



A FAREWELL TOAST... Mrs. Jack Ward, center, who retired last Friday from her duties as Cafeteria Operations Assistant, after 13 years of planning meals and menus for Torrance school children, is toasted by her co-workers at a party at Torrance High cafeteria. They are, from left, Helen Clayton, manager of the Torrance High cafeteria; Molly Hoke, pastry cook at the school; Mrs. Ward; Evelyn Wudzke, replacement for Mrs. Ward, and Dorothy Mearing, manager of the Rivera Elementary cafeteria.

# Set Up Menus For More Than Million Meal. Torrance Housewife Retires After 13 Years Feeding School Children

A Torrance housewife, who was responsible for feeding several thousand children a day for the past several years, decided to settle down preparing three meals a day for her husband and herself.

Mrs. Jack Ward, cafeteria operations assistant for the Torrance Unified School District, retired Friday after 13 years of planning lunches for the children of Torrance. During her professional stint she set up menus for more than a million meals.

The one-time county schoolteacher began her career in school kitchens in 1951 when her young son attended Fern Avenue School. Looking for something to "fill her time when the boy was in school," she decided to dish out ice cream at the Fern Avenue cafeteria for a few hours a day. At that time Fern Avenue School was the only elementary school in the district which boasted a cafeteria.

After three years as a cafeteria worker, Mrs. Ward was offered the position of manager of Madrona School cafeteria when it opened in September 1954. As cafeteria manager she wrote menus and did all her own buying. The district was small, and inasmuch as there were only two elementary school cafeterias, the managers did their own marketing. Mrs. Ward remembers shopping for school lunches at a little market called "Archie's" which has long disappeared.

## Mrs. Bratton Elected to Committee

Newly-formed Sigma Phi Rho Chapter of Delphian Society, a non-sectarian, non-political discussion group, was honored with the election of one of its members, Mrs. John Bratton of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, to the General Assembly nominating committee.

Mrs. Bratton will be one of nine members and two alternates to serve the entire Los Angeles District. Other Delphian members attending the General Assembly meeting were Sigma Phi Rho's president, Mrs. Clifton A. Bix and Mrs. T. M. McDaniel of Rolling Hills.

Torrance members attending were Mmes Don L. Richter, William H. Sandstrom and Ronald T. Piccirillo; Mmes Richard Stellar, Donald V. Marriott, George B. Thompson, Roland Worthy and Tillman McNary, Rolling Hills; Douglas Lood, Redondo; and Thomas Aspell, Lomita.

From Palos Verdes Peninsula were Mmes Lawrence R. Sitney, Frank P. Schlegel, Don Stewart, Leonard J. Hutton, Anton A. Frederickson and Ronald Wagner.

State Councilor Laura Bannon, and her staff will make an official visit at this meeting. All members are requested to be present.

## More Responsibility

As the district was to expand, and menu-planning and purchasing were to become centralized operations, Mrs. Ward was to assume increasing responsibilities in the food service operation.

When the woman, who was to open the new cafeteria at Newton School in October 1955 became ill, Mrs. Ward pinch-hit until she was able to return to work Jan. 1, 1956. That was to be the last time Mrs. Ward would be working directly in the kitchen of an elementary school.

Her first experience at being cafeteria manager for a high school—North High School, to be exact—had its drawbacks. At the time, North had no cafeteria. Cold lunches were sold at outdoor tables. Each morning Mrs. Ward drove to Torrance High School to use their kitchen facilities to make sandwiches and wrap cookies. Then she gathered the food, took it to her car, and drove to North, where she set it up on the outdoor tables. When it rained, she moved the tables to a sheltered spot under the eaves of the administration building.

Because she felt that teenagers needed an occasional hot meal once or twice a week she cooked up 300 chiliburgers and hot dogs in the Torrance High kitchen and took them out to the schoolyard tables at North.

That winter wasn't the most ideal one in which to be feeding youngsters out of doors. "That was the winter they had to close all the schools in town one day because of rain," she reminisced. "The cafeterias were supposed to have been opened when school started that fall, but there were strikes, and delays and while the youngsters were eating their cold lunches out of doors the workmen were hammering away at the cafeteria."

Cafeteria Manager When the North High cafeteria finally opened the following September, Mrs. Ward was cafeteria manager. "I remember jumping over jackhammers as we finally fixed our shelves," she recalls. The operation was different than the elementary school set-ups she had been familiar with. Not only was she responsible for feeding more youngsters, but she had a dozen employes working under her, four times as many as she'd

ever had. They included a malt shop operator, a salad maker, a pastry cook, dishwashers, and the cook herself. "And we were all new and learning together," she remembers.

The following year proved to be one of growth. Twelve cafeterias opened between September 1956 and February 1957. By April 1 there were 22 cafeterias in the school district.

