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High School PTA Reports Highlights Of Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of Torrance high school P.T.A. was held in the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon, March 12. Mrs. F. S. Selover presided and J. H. Burchett led the salute to the flag.

Miss Irene Mills, program chairman, presented a splendid program highlighted by the vocal solo of Joan Mumford, whose accompanist was Nancy Ann Whyte.

"What P.T.A. Membership Should Mean to Parents and Teachers," was the title of an excerpt from the Parent-Teacher year book, read by Mrs. John Garner, president of Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. council.

Talks on safety by Bill Jackson and Bob Everetts, seniors, were followed by explanations and illustrations by Ralph Demler, Woodshop instructor and Bernard Rauk, whose talks dealt with painting and renewing painted surfaces in the home.

Elected to serve with Miss Elizabeth Parks on the nominating committee were Mmes. R. J. Egan, M. J. Edwards, H. B. Ringle and E. G. Spratt.

Mrs. Selover announced that the next regular meeting will be held in the evening during Public Schools week.

An invitation was extended to Torrance High P.T.A. to attend a musical tea at Gardena high school on April 11 during the school's annual art exhibit.

P.T.A. Summer Camp will be held this year from Aug. 3 to Aug. 17, it was announced.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served; by the hostess committee.

ELEMENTARY P.T.A. MEETING DATE SET

The regular meeting of Torrance Elementary P.T.A. will be held at 2:00 o'clock, March 26, in the school auditorium.

Two principals and two teachers will participate in a round table discussion on, "Better Schools and Better Educational Programs."

A board meeting at 1:00 o'clock will precede the regular session.

Tea will be served by first and second grade room mothers.

Junior Clubwomen Report Interesting Business Meeting

At their regular meeting held Wednesday evening at the clubhouse Torrance Junior Woman's club welcomed several new members into the organization, including Mmes. Charlotte Robison, Terry Adams, Bernice Moskos, Marian Mulaney, Bessie Radcliff, Marge O. Lilienthal, and Eugene Hatter.

The program featured accordion selections by Carol Mitchell and Carol Clark, pupils of Bettie Thomas and Mrs. Thomas' Accordionettes, a group of eight-year-old and younger students, including Joan Blackman, Janeene Colombo, Norma Meadows, Bebe Marie Babcock, Donna Evans and Fred Diesel.

A group of songs and dances charmingly interpreted by Yolanda Goldsmith, a pupil of the Three Arts Studio, concluded the musical portion of the program.

During the meeting plans were outlined for activities for the rest of the term. Reports of committees included those on the recent fashion show, the Red Cross drive and the Miss Torrance contest. It was voted to send \$75.00 to the District Federation project, the furnishing of a playroom for ambulatory patients at the Children's Hospital. The next social affair will be the showing of a movie.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Leroy Pulliam and her committee: Mmes. Robert Stone, Malcolm Garton, E. E. Wilson and E. L. Russell.



CROWNING OF A QUEEN . . . Miss Frances Barrington, Torrance high school student, reigned over the Torrance Woman's Club carnival last Saturday night. Shown above, seated, left to right, are Miss Doris Lee Quaggin, second in the contest which chose the queen; Miss Barrington, and Miss Marge Dunham, third in the contest. Standing, Mrs. J. H. Ritchie, Woman's Club queen contest chairman; Chief of Police John Stroh, president of the Kiwanis Club which sponsored Miss Barrington in the contest and who performed the coronation rites; Mayor William H. Tolson of Torrance, and Mrs. H. L. Wagner, Jr., president of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club. In the foreground is Garry Ritchie, who carried the crown and scepter.

Thurlow Lessing Becomes Bride Of Erwin M. Whitcomb

In a double ring ceremony performed Saturday afternoon in Navy Family Chapel, Long Beach, Mrs. Thurlow Lessing exchanged wedding vows with Erwin M. Whitcomb, United States Naval Reserve, Chaplain Thomas Dunham, U.S.N.R., officiated in the presence of about 50 guests.

Given in marriage by her brother, Laydon Gammell, of this city, the bride was attired in a suit of dusty pink with navy accessories and she carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses and sweet peas. Mrs. Eunice Crabtree, of Torrance, as bridesmaid, wore a powder blue suit with contrasting accessories complemented by a corsage of pink roses. Charles C. Scheinast, U.S.N.R., was the bridegroom's attendant.

A reception followed at 818 Beech ave., where the couple will be at home upon their return from a brief honeymoon. An extended trip is planned for later in the year. A profusion of calls, illies and carnations enhanced the rooms and the buffet refreshment table, presided over by Mrs. Hayden Gammell.

