

### Diversified Program Is Enjoyed By Halldale PTA

Approximately 100 mothers attended the Halldale PTA meeting held Thursday of last week. Mrs. H. T. Seeman, president, conducted the session.

Complying with PTA's policy of special observance of the Bill of Rights during the month of December, Mrs. Don Gray read "An American's Idea of the Bill of Rights." Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal, greeted the audience and spoke briefly on school subjects.

Directed by Mesdames Lillian Barr and Ruth Adams the primary children taught by Mrs. Smith, Shaver, Cole, Halverson and Fischel entertained with dancing and Christmas songs. Augmenting the program was a clever musical skit presented by two well-known PTA members, who after removing their masks were recognized as Mrs. Don Wolf and Mrs. L. S. Smith.

### Legion Auxiliary Reports Month's Varied Activities

December has been a busy month for the members of Bert S. Crossland unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, according to the interesting reports of various chairmen heard at the regular business meeting.

At this meeting, the unit allocated funds for ten gifts of \$2.50 each for veterans at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital; Child Welfare Chairman Merle Youngken will gladden the hearts of many children with her Christmas project, it was learned.

Next meeting will be a social evening at Episcopal Guild Hall on Monday, Dec. 27. Members may invite guests and a gift exchange will be featured.

Highlights of the month's activities include a luncheon meeting at Wilmington, arranged by President Mrs. Gertrude Boyle and Historian Mrs. Margaret Lynde. Mrs. Boyle was accompanied by Mrs. Emma Evans, at a past president's party, where they heard a splendid report of the group's activities.

Mrs. Evans, who represented the Torrance unit at a luncheon meeting given by the American Legion chairman of the district, brought back an inspiring report concerning the \$1000 scholarship to be given for the best essay written about Americanism by high school students and a prize of \$50 to be given junior high school students.

Daisy Watson, Ella Robinson, and the president recently visited Sawtelle Hospital, where they spent the morning visiting the Hobby Shop and purchasing

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### DESSERT FOLLOWS!

What to serve for the dessert that follows the feast? Your choice might be a traditional pie or pudding. It could be some special family favorite.

**MINCEMEAT PIE GLAZE**  
Here's a new way with an old favorite—mincemeat. You'll enjoy such a luscious combination of flavors.

**CRUST**  
14 double graham crackers  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
4 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

Roll crackers into fine crumbs. Add spices. Blend in melted butter. Butter a pie plate. Press mixture firmly to the sides and bottom. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes.

### FILLING

1 pkg. orange gelatin  
1 C. hot water  
1 C. pineapple juice  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 C. mincemeat  
1/2 C. chopped nuts  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. nutmeg

Dissolve gelatin in hot water and pineapple juice. Add salt. Chill until slightly thickened. Combine mincemeat, nuts and spices. Fold into gelatin. Pour into cooled graham cracker crust. Chill until firm. Serve topped with sliced whipped cream.

### STRAWBERRY CREAM PUDDING

Makes a delicious dessert to serve hot. And it's not quite as rich as some holiday puddings. Make it a day or so ahead of time if you like. Reheat it and serve with lemon sauce.

2 Tbsp. melted butter  
2 eggs, well beaten  
1 C. sifted flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 C. sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon

1 C. hot water  
1 C. pineapple juice  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 C. mincemeat  
1/2 C. chopped nuts  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. nutmeg

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### PRINCESS CHARLOTTE PUDDING

This makes a delicious dessert that's a marvelous climax to a restaurant meal. You may expect more adjectives when you serve it.

6 Tbsp. sugar  
1 Tbsp. cornstarch  
3 egg yolks, or 1 egg  
3 C. milk  
Vanilla  
1 Tbsp. unflavored gelatin  
6 Tbsp. cold water  
1/2 pint cream, whipped  
6 Tbsp. powdered sugar  
1/2 C. chopped roasted almonds

Mix sugar and cornstarch. Beat egg yolks and blend in sugar and milk. Cook to a cream over low flame, stirring constantly. Cool and add a little vanilla. Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve over hot water. Whip cream and whip in powdered sugar. Fold almonds and dissolved gelatin into cream and gently fold this into the cooled cooked mixture. Spoon into molds and let chill for at least 3 to 4 hours. Unmold and serve with fruit sauce.

Sauce—An excellent raspberry sauce is made by sieving 1 pkg. of thawed, frozen red berries, sweetening the juice to taste and thickening it slightly with a little cornstarch. (About 1 tsp. cornstarch to 1 C. of juice.)

## Seaside... Ranchos

MRS. HELEN CARLTON - Frontier 6185

Of interest to all Seaside Ranchos home owners will be the special meeting of their association on Thursday, Jan. 6, when a deputy county tax assessor will present important information on personal taxes.

Presiding over the program, arranged by Everett Rowan, head of the 1948 tax committee, will be the new officers elected at last Thursday evening's meeting: Harvey B. Spelman, president; Everett Rowan, vice president; Mrs. Frederick Knouse, secretary; Quentin Johnson, treasurer; and Bill Morris, sergeant-at-arms.

