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by Helge Maclaren

This is an exciting novel about people in New York, but its

Music, Dinner At Dawson Home

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dawson entertained recently with a dinner party and music in their Plaza Del Amo home. Their guests were Messrs. and Meses, P. A. Goodwin, For Huemene; Dick Scarlett, Hollywood; Gordon Peterson, Mrs. McIntire, Long Beach; Al Duben, and Sally, John Anderson and family, and Ian Gately, all of Torrance; Eugene Luthy, Los Angeles; Lulu Bradford, of Taft.

central theme could have been set in any free city. It is the story of a girl who gradually discovers that the man she loves has a secret life in which he betrays our country. With contemporary scenes and characters and natural treatment the author has written a most exciting and perhaps her most important book. It is one which will linger in the reader's mind for some time.

SHEEPROCK
by G. P. Stewart

The author of FIRE, STORM; AND EARTH ABIDES needs no introduction to the reader who likes the unusual. His latest book "SHEEPROCK" is perhaps the first in which a place tells its own story in all its phases, thru' all time. A poet who comes to this curiously disturbing location to spend a year in writing, falls under the spell. Through his eyes and imagination much of the story is revealed yet he realizes that "SHEEPROCK" itself is much stronger than any of the dramas which have taken place in its shadow.

Women of The Moose

Highlight of last meeting of Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, was a comprehensive report by Geneva Clawson, senior regent of the convention at Santa Cruz—at which both the chapter and Loyal Order of Moose 785 were well represented.

When Alice Swanson opened her home recently for a joint meeting of the officers of Chapter 44 and LOOM 785, plans for the annual Christmas party and a high jinks party were on the agenda. Co-workers are urged to send names of children who will attend the Yuletide affair to Martha Jones. Cora Hill was hostess to a successful card party in Moose Hall. Ethel Tilden's party on Friday, also was a successful social and financial affair. Submitted: Ethel Tilden, publicity chairman.

Players Score Brilliantly In Their First Production

Torrance-South Bay theatre-goers were excited and thrilled with the Hampton Players' re-creation of Sidney Howard's theme, "Have Children—Love Them—And Leave Them Be" in their presentation of "The Silver Cord" August 10-11 at Redondo Union High School auditorium.

This first dramatic production of Hampton Players definitely establishes them as an artistic and creative little theatre group, and much is to be expected of them in the future.

The cast, so ably and outstandingly directed by S. R. Farnsworth, showed the results of his creativeness plus their own vivid interpretations. Neva Boyer, as the domineering mother, portrayed her role dynamically and brilliantly. Her subtle shadings were most effective, so much so that the audience could be heard saying: "What a detestable woman!" Dave Payne, as the older son, exhibited just the right amount of indecision, finally bursting his maternal bonds in a part of independence at the end. However, his younger brother, Robert, played so very capably by Duane Ryan, evidenced every weakness and inability to break the "Silver Cord." David's wife, played so strongly and persuasively by Mary Woodson, served as the force of right to sever the bonds for David and bring the family "showdown." Robert's fiancée, Hester, played by Dorothy Tunis, took the audience through the gamut of amusing chuckles to real tragedy in her broken romance. Her naturalness added much to the role. Ruth Diamant was quietly effective in her part as maid.

The sets brought comment and praise from the audience, especially the third act scene, when the living room was so beautifully decorated with floral displays arranged by La Galeria Florists of Torrance.

Much credit is due the stage crew for their "behind the scenes" efforts.

Everyone was asking after the show when the play would be produced again, and there is a possibility that it will be in the near future.

An "after-theatre party" was held for cast, crew, production staff and friends at Meltons-by-the-Sea. The cast were seated at a head table banked by flowers and highlighted by a beautifully decorated cake, congratulatory gift of the director to cast and crew.

Timmy Is Two Now

Two-year-old Timothy Miller was the center of attraction at a birthday party arranged recently at his home, 4156 Via Pinos, Palos Verdes Estates.

Timmy and his mother, Mrs. George Miller (Ann) entertained approximately 18 tykes ranging from three to five years. Included were Howard Merrill, the Lind twins, and Scott McBreen, all of Palos Verdes; Dennis, Martha, and Joan Gitcher, Dan and Jan Becker, of Torrance, and other friends from Whittier, Alhambra, and Studio City.

Out door games and wading occupied the children until refreshment time, when all were delighted with a candlelight, circus animal-decorated cake and favors which included balloons, paper hats, and squirt guns. Each guest, upon arrival was presented with a "grab bag" present by their young host.

Assisting Mrs. Miller with party arrangements was Miss Clare Stuart of the home address.

