

Beaux Arts Costume Ball Slated December 28

Beaux Arts Costume Ball, one of the highlights on the Christmas week social calendar is scheduled for Dec. 28 at the Alondra Park Country Club. The evening of fun and frolic is being sponsored by the South Bay Community Arts Assn. as the second event in a series of fund raising projects for a home site and building to be used by the association for the promotion of cultural endeavors of the citizens of the South Bay Communities.

Herman Brandt, president, has announced that music for the dance will be furnished by Calvin Greer and his El Camino Combo orchestra. The Country Club is located at 16411 South Prairie Ave., in Lawndale.

Mrs. Douglas King, chairman of the ball, says that she and her committees are planning an exciting evening. There will be awards for the best

and funniest costumes and several door prizes have already been donated by association members.

Serving with Mrs. King will be Mrs. Dale Kingsley Ash as hospitality chairman, Miss Mildred Walker and Joe Gadden, decorations and prizes. Mrs. Dale Sexton heads the reception committee and Ren Briggs is in charge of printed tickets and programs.

Reservations may be made with the chairman of the ticket committee Mrs. Maggie Murphy, Mrs. Thomas Meigham or Mrs. Leonard Fels.

Lioness Club Christmas Party at Stadler Home

Their traditional Christmas party, outstanding on the club's social calendar, was enjoyed by the members of the Torrance Lioness club last Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Giles Stadler, 238 Paseo de Las Delicias.

Preceding the party, Mrs. Fred Boren and Mrs. Mott Farrell entertained club members at cocktails at the Boren home, 1318 Elm Ave.

They then went to the Stadler home where a buffet dinner was served from a table decorated with poinsettias. After the dinner, a gift exchange was held around the brilliantly decorated Christmas tree. Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Pete Radisch and Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt. The door prize was won by Mrs. Kenneth Olson.

The Christmas party committee was composed of Mmes. H. J. Osborne, chairman, Ruth Peterson, A. K. Peterson, Al Isen, James Crockett, Frank Pagac, Rolan Smith and Jack Smith.

Members attending the af-

fair were: Mmes. Hugh Bowman, Henry Burke, James Crockett, Paul Diamond, Frank Dominquez, A. F. R. Ewalt, Mott Farrell, Warren Hamilton, W. B. Hickcox, Milton Isbell, Albert Isen, William King, James Krueger.

Others were Mmes. A. B. McTee, Don Moshas, Ruel Moulton, Kenneth Olson, H. J. Osborne, Frank Pagac, A. K. Peterson, Pete Radisch, John Ritchie, Abe Robinson, Rolan Smith, Giles Stadler, Sam Van Wagner, Lowell Spring and Miss Frances Dimitri.

B. T. Whitneys Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Whitney, 1004 Acacia, entertained a group of friends at a Christmas party last Saturday evening.

Cocktails were served around the brilliantly decorated tree at the Whitney home after which the group went to the Portuguese Bend Club for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney's guests were: Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman, Messrs. and Mmes. A. F. R. Ewalt, J. E. Stavert, Dean L. Sears, Charleton Mewborn, and Frank Vonder Nagel of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. McNeerney of San Pedro, and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Klinger of Los Angeles.

MUSIC CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

A musical Christmas motif was used when Mr. and Mrs. Ralph George entertained the Inglewood Music Club at a Christmas party last week at their home 3202 Onrado.

Each guest participated in the delightful recital after which a dessert course and coffee were served. Among the 21 guests attending were the Rev. Don Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brundin of Torrance.

The Christmas Story

... Faith, Hope and Love
In the Face of a Child



SHERYL DYKZUEL, NIECE OF MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CROTTY, 2436 CABRILLO

Ewalt Family

Christmas and New Year's houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, 899 Patrogella are a niece and nephew, Master Sgt. and Mrs. William L. Cox and daughter, Julia of Livermore.

For Christmas dinner, the Ewals and their guests will be joined by Mrs. Ewalt's mother, Mrs. Julia Wamoff and Miss Carmen Wamoff of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Cox of Indio and the Ewalt's godchildren and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McFarland and Carie Sue and Lora Lee.

PUPILS' PARTY

Piano pupils of Mrs. Richard Brundin, 805 Teri Ave., were entertained at a Christmas party at 2 p.m., Friday, afternoon, in their teacher's home.

The students played selections which they learned this fall for each other's entertainment, and refreshments were served. The guests were Kathleen and Marilyn Taylor, Diana McNeil, Nell Fenska, Diana Gamboa, Barbara Crockett, Betsy Foster, Betty Lou Broatch, Joan Bacon, Mary Pitt, Patty McVey, and Paula Blankenship.

