



There's Much To Be Done

The Evergreen Ball, one of the most outstanding social events on the South Bay calendar, is already occupying hours of planning by committee members. The event, sponsored by Las Madrecitas, auxiliary to Crippled Children's Guild to Orthopaedic Hospital, which is involved in early preparations for its annual "Evergreen Ball."

Las Madrecitas Auxiliary

Lists Evergreen Ball Plans

"It's business as usual" during this vacation season for Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary to Crippled Children's Guild to Orthopaedic Hospital, which is involved in early preparations for its annual "Evergreen Ball."

This week, Mrs. Edward Sokolski, president, announced that Dec. 21 is the date of the gala social affair and that it will be held this year in the Grand Ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Samuel Carmelli has been appointed general chairman with Mrs. Charles May as co-chairman.

Other committee chairmen listed are Mmes. Richard Saroyan, decorations; Hilbert Ternstrom, printing; George R. Inger and John Kenny, invitations; William Theisen and William B. Houghton, reservations; John Foster and A. G. diIorio, publicity; and John Gale, Las Ninas advisor.

This holiday season, seven Las Ninas girls will be presented at the Ball. Each of these girls will have completed 50 volunteer hours at Orthopaedic Hospital plus 25 hours of community service.

As a Las Madrecitas Benefit,

and a service to friends and neighbors, a special Christmas card sale is being held. A variety of card catalogs, including personalized cards, will be available at Lunada Bay Pharmacy. Profits from the card sale during August and September will be given to Las Madrecitas. Discounts are offered on cards purchased during August.

A special Open House Card Showing has been slated for members' homes. Places and dates for the 12 book showings are 2564 Palos Verdes Drive W., Palos Verdes Estates, Aug. 15; 5206 Via El Sereno, Torrance, Aug. 21; 4848 Brown Deer Lane, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Aug. 19-20; 30508 Santa Luna Dr., Miraleste, Aug. 23; 27059 S. Silver Moon Lane, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Aug. 27.

In addition, Las Ninas, Junior auxiliary, is offering an address and mailing service to businesses and individuals. Information may be had at the time of purchasing the cards.

Proceeds from the Evergreen Ball, the annual Fashion Show and any money earned by Las Madrecitas goes to their pledge of \$33,000 to Orthopaedic Hospital.

Children Honor

Goldenweds at Family Party

Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Mitchell, 819 Portola Ave., were guests of honor Tuesday afternoon at a family reception held at the home of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Quider in Van Nuys celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The couple was married Aug. 13, 1918 in Tooele, Utah and ten years later, on Aug. 13, 1928, moved to Torrance.

Mr. Mitchell held the position of general foreman of the electrical and mechanical shops of United States Steel in Torrance for 34 years, retiring in 1962. He is a member of Masonic Lodge 447 and the United States Steel Management Club.

Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Torrance Chapter

Eastern Star 380 and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The Mitchell family is active in the Latter Day Saints Church.

The Mitchells are parents of two sons and four daughters. They are Claude Jr. of the home address, Glenn of Torrance; Mrs. Raymond McIntier (Naida), Yuma, Ariz.; Mrs. James Quider (Beverly), Van Nuys; Mrs. Robert Walker (Becky), Concord; Mrs. Charles Hensley (Rosalind) of Torrance. All of their children, their husbands and wives were present at Tuesday's party as well as 15 grandchildren. The other grandson, Nathan, is serving in Vietnam.

Three generations in this family have served in the Armed Forces — Claude Mitchell, Sr., in World War

I; Claude, Jr., in World War II; his brother, Glenn, in the Korean War; and Nathan, now in Vietnam.

And, Mr. Mitchell points out, "we have been subscribers of the Torrance Herald, now the Press-Herald, for 40 years."

Surrounded by their own at the anniversary party, a large decorated 50th anniversary cake was served with other refreshments and the honored couple was presented with gifts.

Rounding out 50 years of married life, Mr. Mitchell said "We've had two sons and four daughters and we are proud of each one. There were no juvenile delinquents in our family. Among all of us, all we have ever had were a few traffic tickets."