Dinner Party Marks 11th Birthday

Jeanne Hedberg celebrated her 11th birthday with a colorful dinner party when her mother entertained Tuesday evening in their home, 2475-C Torrance boulevard.

A decorated birthday cake with candles, and pink and blue favors were enjoyed by Jeanne and her guests, Neela MacDonaid, Virginia Sandstrom, Leslie Jeanne Trezise, Joan, Kathy, James, and Bobby Donald, Freddy Martin, and Jeanne's brother, Jack.

A television party concluded the evening.

Assisting Mrs. Hedberg with party arrangements was Miss Sally Sprout.

Another enjoyable party given by Mrs. Hedberg recently was a reunion of her High School friends, many of whom had been away from the group since graduation.

Included were 14 young women from Torrance, Los Angeles and vicinity.

PTA Appoints Evaluation Committee

Choosing the television program "Tim McCoy" as their selection in the evaluation program set up by First District CCTP and the Torrance PTA Council, the Perry School PTA appointed a committee of five.

Evaluation from the standpoint of youth welfare is based on contents, speech, emotions, music, and character building qualities.

Serving on the committee are Mrs. George Simonson, Mrs. R. B. McClain, Mrs. Victor Winther, Mrs. W. A. Wright and Mrs. I. E. Winther.

The "inksacs" of cuttlefish yield sepia pigment used by artists, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

PTA CREATES CHAIRMANSHIP

Mrs. Ott Fagnano, parent education chairman of the North Torrance Elementary PTA, has been appointed acting chairman of the Radio and Television Evaluation program by Mrs. Ralph McBee, president of the association.

Mrs. Fagnano has selected a committee of four to assist in this project.

The first report is to be ready to send to the Torrance Council on September 1.

VACATION ENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Jay T. Bailey of 1016 Beech avenue returned from a vacation trip to Yosemite, Lake Arrowhead, and other points.

The Lincoln Memorial was formally dedicated here in 1922.

DIVERSIFIED PROGRAM ENTERTAINS RNA GROUP

Four candidates were initiated into Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, at the meeting held Tuesday evening of last week in Woman's clubhouse. Mrs. Vertie Grimm, orator, presided and welcomed special guests from Culver City including Mrs. Mamie Kirschner, district deputy, as well as a delegation from the Redondo Beach camp. Initiated were: Patricia Alcorn, Ruth Trujillo, Freda Gilbert, and Lois Davis.

As a memorial for Mrs. Letha Howard, a member whose death occurred recently, resolutions were read by Mrs. Rosa Shepherd, and the charter was draped by the chancellor, who was assisted by Mrs. Shepherd, marshal, and Mrs. Sophia Duncan, assistant marshal.

The evening was concluded with a program of comedy acts emceed by Mary West.

Opening number, following songs by a quartet composed of Mary Baker, Susie Walker, Dolores McVickers, and Sophia Duncan, was a fashion show which featured as models, Ethel Lisk, Marie Koshak, Jean Hay, Maxine Sophia Duncan, Opal Hoy, Susie Walker, soloist; Lucille Meyer, musician; and Mary Baker, caller.

Soroptimists Addressed by Yachtsman

Mrs. Harry Pidgeon, wife of the world famous yachtsman, was presented as the feature speaker at yesterday's luncheon meeting of the Harbor area Soroptimist Club. Phases of their next world cruise held the attention of the clubwomen, whose president is Mrs. Hazel Scott Coomes.

Chief business transacted had to do with the booth which the organization will operate during the Fishermen's Fiesta, beginning September 22 in San Pedro.

Chairman Mrs. Florence McDermott announced that French fried rosesets "might please the patrians, while hot dogs will be served those of more plebian taste."

Club Plans Section Meeting

American Association of University Women, San Pedro Branch, will hold a bridge section meeting at 12:30 Monday, August 20, at the home of Mrs. W. Madison Taylor, 4020 Carolina, San Pedro.

Persons interested in this or other activities of the group may contact the president, Mrs. Gilbert B. Myers, at 1223 Averill street, or call TE 2-1660.

Attend Workshop

Mesdames Harry Van Bellehem and William Sale represented the finance and budget committee of North Torrance Elementary PTA at the Council Workshop held in Torrance, August 6.

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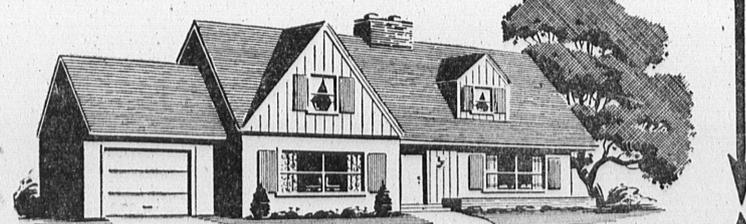
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