



Surprise Birthday Feted Southern Style

White lies and subterfuge, along with five weeks of planning, laid the groundwork for the surprise birthday party to honor Mrs. Frank Thompson of 2009 Santa Fe.

Relatives, neighbors and office friends all had a part in the surprise dinner party planned by her mother, Mrs. Mary Duke.

Cramming into a tiny guest house, the 21 guests popped out to catch Mrs. Thompson completely unaware as she arrived from work at Dr. Gethner's office.

Tables groaning with specialties prepared by Mrs. Duke, a native of Georgia, were arranged in the garden decorated for the occasion.

Turkey, glazed apples stuffed with cottage cheese and pecans, and baked yellowtail were only part of the elaborate southern

Hi Neighbors Go Hobo Style

Hi Neighbors will hold their May meeting at the home of Mrs. Richard Fleming with Mrs. David Brandes co-hostess.

Hobo outfits were the style recently when the club members held their April get-together at the home of Mrs. Ralph Madden.

A July fashion show and a future theater party were planned.

Members exchanged white elephant gifts and played games with prizes awarded winners. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lorin Ambrosio.

HAWAIIAN LOOT — Looking over the purchases they made in the islands are from left, Mrs. Fay Parks, holding "Cocoanut Willie"; Mrs. Ladeene Chamberlain and Maybel Banks.

They followed the recent Chamber of Commerce trip with an added stay in the Islands and came back loaded with Hawaiian dress and novelties.

Hawaiian Tour Members Return With Praise for New State

The people are friendly, the climate balmy, the food perfection. Where? Hawaii, of course.

Returning tanned and enthusiastic, members of the recent Chamber of Commerce tour had nothing but praise for the 50th state.

Mrs. Ladeene Chamberlain and her mother, Maybel Banks, part of the group of 43, followed up the eight days, with a little sight-seeing of their own.

Visiting the outer islands, they found the blueness of the ocean and the absence of smog just as the tourist books state.

Mrs. Chamberlain added to the excitement of the trip with a ride through the surf in an outrigger canoe. She and her mother also

enjoyed extensive shopping trips and visited the largest pineapple cannery in the world. "Fresh pineapple," she states "is delicious, nothing compares to it here."

All in all, the food and the night life met with their hearty approval. Only one item drew a "no" vote and that was Poi, the native staple, which Mrs. Chamberlain admittedly couldn't eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Parks also left the chamber group for a visit to the outlying islands staying a total of three weeks.

Hopping by plane from island to island, they stayed on Kauai, Hawaii and Maui.

They found the coast of Kauai especially to their liking. "It isn't commercialized at all" explained Mrs. Parks, who added that to Hawaiians dancing seems as natural as eating.

The Parks dropped in on several former Torrance residents during their stay. Commander J. Slover treated the whole party to a special tour of the Pearl Harbor base.

Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, former rector of St. Andrews Episcopal church is now serving as rector of St. Clements in Honolulu. Others visited were Charles Gailey and Ralph and Jean Davis.

The trip meant a lot to the Parks in another way, too. They were present for the displaying of the first new Hawaiian flag during their stay at the Hawaiian Village Hotel, Honolulu. Everywhere they say, they were greeted with very thrilled members of the new State.

Mrs. Parks, who visited Alaska just before Statehood, enjoyed the added historic aspect of the vac-

ation. Both Mrs. Chamberlain and her mother and the Parks were happy with the way the Chamber handled the trip. "It was very well planned," states Mrs. Parks, "everywhere we went there was a big fuss made over us."

Convention Time Noted by Club

Torrance Civinettes will discuss plans for the Southern District's International convention at San Jose, May 14, at tomorrow's luncheon board meeting at the Italian Kitchen on Crenshaw.

A special dinner meeting will be held by the group at the Palms, May 5, with election of officers following at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Kenneth Christofferson is in charge of the dinner arrangements.

'Return Home' Diplomas Given Past Presidents

Diplomas entitling the bearer to return to home and family were awarded outgoing presidents of the Torrance Council of PTA at a recent luncheon in their home.

Flower-filled May baskets lined the tables for the "May Day" affair at the Push Horse with the new PTA

presidents receiving favors stating, "It's Your Baby Now."

