'Santa Claus for President' Theme for Christmas Playlet

Gentlemen of the press made a quick trip to North Pole, Arctic Circle last Thursday evening to verify a rumor that Mr. S. Claus had accepted the nomination for the presidency of the USA on a Dark Horse ticket. Mr. Santa Claus had accepted but withdrew when the children of Holland, England, Peru, Mexico, France, Denmark, and Italy petitioned that it was not fair to other nations. This met the approval of the American children who released this statement. "Santa Claus belongs to all the world, and we are for Peace and Good Will among all our fellowmen."

This one-act playlet, "Santa Clause For President," by Helen Louise Miller was presented at the monthly meeting of the Perry School PTA by Mr. Albert's sixth grade class. Santa Claus was played by Charles Morris; Mrs. Santa Claus, Rozella McClasky; Jingle and Jangle, by Kenneth Simpson and Jack Gifford; Gentlemen of the press were William Mills, Nobuo Mayemura, and Elmitt Eastcott; England's representative, Billy Bray; Peru, Sally Robinson; Holland's, Carolyn Barre; Mexico, Lavada Perry; France, Sandra Adams; Denmark, Barbara Eckers; Italy, Beverly McEwen; Americans were Priscilla Daguio, Judy Balleras, and Alice Viveros. Stage manager was Richard Cerardo and Jimmy Katsudo was stage hand.

The Girls Glee Club under Mrs. Crosier, sang a group of Christmas carols depicting the birth of Christ in addition to popular seasonal numbers.

Marjorie Burch gave a reading and Betty Crenshaw played an accordian solo.

The pictures were awarded to Mrs. O'Briant's third grade for the fourth time in the lower grades and to Mr. Albert's sixth grade in the upper level.

The executive board were hostesses at a Christmas luncheon for home room mothers and faculty members preceding their regular meeting. Plans for Santa's visit scheduled for this week were completed at this session. The group also made preparations for helping needy families in their district.

Holiday Party for Brownies

Fern Avenue PTA-sponsored Brownies were delightfully entertained at a Christmas party Friday afternoon when members of the Mothers Club accompanied them to Paramount for a skating party at Iceland.

Leaders of the troop are Mmes. Bette Hunter and Eloise Ricci.

Brownies enjoying the festivities were Daline Goode, Linda Henderson, Bette Howard, Denise and Diane Hunter, Naomi Johnson, Andrea Felker, Carol Kelley, Marilyn Miller, Sharon Ricci, Adrian Swain and Linda Williams.

Members of the Mothers Club who accompanied the girls to Paramount were Mmes. Goode, M. N. Felker, Melvin Howard, Richard Miller and Williams.

It is a crime to attempt to commit suicide in some states.

AUXILIARY INITIATES

Poinsettias and cotoneaster berries decorated the tables for the potluck supper arranged Tuesday evening in American Legion clubhouse by Josephine Hopkins, December chairman. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree completed the party setting and was laden with gifts for exchange among members.

Mary Toombs, president, conducted a brief business meeting and Annie Olson, membership chairman, presented for initiation Edith Elvira Allen, Jeannette Clark, Frances Northcutt and Anna McIntier. Past presidents of the unit officiated at the initiation ceremony.

Plans were outlined for the Christmas party in the clubhouse set for December 23, when children of members will be entertained by Auxiliary and Post members.

Ronald Is Birthday Honoree

Ronald, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brumbelow Jr. of 1549 W. 228th street, was honored at a party last Monday afternoon when his mother entertained at the family home.

The honoree and ten of his pals enjoyed a group of games following the opening of his birthday gifts and later the traditional birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Guests included Barry La Frenaye, Jimmie LaFrenaye, Freddie Acosta, Carolyn Acosta, Lynn Acosta, Bobby Jones, Conky Wunderlick and Eugenia Wunderlick.

While Democracy must have its organization and controls, its vital breath is individual liberty.
—CHARLES EVANS HUGHES.

MISS BETTY RITCHIE

Betty Ritchie Betrothed To Private Stanley Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ritchie of 1645 W. 219th street have announced the betrothal of their daughter, Betty, to Private Stanley Ward, United States Army. The prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ward of 25834 Lucille avenue, Lomita.

