

Box Social Attended By 100 Gay Couples

The Las Vecinas Box Social last Saturday evening at the Hermosa Biltmore, was a huge success with approximately one hundred people attending. The box lunches were spectacular, both in their outside and inside dress. Bud Mewborn did a really magnificent job at auctioning the boxes, and had the gentlemen reaching deep into their wallets for their dinner.

As the hours of the night grew thin the party adjourned downstairs to the Red Giraffe Room where the clever music of Marvin Hatley, the one man

band, was greatly enjoyed. We hear that some of the husbands went home for their "musical horns" and the small hours of the morning found the party engrossed in a "home talent" display, and Jam Session. Mrs. Richard Cottrell, a member of Las Vecinas, and a former professional singer, sang several numbers for a very appreciative audience. It was early the next morning before the Box Lunch enthusiasts broke up their "social," and the party had definitely proved itself to be one of the most successful of all the gatherings the club has had.

West Basin Shows Rise in Population

TORRANCE—West Basin area acquired an estimated 3214 additional dwelling units and an increase in population of about 11,921 in the year of 1949, according to the figures released by the Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County. Torrance population in January, 1949, numbered 18,572; January, 1950, 21,248. Homes for January, 1949, numbered 5926, reaching 6516 in January, 1950.

Other areas were: Palos Verdes Estates, 1954 population in January 1949 with an increase to 2165 in January 1950. Fifty additional homes were built in the one-year period. Lomita and Peninsula population climbed from 11,216 to 11,760, with number of dwelling units jumping from 3501 to 3653.

Free Concert Sponsored by Adult School

Torrance Concert orchestra of the Adult Education Torrance schools, invites the public to a free concert of orchestra music and solos. Featured at this concert is the amazing voice of Jeanne Adams, Torrance High school student. The program will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday, 8 p. m., on March 30. The orchestra will be conducted by Abe Milstein, director of music, Torrance Unified schools.

Free Horse Show At Portuguese Bend Riding Club

PORTUGUESE BEND — The fun of family riding, where parents and children dress alike and ride as a family unit, will be featured at the Portuguese Bend Riding Club's free horse show Sunday afternoon at the Club's new show ring overlooking Catalina Channel. The seven-event gymkana includes a family class open to two or more members of one family. A trophy and ribbons will be awarded the family unit having the best general appearance and putting on the best riding performance. This is the second free show given during the current season by the Club, horse-riding center of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The show will start at 12:30 p. m.

Bus Depot to be Completed Soon

TORRANCE—A new bus depot under construction at 1625 Cabrillo avenue is slated to be ready for use by late next week, it was announced Tuesday, March 21, by Charles Gotta, owner. The facility is to include a large waiting room, restrooms, and a paved parking and loading area for busses.



PICTURED ABOVE—Hard at work are Ralph Jakubowski and Val Militch, Jr. Chamber members who urge (through the written word) that every resident in Torrance vote during the coming election. First stencils were made to encourage residents to vote on the School Bond election last Tuesday.

Mrs. Millar Elected as New Head of Elementary PTA

TORRANCE—Election of Torrance Elementary P-TA officers for the coming year, 1950-'51, are: President, Mrs. Melville Millar; 1st vice president, Robert Genter; 2nd vice president, William Clinkenbeard; recording secretary, Mrs. Edwin Hill; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Wood; auditor, Mrs. Kenneth Ruffell; historian, Miss Bethel May. The officers elected will be installed at the May meeting and will take office the first of July. What makes a Good Home? That was the interesting question answered by Mrs. Neal Stephenson, elementary extension

New Vice President For Toloha

TORRANCE—Toloha Club met Friday night, March 17, for their regular business meeting at the home of Mabel Slover at 1712 Martina. Margaret Pullman was co-hostess. Meeting was opened by Ruth Booth, president, with salute to the flag, and prayer given by Inez Ambil. Business for the meeting included the installation of Mrs. Slover as the new vice president, with Ann Tight appointed to the welfare committee. A social hour of games followed for the 16 members present, with prizes going to Polly Myerscough, Marjorie Lovell and Ann Hight. Refreshments and table decorations were on the St. Patrick's Day theme.

