

Women's Activities . . .

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'CHILD'S PERSONALITY' TO BE FORUM TOPIC TUESDAY

As the second speaker in a four-lecture forum series in the general field of parent education, the sponsoring groups, Torrance Council, First District, PTA, and the Evening High School, next Tuesday night will present Dr. Marion Durfee, director of Child Guidance Clinic, Pasadena.

Subject for the lecture to be presented in the auditorium of Torrance Elementary School will be, "Your Child's Personality."

Dr. Durfee, well known local psychiatrist and physician, recently became full time medical director of the Pasadena Child Guidance Clinic.

A native of California, he received his A. B. from Pomona College and his medical degree from the University of Colorado. After three years of graduate study in psychiatry at Psychopathic Hospital, Denver, he served as assistant director of the Bureau of Mental Hygiene at Houston, Texas, and was for four years director of the Worcester, Mass. Child Guidance Clinic. Last year he headed the Los Angeles City Child Clinic for PTA's.

Lectures are planned for parents of small children through junior high school age. Discussion will follow each lecture. Everyone is invited. There will be no admission charge.

Lomita PTA Elects New Officers for 1949-50

Mrs. Joe Stahl of 2376 W. 251st street will succeed Mrs. Don Cressy as president of Lomita Elementary PTA at the close of the present term of office.

Elected to the Presidency Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Stahl will have the support of a dependable and efficient executive board of which many of its members are thoroughly acquainted with the high aims of the organization and its child welfare program.

During the past year Mrs. Stahl has served the local organization as radio and motion picture chairman.

Other officers elected for the 1949-50 PTA year included Mesdames John Kirsch, first vice-president; Frank Howell, second vice-president; Newell Brown, third vice-president; R. Northern, secretary; Neil Cramer, treasurer; Homer Mince, financial secretary; Melvin Smith, auditor; and E. R. Schmidt, his torian.

Mrs. Cressy, president, introduced Mrs. D. E. Eubank, who presented the inspirational reading titled "Nobody Knows What A Child Is Worth."

Introduced by Mrs. E. R. Schmidt, Captain Donald E. Russ of the Los Angeles City Fire Department with 17 years of fire-fighting experience, talked on the various safety measures which every home should observe. He said the greatest fire hazard in the home are careless smokers; 2, loose light cords and 3, the practice of putting pennies in meter boxes.

A film titled "Dangers of Cleaning Solvent" was also shown by the speaker.

Also invited to hear the talk and see the film were 66 children of the upper grades.

Dr. William Reiman, school dentist, was also introduced and spoke briefly.

Announcement was made that a symphony concert will be held for school children at the Philharmonic Auditorium March 25th with Alfred Wallenstein conducting. Forty-two children from Lomita Elementary School will attend.

With 70 present, the children of Mrs. Frank Howell's classroom had the largest representative attendance winning the ant colony for the fourth consecutive time. As a courtesy Mrs. Howell passed it along to Miss Laura Cox' room.

In keeping with St. Patrick's

Musical Tea Attracts 150 Wednesday

An estimated 150 attended the first musical scholarship tea sponsored by the several Parent-Teacher Associations in the area, Narbonne High School, Lomita Elementary, Harbor City, Norment and Orange Street on Wednesday afternoon, March 9 in the Narbonne High School cafeteria.

The silver offering received will be used by the music department of Tenth District PTA for scholarships for talented musical students in the Los Angeles city schools.

Beginning early in the afternoon elementary school children presented a continuous musical program of a diversified nature including choruses, solos, instrumental and vocal and climaxed by the presentation of Narbonne High School students featuring vocal selections by Elizabeth Reed and Jack Adams who were auditioned recently for a possible scholarship.

A large arrangement of peach blossoms centered the lace cloth on the refreshment table and presiding at the silver tea urns throughout the afternoon were representatives of the various Parent-Teacher Associations.

Officials Honored at Silver Tea

Division and Traffic Managers of the Los Angeles area of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. were special guests at the silver tea given recently in the women's lounge of the local company office by the "Design for Living" class, under the direction of Mrs. H. DeWitt.

Green and white sweet peas were arranged in a beautiful floral arrangement as a centerpiece at the tea table carrying out the St. Patrick's Day theme. Attractive shamrock name plates also added to the festive decorations.

Mrs. DeWitt was presented with corsages of red roses and Mrs. Laura Turcotte, chief operator at the local office, received yellow roses.

Planned to present the ideas derived from the lessons which the operators have received through the class, hostesses for the lovely event, included Mesdames Myrtle Gooden, Evelyn Jensen, I. Ashley, Doris McEwen, Mercedes Ybarra, Eleanor Connelly, Thomas Murdoch; the Misses Marilyn Biblehouse and Joan Petersen.

'Delinquency' To be Topic Of PTA Meet

Fern avenue PTA will feature Capt. William A. Barron of the Los Angeles County Crime Prevention Division as speaker at a meeting to be held on the evening of March 23. The time is 7:30 p.m. and the place, the school auditorium. Capt. Barron's topic is "Delinquency is a Challenge to all Parents."

Girl Scout Troop No. 698, sponsored by Fern avenue PTA, will lead the pledge of allegiance and sing several songs.

Mrs. W. C. Higdon entertained executive board members at a luncheon following the board meeting at her home yesterday, when plans were discussed for the annual spring carnival.

