

# Women

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## Ballinger-Boucher Nuptials Performed

Marriage vows were exchanged at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Westchester between Donna Ballinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ballinger of Playa del Rey, and Richard Boucher, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Boucher of Torrance.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald Roberts at 12 noon, Saturday, May 4.

For her wedding, the bride chose a floor length gown of white peau de soie with a chapel train. She carried a bouquet of white stephanotis and white orchid. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Miss Sandy Forley who wore a pink gown and carried a cascade bouquet of pink roses and stephanotis. Also dressed in pink was Linell Hammond, flower girl and god-child of the bridegroom.

Bridesmaids, also wearing pink, were the Misses Cathy Lonsway, Martha Hartmann, and Lynner Thatcher. Their bouquets were of pink roses and ivy.

Bestman was Walter Gibbings, and ushers were: Jerry Newman, Neal Hammond, and Steve Ballinger.

Al McCumber, soloist, sang "O Perfect Love" and "The Lord's Prayer."

A reception followed at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Playa del Rey. Presiding at the guest book was Miss Melinda Perkins.

The mother of the bridegroom selected a powder blue silk linen sheath with a lace bodice. Mrs. Ballinger wore an aqua silk sheath fashioned with a tunic skirt and a lace bodice.

Following a honeymoon at the Pierpoint Inn in Ventura and the Alisal Ranch in Solvang, the couple are at home at 20927 Amie St.



MRS. LOWELL L. BLOCK  
... former Patricia Sheets

## Patricia Sheets Weds Lowell Block

Miss Patricia Sheets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sheets of 411 E. Desfor St., became the bride of Lowell L. Block, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pieper of North Long Beach, in a ceremony performed at 2 p.m. Saturday June 1 at the First Baptist Church of Torrance.

Rev. Robert Dehn performed the ceremony before an altar banked with baskets of carnations. One hundred fifty guests were in attendance.

Escorted by her father, the bride was dressed in a floor length gown of white nylon over acetate fashioned with a lace bodice. She carried a bouquet of carnations with orchids.

Miss Norma Shuffield, maid of honor, wore a cocktail-length blue gown of nylon and net and had a bouquet of carnations. Bridesmaids were the Misses Inez Puerta and Mary Puerta. They were attired in bal-

lerina length blue taffeta gowns and carried carnation bouquets.

Donald Jeddo was best man. Ushers were Dale Block and Richard Block.

Musical selections included: "Because," and "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing."

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception took place at the church social hall. Miss Jean Sechler presided at the guest book. Assisting were the Misses Martha Block, Helen Miller, Clara Bruck, Mona Block and Geri Block.

The mother of the bride selected a yellow ensemble and the mother of the bridegroom chose a pink outfit.

A graduate of Phineas Banning High School, the bride is employed by Koppel Bros., Inc. in Wilmington. Her husband, who also was graduated from Banning, is employed at Douglas Aircraft, Torrance. The couple are at home in Torrance.



ENTERTAINING at coffee for prospective and provisional members last week were members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club. Setting for the coffee was the home of Mrs. Richard Reynolds, center, second vice president and membership chairman. Pictured with Mrs. Reynolds are Mrs. Donald McKezie, left, and Mrs. Francis Parsons, right, provisionals.

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MRS. RICHARD BOUCHER  
... former Donna Ballinger

## Officers Seated By CDA Court

Mrs. Laura M. Dupont was installed Thursday as the twenty-first grand regent of Court Our Lady of Victory, Catholic Daughters of America, at formal ritual directed by Mrs. Gust Sundquist, district deputy.

Assisting her was Mrs. H. Lee Burks, monitor from Court Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Assuming office with Mrs. Dupont are: Mmes. Teresa Fajen, vice grand regent; Carmel Clune, prophetess; Basil Shannon, financial secretary; Margaret Breidenbach, historian; Frank Ives, treasurer; Sy Durham, serving her second term as monitor; Rhonald Metro, lecturer; Gonzalo Grijalva, sentinel; and Viola Niland, organist.

Seated at the guest register was Mrs. Norman Dupont. Special guests in attendance included: Rev. J. Augustine O'Gorman, chaplain of the court; Mmes. Clarence Bergschneider, archdiocesan chairman of world missions; Wesley Muzik, district deputy; grand regents, Webster Willeford, Court Holy Family; Harvey Lee, Court St. Catherine; Ted Smith, Court Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; Anne Ertz, Court Our Lady of Providence; Frank Willis, Court Madonna of the Mills; and vice regent Jane Kilcoyne, Court St. Michael.

As a surprise gesture from the newly installed officers, vice grand regent, Mrs. Teresa Fajen, presented an arm bouquet of miniature roses to Mrs. Dupont at the close of the ceremony.

Past grand regents of Court Our Lady of Victory presided at the pink appointed tea table. Buffet refreshments were served by Mrs. Wesley Muzik assisted by Mmes. Richard Abshear, Teresa Fajen, Nicolas Humting, Felix O'Reilly, Roger Ste. Marie and Fred Tamble.

Receiving guests as she stood near a religious shrine with pink rose entwined lattice background, Mrs. Dupont presented each with an inscribed memento of the occasion.