MR. & MRS. CLAUDE MITCHELL
... Looking at Anniversary Cards

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McHugh - Koehler

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. McHugh, 17017 Ermanita Ave., Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Therese, to Charles C. Koehler, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Koehler, Sr., Gardena.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss McHugh, a graduate of North High School, is attending El Camino College and is employed at Riviera Community Hospital.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Gardena High School, attended Harbor College and is employed by Grief Bros. Co. in Bell Gardens.



Good Wishes from Co-Workers

Mrs. Mary Reinardy, who completed 18 years at Torrance Memorial hospital ending a 44 year career as a registered nurse, was paid tribute at a reception by hospital personnel last Monday afternoon. Dr. Thomas McGraw, radiologist, pins a corsage on the retiree, while Mrs. Viola Anderson, left, director of nurses, waits her turn to present Mrs. Reinardy with a farewell gift. (Press-Herald Photo)

Nursing-From Domestic Help Status To a Profession

Retires After 44 Years in the Field

A Torrance nurse was guest-of-honor Monday at a reception held at the Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Reinardy, RN, was honored for her outstanding record of professionalism as a career nurse. Retiring after 44 years as a RN, Mrs. Reinardy is ending an association with Torrance Memorial which spans the past 18 years. She had served as head nurse since 1955 and was patient care coordinator at the time of her retirement.

The 2:30 p.m. reception was attended by medical staff, nursing personnel and other hospital employees. Mrs. Reinardy received many gifts from her former associates and a plant and a corsage from the medical staff. The presentation was made by Mrs. Viola Anderson, director of nursing. A huge cake, inscribed with "Good Luck," was served with punch to over 100 guests. Commenting on some of

the highlights of her long career, Mrs. Reinardy said that during her student nursing days from 1921 to 1924 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, she put in a 20 hour day. The student nurses worked 12 hours, then attended lectures and demonstrations. In addition, students even slept on a cot in the patients' rooms, she said.

After graduation in 1924, she began private duty nursing. Her group, under a very progressive supervisor, demanded and got a 12 hour working day.

"It wasn't until 1930 that nurses achieved an eight hour, five and a half day week," Mrs. Reinardy said. "With the advent of World War II, the doctor and nurse shortage became so severe that all nurses worked unbelievably long hours. Sometimes on night shift a nurse handled 38 patients alone without any help from aides or LVNs. This is quite a ratio when compared to today's average at Torrance Memorial of one nurse plus an aide to every five or six patients," she said.

Mrs. Reinardy pointed out



NURSE REINARDY
... Takes Off Cap

another major difference in the professional status of nurses. "Back in 1921, nurses were compared to domestic help. They had to dust the rooms and sweep the floors. No nurse was allowed to wear cosmetics or bob her hair. For a 12 hour, six day week she earned \$30 a month as a beginner." "Today nurses are highly specialized. Beginners earn approximately \$600 monthly. They no longer do any housekeeping chores. By comparison, nurses now administer intravenous feedings, give blood transfusions, read cardiograms and nurses working in intensive care units are permitted to give medicine in IVs."

"Today's highly skilled nurses have less time for giving baths and feeding patients and are now assisted in these chores by LVNs and aides," she said.

Mrs. Reinardy added that she loved the bedside care part of nursing and as a head nurse always made it a point to make rounds

and talk to each patient. It gives them a sense of security to know that the supervisor is interested in them as individuals, she said.

Mrs. Reinardy's husband, Ray, will retire in four years from Ducommun Metal Supply Co. They are already busily making plans for a long trip to Sweden, France, Ireland and England. Since her husband was a 20-year navy man, Mrs. Reinardy said they plan to travel by ship. While in Sweden they will visit with Anna Stein-Hall and Karen Engblom, both former Torrance Memorial nurses.

In the meantime, Mrs. Reinardy keeps busy as an active member of the Altar Society of the Nativity Catholic Church, visiting shut-ins, reading, playing bridge and writing letters to friends and former patients from all over the world.

Mrs. Reinardy said she misses the daily routine of nursing duties, but on the other hand, sleeping late in the morning is nice, too.