

North City Parents Attend Children's Xmas Program

A large tree trimmed by the kindergarten class with handmade decorations, a huge fireplace with Santa coming down the chimney, and large windows lined with candle holders made as presents for parents set the mood for the Christmas program which held the limelight at last week's Wednesday meeting of North Torrance Elementary PTA, held at the school auditorium.

Mrs. Lydia Willis, kindergarten teacher, was master of ceremonies. Included on the evening show were Christmas carols sung by

SANTA GOES TO SCHOOL

Santa came amidst a jingle of bells to North Torrance Elementary School last Friday with a load of candy cane treats for the children. PTA board members helped the red-suited gentleman distribute the sweets.

The school children did a turn about at the festivities; in addition to exchanging gifts among themselves, they brought canned goods to be given to the needy at Christmas.

Decorated cookies, snowball ice cream, pink punch, cider, and cupcakes were on the menu at room parties. Children presented programs for the mothers and guests attending.



JUNE JOHNSTONE WEDS DANIEL CONFORTI; PAIR RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES

Now at home, 3777 1/2 Menlo Ave., Los Angeles, are the new Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Anthony Conforti, who exchanged vows Nov. 29 at a nuptial mass in the Nativity Catholic Church here.

The former Miss June Charlotte Johnstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl K. Johnstone of Torrance, chose a white satin and Chantilly lace gown. She carried white orchids and lilies of the valley en bouquet.

Mrs. Keith Arnold, attending

JOAN KING IS VALENTINE BRIDE-ELECT

Traditional day for romance Valentine's Day, will live up to its name next year, for on that day Miss Joan King and John L. Schulz Jr. will become Valentines for keeps.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin K. King, 2321 W. Carson St., the bride-to-be's parents, announced that the wedding ceremony will take place at St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach.

Miss King, a graduate of Torrance High School, will complete her studies at El Camino College in February. She is currently commissioner of activities at the college, continuing a trend for organization established at the high school, where her offices and affiliations include: Girls' League president and member of Tartar League.

The bride-elect, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Schulz Sr., 2031 Andree Ave., also is a graduate of Torrance High School.

Charles Pepitone was best man. The bride graduated from Torrance High School with the summer class of 1948. She attended El Camino College and is now employed as a secretary at the University of Southern California School of Social Work.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Conforti, Burbank, attended Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles and is a graduate of San Jose State College and the University of Southern California. He played football at both colleges and was football coach at the California Military Academy for one year. In service with the United States Navy for three years, he is now a football coach and physical education instructor at Santa Fe High School in Los Angeles.

S. BRENNAN FETES SIXTH BIRTHDAY

Six small friends and sister Cheryl helped make Saturday a special day for Shirley Brennan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Brennan, as they gathered at the 812 Portola Ave. home to celebrate her sixth birthday.

Table decor carried out a blue and pink color scheme, with balloons inscribed "Happy Birthday." Each guest received a little doll for a favor.

Joining in the festivities were Vicki Gillian, Sandra Cook, Jenice Treloor, Peggy and Mary Herman, and Donna Faye Esley.



Miss Joan King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin K. King, 2321 W. Carson St., will wed John L. Schulz Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Schulz Sr., 2031 Andree Avenue, next Feb. 14.

Townsendites Hold Yule Ball Tomorrow

An exchange of gifts in keeping with the holiday season will highlight tomorrow night's Townsend Club dance, to be held at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Beginning at 8 o'clock, members and guests will swing and sway to the rhythm of modern and old-time dance music. Refreshments will be served.

TRADITION TAKES OVER... Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Anthony Conforti, nee June Charlotte Johnston, followed the traditional post-wedding pattern by cutting the first piece of bridal cake at a reception held at the Nativity Church parish hall after Nov. 29 marriage ceremonies. The newlyweds now are making their home at 3777 1/2 Menlo Ave., Los Angeles.

Crowd Enters Y Hall For First Community Festival of Nations

"World Fellowship in the local YWCA for the first Community Festival of Nations. About 130 attended the festival.

Mrs. Ladra said that the "Y" is helping to train leaders in 22 countries, and these in turn help with the work in other countries. At the close of her talk, Bea Gibson, a Y-teen presented the World Fellowship gift of Continental and Seaside Y-teens of Torrance, to be used in the world-wide work of the "Y."

Guest speaker of the evening, Kru Tardt Tradiposena, teacher from Thailand, was introduced by Mrs. Cecil England, who was instrumental in securing her services.

The Thailand woman told how she became interested in the "Y" through a YMCA secretary who was in her language class. Five years ago she helped found the "Y" in Bangkok, and today the "Y" there has 1200 members, an amazing growth, she said, since Thailand is a Buddhist country.

People in her country imitate American and English Christmas customs, Miss Tradiposena said.

Dutch Christmas traditions were related by Lionel Owendyk, while Australian and Danish Yule customs were told by Mesdames C. W. Langdon and Julian Miller, respectively.

Another feature lending an international atmosphere to the evening was the breaking of the pinata, an old Mexican Christmas tradition. The pinata, made by Torrette Y-teen Club, was in the shape of a lady. When she dropped to the floor, the children scrambled for the candy she contained.

Colorful costumes contributed color to the festival. Miss Tradiposena wore her native Siamese dress; Mrs. Phelan Foley, Norwegian; Mrs. Ladra and Jean Acalm, Yugoslavian; and Carol Shinoda, Tomiko Kanemoto, and Ruth Lanman, Japanese.

COMMITTEE LEADERS

Mrs. Foley, chairman of the World Fellowship committee, was in charge of arrangements. Members of her committee assisting were Mesdames England, Samuel Rauss, Fred Smith, Carl Mohler, Paul Shinoda.

Other chairmen contributing to the success of the affair were Mrs. Walter Levy, telephoning and hosting; Mervyn Porter, decorations; Warren Hamilton, refreshment table; and Mohler, refreshments. Mrs. John Smith, advisor of the Debutante Y-teen Club, assisted with the guest book.

A Christmas tree and evergreens were the focus of attention in building decor. Walls displayed posters from many countries, and outside the huge window a giant snowman kept watch as the party progressed.

Christmas Greetings

FOR many of us the Holiday season is also "inventory time." This is a happy coincidence. Because, when we come to count our assets... none is quite so valuable as the one that never appears on our books, but which is always written large in our hearts... the friendship and loyalty of those whom we are privileged to serve. To one and all of you we say most sincerely: "Thanks a million... and may the happiness of the season abide with you and yours throughout the New Year."

Paul Diamond

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