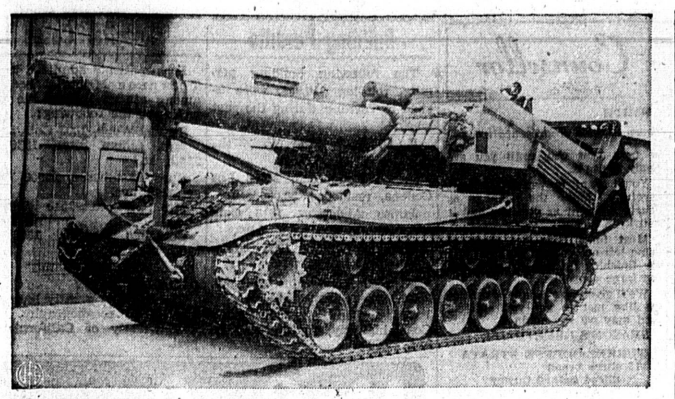

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Luncheon Held At Christmas Party Tuesday

Consumer Education class at Walteria school met for its Christmas meeting in the school dining room Tuesday.

A pot-luck luncheon at 1 o'clock was followed by a gift exchange among the members of the class and their instructor, Mrs. Alpha Stump.

Christmas wrappings on the gifts as well as the table decorations exemplified the interesting and instructive lessons on decorations which have been given during the past month.

Mrs. Stump announced the next meeting for Jan 7 and on Jan. 14 she will present Jean Dickonson, a textile chemist, who will lecture and demonstrate textiles now on the market. All those interested are welcome to attend.

The class is sponsored by the Walteria P.T.A.

Walteria Cub Pack To Hold Christmas Party

Cub Pack 240-C sponsored by the Walteria P.T.A., will hold its annual Christmas party in the Walteria elementary school auditorium at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Mesdames Earl Gipe, Paul Brow and Jo Sullivan, den mothers, have prepared an outstanding program including accordion selections. Clement Moore's "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be read by Mrs. Geo. P. Thatcher.

The Den has produced skits with a spiritual theme for this special occasion. Everyone attending is to bring a small gift to be exchanged. Other attractions will feature the Pack's fourth Christmas party. Geo P. Thatcher, Cubmaster, will preside.

Breakfast Club Elects Officers At Yule Party

Election of officers was the principal business transacted at the monthly meeting of the Torrance Breakfast club Sunday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum.

At the dining table, gay with holiday decorations, a delicious chicken dinner was served and later gifts were exchanged.

Officers chosen to serve the club during the ensuing year are Fred Bever, president; John H. Fess, vice president; Persia Fess, secretary-treasurer and Bettina Miller, publicity chairman.

The club voted a contribution of $10.00 for the 20-30 Club-sponsored Tournament of Roses float.

A New Year's Eve party for club members and their guests will be held in the attractive rumpus room of the J. E. Miller home.

An evening of cards concluded the enjoyable evening.

Fire Chief In Warning On Yuletide Lights

In a timely pre-holiday warning to all residents in the city, Fire Chief John E. McMaster of the Torrance Fire Department when interviewed today said, "Christmas conflagrations can ruin the holiday season for many people unless they give a little more thought and attention to eliminating the hazards they deliberately create in their homes with festive decorations."

During the last two weeks of December, 1945, many fires caused by "shorts" in Christmas tree lights, candles, portable heaters, and highly combustible gift wrappings were extinguished by various fire departments. Severe burns, the result of futile attempts to extinguish the flames, sent a score of people to hospitals for treatment.

"As long as people insist on making firetraps of their living rooms we can expect fires of this type every year," continued the Chief.

When asked what precautions could be taken to prevent these fires from occurring, Chief McMaster outlined the following safeguards:

1. Place your tree in a bucket of wet sand. With suitable bracing this makes an excellent base and helps keep the tree from drying out. Keep it away from heat. Dry evergreens are highly flammable when first cut, and doubly so when dead and dry. Dispose of your tree before it reaches this stage.

