

### Nativity Students Present Annual Christmas Program

Students of Nativity Catholic School presented their annual Christmas pageant for their parents and friends on Monday evening Dec. 16 under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Mrs. Frances Gaiquinto, president of the Mothers club, gave the welcoming address. Laurence M. Sargent served as master of ceremonies and the second grade sang the welcoming song. The first grade presented a skit, "The Big Surprise" and the fifth grade's skit was entitled, "Brothers in Christ."

"Why Do the Bells of Christmas Ring" was presented by the seventh grade and the fourth grade's contribution was "It's Christmas—Don't You Know?" Billy Hunt, gave a tap dance "Show Man."

### FAMILY GATHERS AT BATES HOME

Christmas was a joyous occasion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bates, 17039 Glenburn Ave. It was the first time in eight years that both sons had been home on Christmas and this year both had their brides with them. They are Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Downing and daughter, Gloria, of Wilmington; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Downing, of Santa Barbara.

### Moose Group Stages Yule Celebration

A "Funny Hat" parade highlighted the Christmas party given by the publicity committee of the Women of the Moose at the Moose Hall on Wednesday evening. Winners of the hat contest were Marguerite Baudin, Alice Swanson and Sherilyn Olson.

Lovely lamps, given as door prizes, were won by Joyce Clay and Edna Giles. The gingerbread house table piece was won by Ethel St. Germaine. "Just What I Wanted," a play under the direction of Alice Swanson was enjoyed. In the cast were: Peggy Pouscock as Gilbert; Charmagne Hobbs as Gilbert's wife; Marie Koshak as Maud; Marguerite Baudin as Bessie, and Esther Lambrigger as Jim.

### HOLIDAY GUESTS

Holiday dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hull, 1730 Hickory, were Dr. Hull's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hull and daughters, Roberta and Luana, of Dokey; and his aunt, Miss Harriet B. Hull, of Pasadena.

### Chapter Aids Junior Blind

Lambda Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi entered the spirit of the holiday season by assisting in a party given at the Foundation for the Junior Blind on Dec. 17. They furnished filled stockings, gifts and refreshments for approximately 25 blind children.

On Dec. 21 the chapter celebrated by having its own annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Donald Fisher, 3742 W. 177th St., Torrance. The rooms were gaily decorated for the occasion. After the secret sisters for the past year were revealed with the use of Christmas presents, all members enjoyed holiday refreshments.

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LITTLE BO-PEEP AND HER SHEEP... a delightful phase of the Nativity School program was enacted by the first grade under the caption, "The Big Surprise." Six-year-old Carol Kristofek plays the role of Bo-Peep and her sheep. Reading from left, are Larry Stanford, standing, James Hale and Lionel Giguere. This was the annual Christmas program given by the children for their parents and friends.

### LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

#### Evelyn Carr

Evelyn Carr PTA met at the school for the November meeting with the holidays near the announcement that baskets to the needy would be distributed was most timely. Student welfare chairman Mrs. J. R. Sanders prepared baskets both at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. The students of Carr are having a White Christmas offering of canned goods. The room mothers helped the teachers with the parties for the Christmas treat. The Evelyn Carr PTA executive board assisted Santa in bringing to each student a treat from his loaded bag of holiday goodies.

Elected to serve on the Honorary Life Membership Committee with chairman Mrs. Richard Hubert were: Mrs. Richard McDonald, Mrs. C. E. DeCamp and Donald Stamm. A faculty member will also be on this committee. The unit will give two memberships this year to the persons who have contributed most to the community and to child welfare. These gifts will go to the state as a loan factor for both students and teachers, many of whom will complete their education with these funds that are made available through a most worthwhile system.

Since this was "Dad's Night" the room was filled with fathers to hear a report on the grading system by Walter Rehbold, director of instruction for the Torrance system. T. R. Wilson, teacher of the third grade, gave an explanation of the teaching methods at that level.

Children participating were: Deloris Loomis, Catherine Naffie, Ralleg Bell and Mariska Eck. Sharon Rice entertained with several accordion selections.

Observing National Book Week, Mrs. Seth Warden, school librarian, gave a demonstration of the use of the Opaque projector in conjunction with the Donald Robison Memorial Library started for the school by the Evelyn Carr PTA. The library contains over 700 books. This mobile library maintained by the PTA welcomes any additions by way of gifts either new or used. Mrs. Warden and her co-chairman, Mrs. Richard McDonald, diligently check out books each Friday. A short on the needs filled by books was shown on the projector. Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Steele, compiled this epic.

Program Chairman Mrs. T. E. Kelly presented a member of the music club, who gave an accordion solo. The mothers of the fifth and sixth grade students were hostesses for the evening, serving pie and coffee to the guests.

