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**Panhandlers
Plan Many
Activities**

Four new members, Mesdames Helen Melvin, Grace Cable, Stella Williams and Bertice Wright were admitted to membership of the Panhandlers at their last business meeting held at the home of Mrs. Tex Beckett, 1888 W. 26th street.

Hostesses for the meeting were Eunice Crawford, Rita Code and Mrs. Beckett and 26 were in attendance.

POTLUCK DINNER
A group of 75 members, their husbands and families attended a potluck dinner Friday at Normont Terrace social hall followed by cards and dancing.

Officers of the Panhandlers served as hostesses. These included Mesdames Pearl Washburn, Rita Code, Edith Bregen, Eunice Crawford and Agnes Whittingham.

DANCE SUCCESS
A Forty-niners' Dance, sponsored by the club Saturday night, attracted more than 200 when gingham dresses and jeans were the order of attire.

Committee in charge of arrangements were Mesdames Hazel Lang, Alice Reed, Helen Melvin and Grace Cable.

MEETING SET
Mrs. Edith Bregen will open her home at 1435 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, on Monday night, March 7th to the club for the regular monthly business meeting.

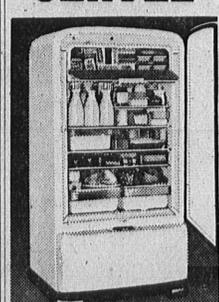
Evelyn Vandetti, Agnes Whittingham and Phyllis Mathews will be hostesses.

Gordon Lloyd
Garden Speaker

The Los Angeles Garden Center has announced that their director, Gordon Baker Lloyd will be on KFI Television Channel 9 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 9:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Lloyd was a member of the Lomita Puchsia Club when it was first organized and was present at many of the meetings taking a great interest in the activities of the local club.

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**Mrs. Don Wolf of Torrance
Elected PTA Council Head**

Mrs. Don Wolf, past president of Halldale Avenue PTA, was elected president of Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council at the annual election meeting held in San Pedro Tuesday morning. Mrs. Harris W. Steinbrook, Tenth District PTA Parliamentarian conducted the election.

Other officers elected were Mrs. C. E. Woodward, past president of Lomita Elementary PTA, vice-president; Vernon Balf, Bandini, secretary; Harold Limbacher, Channel Heights, treasurer; Leslie Smith, Seventh Street, auditor; and A. C. Akerson, Barton Hill, historian.

Installation will be held at the annual breakfast meeting of the group in June.

Mrs. E. R. Walker, president, was in charge of the meeting and council officers instructed to assist local officers in completing their annual reports for the Tenth District PTA office.

Mrs. F. F. Allen, council art director, announced that Mrs. Claus Quande, art chairman of Leland St. School PTA had won third place in the District art contest with her "Beehive" poster.

Mrs. Quande was presented with a gardenia corsage. She also displayed work being done on an art book by Mrs. S. C. Wilson in which all types of art work and

**FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY
NORMONT PTA SUCCESS**

The first ways and means project undertaken since the organization of Normont PTA was a very successful affair Thursday, Feb. 24 despite the rain.

Combining a "doughnut dunk" with a rummage sale, under the direction of Mrs. Claude Fields, ways and means chairman, the organization was able to divide proceeds equally with the school student fund, each netting \$16.92.

Used magazines, clothing and household articles were readily sold as the ladies leisurely enjoyed the hot coffee and doughnuts.

Much of the success of the event was due to the efforts of Mrs. Field and her committee, who organized the rummage sale well in advance of the scheduled date.

Among those who attended were Mrs. J. Wear Pearson, wife of the Normont School principal, and several friends from Rolling Hills.

Articles which were not sold were donated to the Alameda Community Church. Choir who will send them to the Navajo Indians.

MEETING SET
The next regular association meeting will be held at Normont Social Hall March 8.

This meeting should be well attended by parents and friends of the school to hear the guest speaker, Miss Myra Nelson, assistant superintendent, of Los Angeles City Schools, (South District) talk on, "The Family and The School."

BLUEBIRDS ORGANIZE
Mrs. Ellen Finley has 27 girls enrolled in a Bluebird group, which is now known as the Apple Blossoms. They are busy with their uniforms and craft work. Meeting once a week, the group is showing considerable interest in this youth organization.

More groups will be formed as leadership is found, Mrs. Finley announced.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS
Mrs. Margaret Tremble, field representative of Campfire Girls, spoke Friday at Normont School in the interest of organizing a Campfire Girls group. She stipulated that the girls must reside in Harbor City to become members of this unit and may register if they are between the ages of 10 and 15 years.

PRESENT PROGRAM
Participating in the musical program at Narbonne High School Wednesday, March 9 when the PTA Musical Scholarship Tea will be held to raise funds for the Tenth District PTA annual music scholarships will be the following students from Normont School: Gary Dief, violinist; David Halling, Patricia Wingard, Larry Johnson, Ken Mitchell and Leland Green, piano solos; Paul Huffman and Lyle Green, alto saxophone selections; Gordon Hooper and Ronald Westfall, clarinet numbers and George Littley, saxophone solo.

