



NEW OFFICERS — Preparing for their installation as officers of Newton PTA are (left to right) Mmes. Frank Neff, ways and means; David Tanner, president; William Thomas, program

chairman; and Bill Myatt, publicity and record book chairman. Installation will take place tomorrow at the PTA unit meeting.

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## Local Branch of AAUW Sending Eight Delegates to Session

Between 800 and 1000 members of the California State Division, American Association of University Women, are expected to attend the 41st Annual Convention at the El Dorado Hotel, Sacramento, May 17, 18 and 19.

Eight delegates from the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills branch are planning to drive up for the three day session. They are Mmes. Harold Simar, branch president, D. F. Dyrsmid, Robert S. Fraser, Frank Fisher, Joseph Goodwin, H. C. McLendon, Raymond Oddone, and Harry G. Peterson.

The theme of the convention will be "The AAUW Member in the World of Today," and the keynote speech will be given by State Division president, Mrs. Neville T. Massa, whose topic will be "Challenges: Our Opportunities."

"Challenges may be just the opportunities and the inspiration the educated woman needs to focus her abilities and channel her energies into community and world betterment," asserts Mrs. Massa.

Dr. Margaret Claire Cross, AAUW International Fellow from England who holds her Ph.D. from Girton College, Cambridge, and is now working at Huntington Library on a revision of her

doctoral thesis, will be the speaker for dinner Thursday evening. Her topic is "Comparative Education in England and the U.S." After dinner, roundtables will be held in fellowships, finance, arts, and public relations.

Mrs. Peterson, a member of the State Arts Committee will be on the panel of the arts roundtable and will report on the art program of the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills branch. She has sent some paintings by the members of the Creative Arts study group, which will be part of the art show on Friday.

There will be roundtables for all the various study groups as well as such phases of branch activity as membership, bulletin, and those mentioned above. Such roundtables are planned to aid incoming chairmen or committee members, as well as to be a culmination of the year's work.

Dr. Maxine Ziegler, chairman of the International Relations study group of this branch, has been asked to present a report of the work done by her section. Since she will be unable to attend the convention, Mrs. Fraser has consented to present a summary of her report.

Two outstanding speakers will address the convention delegates. Dr. Anna L. Rose Hawks, AAUW national president, will speak at the Friday night installation dinner. An educator of note, Dr. Hawks believes that women in today's world must perform many roles simultaneously — that of housewife, business woman, mother, and community leader. Her topic will be "The world and Our Purpose." She will bring to her talk a wide background, having served her country on the United States Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange, and the U.S. Commission for UNESCO.

The convention will conclude with a fellowship luncheon at which Dr. George Hedley, chaplain of Mills College, will review his biography of Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, past national president of AAUW and for many years president of Mills College.

Dr. Hedley's book is called "Aurelia Henry Reinhardt: Portrait of a Whole Woman." His talk, which traces the influence of one woman educator on our world of today, will form a fitting climax to the three day convention.

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## Newton PTA Will Install at Unit Meet Tomorrow

Newton PTA officers for the coming year will be installed tomorrow at the group's unit meeting. The new president, Mrs. David Tanner, has lived in the Newton area five years and has been active in PTA work during that time. Positions held by Mrs. Tanner include room representative for kindergarten; publicity book chairman; fourth vice-president; third vice-president. She was last year's first vice-president.

Mrs. William Thomas program chairman, has been in Newton PTA for three years. She was recording secretary for two years on the PTA board; president and treasurer of Gamma Phi Beta House Assn. of San Diego sorority; president of St. Anne's of the St. Francis Church; leader of Girl Scout troop 65 and is currently serving as first vice-president of the board.

Mrs. Frank Neff is third vice-president, ways and means. She has lived in the Newton area for six years and has served as a room representative and was ways and means chairman for the Torrance Junior Women's Club.

Publicity and record book chairman, Mrs. Bill Myatt, is in her first year at Newton PTA. She and her family recently moved to Torrance from Santa Clara, California.

## Torrance Woman Is Certificate Award Recipient

Tributes were paid to four deserving friends of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children at their annual Awards Dinner-Dance last Saturday evening.

The affair, held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Redondo Beach, was attended by many representatives of civic and charitable organizations from this area.

Harold Ritz, president of the association and master of ceremonies, was introduced by Al Shields, chairman of the dinner-dance committee.

Each year four certificates are awarded for outstanding services rendered to the association. Two of these are presented to outside organizations and two go to affiliated members.

Those accepting the tokens of appreciation were Jerry Earhart, Dana Vaughn, Harold Greig and Mrs. Clayton Bowen.

Earhart, manager of the Arthur Murray Studio in Redondo Beach, received his award for the many hours of free dance instructions he has given to the teenage recreational program conducted at Lennox Park each Thursday afternoon.