#### G-W Council

Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA held its annual Christmas meeting at a cafe in Gardena, Dec. 16, Mrs. W. A. Blacker, president, in charge. Luncheon and gift exchange followed at gaily decorated tables prepared by co-hostess unit PTA's Denker Ave. and Amestoy. During the business meeting, 18 local membership chairmen were given awards for having attained 100 per cent faculty membership. Mrs. S. C. Beach,

council parent education chairman, presented certificates to Fries Ave., Gulf Ave., and Hawaiian Ave. PTA's. Mrs. Roy Carter, council community chest chairman, received the council award for outstanding service on behalf of 18 units. Mrs. Eric Heinzman, Los Angeles Tenth District youth service chairman was elected Harbor Regional Director upon the resignation of Mrs. Michael Foxhoven.

The following committees were appointed: Honorary Life Membership, Mrs. Harry Rhodes, chairman; Mmes. G. E. Garlow, R. G. Croom, James Munce, A. J. Standley, Council nominating committee; Mmes. Harold Perkins, David Powell, Robert Snyder, alternate; Mrs. John Hackett, Mrs. Stanley Olafson, first vice president, Tenth District, was elected to conduct the council election of officers to be held at the March meeting.

Special guests introduced were past presidents, Mrs. D. Powell, Denker Ave. PTA; Mrs. J. Conshafter, Amestoy PTA; Mrs. William Hinchberger, Fries Ave. PTA, 1933.

A delightful program followed, including the Amestoy students' chorus, community singing, combined chorus of Amestoy and Denker PTA mothers-singers, a reading, "Let's Keep Christmas," created by Mrs. William Beck, and solo by Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Wards assisted at the piano.

Guest principals presented were Mrs. Alice Pitcher, Amestoy; Mrs. M. Q. Wallace, Carson St.; Miss Julia Kelly, Chapman Ave.; Mrs. Amelia Mahoney, Denker Ave.; Mrs. Ode Vans, Gardena Elementary; Guy Holiday, 159th St.; Mrs. E. Bronley, 232nd St.

Other unit PTA's represented were Catskill, Del Amo, Dolores St., Dominguez, Fries Ave., Gulf Ave., Hawaiian Ave., 160th St., 185th St., Towne Ave., Wilmington Park.

259th Place  
The story of "Christmas Around the World" was beautifully told by the first and second grade students at the Dec. 15 association meeting of 259th Place School PTA. The program was presented under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Ehrlich.

of Curriculum at Harbor Junior College, spoke briefly. The class having the highest attendance was that of Mrs. Alice Bernhardt. They will receive an ice cream treat.

A beach restaurant was the meeting place of the 259th PTA board's December meeting. Business was combined with pleasure for this pre-Christmas meeting. After a roast beef dinner, attention was turned to the business side of the evening. Gifts were exchanged later to complete a very enjoyable evening.

During the business session it was voted to give money to the school as a Christmas gift. Another donation was voted to make up Christmas baskets for needy families. The family needs that cannot be taken care of by the PTA will be turned over to local service organizations for completion.

Those attending the meeting were: Mmes. R. E. Prain, W. N. Kopley Jr., H. B. MacDonaid, J. W. Creager, Palmer Oseth, R. E. Christofferson, R. P. Bodermann, C. L. Wilson, E. E. Schad, R. A. Stalmack, H. O. Roberts, B. A. Carlson, M. Chikami, W. E. Zell, D. E. Dunn, H. M. Rajjohn, G. H. Nelson, E. G. Jackson, and R. Gerhart. Completing the list were Miss Frances Dastrac, school principal, and Mrs. Jessie Buehler, school representative on the PTA board.

#### SEWING CIRCLE

Royal Neighbor Sewing Circle will hold a pot luck luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia. Mrs. Cora Hill is president of the group.

#### FERN-GREENWOOD

Executive board of Fern-Greenwood PTA will meet Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 9:45 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Phillip Humphreys, 1324 Cranshaw Ave. Mrs. P. T. Underwood, president, requests all members to attend. Serving as co-hostess will be Mrs. William Herrmann.

#### Girl Scouts Sing Carols

Girl Scouts of the Torrance area participated in the program at Santaland on Wednesday, Dec. 21, when they sang carols from 2 until 3 p.m.

Led by Mrs. C. B. Hardinghaus, the girls also donated to the Juliette Low Memorial Fund during the singing. Each troop annually honors their founder by giving to a fund for the furthering of scouting here and abroad.

Six special numbers, rendered by various groups, included Brownie troops 236 and 1551, sang "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer", troops 538 and 631 of Fern-Greenwood sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." "Sister Snowflake" was given by Brownies of troop 707. Junior High troop 1299 revived "Winter Wonderland." The only senior troop locally, No. 1293, sang "How Glad I Am Each Christmas Eve." The Brownie group under Mrs. Jean Bryant, sang "Upon the House Tops."

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