

WALTERIA NEWS NOTES

Columnist Looks at '56, Asks, 'Dearie, Do You Remember?'

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From the plans buzzing around it sounds like 1957 will be even busier than 1956. Speaking of 1956, I thought it might be fun to turn back the pages for a little while and review some of the items appearing in this column through the past year.

Do you remember — that the first new arrival here was that son brought for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parks of Park St. on Jan. 4?

The Business Men's Club formed work parties for week ends to work on the Scout Hall. Since the first foundation was poured in January it has just like Topsy, grown and grew. It is now in action and sports among other features a beautiful fireplace with a five-foot hearth.

The Kiwanis Club was the infant club here last year since it received its charter on Dec. 28 and had its charter dinner at El Camino on Feb. 4.

Since that time the club has lost some members, and has gained some new ones, all in all making increase in the number of Walteria Kiwanians. Since its first meeting this club has taken an active part in community projects, has donated money for books to the local library, and given polo shots to youngsters. The installation dinner for officers for '57 demonstrated the energy and enthusiasm with which the members face the coming year. After a luscious steak dinner served at the Wayfarers' Inn the new president, Chuck Scott, took the gavel of office from Joe Bellante who led the club through its first year. Assistant Scott as vice presidents are Fred Stevens and Dr. Hampton Fancher. Secretary will be Frank Hunter, and Carol Calhoun will serve as treasurer.

In January the Business Women's Club held its installation service at the Pen and Quill in Redondo. Mrs. Robert Wagner and Mrs. Maize Moton were in charge of the installation program for the night with Mrs. Robert Sletheir taking the office of president.

The ladies are now looking forward to the '57 installation dinner which will be held at the Plush Horse this month. Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Moton will again handle the details. The Business Women's Club has also been very active during this past year. It has donated funds toward the completion of the Scout Hall, has sponsored Scout groups, and has donated to the library.

On Jan. 29 the first marriage for our town in 1956 was performed when Miss Janice Virginia Baker exchanged vows with Russel D. Monroe. Time has marched on for this young couple and they now have in their home a brand new baby boy who put in his appearance the last of 1956.

The Cub Scouts had two wonderful leaders this year in the persons of Bill Addington and Jack Bausman. The year's activities in 1956 took off from the Blue and Gold dinner and gathered momentum with the cubbers enjoying wonderful field trips including a trip to Fort MacArthur, the Chrysler plant, several U.S. ships, a U.S. submarine, a Nike site, and the Matson steamship line.

Addington led the troop until October when Bausman took his reins as cubmaster. Both men were feted at a dinner in Long Beach by members of the Scout committee in recognition of their community spirit and hours of time spent with the Cubs.

In March we were all glad to see the hopeful signs of progress when uprights for the new Recreation Hall were raised at the park. The hall is now almost completed and should be ready to go into action this month.

In March of '56 a brand new vice principal, Don Mullaney, came to our school. When Principal Alfred Artuso was transferred from our school in the very near past Mullaney was made principal. To both of these men who so ably and well led our youth in the past year we raise a salute.

With spring came the call "Play Ball," and the Little League went into action under the guidance of Arlen Charter. Their kickoff game at Kissel Field was a colorful affair with many of the sponsors appearing and all the teams turned out in uniform. Ten teams were present this year, four in the major and six in the minor leagues.

In May the PTA board luncheon feted their outgoing president, Mrs. Gertrude Jackson, and presented her with a lovely gift of cigarette box and ash tray set. Mrs. Henry Fink was elected to hold the president's gavel, as she has ably done through the past very successful months.

One of the nicest social affairs held each year is the annual Business Men's Club dinner and dance. On May 27 a crowd attended the affair, enjoying a steak dinner at the Fish Shanty and dancing to Orv Yarnell's orchestra.

Two hundred fathers and sons got together in May when the school held a father and son potluck dinner. In June the installation of officers for the local WSCS saw Mrs. Robert Beck who had faithfully and well served the organization as president for two years. Each month this organization has held meetings of interest for ladies in this community.

At the December general meeting the ladies presented a play in biblical costume titled "A Woman's Gift." Taking part in this production were Mrs. Bert Pemble, Mrs. John Chaudan, Mrs. Gene Anderson, Mrs. E. Rich, Mrs. Roy Cornell and Mrs. Robert Cramer. Following the program the ladies all adjourned the meeting in favor of a surprise stork shower in honor of Mrs. Wendel Hook, the pastor's wife. Small red Christmas stockings filled with a gift from each woman present made Christmas come early for the expected little Hook. Dorcas Circle gave the evening a pleasant ending by serving refreshments.

Two couples in our town were welcomed back after a year's absence. Mr. and Mrs. Irv Radtke, of Dalemead St., returned after a year spent in Wyoming and Colorado, while Mr. and Mrs. George Stark of Danaha St. were welcomed back from Japan.

