

# Bravo Singers in New Season

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**Me and My Shadow**

In a practice session, Anne Landry 13, does a routine to the popular old favorite, "Me and My Shadow," while two younger dancers, Lise Rousseau 7, and Liza Holzhausen 5, in the role of the shadows follow her.

## Talent Abounds

From a small group of neighborhood children, who sang children's songs from "Sound of Music," "The King and I" and "Mary Poppins," to a group that can now very ably present a complete show without help from polished singers, the Torrance Bravo Children Singers will start their new workshop season the first Thursday in October.

Mrs. Glen Holzhausen, founder and director of the children's group, says that in four months during the spring season, the Bravos gave six performances at clubs and hospitals in the Torrance area. Their repertoire numbers over 35 songs and they are able to do solo work as well as choral.

The workshop showcases talented, imaginative boys and girls from 6 to 13 years who have the desire to perform for audiences. Their meetings will be held at the Holzhausen home once a week, plus rehearsals for specific shows.

The accompanist for the group will again be Mrs. Jean Rousseau of Torrance. Annabelle Reinberg, who has much experience with working with child actors at MGM studios, has helped coach the Bravos.

Any youngster from 6 to 13, interested in joining the group may secure further information by contacting Mrs. Holzhausen, 214 Via La Soledad.



### USEFULNESS IS REWARDING

Service is the key that sparks the happy life for Mrs. Helen Sims who soon will reach the 3,000-hour mark in her work in the Gift Shop at the Little Company of Mary Hospital. As a volunteer with the Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Sims has found her answer. Here, at right, she tallies a purchase made by Mrs. Frank Greene, administrative secretary at the hospital. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Life Is Worthwhile

# Happiness Is In Doing

Making life worthwhile with service to mankind brings a proud and happy smile to the face of Mrs. Helen Sims, a familiar figure at the Gift Shop at the Little Company of Mary Hospital, a project of the hospital's auxiliary.

She had many women friends in the same condition who spent their time playing cards, attending potluck dinners and making trips, but her years had to be put to use doing good for somebody.

Mrs. Sims works in the Gift Shop four days a week and as many as nine hours a day. She has found an interesting and productive way to spend her free time and the Auxiliary has found a devoted and dedicated member.

She has had a busy life, rearing a family and making a home, but then the children grew up and married and death claimed her husband. She was, as are many women in every community, left with extra time on her hands.

Her quest for usefulness led her to the Little Company of Mary Hospital where she joined the Auxiliary in 1965. Since that time she has chalked up almost 3,000 hours of service. The Gift Shop, with its glass cases filled with flowers, plants, jewelry, gift items and all sorts of presents for the new baby, fascinated this volunteer.

The Auxiliary needs more women like Mrs. Sims, in good health and with their own transportation, to work at the Gift Shop and also at the Thrift Shop, freeing other members for more active work.

What to do to make her remaining years useful was her big question. She was

Any women interested in making their free time useful may call the Little Company of Mary Hospital for more information.

## Musical Family

Music, music, music has been and still is an important phase with the Holzhausen family where there are three children, Gary 17, Dale 9, and Liza 5.

Mrs. Holzhausen and her sister, Anne Wayman, were singing at an early age in Baltimore, Md. They came to Hollywood to audition with a major studio and spent sometime touring, presenting concerts in opera and art songs. Annabelle Reinberg and Marion Cimino were their teachers and today they continue to work with Mrs. Holzhausen.

Christmas 1966, Mrs. Holzhausen, assisted by Mrs. Josephine Marelli, presented 22 South Bay children in "Mary Poppins" for the Los Angeles Bureau of Music.

Discovering talent in her own youngsters, Mrs. Holzhausen decided to organize the Bravo Singers. Liza and Dale are both active with the group but Gary, who plays four musical instruments, is leaving the singing to the rest of the family as he soon will enter the University of Santa Cruz.

Children are also important to Mr. Holzhausen, an engineer at Aircsearch. He is manager of a Little League team and is an officer with the Palos Verdes Pop Warner Football.

He also joins in with a song now and then.



**Wizard Of Oz**

Enjoying a trip to the "Land of Oz", these two youngsters, in costume, go through their parts. They are from left, Bob Landry 11, as the scarecrow and Debbie McElroy 12, enacting the cowardly lion.



**Scene from Cinderella**

Around the fireplace these performers enact the scene when the prince, with slipper in hand, tries to find Cinderella. From left, Mary Stednitz 6, plays the role of Cinderella's little helper, Denise Johnson, as Cinderella sweeps the fireplace, as Mathew Bialecki 10, the Prince, comes up behind Cinderella to ask her to try on the slipper.

## Real Troopers

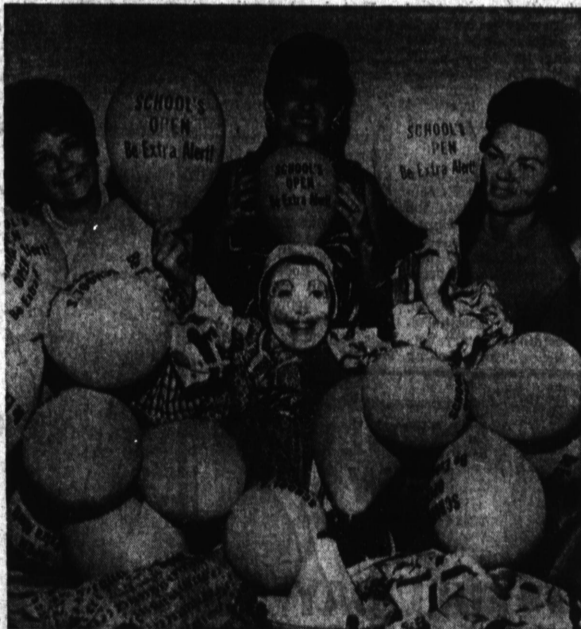
Willingness to perform is a characteristic of this group of young talents, according to their director, Mrs. Holzhausen, who says that during the four years of organization not once has she been turned down when she calls for performers to entertain shut-ins in the many convalescent homes in the Torrance area.

These song fests are usually worked up to be presented at the Christmas and Easter holidays.

Stage discipline is developed in these young thespians as well as their talents. Although they have had a short summer vacation part of the time has been devoted to working up a song or skit to be presented at their first workshop in October, when the youngsters will entertain each other.

Her love of children and her appreciation of the arts has brought Mrs. Holzhausen to devote her time and energy to these youngsters. The nominal fee covers costumes, music and incidentals required for performances.

Photos by Hal Fisher



### SCHOOL IS OPEN-BE EXTRA ALERT

To impress upon the citizenry that school is now open and extra precaution in driving should be taken, Torrance Junior Woman's Club, under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Lynch, safety chairman, will spend Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Fashion Square Parking Lot handing out 10,000 helium-filled balloons and ice cream. Balloons will be distributed by Juniors from the Jaycee's fire engine. "The Standels" will provide music. Ready for the safety drive are from left Mrs. William Ritchie, as the clown, and buried in balloons are from left Hedde, Wayne Lynch and Robert Vroman. (Press-Herald Photo)