



**TALENTED TOE**—Willie Mae Bicht demonstrates new "speakerphone" in her Torrance home as Pacific Telephone representative Jack Clubb observes. Mrs. Bicht, a polio victim, does not have the use of her arms. But she dials her telephone calls with ease, using toe of her left foot (inset shows procedure close-up).

### POLIO VICTIM USES NEW TELEPHONE WITH EASE

Every try to dial a telephone with your toe? Eighteen-year-old Willie Mae Bicht of Torrance does it with ease. The pretty young housewife is a polio victim and has lost the use of her arms. But thanks to Pacific Telephone's new "hands free speakerphone" she can carry on a telephone conversation without difficulty.

**Small Microphone**  
The speakerphone lets her answer a call with a push of the toe. She talks through a miniature microphone and hears at a distance through a small loudspeaker. And Willie can dial with her toe faster than most people can with their fingers.

Invited seven years ago, Willie was immobile from the neck down. After years of hospitalization and treatment she has recovered the use of her lower limbs completely.

**Special Kitchen**  
The auburn-haired bride and her husband of six months, Henry, live at 3727 West 182nd street. Their comfortable duplex is kept neat as a pin and Willie has a specially-built low-level kitchen. She operates her push-button electric range with the toe of her left foot (she's a southpaw) and prepares evening meals.

There's time for recreation, too. Willie is an accomplished painter. She works with water colors primarily, but occasionally whips up a pencil sketch or charcoal drawing.

### JEAN McNEIL HOSTS GUEST

Jean McNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil, 2475 Torrance Blvd., had as her houseguest for a week her cousin Linda Prinity, of Los Angeles.

Thursday evening a dinner party, followed by a dance on the roof garden, was given for the following guests: Katy Waters, Phil Jarvis, Bob and Dennis Chapman.

Over the week-end the girls and Jean's parents went to Green Valley, where they enjoyed swimming, boating and dancing.

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce meets the second Monday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce office on El Prado near Crayens. The meetings convene at 4 p.m.

### Cleo Mortensen Wed In Late Afternoon Ceremony

In a late afternoon ceremony at Nativity Catholic Church, Robert Temple Trumbo, of Chicago, claimed Miss Cleo A. Mortensen, of Torrance, as his bride. Father E. Glynn officiated.

### Science Church Holds Duplicate Services Sunday

"In order to enjoy the prosperity we want, we must develop the capacity to expect it and to accept it. If we live in an atmosphere of limitation, and feel continually a lack of confidence in our ability to acquire money, health, expansion of knowledge or understanding, then we are forging our own chains of bondage," says Dr. Barnum, regarding the subject of his Sunday sermon.

The Church of Religious Science will have duplicate services on Sunday—the first at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 11:00 a.m. There will be concurrent, duplicate services of the Junior Church, and nursery facilities available for both services. There will be only one meeting of the Metateens at 11:00 a.m. The church is located in the Masonic Temple, Ruby and Catalina Streets, Redondo Beach.

The Youth of Religious Science meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Classroom.

### Exhibition of Swimming Skills Open

Probably the greatest program of aquatic attractions ever to assemble in the Los Angeles Harbor area will give exhibitions of their swimming and diving talents during the Sixth Army Swimming and Diving Meet at Fort MacArthur's pool in San Pedro tonight and tomorrow evening.

Heading the list of tank stars to appear on the program are Olympic diving champion and top United States woman diver, Pat McCormick, and her husband, Glen, coach at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and noted clown on the springboard.

The program starts at 7 p.m. each night and the public is invited free of charge. Fort MacArthur is located on the east side of South Pacific avenue in San Pedro. The pool is adjacent to the Officers' club.

### Local Girl Gets Lead In Harbor JC Production

Mickey Van Deventer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Van Deventer of 2203 Carson street, has received the leading role in the Pulitzer Prize winning play, PICNIC, which has been produced at Harbor Junior college.

The part was given to Mickey by the college's theater arts instructor, Dan D. Desmond. A graduate of Torrance High school in 1953, Mickey is regularly enrolled at the University of Redlands. She is attending summer school at Harbor JC, and plans to return to Redlands in September, it was disclosed.

Also appearing in the production are Mrs. Elsie Pestoff of Waleria, and Mrs. Faye Olsen of Torrance.

The bride's gown of embroidered tulle over satin, was complimented by an illusion veil held in place by a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a white prayer book embellished by orchids and stephanotis streamers. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Schwartz, of 1203 Felbar avenue, she was given in marriage by her father.

**Pastel Gown**  
Maid of honor Patricia Anne Rizzo, of Chicago, was gowned in pastel with flowers in matching hues. Little Petra Jean Mortensen preceded the bride down the aisle strewing flower petals. She wore a gown of yellow net over taffeta and carried shasta daisies with orchid gladiolus.

The benedict, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Trumbo of Chicago, was attended by E. Welnowski, also of Chicago.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Schwartz chose a gown of gray chantilly lace over pink taffeta. She wore an orchid corsage.

**Chicago Honeymoon**  
The couple left for a two-week honeymoon in Chicago, following the reception which was held at Moose Hall.

Both the bride and her husband completed their education in Chicago. They are planning to make their home in Torrance upon their return.