The above students will pre-

displays relative to PTA work are embodied.
Mrs. Walker stated that reservations for the state convention to be held in Los Angeles this spring must be made by March 24th and Mrs. M. L. Thomas, publicity chairman, announced all publicity books must be in by April 1st.

Next meeting of the council is scheduled at the Channel Heights Auditorium April 4th the president announced, and in conjunction with the meeting a hobby show will be held for adults and all are urged to exhibit hobbies. This is a change of day owing to election day.

Local associations represented were Lomita Elementary, Orange St., Harbor City, Normont and Halldale.

Members of Seventh Street PTA served luncheon and tables were attractively decorated in the spring motif with handmade paper hats of all styles at each place setting.

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**Fern Avenue
PTA Observes
Founders Day**

Founders' Day was observed by Fern Avenue PTA at their regular monthly meeting held Feb. 23. Girl Scout Troop 698 led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Music was furnished by Mrs. Chisholm's fifth grade class, with Mrs. Booth directing.

Past presidents honored were Mrs. W. J. Bower, J. J. Millard, J. E. Long, Earl Robinette, and V. T. Vanderpool. Life membership award was presented to Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool, who has served as Fern Avenue PTA secretary for the past two years.

Mrs. Vanderpool was awarded this honor especially because of the outstanding child welfare work which she has directed during her two years of office.

Announcement was made by Mrs. S. Smith, parent education chairman, of four lecture forum series in the field of Parent Education which the Torrance PTA Council is sponsoring.

All parents are urged to attend and hear these outstanding speakers on problems of parent education.

When?—March 15, 22, and 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Where?—Torrance Elementary Auditorium.

Who?—Speakers will be: (1) Dr. Roy Cullen, "Sound Discipline for 1949." (2) Dr. Marion Durfee, "Your Child's Personality." (3) Dr. Howard Wilkinton, "The First Years are the Hardest." (4) Dr. Ralph Eckert, "Helping Girls and Boys Grow Up."

Nominating committee was chosen to select new officers: Mrs. G. T. Derouin, F. E. Mead, P. L. Connett, Albert Posner, and J. R. Ricci.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Neal Stevenson who spoke on the topic, "Our Founders' Day." She outlined the foundation upon which PTA is built, and in a most interesting and stimulating manner discussed parent and child relationship.

SUCCESSFUL DRIVES
Fern Avenue PTA has recently completed three successful drives: Grease Drive, Rag Drive and Kidnap Breakfast. 270 pounds of grease were donated and 104 pounds of rags were collected. The kidnap breakfast was held at the home of Mrs. G. T. Derouin, with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Ward, as co-hostess. Breakfast was served to more than 100 persons. The funds raised by these drives will be used for child welfare, for buying milk, food, and clothing for needy children in our district.

The hostesses for the social hour were Second Grade mothers.

**Dinner Party
Is Compliment**

Complimenting Miss Carlotta Dean, lovely bride-elect, and her fiancé, Mr. John V. Agapito Jr., whose wedding has been scheduled for June, his mother, Mrs. John V. Agapito entertained last Sunday afternoon at an engagement dinner party at her Anapola Avenue home.

White and pink sweet peas and a large white leed cake, inscribed with the names of the affianced couple, centered the dining table and was cut by Carlotta and Johnnie.

Others bidden were Miss Dean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Dean and Jack and Karen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt, Frank Jr., and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brant, Frank and Toni and Mr. and Mrs. William Agapito and Jo Ann.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Edith R. Stauffer, consulting psychologist and vice president of the South West Counseling Service of Compton, was guest speaker. Her subject was "How the Differences in Men and Women Affect Marriage."

Co-hostesses for the tea which followed were Mrs. Richard Anderson and Mrs. R. J. Armour. Mrs. Fred Aber and Mrs. Peter Bartmus poured.

The next regular meeting of Las Vecinas is March 31 at 2 o'clock at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

**Amaranth Grand Officer
Phoebe Sykes Honored
At Reception Thursday**

Thursday evening of last week, Lomita Court No. 61, Order of Amaranth, honored Phoebe Sykes, grand representative of the state of Maryland, with a reception at California Hall. Presiding officers were Anna Long, royal matron, and William Sykes, royal patron and son of the honoree.

Grand officers present included May McCormick, grand associate matron; Anna DeMott, grand secretary; Nan King, past grand royal matron; Mary Sabin, grand standard bearer, and the following assistant grand lecturers — Minnie Evans, Margaret King, Callie Sue Porter, Lestina Blue, Dora Hoppe, Mildred Horton, Hazel Toner and Vada McCord. Southern California's present and past royal matrons and patrons turned out en masse. Many special guests were also present.