Skate Party Is Set by Troop 698

With Saturday, March 26, set as the date for their skating party in Redondo Beach Roller Skating rink members of Fern Avenue PTA-sponsored Girl Scouts are busy selling tickets and making other preparations for the success of the affair.

The girls are being assisted in their plans by their leaders, Mrs. Carmen Kastrup and Mrs. Alma Walton.

TOLOHA CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY AT MRS. SLOVER'S

Toloha Club members will gather for their regular monthly business meeting at the home of President Mrs. Mabel Slover, 1712 Martina avenue, tomorrow, Friday evening, March 18.

All members are urged to attend.



MRS. JOHN W. BEEMAN

Community Concert Group Elects Officers Friday

Mrs. John W. Beeman, charming wife of Dr. Beeman, Friday, was elected to serve as president of the 1949-50 Community Concert Series. Also elected to the board of directors at the meeting held in Chamber of Commerce directors' room were:

James R. Wilkes, vice-president; Mrs. Leonard Stamps, secretary; and R. J. Deinger, treasurer.

Directors chosen are: Mrs. G. J. Derouin and Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth, Russell Lund, Dean L. Sears, and James Lynch.

Members of the advisory board include:

Abe Milstein, James Van Dyke, Kathryn Buffington, Mrs. Nadine Nichol, Mrs. John T. Oursler, Mrs. O. A. Kresse, Mrs. Howard A. Wood, Mrs. Paul F. Vonderahe, Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, and Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman.

Concert ticket holders are reminded of forthcoming reciprocity concerts which include: Corona, March 18, David Lloyd, tenor; Excelsior, on March 24, featuring Jane Hobson, soprano; Fullerton, March 28, Draper and Adler, harmonica-dancer duo; and Downey, April 14, Bartlett & Robertson, piano duo.

Royal Neighbors Initiate New Members Tuesday Night

Royal Neighbors of Lomita heard a report on the recent kidnap breakfast held at the home of Mrs. Ragna Hansen, 2228 W. 254th street, at their lodge meeting held at the Community Presbyterian Church social hall Tuesday night.

This is not the first benefit breakfast held at the Hansen home and each event has proved to be as much of a social event as a fund-raising project.

Initiation was held for Edna Aldridge, Lena Brooks, Opal Garrett and Marie Parkovich and Roger LePont was received by transfer from the Corona Branch.

The Boosters Club will meet March 18 at 2530 Gardena avenue, Long Beach with a covered dish luncheon to highlight the meeting, it was announced.

Those attending the meeting had the pleasure of meeting again the mascot of the lodge, "Prenella," who later was presented the door prize, a gift from Mrs. Bernice Fink, who was the winner.

Birthday greetings for the month were extended to Jennie Ek, Pat McBride, Tirzah Taber and Margaret Anderson.

During the program hour Mrs. Bertha Leopold sang the solo, "Always" accompanied by the piano by Ethel Erickson. St. Patrick's Day decorations were used on the refreshment table and Jenny Ek and Pat McBride were hostesses.

The next meeting, Thursday, March 24, will be a banner night for the local members when the Redondo Beach lodge will be honored guests.

COLORED SLIDES TO ATTRACT BIG AUDIENCE TONITE

In the absence of Jim Fairco of Gardena, fuchsia fancier, who will be unable to appear as speaker at the Lomita Fuchsia club this evening because of illness, Donald Jones, president of the California Fuchsia Society, will show Mr. Fairco's beautiful colored slides of this popular Southern California plant.

Mrs. Frank Martinez, refreshment chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Roy Trunnell in serving refreshments in the St. Patrick's Day motif.

The meeting will be held in the usual place, the social hall of the Community Presbyterian Church, at 7:30 o'clock and the public is invited to attend. Homer Shuler, president, will open the meeting.

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Brase Home Is Setting For Party

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brase, of 2435 Border avenue entertained a group of Rebels, and other friends at cards Saturday evening.

Five hundred, pinocle, and other games were played and refreshments were served. Community singing and dancing followed.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gillette, of Rosemead; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yocum, of Pasadena; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wytzell of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Powers and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and Bobby, Mrs. Lola Neilson, Mrs. Anna Rollman, Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, all of Lomita; Mr. and Mrs. Virgel Deems, and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Conner and Sharon Mary, Torrance.

MRS. PATTERSON HONORED WITH SHOWER THURSDAY

Mrs. C. C. Cribbs of 2440 W. 256th street entertained a group of neighbors and close friends of Mrs. Louis A. Patterson of 2439 W. 256th street Thursday afternoon.

Pink and blue were chosen for the color scheme and a large stork and bassinet for the gifts completed the stork shower setting.

After Mrs. Patterson had opened her many gifts the hostess served date roll, whipped cream, coffee and tea with miniature diapers used as favors.

Guests included Mesdames Iris Willis, Dixie Quibble, Gail Weymouth, Henry Sulser, J. C. Davenport, R. C. Byers, Clifford Lang, Ethel Bailey, Phil Sweitzer, E. W. Perry, R. G. Mays, Jeff Townsend, Bill Woodington, Ida May Gorbet, Frank Gorbet, Bill Gorbet, Cecil Bunch, T. Minson, Marshall Wheeler, Tommy Gordon, Don Weymouth; Misses Jean Patterson, Juanita Anderson and Carol Cribbs all of Lomita and Mrs. Paul Berglund of San Pedro.

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