

# PTA ACTIVITIES

## Halldale

"Christmas Carols Around the World," presented by the Halldale Ave. PTA Mothersingers ushered in the Yuletide season for members and guests at the meeting of the Halldale PTA on Dec. 9.

Christmas carols from Holland, France, Germany, England, Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the United States were presented by the Mothersingers under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Adams with Mrs. Patricia Gross at the piano.

Mrs. E. B. Saleido presided at the short business meeting and introduced Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal, who gave the welcome. She also announced that in February two more teachers would be added to the faculty bringing the total to 37, and two more classes will be on half-day session. Mrs. Stanley Carter was ratified as the new citizenship chairman.

Mrs. E. R. Alves, art chairman, presented the magazine poster that was first and third places at the December meeting of the San Pedro-Lomita Council.

Mrs. Ray Rhoads, home services chairman, introduced Ray Rhoads, who spoke on citizenship and the importance of the Bill of Rights.

A social hour followed, with coffee and cake served by the fourth grade room mothers under the direction of Mmes. E. Holloway, P. E. Dye, D. Cowdrey, and room representatives Mmes. R. Humphrey and J. H. Bugg.

## Gateway

Gateway Council met Dec. 6 at Wilmington Junior High School. Mrs. Blake Ryan sang "Glad to Be" accompanied by Mrs. Kenneth Scott, president of Wilmington Junior High PTA. The Mixed Glee Club, under the direction of Fred Wilkins, sang three numbers.

Norm Spradley, Banning High School student, spoke on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me." Membership awards earned during the recent drive were presented to the six local associations by Council Chairman

Mrs. Sam Braco. It was voted to adopt Meyler St. School and \$5 will be sent each month for its use.

Mrs. John F. Gobel gave helpful information and pointers on nylon lingerie. Mrs. H. H. Holm displayed Christmas decorations, and told how they were made.

Mrs. Daniel J. Dailey gave an inspiring talk on Character Education and Homemaking. She was presented by Mrs. W. G. Donhoff, 10th District Home Service director.

Schools represented were Banning, Dana Junior High, Gardena, Narbonne, San Pedro, and Wilmington Junior High. Gateway Council will combine with Olympia Council in presenting "Teaching Today's Youth," a parent education type series, to better acquaint the parents of high school students with what the schools have to offer in all branches of education.

## No. Torrance

The December meeting of the North Torrance Elementary PTA was held at the school Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

A letter from the student body was read by Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Bert Cook, stating that the students would like the PTA to give the money usually spent for a Christmas treat to a worthy cause. A motion was carried to divide the money as follows: \$25 to Christmas Welfare baskets, \$25 to the Hill Fund, \$25 to the Dental Fund, and \$25 to the American Field Service, to be given in the name of the student body.

A play, "Why the Chimes Rang," was presented by Mrs. Sue Rozum and students from the seventh grades. Music was presented by Mrs. Doris Croster and her music class. A choral group was led in several Christmas carols by Mrs. Siegel and directed by Miss Mable Ashley.

Special appreciation goes to George Ackerman, Vernon Clark, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Mildred Montgomery, Mrs. Shirley Culbert, Phillip Mae Hale, Mrs. Margaret Denmark, Mrs. Mildred Bergman, and Edwin Brown for costuming, special effects, sets and props.

Mrs. Barbara Booth's first

grade and Mrs. Sue Rozum's seventh grade won the prizes for having the most parents present. Second grade room mothers were hostesses for cake and coffee following the meeting.

## L-S.P. Council

Mrs. Petter A. Brutti, Lomita-San Pedro Council membership chairman, received a district award of membership attainment from Mrs. William Bailey, Tenth District membership chairman, at the Dec. 2 meeting at Dorsey High School in Los Angeles.

Also attending this meeting were Mmes. C. L. Wilson, Lomita-San Pedro Council president; A. C. Atkinson, Harbor Regional director; D. W. Ten Eyck, Gateway Council president, and E. B. Snow, San Pedro High School PTA president.

Representing the Harbor area at the Annual Christmas Luncheon given by Southwest Council of PTA at the Polio Academy in Elysian Park in Los Angeles on Friday, Dec. 10, were Mmes. C. L. Wilson and William D. Russell, president and junior past president of Lomita-San Pedro Council, and D. W. Ten Eyck, Gateway Council president.

