

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES CLUBS SECTION

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OPEN AIR ART SHOW—Members of South Bay Community Art Association will stage an all day open air art show Sunday in Palos Verdes, in the Grandview Real Estate parking lot, at the intersection of Crest Rd. and Palos Verdes Drive W. Among the noted local artists showing all forms of art work will be Donna Nix, left, Moni Gillette, and Larry Hayward.

Women Voters Offer Pamphlet

A brief summary and the pros and cons of the state ballot measures to be voted on Tuesday, Nov. 4, is published by the California State League of Women Voters and distributed to interested citizens by the local League of Women Voters. This information is presented to help the voter better understand the ballot measures and the argument put forth by the supporters and those against the propositions. Everyone interested in obtaining this pamphlet is invited to contact Mrs. Robert Thompson at FRontier 5-1061.

Florence Blake Gives Talk

Florence Blake of the Florence Blake Personality Studio, was the guest speaker for the recent open meeting of Omicron Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Miss Blake discussed to value of charm and poise to today's modern woman. Members and guests attending included Mmes. Jack Hadley, Walt Tempin, Harley Lynch, Jack Rogers, Don Heany, Gordon Olson, Joseph Wolfe, John D'Ornelles, Benjie Friberg, Harry Martin, Bill Swisher, Joe Banks, Ed Ltaker, Francis Gouliart. Also Charles Gardner, Harold Smith, Larry Lance, Ralph Brogdon Jr., Russell Rettig, Stanley Wright.

South Bay Artists to Display Paintings at Fashion-Art Tea

Some of South Bay's most talented women artists will contribute paintings to be displayed in connection with Temple Menorah's "Fashion Art Tea" Nov. 3 in Torrance Civic Auditorium. Paintings will range from the contemporary to traditional. All these artists are members of the Torrance Art Group or the South Bay Community Art Association. Many continue with their art while raising children, and taking part in civic activities.

Artist Mother
Mrs. Marion Cummings, mother of two children, has studied under Loren Feltelson and Edward Reep, and has been awarded honors by Torrance art groups.

Prize Winner
Dale Sexton, reknown for her portraiture, is self taught. She recently won first prize in the City Hall Tower Show in L.A.

Range of all their talents and interests will be evident in their exhibits.

Tickets for tomorrow's fashion-art event are being sold by Temple Menorah Sisterhood members. Mrs. Norbal Luman, co-chairman may be contacted at FR 5-6906.

Engagement Is Announced

The engagement of Miss Lena Belle Brownell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Brownell, 22408 Denker Ave., to Edward William Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ryan of Gardena, is announced today. The wedding will take place at noon Nov. 22 in the First Methodist Church of Torrance. Rev. John Taylor officiating. A reception will follow in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Allen. Miss Brownell comes from New York state and is a graduate of Marinello School of Cosmetology. Her groom-elect is on the Los Angeles Police force.

CFWC to Hold Lennox Meeting

The next District Executive board meeting of the California Federation of Women's Clubs will be held Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. in the Lennox Women's Club, 4441 Lennox Blvd. Mrs. Grant Putnam, president of the Marina District 18 CFWC, will preside over the representatives of 23 clubs in the South West Bay area. In the absence of Mrs. Lloyd Christmore, president of the Lennox Women's Club, Mrs. Gishbrook, vice president will act as welcoming chairman.

Kindergarten Parents Welcomed

Carl Carter, principal of Dolores Street School, welcomed parents of kindergarten pupils at the school Oct. 15 and answered questions about the curriculum. Vice principal C. K. Currey invited all parents to participate in the school and PTA activities. Mrs. Mary Ann Shong, school nurse, spoke on health of kindergarten youngsters. Teachers Maurice James, Mrs. Katherine Grant, Miss Linda Land, Mrs. Esther Howell, and Mrs. Erma Naby, each spoke on a part of the curriculum. First grade mother served refreshments.

U. S., French Schools Compared

Womna's Club Members to See Kodachrome Report on Russia

Dr. Wendell L. Miller of Rollings Hills, world traveler, photographer, and lecturer, will be the guest speaker at Wednesday's meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club. His topic will be "Kodachrome Report on Russia and Other Countries Covered This Summer." The meeting will start at 1 o'clock with a business session to precede the program. A silver tea follows with Mrs. R. Bingham, chairman, assisted by Mmes. E. L. Snodgrass, J. W. Post, and Carl Steele.

Future Program
Club members are also looking forward to their Nov. 19 meeting at which Robert Collins of Windsor Florists will illustrate "Fall Season and Artificial Flower Arrangements."

Next ways and means project will be the luncheon and fashion show at the Plush Horse, Nov. 22. This is a joint project of senior and junior clubs. Althea Clifford, chairman, announces that tickets will be \$4, and sold on a "first come" basis. They are now available.

Garden Club to Have Speaker

Ideas on outside decorating with lights will be presented to members of Riviera Garden Club and their husbands Nov. 5 by a speaker from the Edison Co. The club will be entertained in the home of Mrs. Charles John, 5413 Via del Valle. Mrs. Merrill Bickmore will be co-hostess.

Mrs. Merrill Peavy, club president, will give a report on the Oct. 17 meeting of District 2 Garden Clubs, held in Long Beach. Members who attend the October meeting assisted Mrs. Agnes Wright, ways and means chairman, in preparing for the rummage sale at the Assistance League in San Pedro.