Mistress of ceremonies for the event was Agnes Irene Walton; flag bearer, Dr. Morton Gardiner; Marshals, Helen Wilson and Rose Schmidt. Co. chairmen, Frances Hathaway and Elizabeth Eichman.

An excellent program was enjoyed which included the Lomita Mothersingers under the leadership of Mrs. Hollis Blakesley. In addition to their leader, this group consisted of Mesdames J. J. Harris, R. P. Kellogg, Donald Brown, A. D. Scott, Robert L. Hultz, C. W. Brokeslesby, A. W. Benedict, Chas. Hawley, Geo. C. Tall, W. W. McCann, J. R. Jones, H. W. Wilkins, Ralph Bertram and Emma Brennan. The numbers sung by the Mothersingers included "To A Wild Rose," "Pop Goes The Weasel," "Now Is The Hour," "Rosita," chorus from "My Hero" and "Alice, Blue Gown." The soloist was Mrs. A. W. Benedict. At the request of the honoree, Mrs. Nan King, an accomplished pianist, played "The Lost Chord," "Wings of Song" and "The End of a Perfect Day."

While the speeches were very brief they all praised "Our Phoebe." She responded with her usual charm and grace. The number of gifts presented to Mrs. Sykes certainly showed how this sweet little lady has been taken to our hearts.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and tea, nuts and candies were served buffet style. The artistically decorated tables carrying out the color scheme of gold and green the use of tall tapered dolls with bouffant skirts, small potted plants, variegated yucca decorated with gold, and paper napkins in green with the name "Phoebe" in gold.

Gowned in chartreuse satin with a beautiful Battenberg cape, Phoebe Sykes looked like a Dresden doll come to life. She carried a cascade of yellow jonquils tied with green.

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Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Bernice Macdonald, 1530 W. 24th st.

**Star Points
As Hostesses
For Meeting**

Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, will observe Members' Courtesy Night at their meeting in Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock this evening.

Chairmen for the evening will be the chapter's star points.

Mrs. Mildred Edwards, worthy matron, and Leonard Babcock, worthy patron, will preside. A large attendance is anticipated.

**Klink Home
Is Setting
For Party**

Among the lovely parties of the week the dessert bridge enjoyed Monday evening at the El Prado home of Mrs. J. R. Klink Sr.

Arrangements of peach blossoms were used throughout the rooms and colorful camellias graced the small tables at which places were marked for Mrs. Klink's 18 guests.

Score holders at bridge were Mesdames J. T. Oursler and George Fesham.

Other guests were Mesdames J. S. Lancaster, Grover C. Whyte, C. T. Rippey, R. J. Deninger, W. I. Laughton, R. F. Bishop, L. Ahrens, Marguerite Kelsey, B. T. Whitney, H. F. Uhlbright, Dean L. Sears, William Clinksale, C. C. Schultz, and J. R. Klink Jr.

**MRS. FERGUSON
MAKES REPORT TO
SCOUT MOTHERS**

Mrs. Marguerite Ferguson presented figures on the cost of maintaining the Lomita Kiwanis Scout building to members of the Scout Mothers at their last meeting held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Bean, 25323 Walnut street.

The report showed costs of maintenance of the building which is used by the Kiwanis Club and various Boy and Girl Scout troops.

Following the business meeting the members worked on two projects, embroidery handwork and recipe files which were directed by Mrs. Lisle Hudson.

Next Meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gladys Boyes, 25335 Cypress street.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Fay Chambers, Gladys Boyes, Lila Hatfield, Julia Steigh, Ann Sheldon, Marguerite Ferguson, Ceil Goheen, Lisle Hudson, Eunice Houston, Agnes Russell, Mattie Myers, Irene Roife and Alberta Miller.

**Roy Gardner
Recognized on
Radio Program**

The feature light fell on J. Roy Gardner of Lomita when the San Pedro Writers' Guild met last week at the home of Helen Park in San Pedro.

Since writing is words in effective sequence, and words are letters in accurate sequence, it follows that a writer should be a good speller. Mr. Gardner proved this theory when he came away winner in a recent KFI spelling contest.

In addition to winning the Guild's applause for this feat, Mr. Gardner contributed two poems to the evening's program, "Douglacia Laevigata" and "No Pets Or Children."

During the meeting the guild dialed KFOX to hear the initial broadcast of "Firelight And You" a song written by guild member Inez Brumbelow of Lomita in collaboration with Mary Griffith of Hermosa Beach.

The remainder of the program was devoted to the reading of Donald G. Brannan's story "The Heart of a Man" which appeared in the January issue of "Our Animals," and to the criticism of a short-short story synopsis by Gladys Thompson and a poem by Mabel Cory.

The San Pedro Writers' Guild meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Its meetings are open to all creative writers of the harbor area.

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