

# Santa Claus On Annual Visit to Waleria School

Children Enjoy Christmas Program and Tree On Friday Afternoon

Walteria school children gathered around a Christmas tree Friday afternoon and after each room had contributed part of the program and the mothers' chorus, directed by Mrs. Eva Kelly, had contributed several numbers, Old Santa himself appeared. His heavy sack held a gift for each child and a bag of goodies.

The program told the story of Christmas in many lands and was part of the world friendship program being stressed at the school. The children of Walteria are grateful to the Torrance Community Center, city council and Chamber of Commerce for a gift of \$50 which helped greatly in the planning of Christmas cheer.

The children of the school had a grocery drive and the welfare committee of the P. T. A., with Mrs. W. K. Adolph, chairman, plan to fill a number of baskets to be distributed Christmas Eve. Part of the sum received from the Torrance council will be used to help furnish Christmas dinners.

Mrs. Bernice Canning, who has been away for the past 18 months, is back at school and teaching the third and fourth grades.

The Palos Verdes Woman's Club has notified the Walteria welfare workers that they will assist in furnishing Christmas cheer for Walteria unemployed.

# Kemp Will Be Installed As Head of Lodge

Open Installation Ceremony Planned By Knights of Pythias For January 9

Robert L. Kemp will be installed chancellor-commander of Lomita Knights of Pythias at an open installation on January 9. F. H. Bunco, deputy grand chancellor, will be installing officer.

Other officers elected to serve were Eugene Beckman, vice chancellor; Dr. M. C. Woods, prelate; A. Hugh Samuel, master of work; Leslie Phillips, master at arms; E. V. Fletcher, keeper of seals and records; H. E. Applin, master of finance; J. W. Cuddy, master of ceremonies; G. S. Evans, inner guard; Ed Jorgensen, outer guard; George Hall, trustee for three years.

Mr. Kemp succeeds J. Hugh Samuel as head of the local lodge.

# Man With a Knife Terrifies Neighbors

Ed Merrill, 2527 Cypress, is a big husky man and when Thursday afternoon, he took the notion of chasing the neighbors with a large butcher knife, considerable excitement reigned for awhile at the corner of Cypress and Redondo boulevard.

Merrill, barefooted and knife in hand, created so much terror, neighbors were summoned at 4 p. m. and then he fled into the house but was taken to the Torrance jail by Constable Taber and the radio crew and his large knife taken away from him.

# Open Installation of Rebekah Officers

At an open installation on Wednesday, January 10, Mrs. Alwine Ulman will be installed as noble grand of Trio Rebekah lodge, succeeding Miss Helen Schmidt.

Other officers elected to serve are Lillian May, vice grand; Helen Schmidt, past noble grand; Gertrude Kastrop, recording secretary; Ethel Lanning, financial secretary; Clara Conner, treasurer.

# Hail Falls Here and There Friday

It rained in Lomita Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning. Also it hailed in a few places but only for a few seconds. The hail fell in places where there was no sign of hail within the next 100 feet. The rainfall for the storm was 1.60, making 1.93 inches for the season.

# Noble Grands Club Enjoys Luncheon

The Past Noble Grands' Club had a Christmas luncheon and party at Odd Fellows hall Monday with Mesdames Gertrude Kastrop and Elizabeth Hunt in charge.

There was a Christmas tree with gifts for all and games were enjoyed following the luncheon. Special guests invited were Helen Schmidt, noble grand, and Alwine Ulman, vice noble grand.

# K. P. Lodge Has Christmas Party

The Knights of Pythias are entertaining their families and friends at a Christmas party at their hall tonight. There will be a Christmas tree with gifts for all the children and refreshments will be served. Gene Beckman is in charge of the program.

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# HARBOR GROUP RE-ELECTS CARL L. HYDE PRESIDENT

District Chambers of Commerce Hold Important Meeting Thursday at Lomita; Business Men of Harbor City and Lomita Are Hosts to Large Gathering

For the first time in several years, Lomita entertained the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce Thursday night when the association was invited to Lomita by the Lomita-Harbor City Business Men's Association.

Election of officers was the most important business of the meeting. Carl Hyde of Torrance being re-elected president.

Other officers chosen were Ray O. Baldwin of Long Beach, Thomas Blair of Redondo Beach, Leslie C. Mott of San Pedro, Loron Howe of Hawthorne and John M. Clarke of Redondo Beach, vice presidents; Hugh B. Johnston, Gardena, secretary; George P. Larson, West Los Angeles, treasurer; and Lieut. Governor Frank F. Merriam, president emeritus.

Installation will be held in Torrance in January.

