

Recreation Building Nearly Ready for Use, Official Says

By BETTY MITCHELL

It was a very happy 10th birthday last Saturday, Sept. 28, for Teddy Hobert of Neece Ave. Teddy celebrated his birthday with a party which came as a complete surprise to him. The friends who helped to surprise him in this delightful manner included Richard Moore, Robert Deurloo, Charles Jackson, Mike Langum, and Max Grogan. The boys had a whopping good time playing miniature golf, and then tucked away the luscious refreshments of cake and ice cream, accompanied by fruit punch. The cake itself was a dream of confection with gay roses nodding on a white background with "Happy Birthday, Teddy" across the top.

This reporter knows that many of you are interested in the progress of our new recreational building being constructed at the Walteria Park. This week I called Mr. Van Bellehem who is head of the Torrance Recreation Dept. to get the info "straight from the official source." It seems the building is almost complete, awaiting final examination and acceptance by the architect. A few finishing touches remain to be done, but it is hoped that its doors will open to serve this community in the very near future. When finished the building will have one large meeting room and two small meeting rooms which can be used for craft rooms, or in the case of one of them, as a stage for the large meeting room. There will also be two large storage rooms and a small office. A kitchen is also included in the plan, but since there are no appliances there at the present time, we will have to wait until some time in the future for its functional use. A dedication program is being planned to be held in the building either on the opening day or shortly thereafter. It will be a relief to many organizations here in our community to have the building ready for use. We'll all hope that it is very, very

soon. We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. C. Kittle, of Crickewood St. is in Long Beach General Hospital for treatment. Since her hospital visit will be a fairly long one, I know that many of her friends and acquaintances will want to send her cards. Her ward number is 104, and she will probably be very glad to hear from any of you.

The Cub Scouts held their annual "graduation" on the night of Friday, Sept. 28, when they held their monthly Pack meeting at the school auditorium. The "graduates" are members of the Webelos Den who have completed their Cub scouting days and are going into senior Boy Scouts. The boys in this year's graduation were Steven Addington, Michael Englehardt, Michael Langum, Gary Lessler, Thomas Monaghan, Jimmy O'Gara, Blake Richardson, Jimmy Vosper, and Stewart Rose. The boys made pack racks this summer in their den, and put them to good use after the program last Friday evening when they hiked to El Retiro Park where they camped out overnight and then had a whipping good breakfast the next day. Accompanying the boys were their scoutmaster, Bill Addington, and Scoutmaster Bill Read with five of his senior Boy Scouts, including Teddy Day, Michael Hilborn, Mike Read, and Eddie Ryland. The rest of the program Friday evening was interesting, too, since awards were given the deserving boys, and the Order of the Arrow dancers, of the Explorer Scouts gave a few of their authentic Indian dances.

The Cubs want to thank those of you who supported the first half of their doughnut sale so well. The boys sold 500 doughnuts during their house to house sale last Saturday morning. This Saturday, Oct. 6, the boys will continue their

sale in the area not previously covered.

Glad to hear that Mrs. Russell Monroe of 242 St. is getting along better since her last visit to the hospital a week ago. Here's hoping that she continues to improve.

The local Kiwanis Club sponsored a Sunday production of "Come Back Little Sheba" by the Manhattan Players at the Camino Real Theater on Sept. 30. The show was greatly enjoyed by the spectators and the near-professional acting and producing made a delightful evening. Here's a tip to some of you who may wish to see this play—it has only three more showings scheduled—Oct. 4-5-6, so better get your tickets.

Word received from Hawaii this last week tells us that the members of the Bill Landis family are enjoying their stay in that island immensely. They were able to rent a lovely

apartment immediately and spent the rest of their time before school started in sight-seeing. The letter received, by the way, was written to young Steve Addington from his former playmate Dennis Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stark of Danaba St. had a happy time entertaining out of state guests when uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kirkpatrick of Spearfish, S. D., dropped in last week. The Kirkpatricks get a taste of the famous California brand of "out-door living" when the Starks treated them to a steak barbecue in the patio of the home. Slide pictures of the Starks' travels in Japan completed the pleasant evening. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Lomita.

gram on last Wednesday, Sept. 26. The program was held at the Grace Methodist Church in Long Beach with 250 women participating. The afternoon session was especially enjoyable since speaker was Mr. Kemp-Blair of Long Beach State College. Mr. Kemp-Blair is assigned as supervisor of the Wesleyan Foundation on the campus and his speech was concerned with religion on the college campus today. The six local members attending this program were Mrs. Bob Cramer, Mrs. Roy Cornell, Mrs. William Cunningham, Mrs. J. O. H. Chaudeno, Mrs. Charles Beck, and Mrs. Stewart Rose.

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Fall Activities Scheduled By Recreation Department

Plans for varied fall recreation programs at local parks and play areas were announced yesterday by the Torrance Recreation Department. The plans either have begun or will soon go into operation.

El Retiro Park will be under the direction of Frank Demyan, Mary Lou Sass and Joseph Hoag. There will be a program daily Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

McMaster Park director is Les Breitenfeldt, assisted by Judy Powell and Jim Jackson. A variety of activities have been planned for that area including workshops, clubs, square dancing and tiny tot activities. At the present time, sign-ups are also being taken for flag football. The area will be open from 1 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Walteria Park director Lloyd Harline is assisted by Daryl Boyce and Tom Titchner. The park will be open from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. An extensive boys' sports program is being carried on at this area. Harris Moore is the new director at Torrance Park. He will be on that area from 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The group began last Tuesday, and newcomers are welcome. At the present time, pastels are being used. Later in the fall, both water colors and oils will be used by the class. The nominal fee of 50 cents is charged for each class.

Clinton Tower, an active member of the Torrance Art Club, is the instructor of the group. He has displayed his own paintings at the Cleveland Museum of Art and at several other national shows.

Plans Told

Other programs scheduled this fall include: Adult Square Dance Classes: Registrations are still being taken for the Beginning Square Dance Classes held in the Civic Auditorium, 1349 El Prado, each Tuesday evening from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The caller is Gerald Reeser who is well known to all square dance enthusiasts. There is a fee of 50 cents per session for each person.

Torrance High Gym. During the Fall months, the following program will be in effect at the Torrance High gymnasium beginning next Monday. Badminton is scheduled for Monday nights in the girls' gym from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Miss Doris Avis and Miss Joan Wooten will be in charge, and have announced that instruction will be given from 7 to 8 p.m. each evening. Later in the fall, a badminton tourney will be held.

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