

PTA PLANS STUDENTS' XMAS PARTY

Christmas party plans were made Tuesday at a meeting of representative mothers and board members of North Torrance Elementary School. P.T.A. funds will purchase candy canes for all children with the room mothers furnishing ice cream and cookies. A 25 cent gift exchange limit was voted upon from kindergarten to the sixth grade. The seventh and eighth grades voted for a 50 cent limit, as many earn their own spending money. The parties are to be held on Friday, December 15, the last day of school before vacation.

Virginia's Birthday Is Party Date

Virginia Anderson invited a group of playmates to her home, 4611 Fern avenue, to help her celebrate her eighth birthday. Crepe paper hats were favors for the guests. Prize-winners in games were Charles Tanner, Mike Derouin and Janette Davis. Virginia's mother, Mrs. Donald P. Anderson, served birthday cake and other refreshments to the following guests: Janette Davis, Pat and Mike Derouin, Sharon Snyder, Johnnie O'Hara, Charles Tanner, Bobby Murphy, Tommy Megow, Shelly and Kay Henderson, and Eugene Anderson.

Professional Club Votes Six Into Membership 4th

Voted into membership at the regular business meeting of the National Business and Professional Women's Club were Mrs. Clara E. Conner, local postmaster; Mrs. Ruth Hoyl, LaMode Furniture Company; Mrs. Gertrude R. Taylor, Taylor-Huggins Furniture Shop; Mrs. R. Virginia Beck, La Tienda Gift Shop; Mrs. Hazel M. Haworth, Columbia Steel Company nurse, and Mrs. Ruth Robinson, co-owner Lawson's Jewelry Store. Gertrude Irons and the following members of her committee, Mesdames Esther Larson, Blanche Nagy, Laddie Johnson, Frances Lee, Maude Fraser, and Miss Mary Lou Tucker, announced the annual Christmas dinner party which is to be held December 18 at Irons Cottage.

Rodondo Beach. All members are to bring a "tree" gift to cost not more than \$1.00 and also the regular "Whosit" gift. The committee has requested that reservations be made early, not later than December 14, by calling Mrs. Irons, Frontier 2-8855, or Helen Williams, Torrance 1094-W. Mesdames Aylene Moore, Sabina Abramson and Frances Lee attended the recent Bay Section meeting and Mrs. Moore gave a report on the round table discussions. President Verna Porter and Mesdames Zada Ramsey and Helen Williams attended the December Los Angeles District meeting and made brief reports.

Bethel 50 In Varied Activities

Delegates to the Grand Bethel, International Order of the Girls, Miss Beverly Luster, honored a queen of Torrance Bethel, and her junior princess, Miss Marian McDonald, reported highlights of the Santa Barbara convention at the last meeting of Bethel 50. "Harmony and Understanding" was the convention theme for the golden centennial, the delegates stated, with Evelyn P. Finley, grand guardian, and Louis Harper, associate grand guardian, officiating officers. Other local delegates to the convention were Mrs. Edna Babcock, guardian, and Mrs. Mildred Edwards, secretary. Beautiful ceremonies were witnessed by Miss Luster and the other delegates, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Luster, who accompanied their daughter and Miss McDonald. The 1951 convention will be held in San Jose, they announced. Torrance was especially honored with the installation of Mrs. M. J. Edwards (Midge) as deputy grand guardian of Bethel 50. Lomita 137 and Gardena 112. As the convention report was read, Mrs. Edwards, past matron of Torrance OES Chapter, was presented with a corsage of her favorite flowers, yellow roses and a gift of silverware. Saying their obligations and receiving their robes were Alice Olson, Peggy Wood, Janet Robinson, Joy Pearman, Sue Deaton, Glenda Wells and Dana Cecil. The Bethel marked "Go to Church Sunday" on the third, with attendance at First Church of Christ, Scientist. Choir practice was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Robison with Carol Maloy, president, and Beverly Luster, honored queen, in charge of the group.