Result was that Mrs. Ward was promoted to her most recent job, Cafeteria Operations Assistant, that April. Her new responsibilities included writing menus for elementary and high school lunches, training cafeteria managers, pinch-hitting for an occasional manager who got sick; planning and cooking banquets for such diverse occasions as the Good Teaching Conference and PTA carnivals.

What was the most embarrassing situation Mrs. Ward ever experienced professionally? "That's easy," she recalls. "The year Hickory School opened a banquet was to be served. Because the benches in an elementary cafeteria are difficult for adults to sit on, we were moving chairs from the high school. I had planned a roast beef dinner with shrimp cocktail for appetizer. To save time I was going to use frozen shrimp. As I completed arrangements for seating and stirred the shrimp sauce, I asked my assistant to taste the shrimp cocktail. The sauce is tangy, but somehow the shrimp tastes tough," she said. A smile crossed her lips. "Did you cook them?" she suggested. Not a soul at that banquet commented on the iced shrimp cocktail!"

## Women's Clubs Sponsor Hallmark Art Contest

"Freedom and Growth" is the theme of this year's Hallmark Art Talent Contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs with three scholarship awards offered by Hallmark.

In Torrance, the contest is co-sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club and the Torrance Senior Woman's Club. This is an annual contest open to all high school seniors graduating in 1965. Work in oil, watercolor, pastel and mixed media may be entered. Information and entry forms are available in the art department at all schools.

Judging will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Torrance Arts and Crafts Center, Torrance Boulevard and Madrona where all art will be on display. State awards will be \$200, \$100, \$50; and national awards of \$1,000, \$750, \$600.

## Local Moose Women Attend Conference

Women of the Moose, Torrance Chapter 44, is taking part today in the mid-winter conference at the Long Beach Moose Home, 1200 Atlantic Long Beach.

Mrs. Thomas Wall, senior regent for the Torrance Chapter 44, will be in charge of the ritual ceremony.

The meeting is under the auspices of the College of Regents.

Torrance Chapter is in charge of the Enrollment ceremony.

The session will open at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Long Beach chapter at the close of the meeting.

## Photography Exhibit at Art Gallery

Edmund Teske will be presented in a photography exhibit at the Palos Verdes Estates Art Gallery, 23000 Via Campesina today with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m.

Unlike straight photography, Mr. Teske's work shows the result of a long perfecting of duo-tone solarization technique in which over or after exposure causes the image to become positive. This produces work of great poetic power and the color is subtle and subdued.

The artist has been affiliated with Hull House in Chicago, New Bauhaus, Chouinard, and Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin.

Hostesses for the month are Mmes J. Sweet, D. Carlson, J. Bacon, W. A. Fey, R. H. Allen and Benrose Boyd.

Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 3 to 5 p.m. on weekends.

## B'nai B'rith Girls Now Organizing

Shoem BBG, newly-organized B'nai B'rith girls group, invites girls interested in meeting new people and having fun participating in many planned events, to attend the meetings held on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Temple Menorah in Redondo.

An installation meeting and a car wash are scheduled for the coming month.

Parties with other BBG groups as well as with AZA, the boys group, and several community projects are on the agenda.

Anyone interested in joining the group and wishing further information may call the Temple office.

## Costumes Needed by 'Hasty Heart' Theatre

A few "inanimate members" are still missing from Footlight Theatre's next production, John Patrick's "The Hasty Heart," scheduled for a March 12th opening at the Footlight Theatre, 3331 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.

Still needed are, an authentic Scottish kilt outfit, and uniforms for a British colonel and three British enlisted men. Canadian uniforms would also serve. Information concerning loans of these articles should be made by calling DA 9-5338.

Rehearsals of "The Hasty Heart" sounds like the English speaking segment of the United Nations since accents and dialects range from the Scotch burr and British cockney to a southern drawl. Club dates are available.

## Get First Lessons in Elementary Schools Homemaking Skills Begin Early For Young Girls of Torrance

When does a girl start preparing to be a homemaker?

Homemaking skills aren't something a girl picks up after she has a fling at her first high school home economics course or gathers on her way to the altar. Torrance, girl students get their first whack at learning to cook and sew just as they are entering their teens, in the seventh and eighth grade.

Each girl spends a full quarter in each of her last two years in elementary school taking homemaking once a day at one of the district's nine homemaking centers. Students at those schools which do not have a homemaking classroom are transported by the district to the nearest school equipped for this purpose.

Schools serving as homemaking centers are: Calle Mayor, Casimir, Fern-Greenwood, Hamilton, Jefferson, Magruder, Newton and Walteria. Each of these schools has a homemaker in charge. Here, Sandra Workman presses the skirt of a garment she has just finished in the homemaking class at Casimir.

wood, Flavian, Hamilton, Jefferson, Magruder, Newton and Walteria.

What does a girl learn during her nine-week stint at homemaking?

Seventh grade girls begin sewing by learning to make an apron from scratch. Without benefit of a pattern, they are taught to cut an apron along the grain of the material, to hem it, hand baste it, make a pocket with mitered corners and enclose ties in a waistband. With this basic knowledge under their belt, they are ready to cut a simple garment from an easy-to-sew pattern in eighth grade.

