

By Marjorie Meese

The morning ceramics classes which may be obtained by calling Torrance 1356 or by calling in person at 1339 Post ave. The classes meet in the social rooms of the First Christian Church of Torrance every Friday at 9:00, 1:30 and 6:45.

Visitors to this class expecting to see some crude vases or bowls being turned out by these beginners in pottery making are amazed, as was this reporter, to see the lovely objects they have made.

Sandwich trays, dressing table arrangements, ash trays and candy boxes are some of the items being completed.

Some of the basic pieces of material have been cast in molds and the students are being taught, step-by-step, the decorating, coloring and finishing techniques.

The object that I saw in the drying process, in the final form would be glazed and appear as professional looking as any high-priced "knickknacks" from the stores.

Mrs. W. E. Walton, sponsor of the ceramics section, stated that although some of the class had a little experience in handling clay, they were all beginners and were proud of their first efforts.

Mrs. Margot Schlok, who was busily engaged in fastening pieces of real lace, dipped in clay, around a little slipper as part of the decoration, explained that the lace she was using was a valued keepsake that had belonged to her great-grandmother, and would now be nicely preserved in this pottery ornament.

"I can hardly wait for Friday to come," she remarked, "I hurry through my housework to make every class."

Miss Helen Lockwood, program director of the Torrance "Y" Center, said that she hopes many more women will take advantage of the offered courses as they are extremely beneficial as well as enjoyable.

"Doctors and psychologists agree that physical and mental health is improved with the release of one's natural creative abilities. Although the average housewife is certainly creating when she bakes a pie or cake, sometimes her best cooking efforts are taken for granted. But the family is sure to be impressed with some personal handcraft that looks as if it came from one of our finest stores."

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Mrs. A. H. Silligo Entertains Group At Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. Ambrose H. Silligo was hostess to her bridge club when she entertained at an attractive luncheon Thursday afternoon at her home on Engracia avenue.

Fruit blossoms decorated the luncheon table, set for eight guests.

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Club Members Are Entertained At Roberts Home

Mrs. B. J. Roberts was a gracious hostess to bridge club members when she entertained at her Amapola avenue home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Melville was a club guest. Members present were Mesdames Edward Rhone, M. N. Felker, J. W. Beeman, M. W. Hinshaw, G. J. Derouin, G. J. Oursler and C. E. Easley.

At the close of play delicious refreshments were served at tables arranged in the rumpus room.

High score holders at contract were Mmes. Derouin and Melville.

## Torrance YWCA Outlines Program For 1948 Season

tee announces its program of activities for the 1948 season.

Class schedules are as follows:

**Keep-Fit Gym**, including tap dancing, Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

**Oil Painting**, Tuesdays 1:00-4:00, fee one dollar per lesson.

**Ceramics**, Fridays at 9:00, 1:30 and 6:45, fee one dollar per lesson.

**Swimming**, Thursday evenings in Biltmore Hotel pool, Hermosa. Call for specific information.

**Charm and Personality Course**, Mondays 7:15 p.m. Fee \$1.75 for six classes.

**Bowling**, hours to be announced, 30 cents a line, or 25 cents before 6:00 p.m. at Torrance Bowling Academy.

**Arts and Crafts**, Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 at Harbor General hospital.

All women of Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City and Pueblo are cordially invited to attend all of these classes.

Reservations and information may be obtained by phoning Torrance 1356 or by calling in person at the YWCA Center, 1339 Post avenue.

**G. S. Troop 698 Elects Officers For Two Months**

Officers elected for a two-months' period to serve Girl Scout Troop No. 698, sponsored by Fern Avenue P.T.A., are Betty Ann Kastrop, president; Linda Rae Thistle, vice president; Nancy Humphreys, secretary; Shirley Reed, treasurer; Patricia Hodges, recorder; Irene Heath, registrar; Judy Vanderpool, hostess.

At a recent troop meeting Marilyn Wixson was honored on the occasion of her birthday, when the girls presented her with a birthday card and sang the official Girl Scout birthday song.

**C. E. GUILD'S MONTHLY MEETING SET FOR FEB. 11**

The monthly meeting of Central Evangelical Guild will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Guild hall.

Mrs. Ray Harper, president, will conduct the business meeting and hostesses for the afternoon will include Mesdames J. S. Lancaster, W. J. Neelands and W. H. Haslam.

**EASTERN STARS AT REDONDO BEACH CHAPTER**

Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, was represented at the district courtship night observance at Carnation Chapter, OES, Redondo Beach, Tuesday evening.

Present from Torrance was a large group of officers and trailers, with Vincent Viellenave, worthy patron; Esther Swigart, Ada; and Ruth Pulliam, Ruth, filling the stations.

**LOS ANGELES SCHOOLS ADOPT NEW CALENDAR**

Final calendar for the Los Angeles school year 1948-49 was adopted Monday by the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

Opening school date is set for Monday, Sept. 13, 1948, and closing date is Friday, June 17, 1949.

