

SONGSMITHS ... These 17 youthful singers, shown with their teacher, Mrs. Joyce Smith (at left), are tuning up their voices for a December performance on Johnny Carson's nationally televised show. Known as the Songsmiths, they are (top row, from left) Kathy Hymas, Bill Stubbs, Jill Smith, Gretch-en Hoopes, Jody Smith, Kevin Buttle, and Lisa

Birk; (middle row, from left) Karie Buttle, Shawn Hoopes, Ronda Reading, David Birk, Merryn Dav-enport, and Glenna Weaver; and (bottom row, from left) Mrs. Smith, Sue Maughan, Katie Bradshaw, Becky Weaver ,and Kim Clegg. The youngsters hall from Torrance and surrounding communities.

Coffee Break By Adeline Daley

Many thanks go to the doctor who verified what parents knew all along - that listening to a steady diet of today's music can cause deafness. At least it did with the laboratory guinea pigs used in the doctor's experiments.

He never did report whether the poor critters had a chance to vote on their "Top 30" selections before they lost their hearing.

But I'm grateful for the findings because it provides me with a medical excuse the next time I'm asked to officiate, I mean chaperone, at a teenage dance: "I'm sorry, but my eardrums haven't healed since the last time I volunteered my services."

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Skeptics may wonder how it's humanly possible for a group made up of no more than three or four young musicians to make the volume of noise they do. They would be well-advised to see the amount of intricate electronic equipment set up before a note is played. It's hard to figure whether you've come to a dance or to observe the electric chair at Sing Sing being wired for use. It explains why the kids stay at least three yards from each other while they're dancing - they're afraid of being electrocuted.

The resultant "sound" (and that's what it is always referred to) comes out as if a thousand Alvino Reys had suddenly gone stark raving mad. And to those of us brought up with the limited sound effects of Shep Fields and His Rippling Rhythm, the latter aggregation resembles a kindergarten orchestra. But even Edison had to start somewhere.

That's why it would be advisable for aspiring musicians to concentrate more on an electrical engineering degree, rather than one from the Julli-ard School of Music. What chance would Evelyn and her Magic Violin have today if her Magic Violin didn't have amps? And what would happen to Evelyn if she blew a fuse and didn't known how to fix it?

Then too, with the psychedelic lights flashing off and on, you get the cerie feeling that Thor and his war gods have come to do battle with Odin. Only the kids call it "The Battle of the Bands." The poor lighting makes it hazardous. At least for the chaperone who has to spend the entire evening wondering which kid is dancing with whom.

"She went thataway," I'm tempted to tell the other partner, over the din.

Lioness Garden Reception Cocktail Follows Wedding

Dinner The Lioness Club of Torrance is making final plans for a potluck dinner Nov. 19 at the home of Mrs. Paul

Burnam. Club members are also

looking ahead to their an-nual cocktail party and din-ner. The Lionesses and their husbands will gather Dec. 7 at the home of Mrs. Matt Farrell for cocktails, and then proceed to the home of Mrs. Clarence Clark for a sit-down dinner. Committee members for the event are Mmes. Al Ra-

disch, Jack Banado, Rollin ris, Joe Banado, Rollin Smith, Sam Van Wagner,

Clark and Farrell. Plans were made at a meeting at the home of Mrs. James Krueger.

Pavilion Lunch Members and guests of the South Bay Alpha Gam-ma Delta Alumnae Club will meet Thursday at 11:30 a.m. for a tour of the Mu-sic Center and buffet luncheon at the Pavilion Restau-

Borens Return Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boren have returned from a two-week visit to the Holy week Land.

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ORCHID LADY

A garden reception at the home of the groom's broth-er-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Casey of Man-hattan Beach, followed the noon wedding ceremony for Gayle Flanagan and Louis James Smith.

The nuptial mass was held in Nativity Catholic Church. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Flan-

St. Mary's Alumnae Plan Lunch

The Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Academy will hold a Fashion Show Lun-cheon Nov. 30 in the Re-gency Ballroom, Airport Ma-rice Hotel rina Hotel.

Deadline for reservations is Nov. 15. The public is invited.

agan of Marcus, Iowa, wore an A-line gown of white Alencon lace with an at-tached train and a large bow at the waistline in back. She asked her sister, Mrs.

Larry Donarico, to be matron of honor. Mrs. Donarico and bridesmaids Sharon Flanagan, Nancy Kelly, and Mary Jo Schmillen wore floor-length gowns of vin-

Mrs. Louis J. Smith of Tor-rance, asked George Smith to be best man. Ushers were Irwin Kasten, Howard Inter-mil, and Joe O'Toole.

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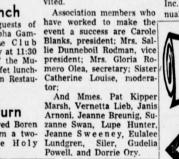
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> of Women in the parish hall. The program is under the

> direction of Mrs. Ronald N. Geltz of Torrance. Council president is Mrs. William F. Croak.

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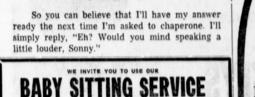
Arrs, Marcella C. Simpson of Torrance announces the engagement of her daugh-ter, Mary Elaine, to Arthur J. Rabas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rabas of Tulege. She is former secre-tary of the Scot Club of Long Beach and is present-ly employed as executive secretary for the Los Ange-les County Medical Associa-tion Southwest District. scon, Arizona, The bride elect is a grad-uate of St. Michaels H i g h

The benedict elect is a graduate of the Spencerian Business College of Milwau-Business College of Milwau-kee. He is past president of the 50-50 Club, a Catholic Social Club of Hollywood, and is presently employed as accountant by General Tire Company of Glendale. February 15, is the date set at Nativity Church for the wedding. Bob Doran To Lecture At Church Television host Robert Dornan will be special guest tonight at the 8 p.m. gen-eral meeting of St. Law-rence Martyr Parish Council









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