Mrs. Apsey is chairman.



EXERCISE TALENTS . . . The theater holds a fascination for many talented Woman's Club members who are provided an opportunity to exercise their talents in the Drama Section, which will be directed during the coming year by Mrs. J. G. Laird. In rehearsal for one of the section's plays are Mrs. J. P. Bay, standing, and Mrs. Ervin Moudy. The Drama section will work with the club's chorus this year to entertain members.

Club Colors
Green and Yellow

Club Flower
Acacia

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SEW AND CHAT . . . Homecraft attracts a group of interested women every second and fourth Friday when they meet at a member's home at 10 a.m. Here, Mrs. Lee Stamps, last year's homecraft chairman, chats with Mrs. R. E. Moffitt as they knit. Mrs. Stamps is serving as chairman of the knitting group this year.



MUSIC ENJOYMENT . . . This year for the first time, the Woman's Club will have a music section. Mrs. Andrew Acampora, standing, is pictured with club pianist, Mrs. W. I. Laughon. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Acampora, the music section will sponsor a club chorus which will appear on club programs.

Catered Luncheon, Speaker

Torrance Woman's Club Begins Year Wednesday

Torrance Woman's Club, California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, will open its 1963-64 club year with a catered luncheon and program Wednesday, Oct. 2 at its clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. Mrs. J. G. Louvier, president for the coming year, will conduct her first meeting. At the 2 p.m. program, guest speaker will be Stary Gange, special consultant to the Southern California Gas Co. His topic will be "How High Is Up." Reservations, which will close at noon Monday, are being taken by Mmes. Delbert Thomsen, W. O. Clausing and Herman Mitchell. The Woman's Club, Torrance's oldest women's organization, was founded in 1921 when a group of women met at the home of Mrs. Ida Gilbert on March 18 to organize the club. The name "Vista Highlands Neighborhood Club," was chosen. The following year, the membership was thrown open to the women of Torrance and the name was changed to "Torrance Woman's Club." Affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs soon followed and plans were made for a badly needed clubhouse. The building at 1422 Engracia was dedicated in October 1925. In 1941, the clubhouse suffered earthquake damage and after repairs were made, it was declared a casualty station by the Defense Department. First financial contribution, made in 1921, was to the Near East Relief. In addition, special appeals were granted, such as, funds for an audiometer for the Torrance schools, aid to the Torrance Memorial Hospital, furnishings for the YMCA building, and support to a Navajo Indian boy for three years. Purpose of the club is "the advancement in all lines of general culture, for civic betterment and social welfare." Over the years, the club has made financial and material contributions to many organizations and persons. Besides its assistance during the past year to local organizations such as the YMCA, YWCA, Torrance Scout Center, Torrance American Field Service and schol-

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COMMUNITY INTEREST . . . Torrance Woman's Club, through the years, has put its shoulder to the wheel when there was a community need. During the past year, the club donated a projector and screen to the Torrance YWCA. Here, three chairmen look over their YWCA gift, from left, Mmes. Robert L. Orsini, community improvement chairman; Dean L. Sears, youth and education; and Leroy G. Pulliam, welfare and philanthropy.



CLASSICS AND BEST SELLERS . . . Book reviews, along with field trips to historical places, make up the agenda for the Woman's club literature section, which meets for coffee every fourth Monday at 10 a.m. in a member's home. Looking over a new book are, Mrs. Charles A. Perkins, standing, and Mrs. Wayne L. Norman, literature section chairman.