Miss Ritchie is a graduate of Narbone High School with the class of '51 and is presently employed as a stenographer at National Supply Company.

Her fiance has returned to Ft. Bliss, Texas, to enter an Army radar school following a 15-day furlough at his home. A graduate of Narbonne High School in '48, and of Compton Junior College in '50, he was enrolled at University of Southern California when he was called into the Armed Forces in June.

No wedding date has been set by the popular young couple.

186th PTA POSTPONES YULE MEET

Due to inclement weather conditions, the outdoor Christmas meeting planned by the 186th Street Parent Teacher Association for Thursday December 13 was postponed until Tuesday December 18 at 10:30 a.m.

According to Mrs. Jack Parmer, Community Chest chairman, the untiring efforts of her workers and the support of the good people who contributed to this worthwhile project, the 186th Street PTA exceeded its quota in the recent drive.

Mrs. Claud Hill, president, and association members Mrs. James A. Gauley and Mr. Claud Hill attended the December 10 District meeting held at the Virgil Junior High School.

186th Street PTA was represented at the Gardena-Wilmington Council meeting held at Hawaiian Avenue School by Mesdames Claud Hill, James A. Gauley, Samuel Dow and B. H. Cothran.

Mrs. W. A. Douglas, auditor for 186th Street PTA, is the mother of a little boy born on Wednesday, December 12. Last reports are that both brother and baby are doing fine.

Irma Powers Installed by Trio Group

Irma Powers was installed president of Trio Helpers, social club of Rebekah Lodge No. 240, during a recent meeting of the club held at the Powers home on 247th street.

Other officers installed by Retta Nelson, were Edith Marriott, vice president; Mary Smith, secretary and Elyda Smith, treasurer.

The club voted to present Trio Rebekah Lodge with a gift of one hundred dollars and tentative plans were made to hold canasta parties and kidnap breakfasts as fund-raising activities. Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt was named publicity chairman.

A social afternoon followed the business meeting and an exchange of Christmas gifts was held, Edith Marriott carrying away the top prize of canasta.

Students Present Excellent Christmas Program for PTA

By MAGDALENE M. HINDS

Students of the Greenwood School presented an excellent Christmas program Thursday evening when the Fern Avenue-Greenwood PTA convened for its regular monthly meeting.

The school orchestra, conducted by Miss Marilyn Anderson, opened the program with "Christmas Fantasy," a medley of traditional yuletide songs. A duet and several solos were played by the following members of the orchestra.

Mike Derouin and Ricky Boucher played "White Christmas", a trumpet duet; Donald Keeley, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," saxaphone solo; Tommy Smoot, "Frosty the Snow Man", violin solo; Wayne Bischoff, "Toyland," saxophone solo; and Billy La Duke, "Cantique de Noel," a clarinet solo.

"It's Christmas Time," a choral reading interspersed with song, sought to bring to the listener the spiritual side of Christmas. It consisted of four parts: the birth of Christ, Christ the Savior, Faith, and the true Christmas spirit of peace on earth and joy throughout the world. The a capella choir expressed the same message in song with the rendition of "The First Noel", "Gloria in Excelsis Deo", "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night".

Miss Kathering Kentta, chairman of the production, and Miss Cathryn Chisholm, A Capella choir director, were responsible for the highly successful performance. The stage backdrop, depicting the Three Wise Men, was painted by seventh grade students under the supervision of Mr. Joe T. Brandon.

During the business session Mrs. Gerald G. Grubb, PTA president, made an appeal for clothing, and packaged and canned foods to be distributed among the needy families at Christmas. A report on the proposed dental clinic was given by Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool.

It was announced that the Adult School had secured the services of Miss Adelle Davis and that she would hold a series of classes in nutrition begining January 10.

A food sale was held during the meeting by the mothers of Miss Joanne Champlin's kindergarteners, Mrs. Pat Malone was chairman of the sale. Proceeds will be used to purchase needed equipment for the kindergarten.

Refreshments were served during the social hour by first and second grade room mothers.