Yule Party

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McVey entertained the staff of the photography department of the Torrance Douglas plant at a Christmas party at their home 3825 W. 178th St. Mr. McVey is supervisor of the department.

The buffet table was centered with a modernistic white driftwood and wrought iron candelabra holding white candles. Vari-colored Christmas ornaments added to the festive decor.

Enjoying the McVey hospitality were: Messrs. and Mmes. William Lawrence, Ivan Rayworth, Shattuck Jones and Charles Harbst.

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Local Residents Prepare For Christmas Observance

Torrance, in unison with the Christian world, prepares for the celebration commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ next Tuesday, Christmas Day. In every home, old friends and family members will gather around the Christmas tree to follow an age-old tradition of exchanging gifts, the symbol of love. The memorable event, the drama of Bethlehem, will also be observed in all the churches of the area providing residents with an opportunity to attend before joining their families and friends for Christmas dinners and parties.

A resume of how Torrance residents, who have been busy during the past weeks caring for the needy and bringing cheer to the sick in their practice of the real meaning of Christmas, will celebrate the day follows:

Carrying out a tradition, this year's family party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph George. Invited for family dinner are Messrs. and Mmes. Luther Mumford, William George, Frank Sandie, Kenneth Mumford, Floyd DeVore, all of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slaver, Glendale; Robert Huff, El Centro; Mrs. T. Anderson, Charles Mumford and Donna Caperonis and two children, Carolyn George and Andy Caperonis.

Arriving Tuesday morning for the Christmas dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman and two sons, Bill and Bob, will be Mrs. Bauman's family, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKay of Laguna Beach; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Oswald and daughter, Nancy, of Long Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynes of Flintridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Thomsen will hold open house all day Christmas. Their gift exchange and dinner will be held on Christmas Eve. With Mr. and Mrs. Thomsen and Kathy and Tommy for dinner will be Mrs. Thomsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meacham of Lomita, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meacham, Jr. of Hermosa, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ruffrag.

Coming home for Christmas dinner will be the family of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Crook, 1928 Gramercy. Together for the day will be Mr. and Mrs. Delaine Crook and daughter Karen, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Doan of Long Beach; Mrs. Mabel Crook of Gardena, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and Paula; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stirling and Randy and Sandy, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stevens, all of Torrance.

Christmas was celebrated early for the K. D. Figgins family. Last Wednesday evening the Christmas dinner and gift exchange was held at the Figgins' home, 3141 Opal St., with their son and wife, Mr.

and Mrs. Kenneth Darrel Figgins, Jr., and Joel as guests. Mr. and Mrs. Figgins, Sr. left Saturday for Georgetown, Calif., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Figgins' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Smothers. The Figgins also had a tape recording from their son Kevin and his new bride in Paris, France, last week, telling them that they were sailing for the United States on Jan. 12 and a second Christmas celebration is being planned.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Buxton, 1500 El Prado, will be their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schlick and Sandra and Conrad, of Monrovia.

Grandparents will be sharing the Christmas joy at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pyeatt, 3226 Onrado, on Christmas Day. At the dinner table with Dr. and Mrs. Pyeatt and sons Ralph and Bobby will be Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Garland of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pyeatt of Torrance.

The Yule holiday will bring together the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hickcox at their home, 2417 Torrance Blvd. Exchanging gifts around the tree and eating Christmas dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hickcox and Lois of Whittier, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hickcox and Steven of Lomita, Roy Hickcox of Torrance, and a great-nephew, Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Robert Murray, and Nancy, of Camp Pendleton.

Meeting the plane last Friday morning were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell to welcome home their son, Midshipman Don Mitchell, who arrived from Annapolis to spend two weeks here. Don's fiancée, Miss Robin Genzley of Redondo, who is doing graduate work at the American University in Washington, arrived by plane Sunday morning. On Christmas Eve the Mitchells will have their family Christmas party here. Joining them will be Mrs. Mitchell's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hinrich and their son, Kit, and their daughter and

husband, Mr. and Mrs. William MacFarland, all of North Hollywood. On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will go to Hermosa for Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Genzley.

Dr. and Mrs. Robin A. Bingham, 1510 Engracia, will celebrate Christmas with their family on Christmas Eve. Following the traditional holiday dinner, the gifts will be opened in front of the fireplace.

On the mantel will be a nativity scene which Dr. Bingham's mother had the first Christmas she was married. Two small birds will help decorate the tree. These ornaments were on the Christmas tree in his mother's room where he was born on a December 19 and were presented to him by his mother when he was married.