Mrs. William Poser, president-elect, and Mrs. Kenneth McVey, outgoing council president, were presented corsages.

Mrs. McVey gave a brief biography of the PTA work of Mrs. Poser.

Mrs. Posner has been president of the Meadow Park PTA for two years and has served as corresponding secretary, 4th and 2nd vice-president on the council. She is now parliamentarian at Calle Mayor.

A "teaser" for the variety show at Torrance High School was portrayed by Mmes. Robert Habengough, chairman, and Doyle Henderson.

Committee in charge of luncheon arrangements were Mrs. James F. McClure, chairman, Mmes. Edward Conroy, D. C. Robbins, P. M. Crossman, Francis Stutler and Herbert Bailey.

New presidents honored were: Anza, Mmes. Donald Wrench; Arlington, F. G. Quattrini; Carr, Perry Baker; Casimir, L. C. Graham; Crenshaw, Lonnie Mans-

ken; Edison, John McFadden; Fern-Greenwood, G. W. Ackerman; Flavian, Charles Peterson; Hillsdale, Francis Davidson;

Wood, Mmes. Hiro Muranaka; Madrona, V. G. Bliss; Meadow Park, Leon Maxie; Newton, D. C. Robbins; North High, W. H. Bayliff; Parkway, Floyd Newton; Perry, Edward Murawski; Riviera, James Madden; Seaside, Jim Miller; Sepulveda, Herbert Bailey.

South High School, Mmes. R. C. Williams; Steele, John Hubseek; Torrance Elementary, James McClure; Torrance High, Robert Moffett; Walteria, James Birmingham; Calle Mayor, Donald Moore; Hamilton, Myron Spaulding; Magruder, Elmer Ecker; Jefferson, M. Buxton.

Thirty-nine delegates will attend the state convention in Los Angeles from the Torrance Council, May 6, 7 and 8. Membership for PTA in Torrance Council, 33rd District, now rates fourth in the district of 22 councils. The figure is 16,702.



MRS. RAY REESE

District President to Install at Annual Brunch

Mrs. Ray Reese, 33rd District president will install officers for the new year at the annual brunch of the Torrance Council, 33rd District C.C.P.T., May 12.

Mrs. Reese heads 21 councils and 430 PTAs totaling a membership of 250,000, and is a member of the state board of the California congress of PTAs.

Other district people invited to attend the meeting are: Mmes. George C. Gordon, spiritual and character education chairman and Harry Bimber, extension chairman. Mrs. Bimber has helped organize the new PTA units in Torrance Council this year. They include: Jefferson, Calle Mayor, Hamilton, Magruder, Columbia and Yukon.

Girl Scouts Get Set for Summer Camp

Summer is almost here and for all Girl Scouts that means time for Day Camp.

Central Torrance Neighborhood will hold its Day Camp at Torrance Park June 22 to 26 with the traditional "overnight."

Training for adult personnel will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia Ave., on May 4, 7, 14, 18 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Child care will be provided for a fee of 25 cents per day.

Both the Day Camp and training sessions will be under the direction of Mmes. Sid Sullivan, director; Iris Meyers, assistant director; Marie Bowers, business manager, and Rhoda Major, assistant director and equipment manager.

BANQUET HELD
Founder's Day was celebrated yesterday by members of XI Zeta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with a banquet at the Push Horse.

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DOLLS AND LITTLE GIRLS got together and the annual St. Margaret Mary School Carnival next Wednesday will have a whole array of dolls to choose from. Looking over part of the selection are, from left: Carol Hammond, fourth

grade; Linda Miller, fourth grade; Cheryl Gardner, fifth grade, and Elaine Spellman, first grade. Other booths and attractions will also be offered.

School Carnival
The annual St. Margaret Mary School Carnival will be held May 6, 25515 Eshelman, Lomita, from 12 noon to 9 p.m., when the Coronation of the Carnival's King and Queen will take place.

Booths with games and prizes, hotdogs, hamburgers, Mexican food and pizza will be featured during the day, with a special pizza dinner served from 5 to 7:30 p. m.

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