Salesmanship Class at Torrance Adult School

The round-table method of student participation has been introduced in the free sales class of the Torrance Adult School, held each Monday night at 7:30 in the Torrance High School. "The old method of sitting on school benches and waiting for your turn to be spoken to is gone for ever," said Ted Meier, salesmanship instructor. "Now, with everyone sitting around a big table similar to a board of directors' panel, everyone has a chance to ask dozens of questions and get all the answers. Super-salesmen, beginners, housewives—even technicians—are finding a new life and a new interest in one of the most valuable of all human skills," said Meier, "and our round-table is doing more than its share in bringing about dramatic changes in lives of men and women." The class features: How to get a job in sales, how to prepare for a selling career, how to make a sales presentation, and how to answer objections. Closing the sale is treated at great length. Go directly to class to register in room 204 of Torrance High School on Monday night at 7:30.

No Stop Light For 182nd Street

TORRANCE—Additional investigation of traffic conditions at 182nd and Hawthorne was not deemed necessary according to a recent statement from the Division of Highways. Statement was made after request by West Torrance residents that a stop light be installed there. Division of Highways reported that no additional traffic controls were deemed necessary.

Pandoras to Meet

WALTERIA — Pandora Club will meet tonight, March 23 at the Recreation Hall at 8 p. m., with Mrs. Joe Snow and Mrs. Frances Taylor as hostesses.

Edison Co. Pays % Of Earnings

TORRANCE—Southern California Edison Co. recently sent the City of Torrance a check for \$16,223.61 as their percent of the gross receipts and franchise earnings for the calendar year 1949.

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Las Vecinas Schedules March 30 Fashion Show

The monthly meeting of Las Vecinas, at 1:30 p. m., March 30, at the Hermosa Biltmore, will have a spring fashion show for members and guests, by the Mademoiselle Shop. Fashions to be modeled will include morning wear, dresses by Eleanor Green and Henry Rosenfeld, play clothes by Patti, suits by Lili Ann and Ruthford, and cocktail dresses. Modeling in the show will be members of Las Vecinas, Mmes. Alan McLaren, Richard Bleksley, Harvey Spelman, Jack Pomeroy, Don Stewart, Gene Byrd, Delbert Donk and William Beckman. Program Chairman, Mrs. Frank Hahover, encourages all members to turn out for the meeting and fashion show, as it promises to be one of our most entertaining afternoons. Members may invite their friends and neighbors, but are asked to notify Mrs. Hahover, or any member of the membership committee, before the tea if at all possible. Guest cards will also be available at the door for last minute guests.

Orange Street P-TA Re-elects Mrs. Kellogg President

LOMITA—Mrs. Robert P. Kellogg was re-elected president of the Orange Street P-TA at a meeting of the group in the school. Mrs. Kellogg will be installed at the June meeting with the following officers: Mmes. C. L. Wilson, 1st vice president; D. O. Jones, 2nd vice president; R. B. Hirsch, 3rd vice president; Harry Kanaster, secretary; Harry Kaempfer, treasurer; Floyd French, auditor; Donald Brown, historian. A program of school work demonstration was presented in the faculty under the supervision of Miss Frances Dasterac, principal, and Mrs. E. High.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 15, 1950 Editor Peninsula Press 1513 Border Avenue Torrance, California. Dear Miss Alvis: Congratulations on the bigger and better Press! This is obviously one big step forward, and I hope sincerely that it will be one of many, even bigger steps yet to come. My best wishes to you and the staff. Sincerely, DONALD MANASHAW, Director, Adult Education.

Petitions In Circulation

TORRANCE—Word was received this week that friends of Lyle O'Hara are circulating petitions for the re-opening of the position of postmaster for Torrance. To date, position is being filled temporarily by Clara Conner, widow of former postmaster, C. Carl Conner.

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