

Area Brides Feted at Prenuptial Parties

Torrance Couple Celebrate
50th Wedding Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. E. B. PURCELL
Wed 50 Years

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary last Monday were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Purcell of 1617 Post ave. Open house was held from 2-4 p.m. for 75 guests, the reception taking place in the rumpus room.

Present for the occasion were two sisters, a sister-in-law and a brother of Mrs. Purcell. They were Mrs. Ratha Frazier of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. S. R. Travers, Westchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Foreman of Torrance.

The Purcells were married September 1, 1908 at Missouri Valley, Iowa, and moved to California about 18 years ago. They have been Torrance residents since October 57.

Seven dozen cards, telegrams and phone calls were received by the couple, as well as four dozen gifts. Mrs. May Bell of St. Louis telephoned and a phone call was received from Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williamson of Modale, Iowa, later a sister of Mrs. Purcell.

Helping to serve refreshments which included a three tiered cake decorated with gold roses and leaves, were Mmes. J. P. Taylor, Van Nuys; S. R. Travers, and M. Foreman.

Mrs. Elzie Jones took charge of the guest book.

PV Players Plan Open Meeting

Jitney Dinner Planned by Club

Palos Verdes Players, under the guidance of their new president, Marcia Graves, will entertain members and newcomers at its first meeting tomorrow night at 7:30. An open invitation is extended to all interested in attending the program to be held at Malaga Cove School auditorium, Palos Verdes Estates.

Continuing their past policy of producing three dramatic plays each season means that new talents will be sought for stagecraft, art work, prompting, and other theater activities, as well as for acting.

Special emphasis will be placed on social activities in conjunction with meetings and special events.

Tomorrow's meeting will be highlighted by a musical program with Ed Siani, master of ceremonies, songs by Lillian Beauchamp and Melba Arden, dances by Paul Owsley, and a special act by Rena Jean and Miles Middough.

The schedule and names of plays for the forthcoming season will be announced at the meeting.

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Two area brides of last weekend and a bride-to-be have been honored in the weeks preceding their marriages, with parties and showers given by friends and relatives.

Gloria Bowen

Miss Gloria Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Bowen, 1225 Madrid ave., whose marriage to John Haskell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Haskell of Gardena, will be Saturday event, was honored at a recent shower given by her aunt, Mrs. Forest Learman of Lomita.

A pink and white color scheme was carried out in the floral decorations, and gift wrappings and the angel food cake was iced in pink. Wedding bells decorated the nutcups.

Party Guests

On the guest list were Mmes. James Brown, Sal Felix, Ralph Husterlid, Fred Kloepenburg, Robert Gray, Dean Nelson, Delbert Thomas, Peggy Germain, and the Misses Gloria Lamoureaux, Corella Brunner, Arlene Kastrup, Rose Germain, Judy Wurtz and Anne Bowen, sister of the bride, all of Torrance.

Also Mrs. William Anderson of Compton, Mrs. David Honilin, Los Angeles, Mrs. Randy Womack and Mrs. Reginald Wurtz, Redondo, Mrs. C. L. Bennett and Mrs. W. J. Kennedy of Gardena.

Unable to attend but sending gifts for the miscellaneous shower were Mrs. Phillip Haskell, Mrs. Carl Wood, Mrs. Betty Jean Fenwick, Mrs. Earl Holmstedt and Erleen Robeson.

Yellow and White

Hostesses at another miscellaneous shower for Miss Bowen, were Miss Nella MacDonald and Miss Susan Walker, the party held in the home of Miss MacDonald's parents, the J. G. MacDonalds of Acacia ave.

A yellow and white color scheme was used in the flowers and the refreshments. The cake centerpiece was iced in yellow with the names Gloria and John entwined in two hearts.

Classmate

Guests were classmates of the bride-to-be when she attended Mary Mount in Palos Verdes. Taking part in the festivities were Joyce Loeffler, Gale Dougherty, Lynn Moore, Patricia Earl, Anne and Mary Gilles, Brenda Peck, Susan Stone, Donna Grady, Marie Bahner.

Also Paula Emmick, Vivian Zak, Claudia Smith, Jean McNeil, Penne Praigg, Peggy Ravis, Alice Gatti, Betty Sue Allred.

Mothers attending were Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Gerald Macdonald, Mrs. Harry Walker. Unable to come but sending gifts were Mrs. Thomas McNeil, Mrs. L. J. Young, and Nancy Dapico.

An out of town guest was Miss Claire Harwood of Ferndale, Washington, formerly of Torrance. Miss Harwood is a member of North High School, class of '57.

Dinner will be open to the public, the only stipulation that each bring a hot dish, salad or dessert, and their own table service.

Servings will be sold to benefit the club funds.

Dr. C. B. Houghton will be the after dinner speaker, his subject, "Soil Correction."

There will be door prizes and a plant table prize.

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Another volunteer service of club members was that of Mrs. Don Wolf, president, and Mrs. Howard Wood, in helping this summer at the well children's clinic at the Health Center.

New Members

Mrs. Lee Stamps, membership chairman, read the names of eight applicants for club membership.

Lioness Club
Plans Picnic

Meeting in business session Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. B. McFee, 810 Madrid, members of Torrance Lioness Club made plans for a picnic to be held September 13 in McMasters Park. Husbands of the members will be special guests at the dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Newell Larsen was appointed chairman and will not yet named.

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