

**BARBECUE**

Rev. and Mrs. William K. Schatz will be guests of honor at a barbecue on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Terry, 3421 229th st. Rev. Schatz is the new pastor of the Seaside Community church and the dinner is being given by the church board to welcome him to the community. Jerry Tepas and Marion Terry are in charge of the planning committee.

**Baby Shower**

A baby shower for Mrs. Robert Reeder was given recently by Mrs. J. E. Hammonds, 23261 Caroldale ave., Wilmington. Mrs. Roy Peterson was co-hostess.

Enjoying the evening of games and refreshments were the Mmes. Richard Carter, Jim Beauchamp, Gene Dupont, William Zappas, Walter Tasker and William Smith, and Miss Durfee Parkins.

**Senior Citizens Cheered at Home By Volunteer Visitors**

**'FRIENDLY VISITORS' NEEDED**

"Ladies who listen," someone has called the Friendly Visitors, willing volunteers of the Community Chest-aided Visiting Nurse assn. of Los Angeles who call on the sick and lonely, giving needed companionship and—most appreciated—a listening ear.

Visiting Nurses themselves, busy with an average call record of nine or 10 patients per day, long tried to fulfill the dual role of nurse and listener.

A busy nurse, all too aware of other patients awaiting her, cannot always remain long enough to satisfy an elderly patient full of tender reminiscence. And too often a daughter or son, returning tired from work, is inclined to brush off oft-repeated stories with a careless "You've told that before."

**Seek Help**  
Knowing this, Visiting Nurses is enlisting the help of comforting volunteers who call on schedule to brighten a shut-in's drab days. Senior Citizens of Los Angeles county cooperate in the recruitment program and VNA staff helps conduct a brief training program, matches patients and visitors compatibly and assigns Friendly Visitors to



*You Give Me Courage*

Mrs. Lydia Bergman (center) 21733 Dolores, Torrance, tells Friendly Visitor, Mrs. Mary Eden of 17309 Glenburn ave., North Torrance, (L), while Mrs. Mary Fisher of the Visiting Nurse Association of Los Angeles, smiles agreement. Other visiting volunteers are needed and may enlist by calling the Community-Chest aided VNA offices in the Harbor Area at 1841 Torrance blvd., Torrance (FA 8-7755).

their calls. Such a Friendly Visitor in the Harbor area is Mrs. Mary Eden of 17309 Glenburn ave. Among the VNA patients she visits is Mrs. Lydia Bergman of 21733 Dolores st. Mrs. Bergman, before her illness a busy housewife and

neighbor, looks forward to Mrs. Eden's bi-weekly visits as eagerly as she welcomes the ministrations of her Visiting Nurse.

**Feels Lucky**  
"I am a lucky one," she smiles, beaming fondly on them and on her neighbor-housekeeper, Mrs. Frances Ruiz of 310 1/2 E. Carson st. "It is good, with my children grown and gone, to have such nearby friends. They have helped my courage. Now I begin to get outside in my walker. Encouraged by them, I now again sell greeting cards and stationary, as I've always done, to many friends and neighbors. I can keep in touch by telephone but sometime I'll be out, calling around my neighborhood again."

Mrs. Eden, the friendly visitor, feels that she receives as

much as is given. "I was a stranger here. Before moving to Torrance, I had worked. While I love my home and my family, I like to be doing something to help other people, too. I have always loved older people and as a friendly visitor I myself have found new and wonderful friends."

Friendly visiting, Mrs. Eden assures other prospective volunteers, is so self-rewarding that it's worth even the long trips on buses that she takes from one end of Torrance to the other.

She wishes that other women, particularly those with cars, would volunteer. Right now, for example, Mrs. Bergman would love to attend handicraft classes but is unable without a car. Many older people would welcome visits and little outings.

Those interested in this volunteer service are asked to call Florence Peters, supervisor at the Harbor offices of the VNA, 1841 Torrance blvd., FA. 8-7755.

**AUXILIARY MATERNITY TEA SET**

The first in a series of maternity teas to be given by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Torrance Memorial Hospital, was held recently.

The purpose of the meetings is to acquaint the patients with the hospital labor and delivery rooms so as to do away with any apprehension concerning childbirth.

The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of every month, in the doctor's lounge of the new wing of the hospital at 1 p.m. Any expectant mother six months or more pregnant is invited. There is no charge.

Chairman of the committee is Mrs. John Beeman. Hostesses are Mmes. O. E. Easley, Paul Roettger, Robert McCormick and Emil Lichina.

**Local Pilots Return From Canada Trip**

Mrs. Leola Cork, president of the Pilot club of Torrance, and Mrs. Peg DeJaifre, past-president, have returned from their vacations, during which time they attended the thirty-sixth international convention of Pilot International held July 10-13 at the Royal York hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where they witnessed the installation of Miss Billye Russell, of Houston, Texas, as president of Pilot International.

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