

## Los Cancioneros Members to Rehearse Numbers for Annual Spring Variety

Members of Los Cancioneros are busy rehearsing for the annual spring variety show which will be presented in early June.

The mixed choral group, which has literally "grown up" with the South Bay area, was originally formed in 1949 when a small group of neighbors in Hollywood Riviera met to sing for fun. They chose as their director Mrs. Thomas (Barbara) Mabin and William Beck-

man became their first president. In keeping with the Spanish influences of the area, they chose the musical-sounding name "Los Cancioneros," which means "the singers."

The chorus is unique as an amateur musical organization in that it is entirely self-supporting and self-governing. The various expenses incurred by the group are covered by membership

dues and by proceeds from concerts which are given throughout the year.

From these beginnings, the group now has a membership from a large area of Southwest Los Angeles. The singers come from many professions and occupations to rehearse weekly at the Dapplegrey School in Palos Verdes.

New members, who are auditioned and accepted by the director, Lyle Heck, join

a group of people who enjoy singing and who are willing to give the time and effort to sing good music well.

Many members have been with Los Cancioneros for some time and most who have found it necessary to retire, retain their interest in the group and join the roster of Los Amigos, friends of the organization, who contribute in many ways to the success of the various activities.

The established concert format features the chorus in traditional concert music the first half of the year, with the latter half devoted to an informal program.

Activities this year have been a concert in memory of Dag Hammarskjold for the American Association for the United Nations in San Pedro; a Christmas concert sponsored by the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association; a program for the Wilmington Kiwanis Club, and a Music Scholarship concert at El Camino College.



BASEBALL BALL — Women's auxiliary to the Torrance Central Little League are engaged in much preparation for the "Batters Up" dance which will be held Saturday, May 5, at the Elks Club. Here, Mrs. Eugene Lenk (left) and Mrs. William Steinberg, decorations chairmen, are being assisted by little leaguers Mark Steinberg, 10, and Gary Isbell, 11. Tickets are now being sold by auxiliary members for the event, which will begin at 9 p.m.

(Press Photo)

## "Batters Up" Dance Scheduled for May

The Women's Auxiliary to the Torrance Central Little League has scheduled its "Batters Up" dance for May 5 at Torrance Elks Club, 7820 Abalone.

Providing the musical entertainment for the evening will be Les Tronsiers and his band. Guests will be able to dance all of the old favorites as well as "twisty"

new ones.

The event will begin at 9 p.m. Prizes to be given away during the dance include a portable television as well as many other valuable gifts.

Tickets are being sold now by Torrance Central Little League Women's Auxiliary members. According to the dance committee, persons wishing to purchase their ticket at the door may do so.



BUSY HANDS — Taking care of those "last minute" preparations for the Freshman Mothers' Tea are North High School PTA members Mmes. Robert Dean, Frank Oldt, and W. H.

Bayliff. The event, to be held Tuesday, April 24, from 2:30 until 4 p.m., is given to honor and orient the mothers of eighth grade students in the North High School area. (Press Photo)

## Order of Amaranth Farewell Night Honors Outgoing Officers

Honored Lady Betty Kendall, royal matron, and Sir Knight Albert Bayes, royal patron, presided at Lomita Court Order of Amaranth held in the Torrance Masonic Temple for the last stated meeting of their year.

A full corps of officers were present to honor them on farewell night. Seated on the throne were H. L. Helen Wilson, '61 district deputy grand royal matron; H. L. Virginia Deebie, '61 assistant grand lecturer to Lomita Court. Also, H. L. Gladys Mothersell received a welcome as new grand officer of the court.

Five royal matrons of neighboring courts were escorted to the throne by H. L. Barbara Stevens, marshal in the east and H. L. Marguerite Morgan, marshal in the west. Also attending were ten past royal matrons and six past royal patrons who were given customary honors.

H. L. Mable Moore carried the standard of the order as candidate for the Amaranthian degree, Marguerite McDonald was conducted through initiation ceremonies by conductress H. L. Mildred Mittan and associate conductress H. L. Rosalie Bayes. S. K. Albert Bayes, R. P. president and H. L. Betty Kendall, R.M., bestowed the degree of the acculate upon the new member, giving her the title of honored lady. H. L. Mona Brizendine, prelate, lead the court in prayer.

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## Seven Awards Taken by Torrance Woman's Club at Convention

Torrance Woman's Club, Marina District 18, won seven awards at the District convention held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica April 12 and 13.

Mrs. R. E. Moffitt brought back to the club a first place award for the press book; Mrs. John Thuss accepted a first place for conservation, and Mrs. Godfrey Nelson won a first place award in creative writing for a short story.

Second place awards were captured for the club by Mrs. D. G. DeHoog in art; Mrs. Godfrey Nelson in literature; Mrs. H. G. Osborne, health and welfare; Mrs. M. A. Wright, scholarships. An honorable mention award was presented to the club president, Mrs. Lee Stamps, for community improvement and status of women.

Awards are presented in three categories: small clubs up to 100, clubs with membership of 100 to 175, and large clubs of 175 and over. Torrance Woman's Club has a membership of 176, which puts it in the large club category and competing with the large clubs in the district, many of which are much larger.