The association took a membership drive in the "Save the State Beaches" Association, the purpose being to unite against letting concessions on state and county beaches.

Following a delicious dinner served in the social hall by the Ladies' Aid of the Community Presbyterian church, Charles Gummere, former dean of commerce, U. S. C., talked on "Self Preservation." Mr. Gummere compared present conditions to the conditions in Chicago when many lives could have been saved if people had not jammed the exits.

Mr. Gummere stated that the doors to returning prosperity were gradually opening but a failure now to co-operate, a rush on the part of many to be first to prosper would be fatal to the entire N. R. A. program.

Rev. C. L. Montgomery, pastor of the church, welcomed the visitors briefly. The musical program was furnished by pupils of Narbonne. Pupils appearing were Walter Milburn, trumpet; Otis Legend, guitar; Hazel Vorhis, piano, in trios.

String trio numbers were given by Emma Erickson, cello; Hazel Vorhis, piano; and Mrs. Fitzhugh, violin. Vocal numbers were given by a trio, Catherine Lupin, Florence Martinson and Hazel Vorhis.

The Lomita-Harbor City Business Men's Association postponed their regular meeting until tonight because of the community program at Narbonne Wednesday night. The meeting will be held in the office of Miss Edith S. Smith, corner Narbonne and Redondo boulevards.

The association has requested that a white line be painted down Narbonne from the northern boundary of Lomita to Redondo boulevard, and also that stop signs be placed at Pomo and Eschel, and Eschel and 24th street.

# Silver Wedding Anniversary of Lomita Couple

A group of friends gathered at the McCarty home, 24817 Cypress street, Saturday night to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCartney, who were married in Bisbee, Arizona, 25 years ago.

Several of the guests here celebrated the 15th wedding anniversary of the McCartneys observed in Lomita ten years ago.

A social evening was enjoyed and refreshments served to Messrs. and Mesdames Edward Fraser, James Willacy, Harold Coakley, Jack Radcliffe and Robert McCartney, James Willacy, Jr., and Marguerite and Phyllis McCartney.

# Lomita Liquor Store Opens This Week For Business

Something never seen in Lomita before—a liquor store. The Lomita Liquor Store opened up this week in the Smith block.

Before prohibition, Lomita was an arid spot and the nearest source of supply of the cup that cheers (and then some) in those days was the old Poggi Winery on Weston street.

The Lomita Liquor Store is only one of several places here where licenses have been taken out to sell all kinds of wet goods.

# Local Groups Join In Outdoor Party

The Harbor City post, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and co-operative relief unit have joined finances and efforts in holding an outdoor Christmas party for the children of the community.

The tree will be set up on the lot adjoining the Legion hall and Santa Claus will arrive at 7 p. m. Friday night, December 22.

Gifts have been provided and goodies for all the children.

# Wee Kirk O' Heather Scene of Pretty Wedding

The Wee Kirk o' the Heather was filled Saturday night when at 6 o'clock Robert E. Morter of Lomita, in a double ring ceremony, took as his bride, Miss Doris Lee Trotter of Fillmore.

Rev. Louis Tinning, former pastor of the Lomita Community Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony while Lloyd Hansen, brother-in-law of the bride, played softly, "I Love You Truly."

The bride entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, her gown of shimmering white satin with a veil of tulle held with a hand of pearls. Her wedding bouquet was of orchids, gardenias and lilies of the valley.

Miss Kathryn Morter, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and was gowned in gold satin, her flowers being pink and lavender sweet peas.

Mr. Morter was attended by Edmund Welton of Lomita, Lester Smith of San Pedro acting as usher.

Roy Bell of Berkeley, uncle of the bride, gave the bride away, and following the ceremony, Mr. Hansen played the Mendelssohn wedding march as the party left the church.

Following the brief honeymoon spent in the south, the couple will live at Fillmore where the groom is engaged in ranching.

The romance which culminated in the beautiful ceremony of Saturday had its inception at Berkeley, where the bride was a popular member of Chi Sigma Phi and the groom of Theta Kappa Nu. The groom was also active in Masonic circles of Berkeley, being president of the Masonic Club in his senior year.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel Trotter of Fillmore and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Morter of Lomita boulevard. The groom graduated from Narbonne in 1926 and then entered Berkeley, graduating in mechanical engineering with the class of 1932.

# Special Sermons On Xmas Theme At Calvary Church

While the Christmas pageant will not be given until Friday evening, December 29, Calvary Evangelical church will observe Christmas next Sunday with special sermons and music.

In the morning the congregation will sing Christmas carols and in the evening the choir will sing Christmas hymns and there will be a trumpet quartet. In the evening, Mrs. Lynd will preach on Jesus as prophet, priest and king.