The bridegroom, a son of Mrs. F. E. Whitcomb, of Detroit, Mich, had recently returned from overseas and expects to receive his honorable discharge soon. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Mattie Kirkham, of this city.

Arriving for the ceremony were the bridegroom's mother and his sisters, Miss Betty Whitcomb, of Detroit, and Mrs. Helen Peters, of Plains, Kan., and Mrs. Bessie Squires, of Pasadena.

AT CLARK HOME

Mrs. F. H. Clark entertained as her weekend guest Mary L. Mitchell, of Duarte.

PICNIC PARTY HELD AT TORRANCE PARK

Surprising Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dawson, a group of Montrose, Colorado relatives, arrived last weekend at their home, 1906 Plaza del Amo.

A picnic party at Torrance Municipal Park was a feature of the entertainment offered and also served as a farewell to the Bert Bruce family of Torrance, who leave soon to make their home in Kansas.

Those present were Mrs. Ellen Williams and son James, Mr. E. Dawson and son Oliver, Mrs. Agnes Schmidt, Sarah Agnes and Jimmy, all of Montrose; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson and Eula Rude, of Norwalk; Mrs. Ellen Burfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Miller and Coralie, of Santa Monica; Mrs. Jeanette Finn and daughters, Darlene and Betty Jo, of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Luthy, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bruce and children, Donna, Terry and Karen; Betty Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dawson and son Gary, of Torrance.

BLUEBIRDS ENJOY AFTERNOON PARTY

The Bluebird group, sponsored by 186th Street School P.T.A., enjoyed a surprise St. Patrick's Day party last Friday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Doris Tanner, 20509 N. Elliott st. Mrs. Emma Dow, assistant leader served as co-hostess.

Games were enjoyed by the girls with prizes for winners. Refreshments were then served to Nancy Brannon, Wilberta Patchin, Donna Ridenour, Freda Nabors, Elaine Snuffer, Helen Hancy, Charlene Ahlstrom, Jerry Ann Chapman, Mary Ann Goodson, Dorothy Hough, Dolores Carrelia, Velda and Otelka Bolinger, Ellen Dow and Shelby Talliaferro.

TWO SHARE HONORS AT BUFFET DINNER

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. White, 2206 236th st., was the scene of a double celebration Sunday. The occasion marked Mrs. White's birthday and was a farewell for her son, Sgt. Robert L. White, who is returning to service at the conclusion of his re-enlistment furlough. He had recently returned following three years' E.T.O. duty.

Green and white decorations were used for the St. Patrick's Day buffet table where 20 guests were served.

Out of town couples were Messrs. and Mmes. C. Smutz C. Smutz and family, El Monte; V. Dapper, E. Hund, D. U. White, Mrs. I. Ackley and Miss Alice Quillid, all of Los Angeles.

Colette Nance Presents Pupils In Piano Recital

Colette Nance presented 20 of her pupils in a charming piano recital at the Neptunian Club in Manhattan Beach Sunday afternoon.

The following program was played by the students:

"The Pirate's Revenge" (Munn) and "Toy Piano" (Nevin) by Rosemary Ryan; "Possum Trot" (Lake) and "Dance of the Puppets" (Martin) by Kathie Curtis; "The Dancer" and "Little Navajo" (Litoff) by Larry Lowell Colwell; "In the Forest Tall" (Burnam) and "The Swing" (Daniel) by Adele Ann Curtis; "Tommy's New Drum" (Preston) and "Little March" (Wright) Lloyd Pitney; "Fairy Barque" (Aaron) and "Climbing" (MacLachlan) by Norma Lynn Strauss; "Prize of the Gnomes" and "Gypsy Camp Fires" (Eckstein) by Pamela Pamplin; "Musette" and "Lullaby" (Bloch) by Theodora Sudduth; "Valse Reverie" (Eckstein) and "Petite Russian Rhapsody" (Thompson) by Martha Ruth Sederlund; "Knight Rupert" (Schumann) and "Fantasy D Minor" (Mozart) by Richard Allen Soules; "Prelude E Flat Minor" (DeKoven) and "The Butterfly" (Lavalley) by Constance Marion Welch; "Moon Dawn" (Friml) by Nancy Jean Simms; "Shadows of the Night" (Podesia) by Ruth Schimmick; "Gypsy Fires" (Rebo) and "Braziliana" (Nevin) by Betty Joe Moore; "Autumn" (Chaminade) by Patricia Clerc; "Sonatina," a first movement, (Clementi) and "Theme from Finlandia" (Sibelius) by Barbara Lisman; "Prelude C Sharp Minor" (Rachmaninoff) by Patricia Mullen; "Bournee" from Violin Sonata (Bach-Saint Saens) and "Polonaise in A Major" (Chopin) by Nancy Ann Whyte; "Valse" (Chopin) and "Praeludium (MacDowell) by Eunice Paula Abramson; "Prelude G Minor" (Bach-Siloti) and "Rhapsody G Minor" (Brahms) by Hellen Alice Trafzer.