The Jack Powers' were given a surprise welcome back party in their patio when neighbors gathered to tell them they missed them the six months they were gone to Ohio.

The Bill Landis family is completing six months of their visit to Hawaii where Beth is teaching school on an exchange teacher plan. Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Sage joined many friends in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on Madison St. Four generations were present.

Made welcome in our town was the first refugee family for this area. The Dirk Rijke family of The Netherlands came to make their home on Park St. under the sponsorship of the First Christian Church of Torrance.

In September the JFF Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Helen Conze, newly elected president.

At the November meeting they gave Mrs. Eva Kelly, long a member of the club, a surprise birthday party complete with ice cream and cake. Mrs. Kelly suffered a stroke the first week of December and is confined to bed, although slowly improving. The club postponed its Christmas party until Mrs. Kelly will be able to join in the fun.

Another social event in the year of '56 was the very successful dinner and dance held by the Business Women's Club on their annual "Men's night."

Also in October was the well-filled stocking presented by Santa.

There was a wonderful celebration on Winlock Dr. last week when Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barges celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. A family dinner was given in their honor at the home of their daughter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edmiston, Mill Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller were Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosley of Ward St.

Another guest for the New Year's Day was Mrs. Ethel Bounds, Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Bounds arrived Dec. 28.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Heintz, Neece Ave., were Mrs. Heintz's sister, Mrs. Nina Ely and children, Ploche, Nev.

Surprise visitors Christmas week at the Ivan Kettering home on Neece Ave. were Mrs. Kettering's brother, Jack Bergeron and family of Lakeside, Ore.

Christmas away from home was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harrison of Lad Codona Ave. They spent the day as guests of Mrs. Harrison's son, Mr. Gordon Batezell and family, of Alhambra.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parson, of Dalemead St., journeyed to San Diego over Christmas Day to visit their son, Art Laurey, who recently joined the Navy.

Christmas was made doubly enjoyable for the J. A. Beasley, Ocean Ave., when their son Austin, who has been serving with the reserved forces, was able to get discharged in time to be home for the day. They spent Christmas Day visiting a ranch and had a wonderful time. Austin, of course, busy collecting more stones for his hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones spent three days over Christmas holidays visiting their son Johnny in San Diego. Johnny was very glad to see mom and dad since he has recently been inducted into the U.S. Navy and was still confined to the navy base.

Now, a very, very happy and successful New Year to all of you.

Public Notice

Torrance Herald—935
ORDINANCE NO. 846
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RELATIVE TO THE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THAT CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DESIGNATED AS "EL NIDO".

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 804 of the City Council of the City of Torrance, a special election was held on Tuesday, December 11, 1956, in certain territory of the County of Los Angeles designated as "El Nido"; and the purpose of determining whether said territory shall be annexed to the City of Torrance; and WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Torrance at its first regular meeting held after said election, to wit, on December 18, 1956, has canvassed the returns of said election; and WHEREAS, the number of votes cast in said election...

SECTION 1. That it hereby finds as follows: That the following proposition was submitted to the voters at said election: "Shall the territory designated 'El Nido' be annexed to the City of Torrance and the property in said territory be subjected to taxation after annexation, equally with the property within the City of Torrance, the bonded indebtedness of the City of Torrance outstanding at the date of the first publication of the notice of election?" That the total number of votes cast in said election was 116; that the number of votes cast for annexation was 74; that the number of votes cast against annexation was 42; that immediately upon the completion of the canvass of the City Council caused a record of the foregoing facts to be entered upon its Minutes.

SECTION 2. That it hereby finds that the majority of votes cast in said election were in favor of said annexation.

SECTION 3. That said territory designated "El Nido" is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is more particularly bounded and described as follows: To wit: Beginning at a single point in the boundary of the City of Redondo Beach as same existed on March 1, 1956, in the intersection of said street and Hawthorne Avenue; thence westerly along the boundary of said City of Redondo Beach (in 182nd Street), and southerly and southeasterly along the boundary of said city (along the westerly and southwesterly right of way line of the Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor Railway); to the boundary of the City of Torrance as same existed on said date; thence northeasterly along said street along said mentioned boundary to the point of beginning.

SECTION 4. That it hereby approves the annexation to the City of Torrance of said territory designated "El Nido," more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and accepts said territory as a part of the municipal corporation of the City of Torrance.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make, certify and transmit to the Secretary of State of the State of California, a copy of this ordinance and such other records and statements of said election as required by Sections 3512 and 3514 of the Government Code of the State of California.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance by the City Council of the City of Torrance and shall cause the same to be published in the Torrance Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, within fifteen days after the passage thereof.

Introduced and approved this 18th day of December, 1956.

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ALBERT IBEN,
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ATTEST:
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All persons interested in the above matter are requested to be present at the hearing or to submit their written approval or disapproval to the City Clerk, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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