Mrs. George D. Weeks, Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA, first vice-president and program chairman, held a conference at her Harbor City home to instruct local program chairmen on public speaking and introductions.

After attending three classes, which were attended by four districts and conducted by James F. Stansell, Los Angeles State College professor of public speaking, Mrs. Weeks gave her report to the following PTA chairmen: Mmes. Earl Teague, Cabrillo; David Goolsby, Halldale; D. G. Cheek, Harbor City; Harry G. Frost, Leland; Robert Oster, Lomita Elementary; Louis Miller, Point Fermin; and Earl Johnson, 7th St.

## SISTERHOOD

Gardena Valley Jewish Center Sisterhood held a successful bazaar and carnival, Sunday Dec. 14, at the VFW Hall in Gardena. Door prize winners were L. Lifton, Anita Rosen, Ida Whiteman and B. Diamond.



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS... who entertained at the meeting of the Walteria PTA Thursday are, from left, back row: Paul Fink, Penny McBride, Linda Lambertson, and Sharilyn Broderick. In the front row are Gary McLaughlin and Danny Roche. Directing is Mrs. Fern Springer, music instructor and choir director. Over 110 students participated in the Christmas pageant and caroling.

## Walteria

Walteria PTA held their Christmas meeting Dec. 9 in the school auditorium. Third graders presented a pageant entitled "The First Christmas" assisted by 40 carolers from the primary grades. The stage was decorated with a manger scene with the Star of Bethlehem. Many of the narrators were in costume while the carolers were dressed in robes with small crowns on their heads. The costumes were made by Mrs. Lillian Brown, first grade teacher, with the assistance of various PTA mothers. Mrs. Fern Springer was chorus director and chairman. Many parents enjoyed this inspiring program along with several special guests introduced by Alfred Artuso, Durand, the business meeting. Mrs. Glenn Hardcastle was elected as a delegate to the nominating committee for Torrance Council which will be held Dec. 16. Later this year Mrs. W. T. Allen announced that anyone wishing to learn the locations and dates of the mobil-

## NEIGHBORS HOLD ANNUAL YULE PARTY

The home of Mrs. James Oswell, at 2629 Sierra St., will be the scene of a festive holiday party tomorrow evening when the neighbors in that vicinity hold their annual Christmas party.

A potluck supper will be served by a table elaborately decorated in the Christmas motif. After the supper, a gift exchange will take place around a huge Christmas tree.

Attending with the hostesses will be Mrs. J. Oswell, K. Sherman, O. Lattimore, G. Brown, B. Mae Ambach, G. Lewis, R. Hanson, H. Henderson, J. Rubec, S. Albright, R. Prout, F. Lehr, M. Evans, R. Boyer, P. Watson, J. Ott, L. McEachen, C. Mainer and R. Huddleston.

## TWO BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED

Two birthdays were celebrated with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis De Santis. Honor guests were Mrs. Zola Kester and Miss Betty Kester. The party was given Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2019 Shearer. A beautifully decorated birthday cake and other refreshments were served.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cooper, of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson and daughter Cheryl, and Mr. and Mrs.

## Council Honors School Principals at Luncheon

The annual Christmas potluck luncheon given by the Torrance PTA Council in honor of the principals of the Torrance schools was held on Wed., Dec. 14 at McMaster Hall. There were 60 persons served by a committee consisting of Mrs. H. Cortes, Mrs. R. Payne, Mrs. B. L. McDonald, Mrs. C. S. Connors, Mrs. W. R. Towell, and Mrs. E. W. Ingraham, chairman.

The Christmas spirit was heightened by the lovely decorations prepared by Mrs. H. Cortes. A large Christmas tree was decorated with fuchsia and chardreuse bulbs; and the center of the long table was covered with sprigs of pine under fuchsia and chardreuse bulbs laid around gold dusted crescents. On the place cards were little cone angels covered with gold sparkles and with golden wings and hats. A display of flying silver angels along a swag of tinsel was used above the fireplace.

A short business meeting preceded the luncheon, at which time a donation was accepted from the North Torrance students who had voted not to accept their usual gifts from the P.T.A. at Christmas time, but instead to have this money divided evenly between the milk and dental funds and the American Field Service.

## Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEY, JR. 11-20-54

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## Scout Trails

## ODD FELLOWS NAME OFFICERS

Twenty-seven Cub Scouts of Pack 877-C, Hollywood Riviera, together with fifteen parents and ten mothers, went down to the sea in ships last Saturday.

It was a visit to the Navy Station and Shipyard at Long Beach, and it was the highlight of their fall meetings and trips. The Cubs visited the ships via an auto trip around the mall, seeing ships at anchor, tied up, in moxhalls and out. And as the climax of the trip they visited the submarine USS Sawfish, as it laid tied up at the dock alongside the Navy station. They peered at the crew's compartments, the light and tidy ship's pantry, the torpedo compartments. They inspected the guns topside and belowdecks, and they felt the itch to turn some of the hundreds of valves and knobs along the length of the sub.

Cub Scouts taking the trip included Bill Simpkins, Joe Simpkins, Chip Whitney, Donald Aselin, Phil Dowling, Tom Smith, and David Harvey of Den 1. From Den 2 were Pat McBurney, Gary Holtz, Tom Cochran, and from Den 3 came Brian Treacy, Carl Carrillo, John Wyatt, Bill Leitner, Daid Henning and Jack Webb. Steven Dutton, Ellery Price, Bret Brady, Edie Kocher, Vance Stefan, Jim Eckhart, Eddie Killne, Keith Stefan and Tom Petterpiece were there from Den 5. Sharon MacBurtrey and Barbara Hunting, sisters of two of the Cubs, accompanied the boys.

Parents making the trip included George Stefan, Cubmaster; Don Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Leitner, Jack Satterlee, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brady, Mr. and Mrs. George MacBurtrey, Jack Webb, David Harvey, and Mmes. Arilla Wyatt, Jack Dowling, Betty Koehner and Frances Carrillo. Eight autos were used to transport Pack 877 to and from the Navy station and ships.

Christmas carols will echo outside the children's ward of Harbor General Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 21, when the Girl Scouts of Troop 831, which is sponsored by Halldale PTA, sing for the patients. Their leaders, Mmes. Judson Bowers and Oren Deuschle will give stuffed animals the group has made, to the youngsters.

At the conclusion of the caroling the Scouts will go to Mrs. Deuschle's at 21814 Halldale Ave., where they will exchange gifts and have their party.

The following day the group will go to see "Cinerama" in Hollywood.

Participating in the activities will be Lenora Calltri, Maxine Clark, Sherry Ballo, Regina Carlton, Charlie McNeves, Shelah Ehrlich, Judy Hill, Janet Hubbard, Karen Karscher, Margaret O'Meara, Sandra Rhoads, Cheryl Stevens, and Bette Wharton.

An exciting weekend for Girl Scout Troop No. 418 at Lazy J Children's Ranch, Canoga Park, was climaxed with the presentation of 4H ribbons which the girls received for taking care of horses and a calf.

The judge of the event was "Red" J. Johnson, owner of the ranch. "King" the movie horse, belongs to Mr. Johnson.

The girls were guests of Jack Pokort and E. M. Dilkus.

Sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and under the leadership of Mesdames Walter Marklin, E. M. Dilkus and Harold Woodman, the group also spent most of their time horseback riding. Linda Grubb passed her horseworn a proficiency badge.

Cub Scout Pack 728 will hold its Christmas party this evening at 7:30 in the Fern Ave. school cafeteria. Santa Claus will be present with treats for the children.



HONORING PRINCIPALS... of Torrance schools at a Christmas pot luncheon at McMaster's Park Tuesday of last week were members of the Torrance PTA Council. Pictured are, front row, from left, Mmes. R. L. McDonald, Robert Payne, E. W. Ingraham. Standing are Mmes. E. Hernan Cortez, W. Towell, and C. S. Connors.

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The Nativity Altar Society met recently at the parish hall for its regular meeting. Highlight of the business meeting was the appointing of the nominating committee. There are still fruit cakes and handmade decorations available.

Co-hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Thamar Herrin, Mrs. C. E. Bowen, and Mrs. Elizabeth McDonnell.

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