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Walteria News Notes

By MOLLIE I. DOWD
Corporal Ardis Stagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ardis B. Stagner, Newton street, joined the Air Force Reserve at the end of the school term, and was called to active service about three weeks ago. He is at present stationed at Victorville Air Force Base, serving with the 452nd Bomb Wing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of San Pedro, and Mr. and Mrs. Royden Zhe of Neece avenue, spent the week-end of August 5 at Monterey.

Corporal Rudy Moreno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Moreno, Park street, who is stationed at Victorville Air Force Base, spent last Sunday with his parents. He was inducted into active service the previous week.

Frank Bates of Madison street has chartered a fishing boat which he will use extensively during his month's vacation.

Mrs. Nellie Mesh of Madison street has received word from her husband, Corporal Mesh, now stationed somewhere in the Korean area.

Mrs. Clyde Phelps, who recently moved from Walteria to Point Huemene, visited friends in Walteria last week.

Mrs. Sue Haig of Hood River, Ore., has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wanda Winner and family of Short street.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Laura Wray, Neece avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ingalls and son of San Diego, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and children of Altadena.

Mrs. Allie Young, who has been staying with her daughter,

Mrs. Alton Whittington, of Neece avenue, left last week on a two weeks' business trip to Grant's Pass, Ore. Mrs. Young was accompanied by her son, William Hood, and daughter, Janet, of Wilmington.

John Franklin Gouker of Altadena, father of W. J. Gouker, Park street, passed away at his home Thursday, August 10.

Mrs. Sally Montgomery, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Tinkle, of Newton street, is visiting relatives and friends in Amarillo, Texas, for a few weeks.

Elizabeth Whittington and Howard Hood of Torrance are spending a few days with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whittington of Neece avenue.

Combining errorless play and one-hit pitching, L. B. Barrett of Walteria Merchants' Softball team, won the first game in the invitational Torrance tournament, defeating American Rock Wool, 7 to 1.

Employees of National Supply Company of Torrance enjoyed a picnic recently at Redondo Park. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matz and daughters, Pamela and Linda, of Newton street were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Laughlin and children of Ocean avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Aitken and children, Bobbie and Warner, of Palm Grove, Conn., were Saturday dinner guests at the Pacific Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell. Sunday they all enjoyed a beach party and were accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Aitken and Mrs. Helen Ziemer and children of Los Angeles.

Oratorio Group Sets Rehearsals

An opportunity to sing Oratorio music is offered to interested singers by the San Pedro Oratorio Society, which is sponsored by the San Pedro Philharmonic and Artists Association, Inc.

Regular rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock at Anderson Memorial Playground, 9th at Mesa street, San Pedro, in the Crafts Room. Acting Director is Cid Yates, president of the Glendale Oratorio Society. Oratorio being studied at present is Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" (St. Cecilia's Mass).

At each rehearsal, one member entertains the group during intermission. Mrs. Warner Lawrence sang two numbers at the last rehearsal, "Old Mother Goose" (Gerome), and "These Are They Which Came" (from the Holy City, by Gault).

Mrs. Roy Cootes, acting chairman, invites all interested singers to attend. Basses are especially needed.

PTA Rehearses Operetta

Each Wednesday afternoon at the Harbor City School there is music in the air, music being rehearsed by members of the PTA Mothersingers there.

The presentation of an operetta and style show, under the direction of Mrs. Don Olson, by the Mothersingers is scheduled

'Girls Town' Benefit Set Sunday 27th

An Arabic benefit will be held Sunday, August 27, 1950, at the Alexandria Hotel, 6th and Spring streets, Los Angeles. The benefit is sponsored by the Arabic speaking people to raise funds for "Girls Town" to help take care of underprivileged girls. Lebanese, Syrians, Palestinians and others will cooperate.

Entertainment will feature Arabic singers, dancers, etc., and included on the program will be notables from the film and civic world. The event will be one of the most outstanding of the year for the Arabic speaking people and will help a very worthy cause.

Stephany Marjiff, noted Hollywood writer, as chairman of this event, states that information can be obtained by calling "Girls Town," 524 South Spring street, Los Angeles, or phoning Michigan 1147. "Don't miss a great show, hours of pleasure for yourself, and years of help to underprivileged girls," Miss Marjiff urges.

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Fuchsia Club Grooms Entry for Fall Fair

Members of Lomita Area Branch of the California Fuchsia Society met Tuesday in the patio of the John H. Ericson home, 22407 South Denker avenue, to paint lath, siding, window frames, a door and pickets for a fence; all of which are to be used in the Shade Garden Booth in the forthcoming Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

This is the first year a Shade Garden Booth has been featured at the fair, and the Lomita Fuchsia Club members feel they have been offered a wonderful opportunity to show the many thousands who will attend the fair, the beautiful fuchsias, begonias, ferns, and other shade-loving plants that can be grown in this area.