The calendar is based on a 200-day year with 180 days of teaching.

## Barbecue Slated For Nativity Church Sunday

Arrangements are now complete for an all-day barbecue to be held Sunday, Feb. 8 in Nativity Parish Hall, 1448 Cota avenue.

Reigning as queen of the festivities will be Miss Mary Borges, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borges, of 413 W. Ocean ave.

Throughout the afternoon music and entertainment will be furnished by Roy Williams and his orchestra, "Arkansas Travelers" and at 6:30 Mrs. Bettie Thomas will present a group of her Accordionettes in a clever program, especially appropriate for this occasion.

Chef Irvin Merys, experienced in barbecue technique, will supervise the preparation of the dinner. Assisting with serving and other arrangements will be officers and members of the Holy Name Society and their wives.

Proceeds of the affair will swell the building fund of the new Catholic School of the Nativity, now under construction of Carson street and Acacia avenue.

Everyone is invited.

**MATHEWS TWINS ARE BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

Their ninth birthday was the occasion for a delightful luncheon and theater party when Howard and Harold, twin sons of Mrs. Fern Mathews, 2117 Torrance boulevard, entertained their friends Saturday.

Attending the party were Jerry and Billy McLean, Homer Vandegrift, Larry Stamper, Monty Darling, Jerry Lee Jones, Mike Ness, John Webb, Joe Venable, Ronnie Lovelady, Lee Zuber, Rosemary Folts.

Assisting Mrs. Mathews with party arrangements was Mrs. Robert Folts.

**Redondo High Seeks State Aid For New School**

The Board of Trustees of the Redondo Union High School District has requested the Allocation Board of the Division of Finance for \$4,500,000 of state aid to help build a new high school at the Manhattan-Hermosa site and rehabilitate the present Redondo Union High School.

To erect the buildings which will be needed at the Manhattan-Hermosa school site for the fall of 1949 the local board has asked for \$2,347,839. The architect's estimate shows that this sum will build the necessary classrooms, shops, library, study hall, auditorium, cafeteria and gymnasium.

The request for \$2,208,928.10 is for the rehabilitation of the plan at the Redondo Union High School. If state aid is granted in this sum it is anticipated that the necessary classrooms, shops, library, study hall, girls' gymnasium, swimming pool, auditorium and administrative units can be built or rehabilitated to meet the requirements of the Field Bill, which establishes standards for school buildings.

In view of the fact that the state has set aside only \$20,000,000 to help distressed districts such as Redondo Union High School District, it is not likely that the local board will receive its request in full it has been reported.

## Steelworkers and C.I.O. Oppose Third Party Plan

A third party would serve only to split and divide the forces of progress at the very moment when unity is our greatest need, said Charles J. Smith, district director, West Coast division, United Steelworkers of America, C.I.O., in a statement this week.

"The National C.I.O. has issued a statement in opposition to the support of a third party in 1948," Smith said. "Specifically, the C.I.O. has said it is politically unwise to inject a third party into the political scene in 1948."

"We are opposed to the current campaign in the Torrance community in which the people of Torrance are being told that C.I.O. is in favor of a third party. This is not true, the Columbia Steel Local Union No. 1414 of our organization has three times rejected the endorsement of a third party for 1948. The C.I.O. is determined to work for international peace through the adoption of the Marshall plan and through price control and rationing to hold down the cost of living at home."

"Fellow travelers of the Communist party are attempting to mislead the workers and their families in the Torrance area into signing a petition for a 'Trojan Horse' third party which is neither independent nor progressive."

"This can only serve to guarantee the nomination and election of Senator Taft and to bring about the defeat of the Marshall plan in Europe."

"We are opposed to reactionaries of extreme left and extreme right."

**Thieves Take Scrap Iron**

Thieves, with big muscles and a big truck, did some heavy stealing over the previous weekend, when they stole five tons of scrap iron from Madrona avenue and Carson street.

The scrap iron was part of the former Coline gas plant, consisting largely of smashed air compressors. Much of the scrap was painted green, it was reported to police by Earl W. Fowler, 730 Walton st., Long Beach.

## Smoking Ban Is Approved

An ordinance prohibiting smoking on buses and street cars in unincorporated territory, unless confined to a special compartment set aside for that purpose, was passed by the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby stated that this action on the part of the Board would bring County territory into line with that of the City of Los Angeles, and do away with anomalous situation where a person would be a law-abiding citizen in one block, and become a law violator on crossing the city boundary. The ordinance provides for a fine up to \$500.00 or 6 months in jail, or both, for each violation.

**LUTHERAN LADIES CHANGE MEETING DATE**

The Lutheran Ladies Aid have changed their meeting day to the first Thursday of each month, it is reported.

The next meeting is scheduled for today, Thursday, Feb. 5 at 2:00 p.m.



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