Joining the Bingham's in their Christmas celebration will be Mrs. Bingham's mother and father from Helper, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Redington, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lehman and children, Linda and Ted, from San Fernando; Dr. Bingham's brother, Arthur Bingham, and the Bingham's two children, Robin and Larry. Christmas carols will be sung by the group, accompanied by Robin.

On Christmas Day the Bingham's will hold open house, with many friends expected from out of town.

Adhering to a family ritual of years' standing, Santa will be personified by grandfather John W. Ferguson at the Kenneth McVey home this Christmas.

Mrs. McVey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, are here from Tucson, Ariz., for the holidays. Santa will give out the presents on Christmas Eve to the grandchildren, David, Julienne and Cherylne. A family dinner of turkey and all the trimmings will be served about 2 p.m. on Christmas day. Friends will be coming in informally during the evening.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, the McVeys will hold an open house for friends to meet or renew acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Spending the Christmas holidays in Sacramento are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson and their son Steven of 413 Avenida de Jose.

They will be visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Flick, and will return on Jan. 1.

Celebrating Christmas amidst the ohs and ahs of their grandchildren, as they open their gifts Christmas morning, will be Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Bishop. They will spend the day at the home of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collinsworth, 814 Hickory Ave. Sharing an early dinner will be the grandchildren, Ricky and Gary; their parents, the Collinsworths, and Dr. and Mrs. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beecher, 1518 Engracia, are having as their holiday guests Mrs. Beecher's sisters and brother, Mrs. Bernard Kempe of Spokane, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanson from Covina.

They will be joined on Christmas day by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes of Los Angeles. A festive dinner will be served late in the afternoon.

Last Sunday the Beechers held a tree-trimming party which they do traditionally every year.

Entertains Old Friends

Following a tradition at Christmas time, a group of Torrance High School graduates were entertained at a Christmas luncheon yesterday at the home of Mrs. Ralph George, the former Joan Mumford, at 3203 Onrado Ave.

The Christmas theme decorated the luncheon table and a gift exchange and games followed.

Attending the party were: Mrs. Robert Work, (Nancy Whyte); Mrs. Jack Aboucher (Barbara Lisman); Mrs. Robert Jones, (Marie Kelton); Mrs. James Post (Beverly Hopkins); Mrs. William Parker (Barbara Coles); Mrs. Damon Rude (Eleanor Salm); Mrs. Richard Arhenz (Marilyn Lee); and Misses Joyce Franzen and Patricia Mullen.

Bethlehem's Historical Role Reproduced Locally

By ELEANOR GILBERT

Commemorating again, the birth of the Saviour of the World, as men have done through the centuries, the South Bay Church of God is presenting a Christmas pageant portraying that night in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

The nativity scene, originally called the "Christmas Crib," was first created by St. Francis of Assisi, in the northern hills of Italy about the year 1209. It was he who first used live animals in the portrayal of the Holy Birth.

Feeling that they could more truly recapture the real meaning of Christmas, the congregation of the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., decided to use the live animals which were present at the time of Jesus' birth. Symbolically, the donkey which carried Mary to Bethlehem and the sheep, with the shepherds, which were first to view the Holy Child, are included in the pageant.

The program, which began last Monday and will be re-enacted through Christmas Eve, is composed of eight scenes and is accompanied by music and scriptural readings. There will be two performances nightly, at 7 and at 8 p.m., except on Sunday, Dec. 23, when there will be only one performance, at 7 p.m., because of the Christmas Candlelight service.

Presented for the second year, more than 5,000 people are expected to view the pageant.

"It is our hope that the Christmas Pageant will become a regular feature of the Christmas season in our community and that people will come back year after year and share with us the spirit of love and brotherhood which His coming has brought us all," said Rev. Clifford L. Tierney. Mr. and Mrs. Beryl White directed the pageant with the cooperation of the entire congregation. Their purpose in conceiving the program was to help people to feel renewed in spirit and to realize again the true meaning of Christmas.

Costumes were made by the Ladies Missionary Society; the men of the church are in charge of the livestock, the building of the props and sets and of the lighting. Completing the production are the church choir and a narrator to bring to life the birth of the Christ.



"FOR UNTO YOU, THIS DAY IS BORN A SAVIOUR" ... is depicted in this Bethlehem manger scene as part of the eight scene pageant being presented each evening by the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Avenue. Live animals are being used as they were in the first "Christmas Crib" practice recorded in the year of 1209 in the mount-

ains of Northern Italy by St. Francis Assisi. Pictured in the scene are the three wise men and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Enacting the roles are, from left, Marge Kristian, Betty Tierney, Lloyd Shahan, Abe Neufeld and Gene Hughes. Two pageants are being presented each evening for the pleasure of the public.