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Such excitement around what the Fourth of July, and the convention coming on the heels of the firecrackers. Many backyard picnics—later the streets filled with pretty fireworks. The boys appeared to enjoy it more than the small fry. At least everyone had a "bang-up" time. As for the presidential convention, this household pays little heed for we are for Howdy-Doody to the last man! (He's running, you know.)

At last some fishermen came home with fish! Jack White and Roy Patterson fished at Vale, a spot near San Diego, and came home loaded with crappie, blue gill, and bass. Sorry to give the spot away, boys.

All the youngsters are looking forward to the supervised swims at Alondra Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those at 174th and Crenshaw will be picked up at 9:20 a.m. and returned at 11:15 a.m.

2 p.m., I'm told. Times at McMaster Park will be 11:15 and 3:30, and at Crenshaw School 11 and 3:30. Each child must be registered by a parent. Kids must furnish towels and lunch. Sounds like a good thing for a child wanting to learn to swim. Parents can be assured of proper supervision.

Those Barber Shoppers really gave out with some fine harmony at the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assoc. meeting this week. (Where were you?) Glenn Runsted was on hand with his new recorder, and was pleased indeed to record this group's rendition of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," which was beautiful. Met Bernard and Isabel McCabe of 17422 Kornblum, are some of the newer residents. They are interested in the civic affairs of the community. Sorry to hear of the baseball game through the window of Mrs. Velma Chase, 17432 Kornblum.

but am glad to hear that the boys playing ball on the diamond at McMaster Park replaced it.

It is very difficult for me to write of Mark Holechek being in the hospital with polio. Mark, who is only 3, resides at 17033 Glenburn with his parents Russell and Evelyn, and sisters Digne and Darlene. His condition is not so serious, but we of this street feel that thoughts that are ever with him will bring his home soon. We hope he may be seen scooting up and down the sidewalk on his tricycle again.

Visiting at the home of Hernan Cortez, 17516 Cerise, over the holidays was Mrs. Sofia Cortez, mother of Hernan from New Mexico. Mrs. Cortez arrived for the wedding of Adaline's sister, Maria Gutierrez of Inglewood, who was married in a very beautiful garden ceremony with Adaline as matron of honor.

Speaking of marriages, the Burt Johnsons, 17219 Atkinson, motored to Carson City, Nev., to attend the ceremony of Burt's brother, Ken, who was married

July 5 to Miss Edith Fine of Los Angeles.

Jackie Strunk, 17523 Faysmith, had her first birthday party this week. She was 6 years old. Around 15 children gathered for ice-cream and cake. Those cousins attending were Kerry, April, Joy, and Terry Thomas of Gardena, Kathy and Timmy Thomas of Hawthorne, Roger and Lester DeGregory, Michael Morrison, Cathy and Raymond Horstman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Strunk and children Sandra and Terry motored to San Diego to visit their son Charles Louis McEl-downey Seaman 3rd class of the Navy before he embarked for overseas this week. Accompanying the Strunks was Charles' friend, Miss Barbara Tarrott, of 17525 Faysmith. Seaman McEl-downey was 38 June 27th.

We have had much discussion in our household on the various stories our boys have been reading and several days ago a very heated argument ensued over the nationality of Little Black Sambo. Jimmy age 3 insisted he was a brother to Tonto of Lone Ranger fame while Johnny knew without a doubt he was Spinach! Having heard this week that Frosty Frolics would portray one of their favorite characters, Pinocchio, they anxiously awaited the program only to find that Jimmy Cricket was much larger than Pinocchio and Pinocchio himself was a girl! (they could tell, they said.) But the last straw came when the friendly cat was not the Little Figaro of the book but Real George! These pint-size cowboys just don't dig that stuff! So since they "can't stick to the truth" (according to Johnny) we won't watch Frosty Frolics again!

Birthday greetings to James Stansbury 17508, Cerise who was given a party by his wife Phyllis Saturday in honor of the occasion. Also to Jimmie Darry, 17017 Glenburn, who was 4 this week and celebrated with a party. The group who gathered included Joan and Sandra Vann, John and Stevie Grippie, Larry and Stevie Nicholson, and Gail Adamson. And to my own two-year-old Jack Joe Allison, who received a new bicycle, of which he is extremely proud!

The Thomas Fannon home, 17520 Cerise, is the envy of the block since the installation of the very pretty grey carpeting this week. Mrs. Fannon entertained her brother Morton Mondays and wife Eloisa Sunday.

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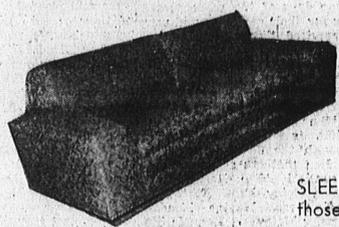


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