HELLION ALICE TRAFZER PLAYED THE ACCOMPANIMENT FOR BETTY FEUER, lyric soprano, who sang: "Waltz Song" from La Boheme (Puccini), "Songs My Mother Taught Me" (Dvorak) and "Tales of the Vienna Woods" (Strauss).

CIRCLE MEETINGS ARE ARRANGED

Mrs. E. J. Monmurr will open her home at 1407 Cota ave., at 1:30 o'clock Monday, March 25 for a meeting of Christian Church Circle No. 2 and again on Tuesday afternoon, March 26 at the same hour when Circle No. 1 will meet. Mrs. Inez Gascoigne Waugh will preside at the meeting of Circle No. 2 and Mrs. C. E. King will conduct the Circle No. 1 meeting.

NEWS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Initiation of candidates of Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, was a highlight of the last meeting, held Wednesday evening in Moose Hall, 1951 Carson st. Participating in the ritualistic work were representatives of San Pedro, Compton, Golden State and Baldwin Park chapters. Those initiated were Jessie McCormick, Cordie White, Ruth Slack and Mable Hutchenson. About 50 women were present. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

THE HOME OF MRS. ANNA WILKEN, 1442 W. 216th st., was the meeting place for sewing club members who were also luncheon guests last Thursday afternoon.

The following were winners of the recently completed card party series sponsored by Women of the Moose: Mmes. O. J. Batsch and Don Hall, bridge; C. Soeten and Rosa Sheppard, pinochle; Sadie Nolan and Ruth Steenbock, 500; Lela Heglin and O. A. White, bunco.

A new series will begin on April 3.

THE NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CHAPTER NO. 44 WILL BE HELD IN MOOSE HALL ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 27.

MRS. CHRISTENSEN IS BRIDAL SHOWER-HONOREE

Complimenting Mrs. Conrad Christensen Mrs. H. J. Hamman and Miss Marjorie Zook, of Hermosa Beach, entertained at a post nuptial shower Friday evening at the home of the former, 1330 Eugenia ave.

Pastel sweet peas and stock, lighted tapers and diminutive bridal party figurines decorated the table where dainty refreshments were served at the conclusion of an evening of games. Guests, numbering about 25, were from Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance and Inglewood.

SAN FRANCISCO GUESTS

Capt. E. C. O'Connell, U.S.N. and Mrs. O'Connell who have been guests at the Anderson home at 1513 Cota ave., have returned to their home in San Francisco.

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St. Patrick's Tea Highlights Meeting Of Methodist Women

The home of Mrs. Grover Van Deventer, at 2303 Carson st., was a setting for the monthly meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service held last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Clyde Ruckman, in charge of devotionals, used as her topic, "A Great Heritage."

Mrs. Arcture Tyler, of Hamilton Negro Methodist church, Los Angeles, as guest speaker, gave a splendid talk on "Christianity in World Order."

A St. Patrick's Day motif, effectively followed for the tea table appointments, was repeated in the decorations for a large birthday cake provided for those members whose birthdays had occurred during the past three months.

On Tuesday morning, March 26, Mrs. Nita Hof will open her home at 907 Portola ave. for a breakfast for members of Circle No. 2.

Circle No. 1 will meet Wednesday, March 27, for a noon pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Marie Morgan, 2203 Arlington ave.

Mrs. John Keefer will be hostess to the executive board of Women's Society of Christian Service at a meeting in her home, 2259 Torrance blvd., planned for 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 25.

THURSDAY CLUB AT BUENA PARK

As a diversion from their customary activities members of the Thursday Afternoon Club recently enjoyed luncheon at Knotts Berry Farm and spent some time viewing the many attractions offered at the popular Buena Park cafe.

Included in the group were Mmes. Fred Knudsen, and Fennell, of Lomita; H. Archer Lewis, Frank Shields, J. H. Moore, B. F. Dye, J. E. Miller, F. H. Clark, all of Torrance; H. S. McManus and T. H. Kendrick, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Shields will entertain the ladies in her home next Thursday afternoon.

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