

RECREATION PROGRAM DISCUSSED BY ADVISOR

Mrs. Rollin Brown, a member of Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Commission, vice chairman State Recreation Commission and immediate past president, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, was the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the First District Welfare Council, approximately 50 representatives from organizations in Torrance, Lomita, Gardena and the Shoestring Strip, attended the meeting, which was chaired by Rev. Torban R. Olsen, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church.



MRS. ROLLIN BROWN

Mrs. Brown spoke on youth and adult recreation programs. She stressed the importance of the Welfare Council as a planning body to develop a coordinated program for health and welfare needs of all kinds, including recreation. She pointed out that an adequate recreation program is vital to a balanced and happy family life. Young adults and older citizens are especially in need of recreational programs since very few are planned for those who have passed high school age. She stressed the importance of the parents of the community as the key group in pushing recreation programs, since the home is the basic foundation of community life. Public school playground facilities, according to Mrs. Brown, must be utilized in any recreation program under the leadership of trained staff and volunteers.

Regular meetings of the council will be held at noon on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting, Mrs. Charles B. Humphrey, Shoestring Strip; Mrs. C. E. Woodward, Lomita; Mrs. William O. Kelly, Gardena; Rev.-Clyde E. Ruckman, Torrance will serve on this committee.

A nominating committee was appointed to present nominees for officers to be elected at the

Elementary PTA to Honor Faculty at Luncheon Meet

Executive board members of Torrance Elementary P.T.A. are completing plans for a luncheon to honor teachers of the school, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Last regular meeting was a Fathers Night celebration preceded by a pot luck supper for 200 with the dads in charge of serving. Kenneth Beight, husband of the president, conducted a brief business session.

Program theme for the occasion was, "New Methods in School Education," directed by Boone Kirks, husband of the program chairman, Robert Hall, supervisor of visual aid, demonstrated visual aids used in the school. Special music for the occasion was presented by Abe Milstein, high school music director, whose accompanist was Mrs. Howard Wood. Sixth grade students contributed to the program with a demonstration of the use of radio in the classroom.

Mrs. Murphee's fifth graders, with the most parents present, were awarded the use of the radio for their classroom during the ensuing month. The award was made by Principal William Clinkenbear, who earlier had introduced parents of each room.

Next monthly meeting will be held in the school on Thursday, Dec. 16.

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Couple Married 50 Years To Preside at Reception

by IRENE HOWE

"We first met at a church picnic in Massachusetts more than fifty years ago," mused Mrs. William A. Sowerby of 1817 W. 253rd street this week as she and her husband made plans to receive their many friends at a reception Sunday, Dec. 5 at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pratt, 1808 W. 260th street.

Also, expected to arrive this week for the golden wedding anniversary of their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Reginald H. Sowerby from New York.

Of Canadian descent, Mr. Sowerby and the former Jessie Clara Carr were married Dec. 7, 1898 in Marlborough, Mass. and settled in that town, where Mr. Sowerby had a milk route. Later they moved to Brockton, Mass. and then to Texas for Mr. Sowerby's health. Returning again to Massachusetts they lived for two years in Worcester and then settled in South Lancaster, remaining there for fourteen years. Seventeen years ago they heeded the plea of their daughter, Mrs. Pratt, and came to California purchasing their present home on 253rd street. Mr. Sowerby is presently employed in Torrance.

For thirty years they have been active in the affairs of the Adventist church. Their first church affiliation was at South Lancaster, Mass., where the Atlantic Union (Adventist) College was located and, transferring their membership to Lomita they became members of the Adventist church on Lomita boulevard until that property was sold and the church membership transferred to Wilmington.

The Sowerbys have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Pratt, and son Reginald, of New York and two grandchildren, Jeanne Sowerby of New York and Bill Pratt of Lomita.

Open house will be held Sunday from 1 to 8 o'clock in the

evening and a hearty welcome is extended to all the friends and neighbors who have come to know and love this Lomita couple.

Christmas Theme for Church Play

With Christmas events being planned by various organizations and churches a Christmas play and program will be given at the Wayside Chapel Wednesday evening, December 22.

Written by Ida Binger Hubbard and titled "Christmas Comes from Everywhere," the play will be directed by Rev. Roger W. Sawyer, church pastor, and Mrs. Max Schatz, Church School superintendent.

The program will include children, youth and adults from all departments of the Church School and carols will be sung by various groups now under rehearsal.

The Christmas Cantata, to be presented by the choir, will be sung Sunday evening, December 12 at 7:30 o'clock.

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