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CDA's Initiate, Arrange Anniversary Observance

Nine new members were welcomed into Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, at impressive reception ceremonies held Monday evening at Nativity parish hall. Received as new members were the following: Misses June Johnstone and Dorothy Morris, and Mesdames George H. Blahnik, Lewis G. Fetheroff, Noel G. Hayward, Peter A. Howbush, Robert L. Lewellen, Sr., John F. McVey and Donald A. Pennington.

The district deputy, Mrs. H. W. Phinney of Compton, supervised the degree work exemplified by Mrs. T. T. Babbitt, grand regent, and her staff of officers. Music was furnished by the court organist, Mrs. John V. Murray. Officers wore white formal, and there were Dutch iris corsages for the officers and candidates.

At the conclusion of the ritualistic work, brief welcoming talks were given by Mrs. Joseph Greaves of Redondo Beach, the Mrs. Phinney; the Rev. Father P. J. McGuinness, court chaplain; and Mrs. G. Dimond, grand regent of Court Our Lady of Victory, Redondo.

The long tea table was attractively appointed in pastel-tinted calla lilies and white tapers, and baskets of flowers were used about the hall to

create a spring setting. Two past grand regents of the court, Mrs. Frank H. Forester and Mrs. Howard Owen, presided at the silver service.

Mrs. James Catema, chairman of the hostess committee, in charge, was assisted by Mesdames Bernard Harwood, Joseph Lucas, Thomas Fichter, John Melville, and Forrest Meyers.

Court St. Catherine will observe its sixth anniversary at the annual communion breakfast Sunday, April 30. After 7:30 Mass, the group will adjourn to Irons Cottage by the Sea, Redondo Beach, for breakfast. Mrs. Frank J. Farrell is in charge of arrangements.

Mother's Day gifts were in the making by members of Brownie Troop 1096 when they met Monday afternoon for their regular session at the Eshelman avenue home of Leader Mrs. Grace Thorpe.

Sow Thick and Thin Out To Prolong Garden Harvest



At First Thinning, Give Each Plant One Inch in the Row.

In the small home vegetable garden, where a maximum yield is desired, there must be no vacant spaces in the row. The only way to insure this is to sow plenty of seed, but not too much, and thin out the excess plants.

No matter how high the germination of the seed, accidents may occur which destroy seedlings, and there must be spares to replace these losses. But unless the stand is gradually thinned, the plants may be so crowded that both quality and yield will suffer.

With some crops, especially those of which the roots and leaves are eaten, this method of planting starts the harvest weeks earlier, and substantially increases the total yield, because half grown plants pulled up in the thinning process, provide delicious servings.

Carrots, for example, can be allowed to grow without thinning until the roots are as thick as a little finger. Roots pulled at this stage will be sweeter and more tender than the mature crop.

Beets may be thinned the first time just when the bulbs begin to form. Cooked with their young tops they will be a dish to remember. Half grown vegetables cannot be bought in markets, but they are among the most delightful dividends which the home vegetable garden pays to its owner.

To maintain his supply of spare plants until sure of a perfect stand, the amateur should thin out by degrees.

At first, plants of row crops may be thinned out to stand one inch apart; which will insure, to each row, to develop without entangling roots with a neighbor. As they grow, alternate plants should be removed, and so on until the optimum spacing is achieved.

Turnips do not grow well if crowded. If the young plants are pulled up so they stand 4 inches apart in the row, in a remarkably quick time they will be large enough to use.

Fuchsia Club Hears Talk On Fern Propagation

Nearly 75 members and guests of the Lomita Area Branch of the California Fuchsia Society met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bader, 26022 Eshelman avenue, Thursday night to hear Jack Ventuleth of Baake's Nursery speak on "Ferns in your garden." The care, propagation and uses of many California native ferns was illustrated by several specimen plants. The guest speaker also contributed several specimens for the plant sale held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Main topic of discussion during the business meeting concerned the acceptance of the co-sponsorship of the Lomita club by the Lomita Park. Inasmuch as no plant sales can be held within any Los Angeles park area the organization voted to abandon the proposed plan.