The treasures are the finished products of the students' efforts to develop their artistic talent under the guidance of Miss Grube, professional artist.

The presentation of twelve awards—for the best water color, oil painting and linoleum block in each of four age groups—marked the occasion. Scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m., the reception was open to anyone interested in attending.

Torrance students who have been studying with the artist for the past year or two and whose work was on display, include the following: Carol Sauer, 13, 5625 Calle de Cardo; Gathie Turner, 14, 2850 Onrado St.; Rose Marie di Santo, 13, 606 Via las Mirados; Jim Kucheman, 9, 5114 Via El Sereno; Elaine Bastajian, 11, 109 Via Alamita; Linda Green, 8, 224 Via Monte d'Oro; Patty Weinsheimer, 11, 28029 Montiriena Dr.; Pedro; Robin Stillwell, 9, 205 Calle Mayor, Keith Stefan, 13, 419 Mesa Grande; Meredith Feltman, 8, Via La Concha; Terie Bone, 10, 6202 Pacific Coast Highway; and Michelle Phillips, 8, 5309 Calle de Ricardo, Torrance.

Assisting Miss Grube as hostess was Mrs. Eunice Bastajian, Lila Stefan, Hazel Di Santo.

Social Meeting — New England State Society of Torrance invites all New Englanders to attend a meeting and social Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Normandale Playground, 22400 Halldale Ave., Torrance. For more information call Carl A. Anderson, 2502 Armour Lane, Redondo Beach, FR 9-2249.

Adoptive Parents Honored at Sir Beaumains Chapter Tea

Sir Beaumains Chapter of Children's Home Society, held a coffee honoring local adoptive parents of Children's Home Society and prospective members, at the Torrance home of the president, Mrs. John Rissler, during the month of March.

Mrs. Marguerite Tandomsky, southern director of volunteers, was the guest speaker and explained the services of Children's Home Society and the functions of the auxiliaries to the guests. Guests were Mmes. William Tyler, James McGivern, Thomas Tucker, Elvin Hamilton, Joseph Blaikie, M. A. Johnston and Gloria Barbour.

1031 children were placed for adoption throughout the state during 1961. Seventeen per cent of the society's 1961 program was financed by funds raised by the different auxiliaries. This underwrote the cost of services to more than one out of every six children and families served throughout the state.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gordan Rulien, March 23. Two provisional members, Mrs. William Tyler and Mrs. Gloria Barbour, were accepted. Guests at the meeting were Mmes. Dwight Hill, Ray Sandler, Richard Longaker and M. A. Johnston.

The members voted to make summer cotton maternity smocks and finish infant sacs for Children's Home Society.

Mrs. Richard Farrell was appointed vice-president and membership chairman replacing Mrs. Gordan Rulien, who is moving from the area. Mrs. Charles Burton was elected chairman of our large social event, "The Swim Party," to be held in September.

Mrs. John Rissler attended the Los Angeles County council meeting of auxiliaries, March 26, at the state offices of Children's Home Society, 3100 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles. The council was informed that due to the tremendous growth of the local Long Beach office, it has been named an area office and the three South Bay Auxiliaries, Sir Beaumains Chapter, Beach Pixies, and Palos Verdes Peppers, the Long Beach and Lakewood Auxiliaries will now be united to form a Beach Area Council. A meeting will be held April 23 to name the new council officers.

Children's Home Society is a member of the Los Angeles County Community Chest.

Gem and Mineral Society Holds Regular Meeting in Harbor City

The Palos Verdes Gem and Mineral Society will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 1, at 8 p.m. at the Retail Clerks Hall, 25949 Belleport Ave., Harbor City.

Speaker for the evening will be Frank Carter, consulting geologist, formerly assistant manager, Exploration Department, Mobil Oil Western Operations. He will discuss the geology of the Southern California region, including the San Andreas Fault.

## Calle Mayor PTA Preparing for 'Spring Fling'

The Calle Mayor PTA is going all out for its "Spring Fling" carnival to be held Friday, April 27, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the school.

Carnival favorites, including the cake walk, goldfish booth, etc., will be featured.

Those attending will be able to purchase tacos, pizza, macaroni and cheese, salads and desserts for dinner.

There also will be youth activity groups, a hobby room, antiques and a "junk" booth available for the enjoyment of all. A special feature will be the motion picture booth where pictures of the children taken at the school by Principal D. K. Welte are to be shown.

Publicity chairman of the PTA group says, "Come and have a wing-ding at our Spring Fling."

SIX-WEEK PROGRAM

Little Company of Mary Hospital will offer a six-weeks training program for nurse's aides starting Monday, June 18. The course will consist of 150 hours in the theory and practice of basic nursing skills.

Except for a small registration fee, training will be provided by the hospital without cost. Students will be expected to purchase uniform and textbook.



YOUNG CUSTOMER — Six-year-old Kenny Moore is taking no chances on his favorite kind of cake being left at Calle Mayor's "Spring Fling" carnival next Friday. The advance sale being made by PTA historian Mrs. Merle

Unger and treasurer Mrs. Leonard Priestly precludes the event which will take place from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the school. Games, food and special booths will highlight the affair. (Press Photo)