ATTEND YULE FESTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones and Miss Mary of 2118 Martina avenue, attended an annual Christmas party held Saturday evening in South Gate by the American-Welch Society. Accompanying them were their son and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Jones and children of Kettler Knolls, and Mrs. Richard Jones and Lorna of Lomita.

Educators Are Guests At Luncheon

Members of the Board of Education and the faculty of Greenwood Elementary School were honored at a luncheon arranged Tuesday afternoon at the school.

Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Maryon Sofosky, homemaking teacher and Mrs. D. A. Murphy, receptionist.

Delicious home-made enchiladas, a specialty of Mrs. Murphy's, were enjoyed by approximately 32 guests.

The seasonal theme was followed for table decorations and highlighted large red tapers and silver stars.

Women of Moose Fete Children

Torrance Chapter, 44, Women of the Moose and the Loyal Order of Moose joined in giving a Christmas party for the children of the members on Sunday, December 16. Miss Ann Olson presented several dance numbers and Mrs. Nadine Nickol a vocal group. The entertainment was followed by the traditional appearance of Santa Claus who had gifts and candy for each of the children. Gifts also were presented to the children at Harbor General Hospital.

At the last meeting of the Chapter, Mrs. Lillian Ertl was installed as chairman for the remainder of the term. Mesdames Ila Mae Ambach and Anne Wilken, members of the College of Regents, presided over the installation ceremony.

Starting in January, meetings will be held every Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The monthly card parties will be discontinued until further notice.

China is about one-third larger than continental United States. It is 1860 miles north to south and 2000 miles east to west.

The human eye is composed of about 80 per cent water.

First Reunion In 20 Years

For the first time in twenty years, Mrs. J. W. Inman of 2215 Cabrillo avenue will have all of her children, grandchildren and great-granchildren together for Christmas with the exception of two grandsons, Cpl. Richard K. Jay and Pfc. William B. Jay, who are in Korea.

From Saudi Arabia her son, Lester F. Inman, is flying home. At Denver he will be joined by his sister Jean and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Waring, and their children Charles and Celeste. And from Los Molinos, in Northern California, Aileen and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jay, and their son John, are coming by automobile. The Jays formerly lived in Lomita.

On Christmas eve the family will gather at the home of the eldest sister, Ruth, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Woodcock, 2431 Cabrillo avenue, for their annual Christmas party. They will be joined by the Woodcock children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Woodcock and children Lore and Andrew, and Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Sion and son Donald, of Lomita.

Three-tiered Cake Cut at Reception

A reception honoring Pfc. Jim V. Farquhar, U. S. Army, and his bride, the former Betty Jean Robertson of Andrews, N. C., who were married in Blue Ridge, Ga., September 16, was held in Torrance Saturday night at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Lloyd Farquhar.

Tall, lighted tapers flanked the three-tiered wedding cake, baked and decorated by the soldier's mother, Mrs. Edna Farquhar of Harbor City.

Pfc. Farquhar and his bride arrived here Monday night from Fort Sill, Okahoma, where he has been stationed. After a 12-day furlough he will leave for Seattle, Wash., where he expects to embark for overseas duty. He enlisted in the Army in March, 1948, and returned last May from 27 months in Alaska where he was stationed at Fort Richardson.

His wife will remain temporarily in California, later returning to North Carolina to make her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Creasman, until the return of her husband from overseas.

AT WOOD HOME

Dr. and Mrs. Howard A. Wood will entertain at Christmas dinner in their El Prado home for 20 Torrance and out-of-town guests including her mother Mrs. James H. Jeffery, and Mrs. Kirstine Petersen, both of Long Beach.

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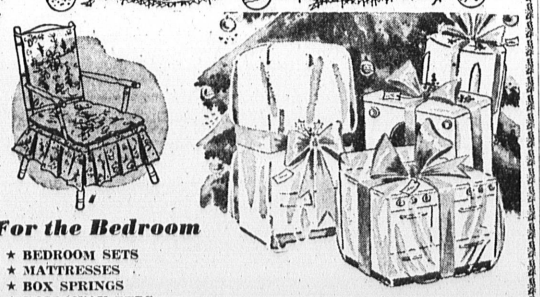

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