

Toy Campaign, Other Welfare Work Stressed At PTA Council Meet

The Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. council voted to sponsor a "broken toy" campaign after listening to Mrs. R. S. Gangestad, Tenth District P.T.A. Juvenile Protection chairman, as the principal speaker at the monthly meeting held last week in San Pedro.

Each Parent-Teacher association in the council will strive to collect toys to be repaired and they will be presented to Tenth District at the June council breakfast.

Closing her talk, Mrs. Gangestad said: "As parents we cannot guarantee our children case, success or even happiness, but we can give them a foundation of security and the feeling of belonging." She told briefly about the toy loan library and how toys which need renovating are repaired by handicapped men and women now overcoming their difficulties by assembling the broken toys.

Mrs. John Garner, president, conducted the business session and introduced Mrs. F. V. Christiansen, Gateway P.T.A. welfare chairman and B. J. Strand, principal of Torrance Elementary and Development schools during the Christmas season.

Mrs. J. C. Miller and J. R. Garner will serve as a committee to present eligible names for the life membership award. Mrs. Hazel Stanton and Mrs. Randell Munch were appointed to serve on a credentials committee at the Tenth District election in April.

Mrs. Joe Ortega led the group in the pledge of allegiance; the inspirational message, "The P.T.A. Prayer" was repeated in unison and the Mothers' chorus of the P.T.A. Fernin P.T.A. presented two numbers, "Jeannie, With the Light Brown Hair" and Schubert's "Serenade." The program closed with Mrs. W. W. McCann, of Lomita, playing two piano solos.

Among the association presidents' reports given were Fernin Harbor City, Lomita Elementary, Orange Street and Torrance Elementary.

Patty Joe Moore Is Complimented At Birthday Dinner

Patty Joe Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Moore, 2215 Gramercy ave., celebrated her 15th birthday at a surprise dinner party at her home on Tuesday evening.

A candlelight, decorated birthday cake centered the dining table where covers were arranged for 10 teen age girls, all members of Pat's club, the R.O.G.'s, including Peggy Crook, Pauline Ban, Joan McWaid, Barbara Kiley, Betty Hartley, Jacqueline King, Wanda Hollomon, Lilian Cuccel, and Jessie Quigley. Many lovely gifts were received.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS PLAN INSTALLATION

Torrance Camp No. 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold installation of officers at Torrance Woman's clubhouse on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, when Mrs. Margaret Stevens, orator-elect and her staff of officers will be introduced.

A special drill team and officers from Redondo Beach Camp will assist with the installation rites. The public is cordially invited.

LUTHERAN LADIES PLAN MEETING

The Rebekah Circle of First Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Neal, 646 Sartori ave., on Friday Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

EL CONCILO LATINO. AMERICANO DE IGLESIAS CRISTIANAS

envia un sincero voto de agradecimiento a toda la colonia de habla espanola por su cooperacion para la reconstruccion de la M. Jerusalem, situada en 2220 calle del Pueblo, en Torrance. Rev. M. Gonzalez. Exs. Esther Guzman.

Mrs. Helen Martin Is Incentive For Much Hospitality

Returning to her home in Harrisburg, Pa., at the conclusion of two weeks' holiday visit with Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, Mrs. Helen Martin left her Friday following a round of festivities in her honor. Included in most of the parties was Tom Waring, brother of the eastern guest, who is spending the winter at the Brooks home.

Initial Festivity

Mrs. Brooks was a gracious hostess at a beautifully appointed tea when Torrance and out-of-town friends were invited to meet Mrs. Martin upon her arrival by plane from the east coast.

Seasonal decorations used throughout the American Beauty center of the lace-covered tea roses on the lace-covered tea table created an effective setting for the lovely party. Pouring were Mrs. R. R. Smith and Miss Esther Maxwell.

Parties Continue

The same evening Mrs. Brooks, accompanied by Mrs. Martin and Tom Waring, left for Canoga Park, where Comet Brooks and Roy Ringwald entertained at dinner in their ranch home, San Cristobal.

New Year's eve and New Year's day were spent at Sky-Hi dude ranch, near Victorville.

For six also was a luncheon for six also was an enjoyable occasion at Padua Hills, where Mrs. Eugene Willis of North Ridge entertained this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Whyte Leave Tonight For CNPA Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte leave tonight to attend the annual convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Association at Santa Cruz. They will spend a few days at San Jose, following the convention, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Arthur, before returning to Torrance next Wednesday.

AT SNOW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snow are entertaining as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Becker, who arrived from their home in Port Clinton, Ohio, for a month's visit here.

Man Tells Story Of Being Robbed And Kidnapped

Kidnapped and robbed of \$60, Juan Ortega, 21209 S. Main st., told sheriff's deputies early Sunday morning that he had been held prisoner in his own car by six thugs who forced him to drink liquor while they kept him pinned down on the rear floor of his sedan.

Ortega explained that he had been visiting friends in the Pueblo and had left their house at 11:30 Saturday night. He said that he was stopped by two cars a short distance from the house and "ganged" by at least six men.

