

This News Is Late Because of Illness

Hope you folks won't mind could hardly realize that it was a little late. It was impossible to get it written up in time for Thursday's issue as that of virus that is going around finally caught up with our house, and we have taken turns being down with it—Think we're all O.K. now and none the worse for it except perhaps left with a little less strength.

Neighbors and friends bade a fond farewell to Harold and Opal DuChene on Armistice Day when they left to make their home in Ketchikan, Alaska. They planned to drive as far as Seattle, then finish the last leg of their journey by boat. Harold is a chief petty officer with the Coast Guard, and has been stationed at Ketchikan, coming home just long enough to rent their house at 23210 Falena and to help Opal pack for the trip. They expect to be there about a year. We're sorry to see them go, but can't decide whether we should feel sorry for them facing an entirely "white" winter or not. It will be really "Christmasy" though, won't it?

We're very happy to hear that Francis Tuttle, 1947 Reynosa Dr., is home from the hospital convalescing from a heart attack. He suffered the attack the middle of August and after spending two weeks in Torrance Memorial Hospital he was transferred to the Veterans' Hospital in Long Beach, where he remained until last Tuesday. He won't be able to go back to work until after the first of the year, although he is able to be up and about some. It's happy news, though, and we're hoping there'll be no more such unfortunate events.

They say that bad luck runs in bunches. Well, sometimes good luck and happy events do too, at least for the Melvin Miller family on Marinette St. they do. About two weeks ago their longed-for daughter, Melva Christine, arrived and now Melvin has been promoted to chief clerk for the Bank of America, and transferred to the Melrose and Irving branch in Hollywood. He reported a week ago last Wednesday to his new responsibilities. The "gang" that he worked with at the Torrance branch presented him with a pen and pencil set to remember them by. Congratulations Melvin, and we might label you as an exhibit of Torrance products as a "local boy who made good."

Perhaps the most exciting step in a girl's Scouting experiences is her investiture, which could be, because it is her first. A week ago last Friday night, my daughter, Mrs. Ina Larsen, and I were very happy to invest and welcome as full fledged Girl Scouts into Troop No. 936, which is sponsored by Torrance Elementary P.T.A., five more girls. Mimi Cowan, Donna Dunkin, Mary Drzakowski, Karen Korth, and Louise Otterstein for six years, and at that time he was still just a kid, so she

that they are part of an organization whose chief interest is girls. After the investiture ceremonies, the group of parents were entertained with acrobatic solos by Emilie Greer, and a little skit in which Marie Turner, Judy Fredrickson, Emilie Greer, Joyce Wayt, Louise Otterstein, Barbara Hannan and Janice Fredrickson, took part. Gay Larsen and Kiyoko Takeuchi were hostesses for the evening, and served refreshments of decorated cup capes and lemonade from a very lovely appointed table, centered with a bowl of yellow mums, and flanked by green candles. Ina and I were really proud of our girls that evening!

The arrival of July Ann Clark, at 5:53 a.m. Monday morning, Oct. 29, has caused a happy stir of excitement in the home of Frances and Gordon (Dink to his friends) Clark, 1820 Marinette St. The proud couple's second child, the dainty miss weighed 5 lbs., 12 oz. when she arrived at Bellevue Hospital in Gardena. Five and a half year old Roddy thinks the little sister is really something very special. Of course everyone got cigars at McMahon's Furniture store, where the happy father works. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bryant of Compton. Congratulations folks!

Skippy Weston of 23032 Huber St. celebrated his fourth birthday recently with 19 little friends in attendance. Lomita, Harbor City, San Pedro, Redondo Beach and Torrance were all represented. Sharon Carter won the prize for coming the closest to the right place for the donkey's tail; Charlene Sanborn found the most peanuts so she received a prize too; and little Beverly Hale earned a prize for her skill in dropping clothespins in the bottle. After refreshments of ice cream, cake and pop, favors of blowers, cars for the boys, and small games of skill for the girls were given each guest to remember the day. Skippy was a tired but thrilled little four-year old that night, and found it hard to pick which gift appealed to him most.

Friendship is really a wonderful thing, so to foster it, Eileen Hardesty of Huber St. gathered a group of her friends about her a week ago last Friday evening for a social evening of games and "mostly gab." Sipping coffee and eating cake were Thelma Setzer, Theresa Sifers, Joyce Tucker, Helen Rick, Velma Lucas, Kay Van Dalsom, Uma Sandell, Rosemary Weston, Millie Hines, and Teo Cunningham.

Another friendly get-together was one that Kay VanDalsom hosted at her home, earlier in the week. Among those who gathered there were Barbara Johnson, Emma Clark, Betty Cochran, Joyce Tucker, Mrs. Ford and Theresa Sifers. Kay served them cake baked by a special family recipe and coffee.

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