Three-year trustees are: Mmes. Richard Wurm, Jr. and Charles Fischer; two-year trustees, Wesley Muzik and Roger Ste. Marie; one-year trustees, Fred Gervig and Stacy Rodman.

Traditional past grand regent's pi nand an engraved plaque were presented to Mrs. Richard Wurm, Jr., outgoing grand regent, by her court with a personalized scrapbook, "You Were There," compiled by Mrs. Roger Ste. Marie. Mrs. Wurm also received a carving of Da Vinci's, "Last Supper," from her, retiring

## It Might as Well Be Spring

The instant I opened my eyes this morning I knew that whatever the calendar might say today is the first day of spring. How did I know? I knew because my familiar world suddenly went out of focus: washing machines, family breakfasts, rubbish collection and the like became a blur on my housewifely horizon.

Today, I thought, luxuriating under the covers for an extra minute, I will go down and sit on the seawall. Today I will be me . . . I . . . Myself. Not wife, not mother, nor aunt nor gardener; not neighbor, not baker, nor seamstress nor barber.

I will watch the fishing vessels bobbing at the pier, feast my eyes on the distant horizon, and be the pirate queen of my youthful dreams. "Take him below and put him in irons! And bring the box of doubloons to me. Send my maids and the . . ." Well, YOU know.

But firrrst. Socks to be found. Hair to be combed. Breakfast to be served and lunches packed. Checks to be kissed, and shoulders lovingly patted, and my family finally tramp out the door.

Alone at last! Like a thief in the First National Bank at midnight I pull the blinds to announce to sociable neighbors that I am not at home. (This sometimes works!)

I find my Mexican huarachas, and my genuine Panamanian straw hat. Now my

fullskirted, hand painted dress and at last the golden hoops for my ears. (What dishes? Whose beds? Which marketing?) I am off to exotic places.

Now there is an insistant rapping at my front door, a tightly restrained calling of my name, and here is my neighbor bearing her infant upsidedown: shaking him

and trying with controlled desperation to dislodge a tiny toy he has swallowed and which prevents his breathing.

In an instant: Emergency is called; police arrive (so quickly, so efficiently so blessedly cool, and full of godswill) oxygen is ready. Half an hour later the calm ministering of the quiet

nuns at the hospital is a memory. The baby, safe and once more breathing easily, is asleep. The sensible mother, crisis past, sips coffee salted by tears that may flow at last.

Tomorrow, I shall go down to the seawall. I will watch the fishing vessels bobbing at the pier, and be the pirate queen. . . .



HOSTESSES for the Tenth Annual Youth Safety Run dinner will be members of the Victor Woman's Club. Sponsored by the police advisory council for car clubs, the event will take place Thursday, June 27 at the Torrance Recreation Center. Pictured are: (l-r) Mmes. Robert Gatto, Daniel Lenarth, and Donald Green; Mrs. Lenarth is youth chairman.

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## Wheel Theme Highlights

Using the theme "Going Forward as Smoothly as a Wheel Rolls On," Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, past president, installed the executive board of the Torrance Woman's Club Wednesday, June 5.

A large wheel covered with corsages was used in the ceremony. Each officer was presented a corsage from the wheel.

Mrs. Ewalt was assisted by Mrs. Jack Dean, aide, of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

Officers installed were: Mmes. J. G. Louvier, president; John Warnock, first vice president; B. W. Roberts, second vice president; W. W. Rasmussen, third vice president; A. W. Whittington, recording secretary; R. L. Rudy, corresponding secretary; Fred Sandstrom, treasurer; Dean Sears, auditor; R. E. Moffitt, ways and means; D. J. Thomsen, reservations; Leonard Stamps, program chairman; S. J. Dunhouse, year book, and H. F. Heinlein, parliamentarian.

## VISITS CHINATOWN

Members of Xi Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and guests dined at General Lee's Restaurant, in Chinatown recently.

As part of their study of The Grand Tour this year, members partake of foreign food and visit different restaurants and places of interest to study the culture and customs of many different lands and peoples.

Edna Lockwood of Torrance attended.

## Farewell Reception To Honor Rabbi

A farewell champagne reception in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Henri E. Front will be held at Temple Menorah at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

After six years of service to the Temple and the community, Rabbi Front is leaving to accept a position as regional director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. His task will be to supervise and direct the activities of the 43 reform congregations in the state of Pennsylvania.

Also to be honored are newly elected temple officers and board of trustee members who will be installed at religious services at 8:30 p.m. Friday night.

Officers are Myer Alpert, president; Sidney Greene, first vice president; Dr. Sam-

uel Farber, second vice president; Burton Belzer, financial secretary; Dean Silbiger, treasurer; Mrs. Stanley Lieber, secretary.

Board of trustees members are Lee Solomon, Walter Remak, Dr. Walter Raine and Jerome Scharfman.

A champagne fountain will adorn the buffet table at the head of the room, which will be decorated in a silver and white decor. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will be dancing to the orchestra of Victor Lecandia, and entertainment will be provided during the evening. Donations are \$3.50 per couple.

Persons desiring further information are asked to call Mrs. Gertrude Lewison, FR 5-5321.