On Sunday, December 31, Miss Eva Bloom, a returned missionary from China, will preach.

# Do You Remember As Taken From The Files Of The LOMITA NEWS

Lomita was well represented at the regular meeting of the Fourth District Chambers of Commerce held at Lawndale Thursday evening. Miss Edith S. Smith, J. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gilbert, Hugo Schmidt and J. W. Weite attended and report an interesting meeting. The name of the organization has been changed to Harbor District of Associated Chambers of Commerce.

The State Bank of Lomita this week declared a 5 per cent dividend for stockholders of record on January 1, 1934.

A small party of friends helped Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCartney of Miller street celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Mading and Hugo Schmidt were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Wise of Los Angeles. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Erkles of Hynes. The hosts and the Erkles were formerly Lomitaites.

J. A. Smith has applied to the railroad commission for permission to sell, and the Motor Coach Company to purchase, an auto stage line commonly known as the Redondo-San Pedro stage line for the sum of \$25,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Genter have sold their home on Woodard street to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman of San Pedro.

With a promised donation of \$150, provided another \$150 was raised to purchase chairs for the primary department of the Community church, the committee went out and got the required amount. The donor of the first \$150 was L. J. Hunter.

J. W. Baddock of Portland, Oregon, brother of Mrs. T. J. Tonkin, is the house guest of the Tonkin family for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haworth and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and daughter spent Sunday at Riverside.

Lawrence Hippenstael, Carl Strong, Matt Corber and Pross Roberts attended a wrestling match in Los Angeles Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Clyde Henderson, who underwent a serious operation at the Glendale Research hospital is now able to see her friends at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Polston of Huntington Beach were guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Polston, of Park street, Waleria, Sunday.

Shelby Vanable, who is attending the Oregon Agricultural College, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bennett and son, Leslie of San Pedro were guests of Mr. Bennett's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Bennett, Sunday.

At the recent election held by the Triple City No. 233, Odd Fellows, the following officers were elected: Noble grand, John Ferguson; vice grand, Howard Owens; recording secretary, William Straub; financial secretary, Frank Baker; treasurer, Fred Boyce; trustees, Ateck MacPhail.

# BUSY SCENES IN LOMITA SINCE SEWER WORK STARTS

Thousand Men Employed Tearing Up Streets to Lay Pipes In Important Civil Works Project; Lomita, San Pedro, Harbor City and Torrance Men Get Work Orders

Nearly a thousand men, including foremen, are at work in Lomita on the South Lomita sewer project, according to W. B. Moss, in charge of operations for the government.

Miss Edith S. Smith has donated the use of the large lot back of her office at Narbonne and Redondo boulevard to be used as a camp site, no allowance for rental of sites being allowed.

Here Mr. Moss has had built a small office and here the men are building shelters for tools and materials.

Contrary to statements being issued, the plans call for a complete sewer system in the south end. The eastern boundary extends to the Los Angeles line at Harbor City; then starting south of 25th street (Arizona) all the streets are included up to Palm Drive in the south, the road south of the No. 13 Water Plant.

The western boundary is the west side of Hillsborough or to the Torrance line. On wide boulevards pipe is to be laid on both sides of the street. Four months is the time allowed for the work.

Charles M. Smith is devoting time and money in registering people, no allowance being made for his services, phone or gasoline used. He has made almost daily trips to Los Angeles in the interest of the work, getting information, forms, etc. One clerk is allowed and Mrs. Lola Lanning is filling that position. About 200 Lomita men have received work orders so far, all of them being assigned to the local work.

Registration is begun at 8 a. m. and lasts until late in the evening. Wherever possible men are notified by telephone if a work order arrives for them. Some of those registered later may have to go elsewhere for work. It is hoped to give the men a pay day before Christmas.

Already men are at work on several streets and Lomita looks busier than it has for many months.

# Community Church At Harbor City Offers Pageant

The Christmas "Stranger," a pageant with music and dialogue, will be given at the Harbor City Community church Sunday evening.

All the children and younger people of the church are taking part, with Miss Maxine Schatz and Mrs. S. S. McKee directing.

The pageant tells the story of a family who wait for the Christmas guest, Christ, whom they expect. He appears at the door in the guise of a hungry boy; of a shabby woman, and then of a poor man. These guests they turn away, only to learn later that the Christmas guest has already been at their door.

# Midnight Mass At Catholic Church

Lomita Catholic church is to have a midnight high mass, the Christmas Eve, Leonard's Third Mass in B Flat to be given with Mesdames H. Conza, H. Grundisch, R. J. Lannen, Miss Catherine Lupin and Mr. Charles Taussey carrying the solo parts. Mrs. Bunice Wood will play a cello obligato.