George Stevens, city engineer, guest speaker of the election session, spoke on the subject of street lights in the tract. It was decided to investigate ornamental light poles and a report will be made the next regular meeting. A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing president, Byron Johnson, and his staff of officers for a very successful first year.

Many Seaside Ranchos children were among the 350 children attending the successful first Christmas party of the Las Vegas Club Saturday afternoon at the Riviera Beach Club, where they enjoyed a puppet show by Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Spears of Manhattan Beach, two comedy films and a Christmas film of "The Night Before Christmas" before meeting Santa Claus to receive a present.

Organ music by Edward Jeffrey, Seaside resident, formed the background, while the children received their gifts and were served ice cream, cookies and candy canes. Al Conover, Seaside Ranchos, was master of ceremonies for the party which was given by a special committee of the combined Hollywood Riviera Seaside Ranchos group headed by Mrs. Edward Jeffrey of Seaside Ranchos, and Mrs. Donald Holmes, Hollywood Riviera. Santa, played by Robert Gregg, Hollywood Riviera, was assisted by 10 Girl Scout elves, four of whom were Seaside girls.

Sharon Barth, Alexandria Merola, Jo Ann O'Hanlon and Judy Powell.

Little Catherine Kay Gansley is now quite at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Gansley, and older sister, Mary, at their home at 5404 Reese road, following her birth at the Cottage Maternity in Long Beach on Dec. 8. The new little girl weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. at birth, and she and her mother stayed with grandmother, Mrs. P. C. Alvizo of Long Beach, for a few days before coming home.

Twenty members of the Seaside Girl Scouts were hostesses to 20 members of the Seaside Brownie troop at a Christmas party at the Parish hall of the Torrance Episcopal Church last Monday evening. Entertainment for the evening included two skits given by the Girl Scouts, gifts to each Brownie, made by the Girl Scouts in their craft classes, and refreshments of ice cream, cookies and soda pop.

Mrs. Robert Hyder and Mrs. Joe Merola are the Scout leaders; Mrs. Edward Jeffrey is the Brownie supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. McReynolds announce the birth of their first child, a boy, David William, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born Thursday evening, Dec. 16, at Seaside Hospital, Long Beach. Mrs. McReynolds' mother, Mrs. E. D. Evans of Los Angeles, will be staying with her daughter and new grandson for a few weeks.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hurd and children of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dinsmore Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Max Dinsmore Jr., and daughter, Ann, of North Hollywood.

Little Susan McNary, a Christmas Day baby, will celebrate her first birthday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNary, her brothers, Benton and David, aunt Miss Gertrude Hays, aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hays, Mrs. Charles Walton, and Miss Zella Amman, all of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Littleton of Hermosa Beach, with a combined Christmas and birthday party at the McNary home on Reese road.

Miss Judith Nall celebrated her eighth birthday recently with a family birthday dinner at the Nall home on Linda drive, and a bicycle as her birthday present.

Little Jean Mahaffey, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mahaffey, Sharynne lane, held a birthday party at her home recently with her brothers, Phillip, Robert and John, Seaside playmates, Erika Bessmer, Anna and Ellen Gull and Jean and Cornelia Butler and Sharon Pogg of Redondo Beach. Traditional refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the little guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mease and children spent last week end at Crestline as guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smart of Pasadena.

Mrs. Guy E. Anderson of Minneapolis, Minn., sister of Mrs. Hazel Stewart, is visiting at the Lois Fredericks home on Sharynne lane through the holidays. Mrs. Fredericks is a daughter of Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stauffer of Berne, Ind., will arrive today to spend the holidays and a winter vacation with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Shot, Teresa Ann and Steven Craig, Mr. Stauffer has never seen his twin grandchildren.

Those well-balanced meals you eat today may cut deep into your family budget, but the milk you drink and use in preparing the food is only 14 percent of the total cost, yet gives you about one-half of the calcium and riboflavin nutrients so essential to good health.

In every part of the United States and at all economic levels the most certain way to improve any dietary, in the opinion of authorities, is by increasing the proportion of milk as well as that of fruits and vegetables. In comparing the relationship between food value and cost, milk stands out consistently as an inexpensive source of most of the major dietary needs.

**SORORITY MEMBERS ARRANGE SHOWER FOR BRIDE-LECT**  
Honoring Miss Jean Ridgley, whose marriage will be an event of Dec. 18, members of Delta Sigma Chi Sorority of El Camino College gathered Sunday afternoon at the El Segundo home of Miss Gloria Stevenson where she was showered with many beautiful personal gifts.

Games were played and ice cream cake and other refreshments were served. Sorority members present were the honoree and the Misses Toni Knapp, Jo Ann Westdahl, Mary Lewis, Betty Gardner, Pat Makepeace, Eileen Donahue, Joyce Montgomery, Manila Payne, Zukié Boyes, May Campbell, Carlotta Dean, Janet Schultz, Margie Mulcahy and Barbara Olson.

**FAMILY REUNION**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston, of 1404 Engracia avenue, will entertain as their holiday guests her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cuthbert of Salem, Ohio and Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. H. C. King of Youngstown, Ohio, all of whom planned to arrive on Dec. 22. The easterners also will be joined by Miss Harriet Cuthbert of San Francisco, sister of R. R. Cuthbert.