Announcement was made that the annual Flower Show would be held this year June 23, 24 and 25 at the Lomita Park. Mrs. George Hunt of 2344 W. 24th street has been named general chairman of this year's show. The first meeting of the committee was to be held on the following Monday evening at the Roy Trunnell home, 25322 Oak street, and Mrs. Jack McKinney was named press chair-

man for the event.

New members welcomed into the club were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Evert of Compton; Mrs. Edith Ericson of Torrance and Mrs. Nina Ruble of Lomita. Mrs. Raymond Lee was presented with the birthday plant and door prizes went to Roy Gum of San Pedro and Mrs. E. Irene Howe. Special plants as prizes and donated by John Gerator were presented to Mrs. C. O. Eipper and Mrs. Glenn Holloway.

The Bader home will again be available for the club meeting in May when all members are asked to present their garden problems by taking samples of plants for advice from the speaker, Ed Small, who will address the club on the subject, "Your plants and their soil condition problems."

Mr. Small, who is a partner of Small and Hargett Nursery in Gardena, will also demonstrate soil testing for the amateur gardener.

Santa Cruz Beckons PTA Delegates

Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council will be well represented at the California Congress of Parents and Teachers convention in Santa Cruz May 3, 4 and 5 with delegates from the various associations within the council, according to Mrs. Don Wolf, council president.

The group will include Mesdames Elhan R. Schmidt and B. Jack, representing Lomita Elementary; R. P. Kellogg, Orange St.; William Tregarten; E. M. Bernardin, Halldale avenue; J. Van Sickle, Bandini; L. Martin; Barton Hill; Sam Braco, Cabrillo avenue; B. Bordeaux, Channel Heights; L. Peach, Fifteenth street; W. Russell, Leland street; Joe Steele, Pt. Firmin; Pascal Dilday, Seventh street and Don Wolf, Council President.

Open House To Feature Exhibits

Open House this evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Harbor City School will give parents and friends of the public schools an opportunity to observe the program of the elementary school at this time.

An outstanding exhibition of classwork and project material will be on display in the various classrooms and teachers will be on hand to welcome the visitors.

Principal Winston Scott announces that the panel discussion first planned for this evening will be postponed to the May PTA meeting when "The Philosophy of Grading" will be discussed. With this change in the program, parents and friends will have a better opportunity to visit the various classrooms.

Mothers are urged to take their pre-school children as well as kindergarten to meet Mrs. Cregmile, Tregarten teacher. Temporary painting, construction and clay work which has grown out of social studies when transportation and Los Angeles harbor were the subjects under discussion, will be displayed by first graders of rooms 2, 7, 8 and bungalow 13. The A2 and B3 children of bungalow 9 and room 4 have constructed a dairy farm, and room 5 will exhibit weapons, hats, and food sources of the early Los Angeles Yanga Indians. Spanish-California costumes from the early days of this state, including carretas, utensils, houses, as well as art, music and portfolios and ABC booklets will be in bungalow 18. An interesting handicraft display will attract visitors in bungalow 11.

Model physical-relief maps of the United States will be shown in both bungalow 15 and 16 and outdoor sketches and a spelling-progress chart will be seen in bungalow 17. Following their interesting study of the covered wagon period children of bungalow 18 will display models of these out-moded wagons, powder horns, and a box loom.

Visit Harbor General Ward

A trip to visit elderly patients in a ward at Harbor General Hospital recently, was reported Wednesday night by Mildred Taylor and Tirzah Taber to members of Delnora Camp 19137, Royal Neighbors of America.

Gifts of plastic pins made by Irene McPeak and candy were presented to the various patients. Several members told of their successful participation in the floor work at the State Royal Neighbors convention held recently in Long Beach. The drill team made a striking picture in their white formal gowns and rainbow-colored boleros. As each member completed the drill formation, she dropped coins in a pot of gold and later the drill team captain presented the money to Mrs. Hammel, state deputy, to be used for motion pictures at the Royal Neighbors Home in Davenport, Iowa.

The annual observance of Mother's Day will be celebrated by the local lodge at their May 3 meeting. In charge of the program will be Dorothy Smith Grace Morginson.

Delicious refreshments of ade ice cream topped fresh strawberries were served by Hermena Fetts, Janice Herron, Stella Milton, Evelyn Heath, Gwen Harmon, Margery Simmons and Annie Gerry.

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