



When the West Began

Wearing authentic costumes of the 1850s, when the west was new, Torrance Junior Woman's club representatives will participate in the Rancho Days celebration. Riding in an old car, they will take part in Saturday's parade and during the celebration will

staff the "poodle pitch" booth. In the car are, from left, Mmes. L. G. DeWitt and Robert A. Valencia, club president, and, at right, is Mrs. Frank Ashford, dressed as "Uncle Sam."

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Organizations Participate

Rancho Days Are Here Again

This afternoon at 4 p.m., Torrance's annual Rancho Days celebration will open its five day run at Del Amo Center, Hawthorne and Sepulveda Bl-d.

Co-sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Mounted Police, the fundraising carnival is receiving the support of at least 17 other service clubs and churches. This year for the first time the Fiesta Shows have been booked for the five-day run.

Money derived from the event will go to philanthropies. Booths operated by the clubs of the city will give a percentage of their profits to the float for the Tournament of Roses parade. The balance of the proceeds go to the club funds for

carrying out their civic, youth and welfare endeavors.

Two women's groups, who will participate in the event, by manning booths are the Torrance Jayettes and the Torrance Junior Woman's club. From 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily the Jayettes will operate a six-ball roll-down concession. Mrs. James Hussey is chairman of the project assisted by Mrs. Ralph Grippo, co-chairman.

The Junior Woman's club will operate the "poodle pitch" booth, with proceeds earmarked for philanthropy. They will also take part in the parade on Saturday morning with a float "Our Cultural Heritage in American Dress." The Juniors will be dressed in early American costumes.



Westward Ho

In western garb, carrying out the Rancho Days theme, these Jayettes stop, take a look, and decide their course, before they pile in their "mustang" and take off for the Del Amo shopping center, where they will staff a six-ball roll-down booth during the next five days of the celebration. They are, from left, Mmes. M. C. Hussey, chairman; S. G. Grippo, co-chairman; J. L. Span, vice-president, and M. R. Davis, president.

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Happy Birthday, Mother

Mrs. Fred Schmidt, 86 years young, was in the spotlight at a family birthday party given at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Murphy, on Greenwood Ave. in Torrance. On hand to congratulate their mother were her three sons, from left, Joe Schmidt, Hollywood; Al Schmidt, North Hollywood, and Gene Schmidt of Northridge. Also making the party a gala occasion were Mrs. Schmidt's three daughters, her grandchildren, and other family members.

Six Children Present For

Family Party on 86th Birthday

Mrs. Fred Schmidt of North Hollywood, who celebrated her 86th birthday recently, was the guest of honor at a family gathering at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Murphy, 1308 Greenwood Ave.

On this happy occasion, Mrs. Schmidt was surrounded by her six children, three sons and three daughters, Al Schmidt of North Hollywood, Gene Schmidt of Northridge, Joe Schmidt of Hollywood, Mrs. Faye Stasick, Jr., North Hollywood, Mrs. Jeannie Allman of Burbank, and Mrs. Murphy of Torrance.

Also present were her daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and their families.

Mrs. Schmidt has three grandsons and one granddaughter. They are Bill and Jim Murphy of Torrance, Ed

Allman of Burbank, and Mrs. Lee Breitbarth of Panorama City.

An outdoor barbecue dinner was enjoyed after which two decorated birthday cakes were cut and served. Mrs. Schmidt then opened an array of birthday presents.

Pictures were made throughout the day and games were played.

Attending the family party with Mrs. Schmidt and the Murphys were Messrs. and Mrs. Frank Stasick, Jr., North Hollywood, Al Schmidt, North Hollywood; Gene Schmidt, Northridge; Joe Schmidt, Hollywood; Jim Allman, Burbank; Lee Breitbarth, Panorama City; Mrs. Evelyn Murphy, Torrance; Mrs. Ray Smith, Culver City, and her daughter, Gaye Darlene Smith, who flew in from Las Vegas to attend the celebration.

'A Go-Go' Summer Fun for Fiestadores

It's "A Go-Go" . . . announced the clever miniature record invitations sent out by the Las Fiestadores Committee announcing their July summer party and dance.

Members were told to "Watussi" over to the patio at the home of E. E. Claytons, 1323 Fern on Saturday evening July 24 to enjoy "frug" cocktails before a barbecue steak dinner.

The latest "go-go" dances were enjoyed after the dinner served in the decorated patio area.

Board members serving as hosts included the Walter Clausings, Earl Claytons, Rich McDonalds, Cliff Trezises, and R. J. Triplitts.

The "Go-Go" crowd includes Messrs. and Mmes. Henry Backlund, J. A. Barrington, W. C. Boswell, Jr., J. B. Brooks, W. O. Clausing, W. E. Christian, E. E. Clayton, R. W. Clayton, R. R. Dexter, J. Helphand, J. E. Kimble, Don T. McCalman, R. L. McDonald, K. M. Miller R. M. Morris.

Also, Messrs. and Mmes. Don Meyers, Duane Patten, H. D. Robinson, R. S. Sleeth, Jr., John Stroh, R. H. Tolson, C. M. Trezise, R. J. Triplitt, C. D. Virden, L. H. Volen, C. A. Woodcock.

Others were Drs. and Mmes. W. E. Grubb, A. N. Posner, L. G. Jones, and P. M. Halloran.

Married Aug. 1, 1915

Reception Honors Goldenweds

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams, 21121 S. Brighton Ave., Torrance celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday Aug. 1 at which time they were honored at a reception at their home.

Hostesses for the party were the couple's two daughters, Mrs. C. W. Neal of Hawthorne and Mrs. J. D. Edens of Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married on Aug. 1, in Weir, Kansas. In 1917, the couple moved to Coffeyville, Kansas, where Mr. Williams was associated with the Co-op Refinery. He was with this firm for 45 years, retiring five years ago when he and Mrs. Williams moved to Torrance.

Approximately 75 relatives and friends attended

the anniversary party for which Mrs. Williams wore a gold colored dress and a white orchid corsage.

Among the guests were the two daughters and their husbands, and four grandchildren, Mrs. Floyd Smith of Hawthorne, Robert Edens of Garden Grove, William Edens of Torrance and Janit Neal of Hawthorne.

The tea table, from which refreshments were served was centered by a three-tiered anniversary cake, baked by the couple's two granddaughters. Mints and candies were served from dishes the honored couple received as wedding presents.

Presiding at the tea table were three granddaughters, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Robert Edens and Miss Janit Neal.

Herman Mitchells Visit Son, Family in Norfolk, Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Mitchell have returned to their home at 4927 Kingspine Rd., Rolling Hills, from a two weeks vacation trip to the east coast where they were guests of their son and his wife, Lt. and Mrs. Donald L. Mitchell and children in Norfolk, Va.

The Mitchells saw, for the first time, their newest grandchild, Roxanne, 8-months old, and visited their

other grandchildren, Mary Claire, 7, and Donald Jr., 5. Lt. Mitchell, a native of Torrance, was recently transferred from the LST York County as executive officer to Commanding Officer of the LST DuVal, now serving in the Panama Canal Zone.

During their two weeks stay, the local couple visited Williamsburg and other historical places.



On Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Williams, who rounded out 50 years of marriage on Sunday, Aug. 1, recall that memorable day back in 1915 as they look through their wedding album. On the coffee table is a gold money tree, given the couple by the Senior Citizens Club of McMasters Park.

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