In addition to learning sewing essentials, seventh grade girls are also taught how to make a breakfast. They concentrate on such things as: eggs, cereals, quick breads and beverages. An occasional recipe for cupcakes or candy adds a

sweet supplement to the basic breakfast pattern.

By eighth grade they are ready to prepare lunch. The luncheon unit deals with making soups, salads, main courses and five kinds of desserts—cakes, pies, cobblers, pudding and cookies. By the time they graduate, they've mastered 22 recipes in all.

Does homemaking on the elementary level end with cooking and sewing? No, so their teachers say. An extra unit deals with grooming. Areas of research, which the girls may pursue at home, include: physical fitness, cleanliness, hand care, hair care posture, care of clothing and color harmony.

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## Wesleyan Guild Opens New Year

## P T A

Anza PTA met Thursday morning at the school for a program with a Spanish theme, directed by J. Hamilton, school staff member. Discussed and demonstrated by the students were techniques used in elementary Spanish, how Spanish originated in the primary grades, and the advantage of Spanish for the student entering high school.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, Anza School will participate in a Bicycle Safety program sponsored by the Southern California Automobile Club. Students are asked to bring their bicycles to the morning session at which licenses will be issued. Films will be shown and the program will include testing. Students of grades three through eight are asked to participate.

**CASIMIR**  
Peter Wicks, a foreign exchange student from Australia, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Casimir PTA. Wicks, sponsored by the International Lion's club, is on tour of the United States having completed high school in this country. He will leave soon for England to continue his education and enter the priesthood of the Church of England.

During the business meeting, plans were presented for the Bicycle Inspection by Mrs. Lynn Thompson, safety chairman. The PTA and the Southern California Automobile Club sponsored the safety check of 270 bicycles belonging to students.

Assisting Mrs. Thompson with the project were Mmes Melvin Sanders, Jack Langley, Keith Morgan, Verly Smith, Michael Aguilar, Philip Keller, Louis Rock and Albert Gordon.

All members were invited to the Open Council meeting of the PTA on Feb. 3. Hostesses will be Mmes Tokumi Ono and Thomas Berdaka.

**MEADOW PARK**  
Meadow Park PTA held a get-acquainted coffee in the Meadow Park School cafeteria on Tuesday Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. Approximately 150 invitations were sent home by students whose parents are new to the Meadow Park school. Over 250 new students have enrolled and the coffee was staged as a welcome.

**Family Visits**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Benner, 1229 Acacia, had as their guests for two days this week, Mr. Benner's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Benner of San Jose. On Monday, they were joined by Mr. Benner's sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Westlake of Inglewood and the Benners' son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Benner. Melvin, Mike, and Patty of Anaheim. The Benners entertained their guests at dinner Monday evening at the Plush Pony.

**Fathers to Be Guests at Meet**  
Fathers of Occidental College students will be special guests of Occidental College Women's Club on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, at a program focusing attention on foreign language communication. Dessert will be served at 7 p.m. in the lounge of the new Herrick Memorial Chapel, followed by the program at 7:30 in the Alumni Chapel of Johnson Hall, according to Mrs. E. D. Yeomans, first vice president and program chairman.

Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church began the new year with a dinner meeting at the church on Jan. 19. This is also guild month for this group, who welcomed guests at the church door, and also folded the church newspaper.

Mrs. Molly Marshall will be in charge of the program following the dinner. She presented the guest speaker, Mrs. Ruby Wilson, district secretary of North Long Beach church, who spoke on "Women in the Church." A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Arthur Nagel announced the joint meeting of the WSCS and the Wesleyan Guild at the church on Jan. 20 when two change students were speakers.

Mrs. Helen Savitt was in charge of the worship service and was assisted by Mmes Lenora Gray, Dorothea Johnson, Helen Wyman, Dorothy Goodale and Doris Tanner.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is composed of women, who are employed and unable to attend the circle meetings held during the day.

Anyone wishing to join the group may call Mrs. Leona Eads, 2232 W. 238th St., Torrance.

## Fun and Fund To Meet Feb. 3

Fun and Fund Club of Torrance Rebekah Lodge, 347, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will meet at the home of Nell Schermerhorn, 1424 Acacia, on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a potluck luncheon and Mrs. Schermerhorn will conduct a business meeting.

At a recent meeting, Mrs. Schermerhorn was reelected president along with Lucille Tautz, vice-president, and Mary Weddell, secretary-treasurer.

**Restaurant Diners**  
Many members of the Torrance social set have been enjoying the continental cuisine at the Pen & Quill hotel-restaurant in Manhattan Beach during the past few evenings.

They included Messrs. and Mmes Russell G. Smith, R. J. Geary, James R. Kerr, Robert W. Martin, Joseph Neiland, Robert H. Walker, S. E. Mashek and William E. Carey.

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