The second award accepted by assistant director Dana Vaughn, went to the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation for the cooperation in the co-sponsorship of the many activities conducted at Lennox Park.

One of the associations honored members was Harold Greig for his work with boy scouts over a four year period. He was the first cub master when the pack was formed. Currently he is serving as leader of a troop of 23 boys who participate in all normal scout activities.

Also receiving her tribute as a member of the association was Mrs. Clayton Bowen of Torrance. Her dedicated service has been in the religious training of these children. She has conducted classes in catechism as well as serving in many areas of the recreational program.

sota. They also have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Included in the one hundred guests present, thirty-five out-of-town friends and relatives attended the celebration. Out of state guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Johnson and children from Forest Lake, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hanson from Worthington, Minnesota; Mrs. Laura Yopp from Marion, South Dakota; Mrs. Jess Hanson from Vermillion, South Dakota; Mrs. Lillian Robinson and Mrs. Clayton Balfany from Yankton, South Dakota.

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# Women

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## How About YOUR Organization?

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## Karen Peterson Plans to Wed J.T. Kasterko



KAREN PETERSON ... Engaged

Mrs. Ruth Peterson, 17310 Ardath Ave., Torrance, announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen, to James Thomas Kasterko of Torrance.

The bride-elect is a graduate of North High School and Long Beach Secretarial School. She was also a student at El Camino College.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kasterko, 2214 Torrance Blvd., is a graduate of Torrance High School and until recently, was employed as production manager for the Torrance Press. He is presently undergoing basic training at Fort Ord.

As yet, there has been no date set for the wedding.

## Spring Dance Is Planned

The Manhattan Room of the Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach, will be the scene of the Las Vegas Women's Club's annual Spring dinner dance on Saturday, May 26, announced Mrs. Frank E. Carroll, social chairman.

The "International Holiday" dance will feature decorations representing many nations. Tables will be decorated to represent different countries, special vases holding flags to follow each country's theme will form the centerpiece. Travel posters will decorate walls of the club.

Dinner will be served at 8 p.m., and dancing to the music of Les Tronsier and his orchestra will follow. There will be several social gatherings prior to the dinner-dance.

Club members and guests may place reservations with Mrs. William J. Brown, FR 8-3176, or Mrs. Forrest Sedgewick, FR 5-6182. Tickets are being handled by Mrs. Charles R. Smith.

Directing decoration plans are Mmes. Donald Edwards, Herb Evans, Robert A. Hoag, Charles Sturgill, Geoffrey Ward, and Philip L. Ward.

## New Diana President Is an Active Leader



MRS. ROGER GARDEMANN ... New President

Mrs. Roger Gardemann, 655 Ave. B, Redondo Beach, has been elected president of the Redondo Beach Dianias, California Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, Marina District, for the coming year 1962-63.

Mrs. Gardemann was born in Lewiston, Utah and attended Utah State University, where she graduated with a B.S. degree in elementary education. She was a kindergarten teacher for six years and an airline stewardess for 2½ years with Western Airlines.

Mr. James Roger Gardemann is employed with Western Airlines as Supt. of Cabin Service. The couple were married in 1955 and have three children, Jamie, 5, Jill Ann, 2½, and Lisa Lee, 6 months.

During her membership in Dianias, Mrs. Gardemann has served as youth chairman, civic service representative, dean of chairmen-parliamentarian, and Marina District auditor.

The president-elect's outside activities include: Jr. Sunday school Choristers and teaching Sunday school; Relief Society board member; primary teaching; and traveling with her family to the mountains in Utah to ski. Her hobbies are swimming, fishing and golfing.

The school, which is located at 4558 W. 182nd St., Torrance, is attended by families from many parts of the area.

Fathers and mothers both attend evening classes where a varied program of films, discussion groups and lectures by experts in child-study offers them a better understanding of their children and themselves.

Mothers learn to work with children in a well-rounded nursery school program which includes out-



MR. AND MRS. LEWIS A. JOHNSON ... Married Fifty Years

## Local Couple Share Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Johnson, who reside at 915 Acacia, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary during an open house held at their home April 8, which was given by their children.

One hundred guests were on hand to offer their congratulations to the honored couple.

Cutting the three-tiered anniversary cake was Mrs. Mary McDonald of Torrance,

National City. Mrs. Gwen Johnson and Mrs. Ruth Peterson poured. Karen Peterson served the punch and in charge of the guest book was Sandy Peterson.

Couple were married in Yankton, South Dakota on April 3, 1912. They moved to Torrance in September of 1947. They have three children, William L. Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Peterson of Torrance, and Robert H. Johnson of Forest Lake, Minne-



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association honored at the annual awards dinner-dance held last Saturday evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Redondo Beach.