**TIMELY GIFT SUGGESTION**  
The discriminating hostess will be delighted with a gift of glassware designed to serve seafood or fruit cocktail. These short-stemmed glasses made in the shape of an inverted bell, have a small removable cup inside, which holds fruit or seafood. It's kept frosty cold by ice surrounding it in the outer glass.

### Yuletide Party Highlights Fuchsia Club Meeting

Elaborate Christmas decorations, potted cyclamen plants, a decorated Christmas tree and gifts for everyone were on the program for members of the Lomita Fuchsia Club when they held their annual holiday party Thursday night.

President Homer Shuler was assisted by Mrs. William Dailey changed with Jerry Ward acting as Santa Claus.

Mrs. Donald Jones of Los Angeles was the speaker of the evening telling her audience about the care of African violets. New species were described and best methods to obtain longer-blooming period were told.

It was announced that due to illness Mrs. Alpha Stump, club member and instructor for Consumer Education, has been unable to demonstrate holiday wrappings and decorations.

### Rev. Melvin Krug Brings PTA Christmas Message

Rev. Melvin Krug, pastor of Normont Baptist church, gave the inspirational message using the topic "The Family and the Spiritual Need," when he addressed the Normont P.T.A. Father's Night meeting Wednesday.

A delightful musical program followed as Miss Helen Smith of the faculty presented a chorus of 30 voices with three children from each classroom singing four Christmas carols. Jerry Woolams, as announcer, invited the audience to join with the children in singing.

Mrs. Ruth Wilson's 40 kindergartners were presented in their rhythmic band in other musical numbers. For this portion of the program Karl Halstrom was announcer.

Four numbers also were given by The Mohawks, boys' club at Normont Terrace, of which Bob Hodgins, recreational director; is counselor. Mrs. Hodgins directed the group.

The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with holly and poinsettias over the fireplace, forming a holiday setting. A Christmas tree and decorations on the stage completed the festive motif. In charge of directing this portion of the evening's program was Mrs. Raymond Currier.

In the absence of Mrs. J. R. Waechter, president, Mrs. R. L. Wagers, vice president, welcomed the parents and friends who filled the hall to overflowing with many standing outside for the Christmas program.

Mrs. E. R. Walker, Lomita, San Pedro P.T.A. Council president, led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Wier Pearson, school principal, welcomed everyone and extended holiday greetings to both parents and children.

Great men never feel great; small men never feel small. — Chinese.

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## Christmas Luncheon, Brunch, Progressive Parties All on Woman's Club Calendar

An artistically decorated tree and other Christmas symbols created a festive setting in the clubhouse for the luncheon meeting Wednesday afternoon enjoyed by members and guests of Torrance Woman's Club.

Christmas dishes featured the delicious luncheon and later as the ladies remained seated at the attractively decorated luncheon tables, carols were sung and Santa Claus directed an exchange of gifts.

Inaugurated with an informal evening party at the home of the president, Mrs. W. I. Laughon, a series of enjoyable bridge parties is in progress, the second on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Earl A. Miles, 2303 Andrea avenue. All are being sponsored by the ways-and-means committee under direction of Mrs. B. W. Whitney.

Arrangements of pointsettias created a seasonal note and delicious refreshments were served at the close of play to Mesdames W. I. Laughon, L. Ahrens, A. H. Silligo, A. D. Richards, Somer Trueblood, Frances Clark, Della Moon, C. C. Schultz, Herman Frey, L. W. Atwood, T. J. Beziel and M. B. Miller.

Prize-winners were Mesdames Silligo, Richards and Trueblood. Also arranged as a ways and means project for the club was the delightful pre-holiday brunch Friday morning at the home of Mrs. C. P. Olson, 2118 Arlington avenue. Co-hostess for the enjoyable affair was Mrs. Myron A. Russell.

A lighted tree, snowmen, pointsettias and arrangements of cotoneaster decorated the rooms. Santa Claus favors and pointsettia corsages were provided for each of the 30 guests, all of whom were served broiled grapefruit, old-fashioned buckwheat cakes, home-made French toast, coffee cake and other brunch specialties of the gracious hostesses.

Other similar affairs are being planned by clubwomen for immediately after the holiday season.

**Scenic Regions of Far West Are Described**  
"Yosemite, the Big Trees and the High Sierra: A selective Bibliography" by Francis F. Farquhar, was published this week. In this book Mr. Farquhar, principal Historian of the Sierra Nevada and president of the Sierra Club, describes in detail 25 titles selected from his very complete private library on the mountain and other scenic regions of the Far West.

He brings out significant facts about the books themselves, cites other works on related subjects or by the same author, and gives the locations of the rarer books. The author also supplies short biographical sketches of the writers whose works he discusses.

The book is beautifully printed and bound, and contains eight gravure illustrations.

**DON GOSS HOME FROM HOSPITAL**  
Don Goss, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Goss, 25527 Cypress street, today will return from the Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, to enjoy Christmas with his family.



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