### Park Band Shell Gets Dual Bill

A free musical program is scheduled for this Sunday, July 17, at the Torrance Park Band Shell according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Both the Barber Shoppers, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. of the Centinella Valley Chapter, and the Ferraro Accordion Center will be on hand to entertain all picnickers. The program will start at 1 p.m., with Ferraro Accordionists, and at approximately 2:30 the Barber Shoppers will take over.

Participants from the Accordion Studio are: Soloists: Richard Johnson, Margaret James, Chuck Thibadeau, Ronnie Cude, Almeda Casebere, Mike McCamish, Zenna Bauhs and Dwain Hodges.

Intermediate Band: Dwain Hodges, Paul Onriquez, Karen Richards, Richard Johnson, Judy Nickel, Christine Rodriguez, Ronnie Cobabe, Ronnie Cude, Ernie Marin, Harvey Botelsen, Kathleen Thomas, Zenna Bauhs and Mike McCamish.

Junior Band: Billy Jordan, Trudy Edwards, Louis Evans, Billy Starns, Chuck Thibadeau, Jeff Brooks, John Nelson, Don Bjornlie, Joyce Kurtze, Jean Kozenok and Pat Green.

Beginners Band: Sue Bavlnka, Lorraine Rogers, Margaret James, Deanna Gwin, Terry Chriss, Marcia Roehl, Judy Moore, Almeda Casebere, Darlene Newton, Nancy Pauling, Carolyn Kromis, Mike Brown, LeRoy Crossman, Ralph Farrell, Glen Wattercotte, Edward Laue and Mimi Windsor. All are students of Davis Mitchnick.



**AFTERNOON CEREMONY**... Cleo A. Mortensen became the bride of Robert T. Trumbo, of Chicago, in ceremonies held at Nativity Catholic Church on Sunday, July 3. The couple are honeymooning in Chicago.

### P-T-A Special Committees Hold Meeting

The special committees of the Waleria P-T-A held meetings recently, according to Mrs. W. T. Allen, press chairman.

The first was the program planning meeting. The theme for the next year will be "Teamwork Does It." Those attending were Mmes. Glenn Hardcastle, C. W. Johnson, Carl Cramer, Charles Jackson, Alfred Artuso and Wm. T. Allen.

The second meeting was called by the by-law's committee. Those putting their okay on the laws were: Mmes. Charles Jackson, Carl Cramer, Glenn Hardcastle, R. F. Maynes, C. W. Johnson and Wm. T. Allen.

The third meeting was called to make out a budget for the coming year. Those attending the meeting were: Mmes. Ivan R. Lewis, Hector Herrera, R. F. Maynes, Glenn Hardcastle, Henry Fink, George Powell,

### Jewish Group Plans Picnic

Ben J. Lax, 43-year-old president of the Pacific Southwest Region of the United Synagogue of America, will speak to the Jewish Community of the South Bay on the meanings of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism on Wednesday, July 20, at 8:15 P.M. at 112 1/2 N. Catalina, Redondo Beach, according to Ben Kaufman, president of the South Bay group.

Mr. Lax, who has lived in Los Angeles County since 1921, has had a vast experience with Jewish communities in California and has gained a national reputation as editor and speaker. He will begin the series of programmed monthly meetings which have been planned by the South Bay Jewish Community. Kaufman disclosed.

Charles Jackson and Wm. T. Allen.

After each meeting refreshments were served. These were the final committee meeting. The next meeting will be the board meeting sometime in August, Mrs. Allen said.

### Senator Richards to Speak Before Youth Fellowship

California Senator Richard Richards will speak to the Methodist Youth Fellowship at First Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:00 on the Freedom of Assembly. J. Gene Walker will lead the worship service.

### Talent Show Has Europe Trip Theme

A talent show was held at McMasters' Park last Friday with North Torrance and McMasters combining their talents. The theme chosen was a summer vacation trip through Europe. The show was written and produced by Valerie Daniels and Vern Clary, recreation leaders at McMasters' Park, department officials disclosed.

The youngsters who entertained were: Eddie Neubauer, playing a clarinet solo; Annie Felty singing "I Wish I Had a Boyfriend"; Dorinda Larson and Sharon Flemmins doing a Hula number; Gary Henderson on the trumpet; Linda Cruz doing a toe dance; Toni and Ann Setling doing a novelty tap dance; Alfred Vincent, singing "Davy Crockett"; Bud Spencer singing the "Marine Hymn"; Maureen Bereskin, singing "Loch Lomond" and Wayne Norman playing the accordion. Emceeing the program was Sharon Wright.

The Torrance Recreation Department invites parents to attend these talent shows at their local recreation areas, it was announced.

The Torrance Educational Advisory Committee holds a luncheon meeting each Monday at noon at the YWCA building, corner Carson St. and Plaza Del Amo. The meetings are open to all Torrance residents.

Preceding the program the MYF will honor Senator Richards at a buffet dinner in Fellowship Hall. Members and friends of the church are invited to the program church officials stated.

Rev. Donald Shelby will be in the pulpit at the 9 and 11 a.m. services with the message, "Time to Spare for God." He will be assisted by Michael Mullen as Lay Reader at 9 and Marvin Schwab as Lay Reader at 11.

A quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brundin and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Peterson will sing "Brother James' Air," a musical setting of the twenty-third psalm. Mrs. Brundin's organ music will consist of "Crede in Unum Deum" by Titcomb and "Modal Menuet" by Thimann.

The Youth Choir will sing at the 10 o'clock Youth at worship service, it was reported.

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