Mrs. John Glenn was elected treasurer following the resignation of Mrs. Lawrence Murdock. Mrs. Peavy led a workshop on corsage making Oct. 23 at the home of Mrs. George Shipway.

The Riviera club was the recent recipient of a society membership in the Horticultural Society of England as a prize in a "Blue Whale" contest. Members have begun compiling a flower arrangement notebook, which when finished, may be used by club members.

Joins Sorority

Delyna Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Smith, 18004 Emmita has been welcomed as a member of a sorority of the University of Redlands. She was presented as a new member by Alpha Sigma Pi sorority at the recent "Presents Night" ceremonies.



LENA BELL BROWNELL
Bride-Elect
Photo by Seemans



ANITA WOOD
February Bride

Anita Wood Is Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Wood, 24607 Madison St. are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Anita, to Lester Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Barbourville, Ky. The wedding date has been set for February 1959.

Miss Wood is a graduate of Torrance High School and is currently attending El Camino College. The groom-elect was graduated from Knox Central High in Barbourville, class of '54. He is serving in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Long Beach.



DOLLS in traditional dress are reminders of year's stay in France. Included are dolls from countries visited by Miss Ruth Lanman, fourth grade teacher at Halldale School, during a year's stay in France, England, Italy, Belgium, Spain, Austria and the Vatican City.

So You Think School is Tough?

A Torrance student in France would find the going pretty rough. According to the Ruth Lanman, just returned from a year of teaching in France, American students just don't know how easy they have it. But Miss Lanman who teaches 4th grade at Halldale Elementary School, defends the American system. "Though you might find more egg-heads in France there are also more at the other extreme, with no education at all," she points out.

Youngsters Have Halloween Party

One of the youngest groups in the South Bay area to pay official homage to Halloween, were the three and four year old members of Coast Nursery School, 4565 Sharynne Lane, who held a costume party at the school Friday morning.

Dressed in masquerade outfits, they pasted Halloween cut-outs and had pumpkin cookies and cupcakes.

Providing the cutouts were Mrs. Gerald Billings and Mrs. G. Worth. Providing refreshments were Mmes. Bob Burke, Nelson Pixley, party chairman, John Schulz, and Gerald Billings. The nursery school is cooperative and under the auspices of the adult education department of Torrance. Mrs. Azile Kokos is the teacher.

Dance Fund To be Raised

Mothers of seventh and eighth grade pupils at Riviera are holding a series of get-acquainted coffees as a fund raising project to make dancing lessons possible for their boys and girls.

The donation will be 75 cents each. The coffees will be given at the school between 10-11:30 a.m. by Mrs. F. Sedgwick on Oct. 29; Mrs. Sydney Greene, Mrs. J. Cassell, Mrs. L. Wing on Oct. 30; and by Mrs. Harvey Spellman, Nov. 13.

The first dances are to be held in the Riviera School Cafeteria. Mrs. Buff Week, former Arthur Murray instructor will give dancing lessons the first hour of each dance.

The dances for the 2 groups of eighth graders will be held on Oct. 24, the dances for the three 7th grade groups Oct. 31, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Miss Lanman admits that as far as courses given in the primary grades are concerned, the French have one up on us. Science is taught in the first grade along with script, which doesn't make its appearance here until the third grade.

In Verdun the French children go to school at 9 a.m. They return home for a long lunch period at noon and then go back to school from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

After school they must spend another 3 to 4 hours on home work. No fudging is possible, since the parents sign a slip at the first of the year promising that the homework will be done. School is compulsory until the age of 10 or 12. Those who continually fail remain in the first grade no matter how old they are.

Boys and girls are separated far more in France than in the United States, and in the upper grades often do not attend school together.

This separation of boys and girls, which is common in most European schools and many private schools here as well, may even be necessary in view of the very difficult program of studies the kids carry.

It is not a hard, fast rule though. If the school the boys attend gives a course not offered the girls' the students are allowed to switch back and forth.

She said that there are no public vocational schools in France and the less gifted must suffer as a consequence. The emphasis is on the intellect. The schools refuse to take anything else into consideration.

As to just why the two school systems are so far apart, Miss Lanman says it is because, "the

whole theory of education is different." In United States more time is spent on the foundation. In France for example, the basic arithmetic facts are introduced early and put to immediate use.

"The American idea is to teach the child to ask the question why and then the method of reaching an answer," says Miss Lanman. Learning to use reference material and libraries is very important.

With all the differences in the schools the French child is pretty much like his American counterpart. Children are children the world over, she said. "The is interest in Soccer, the national game and other sports, though they are not as encouraged as in American schools.

Miss Lanman enjoyed her stay in France and says that she would like to go back someday. She took a year's leave of absence from the school here for the opportunity to see Europe and brush up on her French.

She misses the French countryside which she describes as very beautiful and the cooking. "I am one of those people who don't gain weight," she says, "and I like French food because it is rich."

When it comes down to a choice though, Miss Lanman states that she definitely favors the American school system.

Parents Invited

Parents of Torrance High School students are invited to attend a brief PTA business meeting Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Questions of general interest to parents will be discussed by the Home Room teachers of special departments.

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