



**TAP GROUP PERFORMS**—One of the tap dancing groups of the Three Arts Studio which performed on various Christmas programs. The dancers are, left to right: Gwendolyn McCann, Mary Ann Wilson, Jo Ann Lewis, Patsy Ruth Gilbert and Georgia Ann Stubbins.

## Red Cross Gifts Will Cheer Crew

The U. S. S. "Springfield," on duty over a six-months' span, will be playing in far eastern waters on Christmas day—and the 950 Yuletide gifts which will be opened by crew members were put aboard prior to its Oct. 18 sailing by the Los Angeles area Red Cross chapters.

The gifts were supplied in the joint project by the community service to camps and hospitals divisions.

The request for gifts was fulfilled by Red Cross when the order was filed by Chaplain Leonard T. Goode, "to insure a 'merry Christmas' for the men aboard."

Bearing "do not open until Christmas" tags, the gift boxes included fountain pens, playing cards, stationery and comb and brush sets.

## Card Party

Mrs. Walter Schaefer has been named as chairman for tonight's weekly card party in Nativity hall, Cota at Manuel avenues, sponsored by Catholic Altar Society.

Assisting her with party arrangements are Mesdames Robert Batty, Robert Milton, Gilbert Atencio, Bernadine Dougan, Samuel Martin, Albert Winkler, Frank Andrioli, William Hixon, Henry Sifers, Richard Oliver, John Harvey, Nick P'aren, William Souza, John Allen, Kenneth Cunningham, Sylvester Sullivan, Robert Cummings and Alfred Dutz.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these popular weekly parties. The first door prize will be presented at 8 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will follow. Refreshments will be served.

Each of the boys in the unit's adopted ward at Sawtelle was the recipient of a personal gift and a cash gift presented Sunday on behalf of the unit by Mabel Weigand, Mary Towler, Jackie Disario, Daisy Smith and Hilma Mallin.

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Next regular meeting is set for Monday, Dec. 27. Members report an enjoyable Christmas party in their clubhouse last Thursday evening.



**TOE DANCERS GIVE PROGRAM**—This group of dancers, students of Three Arts Studio, gave solo and group numbers on various club programs in Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Redondo and Los Angeles. They are, left to right: Patsy Ellen King, Merry-Diane Eschandi, Nancy Welton, Mary Ann Wilson, Francis Speck, Nadine Vasquez, Patsy Ruth Gilbert, Donna Ferrol Isbell, Yvonne Ava Graham, Georgia Ann Stubbins and Gwendolyn McCann.

## PTA Christmas Message Given by Frank Howell

Frank Howell of WALTERIA, husband of Mrs. Esther Howell, faculty member of Lomita Elementary School, gave the Christmas address at the Lomita PTA meeting Thursday night in the school auditorium before more than 150 members and guests.

Talking for the subject of his message "The Birthday of Our Lord" he said that love is the heart of Christmas and that "if you don't have love in your heart you won't find it under the Christmas tree."

Other program numbers included the presentation of the school chorus singing "Silent Night," "Christmas Lullaby," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "We Three Kings of Orient Are" under the direction of Mrs. Edith Nünemacher. Victor Markey was announcer and soloists included Dennis Hudson, Vicky Lucvaio and Danny Marsh.

The auditorium walls were decorated with large pictures of the Christmas scenes which had been painted by children in Mrs. Dorothy Johnson's classroom and were outstanding in coloring and artistry. One was of snowflake fairies, another of Christ-

## LINDA LEE BECK IS WELCOME

### ARRIVAL HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Beck, 2122 Lomita blvd., welcomed their first child, a little girl, weighing eight pounds two and one-half ounces, on Dec. 8.

The little girl arrived at San Pedro Hospital and was named Linda Lee Beck.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hickey of 25409 Narbonne avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Beck of Clifton, Texas.

The little girl's mother is the former Leona Henricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hickey.

this time of the year when Bill of Rights month is being observed throughout the country.

Foodstuffs were received at the door to be distributed before Christmas to worthy families by Mrs. W. G. Powers, committee chairman.

Closing the interesting meeting the large group retired to the cafeteria where sandwiches, cookies, tea and coffee were served by Mrs. Mark Weiss, Mrs. C. W. Daniels, hospitalty chairman, assisted by Mrs. H. W. Hathaway and Mrs. C. J. Campbell.

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## AUXILIARY OF POST 3251 IN PLANS FOR BUSY WEEK

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## MASTERPIECES AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM

World masterpieces which were packed 2000 feet below surface level in the damp salt mines at Merkers, Germany and later brought to light by General Patton's Third Army, will be shown at the Los Angeles County Museum from Jan. 4 through Jan. 22.

This great collection of 95 paintings is part of the vast hoard of art works, valuables and loot the Nazis were forced to hide under adverse conditions when the bombing of Berlin became imminent. Some of the paintings will be exhibited still show marks of the salt droppings which fell upon them in the caves, while over 50 of the original 202 brought to this country have already been returned to Germany because of their delicate condition.

The exhibition will be officially opened with a United States Army ceremony on the front steps of the building at 10 o'clock Jan. 4.

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## TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

Featuring the annual Christmas party Friday evening in Torrance Woman's clubhouse for members and guests of Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 will be a gift exchange, bunco and dancing.

Bunco play will begin at 7:30 and music for dancing will begin at 8:15. Honoring the birthdays of several of the members, a large decorated birthday cake and other refreshments will be served during the evening.

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