2. Do not be mislead when purchasing lights for your tree. Demand the best. Cheap, inferior wiring will inevitably "short" out and, in contact with your tree and decorations, start a fire. Look for the Underwriters label of approval on all wiring or electrical appliances. Never leave your tree lights burning when no one is at home. Be sure and disconnect them at the wall outlet.

3. Decorations of the wrong kind can be deadly. Fire can travel through them with the rapidity of an explosion. Metal, glass, and asbestos material are non-flammable. Use them. Cotton (batting), paper and pyroxlin are highly flammable. Do not consider using them.

4. Provide a box for disposing of gift wrappings. A litter of loose paper on the floor is inviting trouble, particularly where there is a possibility of it coming in contact with open flame heaters or fireplaces.

The chief concluded by saying, "Safety usually takes a back seat in the gay excitement surrounding Christmas in the home. Think about it and do something about it before the fun commences."

Torrance High School Home Economics Club Reports Activities

Members of the Torrance High School Economics club report an enjoyable breakfast party at the school on Tuesday morning.

Following breakfast, which featured hot cocoa and delicious rolls, the girls sang Christmas carols.

The next meeting of the club is scheduled for Wednesday following Christmas vacation.

A going-away party, being planned for the near future, will honor the Senior Aye girls who will graduate in January. Party honorees will include Olia Fernandez, Dorothy Sanders, Mary Schulz, Harriet Graves and Dolores Thomas, according to Dolores Thomas, reporter-historian.

Men Without War Service Taken In Naval Reserve

Men between the ages of 17 and 18½, and those who are 30 and under 40 years of age without previous military service, are now eligible for enlistment in Class V-6, Naval Reserve for inactive duty, the Eleventh Naval District announced.

Formerly restricted to veterans of World War II, Naval Reserve organized and volunteer units will now accept men who were too young for service in the war and those who because of skilled trades were deferred from military service.

As members of organized reserve units, the non-veterans will receive weekly training and instruction relating to the latest developments in electronics, radar, radio, gunnery, etc. They will train aboard Navy surface craft or submarines and will receive a yearly two weeks cruise. A full day's pay will be paid for attendance at the weekly training periods and full pay during the yearly cruise. While members of volunteer reserve units do not receive pay, they will receive training in skilled trades utilizing the newest and finest of equipment.

The eligibility requirements for non-veterans for enlistment in the Class V-6 program are similar to those required of men enlisting in the regular Navy. Applicants must be native born or naturalized citizens of the United States, and must meet mental, physical and moral requirements.

Interested applicants may obtain more detailed information from their nearest Naval Recruiting Station.

State Vets Farm Home Purchases Show Decrease

State and farm home purchases for veterans totalled only $1,371,600 during November, the lowest monthly figure of the year, the State Department of Veterans Affairs announced today.

The November total compares with $1,800,000 in October, and a previous low of $1,622,000 in February. The high month of the year was May, when purchases totalled $4,500,000.

Director Lawrence C. Stevens explained that the decline in purchases apparently is the result of more "shopping around" by veterans seeking homes in the present inflated real estate market, as well as a more conservative purchasing policy of the department.

"Our appraisers report there is a very definite levelling off in real estate prices, and during the next few months there probably will be a sharp reduction in the high premium prices now being charged for old houses," Stevens said.

Marriage Licenses

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Robert L. Spangenberg, 402 W. 102nd st. and Patricia J. Fronk, 1017 Maple st., Torrance.

HOPE THEY'RE WRONG

Under present conditions, every economist in the country expects some kind of depression within two to five years, says a University of California faculty member.

INCREASE IN VEHICLES

A total of $124,936,306 was collected by the government from automotive sources during September, 1946, as contrasted with the 1945 figure of $9,991,258.

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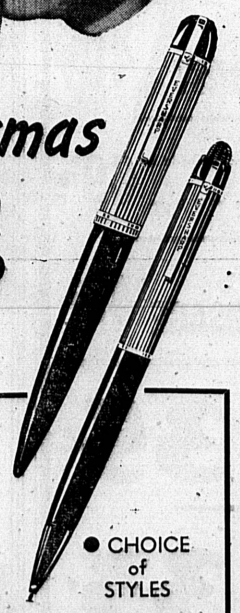

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