Those present at the "painting" and spaghetti dinner which was served at noon were Mesdames Alpha Stump, Edna Elpper, Rose Martinez, Bernice Ericsson, Naomi McKinley, Amy Brown, Martha Silkotch, Virginia Shekel, all of Lomita, and Eloise Johnson, Hilda Silence, Dorothy Allen, Pearl Riggs, and Edee Ericsson of Torrance.

Essay Contest Announced by VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars takes pride in announcing its 18th Annual National Essay Contest for High School Students.

Any eligible student attending a public, private, or parochial high school may enter the contest, it was announced.

'49 OFFICERS CONDUCT OES MEETING THURSDAY

The "Forty-niners" of Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, were guests of honor last Thursday evening at a special meeting held in Torrance Masonic Temple.

Junior Past Patron Leonard Babcock called the meeting to order and after the entrance of the "49" officers, Junior Past Matron Mildred Edwards gave special escort to Worthy Matron Gladys Mothersell and Worthy Patron Frederick Cook. Acting with the presiding officers, in opening the Chapter, Past Matron Edna Babcock and Past Patron Vincent Viellenave occupied the West, the other stations being filled by the officers of 1949: Rosearnold Winters, secretary; Estelle Graham, treasurer; Vivian Cook, conductress; Florence Viellenave, chaplain; Violet Lock, marshal; Lois Lounge, organist; Frances Feverley, Adah; Phyllis Peverley, Ruth, Joan Pierce, Esther; Maybelle Spencer, substituting for Marie Hanna, Martha; Dorothy Moore, Elita; Irma Harrington, warder; Harold Risco, sentinels; Lois Babcock, prompter and Archer Lewis, electrician.

Attesting their continuing interest in the work of the order, the '49 officers performed the various duties with exceptional proficiency. Under escort, the presiding worthy matron presented her past matrons who were deputy grand matrons and from whom she had received instructions during the years of her journey to the East; they are Laura Howell, Wilmington; Minnie Smith, San Pedro Harbor; Frances Buckley, Torrance and Louise Thompson, Playa Linda. Presented also were six 1949 matrons and five 1949 patrons, who remained in the East by invitation of the presiding worthy matron.

Eleven past matrons and seven past patrons of Torrance and other chapters were escorted and presented.

Worthy Matron Gladys Mothersell and Worthy Patron Frederick Cook conducted a brief business session and under good of the order, with the courtesy of the worthy matron presiding, Worthy Matron Gladys complimented the "49ers" on their excellent work.

Florence Viellenave, chairman for the evening, introduced the entertainers, Miss Janeene Colombo, who played several selections on her accordion, and a barber shop quartet in a number of songs. Concluding the evening's festivities, refreshments were served in the gaily decorated banquet room.

Catholic Women Plan Card Party

Mrs. John W. Gansday will serve as chairman for this evening's weekly card party in Nativity Hall, Coia at Manuel avenue. Everyone is invited. Tallies may be purchased at the door.

Assisting Mrs. Gansday with party preparations are Meses. Noel Morin, James Obole, George Probert, John Miller, Harry T. Green, Jack Dabbs, Victor Benstead, Lawrence Glickler, Andrew Frederick, John Frederick, Mary Eldredge, and Miss Charlotte Coninx.

At the close of play delicious refreshments will be served by Mrs. Gansday and her committee, and the customary prizes will be awarded.

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Guest Home Meet Topic

Highlights of a recent trip to the Orient were recounted as program hour feature at yesterday's luncheon meeting of the Harbor District Soroptimist Club.

Speaking to club members and guests assembling at 12:15 p.m. in the San Pedro YWCA was Mrs. Rose Kalliterna, recently returned from the Orient. Miss Edna Whitlow, club president, directed the afternoon's business session.

At last week's meeting Mrs. Edith Ingham, of Ingham's Guest Home for Elderly Ladies, in Torrance, as featured speaker, told of the requirements for operating such a home, with regard to health, sanitation, and financial background. She also outlined a few of the facilities needed for adequate operation of a guest home.

Tohaha Club Meet Held at Handel's

The monthly business meeting of Tohaha Club was held Friday evening in the Middlebrook Room of Mrs. Daisy Handel. As acting as co-hostess was Mrs. Ines Ambill. The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag, led by Mrs. Mabel Slover vice president, who conducted the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Ruth Butth.

Club guests were Mrs. Alma Ambill and Mrs. Olga Brown both of Torrance, and Mrs. Ursula Shuler, Redondo Beach. Prize winners at games which followed the social hour were Meses. Alma Ambill, Polly Myer, Edith Marriott, and Marie Anderson.

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