"They took my money and forced me into the rear seat of my automobile, where they threw me to the floor and kept me pinned there with their feet," Ortega told officers. "They drove around for at least two hours that I remember, all the time forcing me to drink liquor, until finally everything went blank."

He said that he awoke at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, still on the floor of his car, which was parked off the road in the vicinity of Watts.

Ortega could give officers no explanation as to why the men had added kidnapping to the robbery.

AMINO ACIDS

Eleven different amino acids have been identified by University of California researchers as necessary for the best growth of chicks.

Benjamin P. Weston, Local Ranch Owner, Dies Suddenly At Home

Benjamin P. Weston, well-known throughout California, died Thursday morning Jan. 9 in his home at 2770 Pacific Coast highway, as a result of a heart attack.

Death came suddenly to the pioneer resident, shortly after arising to carry out his usual duties in connection with the Weston Ranch holdings.

His wife, Gladys, was at his bedside at his death.

With his passing, another era of the development of Torrance is closed. Mr. Weston having been identified with many progressive measures which have led to the expansion of the community of which the vast Weston holdings were a part.

A native of Redondo Beach, Mr. Weston spent most of his life in this area. He was the son of the late Orin S. Weston, who came here from Salem, Mass., in the early 1880's. The original land held in the vast Weston ranch comprise more than 1700 acres. The property originally was purchased by his great uncle, Benjamin Weston, a half century ago.

At the outbreak of the second World War a portion of the ranch was purchased by the Army for the present Lomita Smog called 'Aerial Sewer' by speaker

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City and county planning officials, who gathered in the Civic auditorium, Torrance, last Thursday night for the monthly dinner meeting of the Los Angeles County Planning Commission, heard a new name given to "smog."

Herman P. Roth, University of California School of Medicine physiologist, termed the heavy laden atmosphere as "aerial sewer" during his talk on "The Gas Chamber and Physiological Aspects of Air Pollution." Tom McGuire, chairman of the Torrance City Planning Commission, was in charge of the program, assisted by members of the commission and City Engineer G. M. Jain. The dinner was prepared by members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Andrew O. Porter, deputy county counsel, talked on the legal aspects of air pollution and told of a bill before the State Legislature providing for controls.

James Edinger, U.C.L.A. meteorologist, discussing meteorological problems of air pollution, explained the necessity of such controls because of the low ceiling in Southern California. Roland Reynolds, engineer-in-charge of the Los Angeles County Office of Air Pollution Control, spoke on "Engineering Aspects of Air Pollution Control," stating that elimination of gases, fumes and smoke had been made possible through engineering achievements, and that many industrial plants already had installed engineering equipment to combat the nuisance.

U.S. Rubber May Buy Synthetic Plant From RFC

Officials of the United States Rubber Co., have announced that the company is considering taking over the stand-by plant in the synthetic group at 180th st. and Vermont ave., from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. Spokesmen declined to make any statements as to the future disposition or use of the facilities. Proposed investments in the plant and inventories are reported to exceed \$250,000.

The company said its Naugatuck chemical division has established headquarters in Los Angeles for processing and distributing farm and rubber chemicals, aromatics, plastics and other products.

Police Dept. Gets Orchids For Recent Service

It was orchids for Chief of Police John Stroh and his men Tuesday night at the City Council meeting.

Jack Isen commended the chief and his department for the capture of alleged robbers of the Bottle Shop liquor store recently.

Bernard Donahue, vice principal of Torrance high school, thanked the department for aid in handling crowds at football games last season.

Believe Recent Scout Camp Fire Here Deliberate

A recent fire in the Boy Scout Camp Vaughn Scott, in which a headquarters tent was destroyed in addition to a large pile of firewood, was believed yesterday by Torrance Fire Chief J. E. McMaster to have been the deliberate work of arsonists.

McMaster said that investigation revealed that the wood pile had been fired with gasoline. A motorist, unidentified, reported to the fire chief that he had heard an explosion, followed by a huge flash, last Dec. 28 while driving by the camp along Pacific Coast highway.

McMaster said that he did not believe that Scouts had anything to do with the fire.

City Council Says 'Thanks' To Legislators

Torrance City Council last night expressed its appreciation for the California Legislature in speedy ratification of the Charter of the City of Torrance.

A resolution was adopted directed to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas who introduced the ratification resolution, and Senator Jack B. Tenney, who handled the document in the Senate, indicating the appreciation of the people of Torrance. The resolution was adopted as the first order of general business in the Assembly, and was followed by similar action in the Senate.

It was officially sealed by Secretary of State Frank Jordan within 36 hours after the legislature convened January 6.

GUARDSMEN LEGION TO MEET TONIGHT IN LOCAL ARMORY

Members of the local post of the Legion of Guardsmen will meet tonight in the State Armory, Torrance ball park, at 7:30.

Commander Harry Ramskill has asked all members to attend and invites any former service man, of World War II, former

Marriage Licenses

Edward H. Mayor, 4188 Denker ave., Los Angeles, and Margaret M. Batovsky, 1324 W. Carson st., Torrance. Mitsuyoshi Motobo, 21031 S. Figueroa st., Torrance, and Mitsuru Fukunaga, Box 248, Walteria. guardsmen and others eligible for membership, to attend.

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