HOLLY, MISTLETOE, COLORED BALLS AND CANES ARE ASSEMBLED FOR GAY PARTY... Members of the Junior Auxiliary of the Assistance League of San Pedro are making preparations for the second annual Mistletoe Ball to be held December 23 at the Palms Verdes Country Club. Pictured with the holiday ornaments are (left to right) Mrs. Kenneth E. Bell, coordinating chairman; Mrs. Eldon Skoll, general chairman of the Ball and Mrs. William R. Kinkaid, president of the Juniors. (Herb Phillips photo)

Celebrates Birthday

Bonnie Mae, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leatherman, 2258 Maricopa street, celebrated her birthday Saturday with a delightful children's party at the Cota avenue home of her grandmother, Mrs. H. W. Backstrom. A picture birthday cake, served from a large refreshment table colorful with pastel favors and appointments, was the center of attraction for Bonnie Mae and her 15 guests from Torrance, Gardena and Walteria. Following the serving of refreshments at small tables, the children presented their gifts, and enjoyed games and television.

G. S. Troop Makes Gifts For Patients

Members of Girl Scout Troop 913 met recently at the home of Mrs. G. H. McNece, with the leader, Mrs. R. G. McCue presiding. Plans for the girls' Christmas party on December 17 to be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Thayne, were outlined. Troop members are working on a Christmas project, preparing a paper toys and gifts for the pediatric ward at Harbor General Hospital.

PTA BOARD YULE FETE ARRANGED

Perry School P.T.A. executive board will meet Wednesday, December 13, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. A. Wright, president, 18328 Roslin avenue. A Christmas party, with an exchange of gifts, will follow.

Soroptimists Attend Meet At Lomita

A slight deviation from usual procedure was a profitable and entertaining venture at the dinner meeting enjoyed Wednesday evening by members of the Harbor District Soroptimist Club. Members and guests were entertained at dinner in the home of Mrs. Bernice Snow, 29000 Eshelman avenue, Lomita, after which special hats worn by participants were auctioned, and the proceeds added to the club's treasury. Mrs. Cecyle Lusby capably filled the role of auctioneer.

Annual Mistletoe Ball Country Club Event

More than two hundred gold and green invitations were in the mail this week, bidding harbor socialites to the season's most outstanding event, the second annual Mistletoe Ball at the Palms Verdes Country Club on December 23. Sponsored by the Junior Auxiliary of the Assistance League of San Pedro, a buffet supper will be served at midnight in the Fern Room following dancing, which will begin at 9:30 with music furnished by Bert Smith and his orchestra. In charge of the colorful event are Mrs. William R. Kinkaid, president of the Juniors; Mrs. Eldon Skoll, general chairman of the ball and the following committee chairmen: Mrs. Jack Matthews, decorations; Mrs. Gordon Brownlee, buffet; Mrs. Kenneth E. Bell, coordinating and Mrs. Robert Hannah provisional. Proceeds from the ball will go to the charities and clinics maintained by the League of San Pedro. Among these are the Prevention of Deafness Clinic, the Dental Clinic and the Blind Weavers' Club. Represents Torrance YW Mrs. H. C. Crowther, mother of Mrs. Robert Williams; and Mrs. V. Hatch, prominent Virginia educator, attended the World Fellowship Vespers Service in Washington, D. C. representing the Torrance YWCA.

Sorority Tells Many Activities

The El Prado home of Mrs. Frank Lane was the setting for an impressive formal pledge installation and ritual of jewels for Theta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Pledged were Misses Joy Tarbet, Gwen Mort and Kay Blessing, and Mrs. S. Sterling, all of whom received jeweled pins. Mrs. A. Atkin opened her Harbor City home for a monthly business meeting, during which a gift was planned for Children's Memorial Hospital, auxiliary to Seaside Hospital, Long Beach. The birthday of the chapter was observed following the meeting and refreshments were served. Other affairs, including a canasta party at the home of Miss Dorothy Sandstrom, also were reported.

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