There will be a low mass at 8:30 Christmas morning, Father O'Keefe celebrant, and confessions will be heard Saturday from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Leonard's Mass is a very beautiful mass and there will no doubt be many who wish to attend the midnight service to which all are welcome.

# Clever Program At Children's Party

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs joined Tuesday night in a big Christmas party for the children of members.

A big tree was the center of attraction at Odd Fellow hall and Santa Claus made his appearance with gifts for all the children.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Alwine Ulman and was very cleverly carried out. All the children in costume took part in a group of tableaux, depicting rhymes from Mother Goose.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Kastrop and May.

Mrs. Lily Willacy entertained at luncheon Saturday the members of the M. P. Club.

After luncheon the guests, worked on Christmas presents and enjoyed a social afternoon.

Those present were Mesdames J. J. Hunt, Mrs. P. Richey, Rudolf Geist, Gertrude Hodre, James Willacy, Harry Phillips, Jack Phillips, Lissetta Zollinger of Inglewood, Carrie White of Los Angeles and Lily Willacy.

# Christmas Parties For Ulman Pupils

Following her annual custom, Mrs. Alwine Ulman gave two Christmas parties last week for her music pupils.

On Friday night the older pupils and members of her music club were guests, while the smaller pupils were entertained Saturday afternoon.

Games were played around a Christmas tree and there were gifts for all and a feast of goodies.

# All's Well That Ends Well, Says Lomita Officer

Deputy Constable and Promised Bride Take Roundabout Way to Altar

Love is blind, they say, and under its influence even a deputy constable is apt to make a slight technical error which in normal times he would never dream of committing, such as obtaining a marriage license in the wrong county for instance.

Deputy Constable William I. Hamlin and Mrs. Adelaide Dean of Long Beach took out a marriage license in Los Angeles county and then journeyed to Garden Grove Sunday to be married at the home of a friend, Mrs. E. M. Holes. A Garden Grove minister was secured and then in the consternation of the prospective bride and groom, refused to marry them—in Orange county.

A hasty trip was made to Long Beach, and once over the line the wedding took place at high noon, as planned.

The couple, minister and friends returned to the home of Mrs. Holes where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served.

The groom was for many years constable at Azusa where he owns a cozy home and where he and his bride will live. Mr. Hamlin is serving at Lomita only until his retirement takes effect. He has made many friends in Lomita who wish him happiness.

# Unusual Merit In Program At Presbyterian Ch.

Christmas Observance Tonite At Lomita Community Church

Under the able direction of Mrs. Charles B. Airey, a program of unusual merit will be given tonight at 8 p. m. at the Lomita Community Presbyterian church.

The program will open with the singing of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by the congregation who will then be led in prayer by Rev. C. L. Montgomery.

Following a trumpet solo by Bennie Airey, Miss Miller's class will sing, "I Love to Tell the Story."

A pageant in five scenes, with dialogue and Christmas songs, will follow, with Mrs. T. W. Bullock as reader and Harold Coakley as accompanist.

All the children will join in chorus singing, the different scenes depicting the manger, the coming of the wise men, the shepherds watching their flocks and the adoration of the Christ Child.

Miss Patricia Bullock will enact the part of Mary and George Koy, that of Joseph, and also Zacharias, Phyllis McCartney, Janet Mosher and Betty Lou Powers will appear as angels; Delbert Clayton, Arnold Hansen, Lloyd Powell and Thornd Cook, shepherds; and James Willacy, Billie McGraw and Walter McCartney as the three wise men.

The costumes and decorations will be in keeping with the time of the Nativity.

# Voters League Is Reorganized and New Staff Chosen

Group Will Be Known As Progressive Voters Association

The Voters League, reorganized at their meeting of December 14, have changed the name of the organization to the Progressive Voters' Association.

The chief purpose of the organization will be to endeavor to find out more about political questions and candidates before elections, and to that end, speakers will be asked to address the association both for and against propositions.

Election of officers were held and F. A. Mote re-elected president. Other officers elected were Earl Rooper, vice president; Grace Schaefer, secretary; Mrs. Fred M. Linn, treasurer; Vern Whisler, sergeant-at-arms; F. A. Mote, Grace Schaefer and Lawrence Thrapp, delegates to the county council.

The association will continue to conduct the relief store for unemployed in Lomita. The store is now getting bread from its own bakery, operated in Los Angeles by unemployed. The local store furnishes its share of labor at the bakery each week.

The children gave a short program about the beautiful tree and games and a social time were enjoyed.

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