

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES



FIRST OFFICERS . . . Newly organized Mothers' Club of the new Bishop Montgomery High School has elected its first panel of officers. Among them are (from left) Mrs. Ernest Kordosy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harry E. Payne, first vice president; Mrs. Ellis Cook, treasurer, and Mrs. James Moore, chairman. Rev. Michael J. McNulty is principal of the new Catholic high school.

Lodges Will Combine for Yule Party

Members of the Torrance Rebekah lodge will join with the members of the Trio Odd Fellows Lodge in sponsoring a Christmas party for members and their families on Dec. 18.

A pot luck dinner will be served prior to the program. Members having talented children and wishing them to take part in the program are asked to contact Mrs. Warren Powers before the party.

The Rebekah lodge 347 held its regular business meeting Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Torrance Masonic Temple. This will be the only lodge meeting during the month of December.

Initiation of a class of four candidates occupied most of the evening with election of officers for the coming year as another important item.

Mrs. Maude Milburn, noble grand presided and Mrs. Ellen Smith was hostess during the social hour.

State Officer Visits Lodge

On Dec. 4 the members of Trio Odd Fellow lodge were assisted by the members of the Torrance Rebekah lodge in serving a ham dinner and following the dinner entertaining the grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, Lou Billings.

After the meeting of the Trio lodge an open meeting was declared and members of the Rebekah lodge were invited into the lodge hall to hear an address by Grand Master Lou Billings.

During the business meeting of the Odd Fellow lodge the following were elected to serve as officers for the coming year: past noble grand, Charles Merryman; noble grand, George Jennings; vice grand, Everett Collins; recording and financial secretary, Andrew Branagh; treasurer, Leslie Walling; trustee, Charles Merryman. The installation of these officers will take place in January.

Following the meeting home-made cake and coffee were served in the dining room by the Rebekahs.

FIRELADIES
Torrance Fireladies will hold their annual Christmas party tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Robert Moffitt, 2724 Arlington Ave., at 8 p.m. There will be an exchange of gifts.

SANDY CAME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

"I'll Be Home for Christmas . . ." but he didn't say so and caused no end of worry and grief at the home of the Leroy Armstrongs, 1833 Juniper. The culprit in question is none other than Sandy, the beige colored cocker who has made his home with the Armstrongs for years.

On Thanksgiving, Sandy accompanied his family to Fresno for a reunion. No one seems to know whether there was an enticement or the urge to roam came over him and when time came to return to Torrance there was no Sandy.

The city of Fresno was scoured, no luck. The car left for the south. There was gloom all over the place, even Sandy's good friend, "Snowball" the white rabbit, snopped his ears.

Saturday night the operator said "Fresno is calling." Mrs. Armstrong's brother, Oliver Petron said that Sandy had been found. The Petrons said they would drive to Bakersfield Sunday morning bringing Sandy. The Armstrongs were up bright and early, attended 6 o'clock mass and were off to Bakersfield.

Snowball lifted his ears, the masters have offered all kinds of delicacies, but Sandy is embarrassed. He sleeps in his old place under Larry's bed and he eats a little more each day . . . and by Christmas all are hoping that Sandy will have forgotten his Thanksgiving Day episode.

STUDENT HOME
Miss Peggy Sprout, freshman at Whittier College, arrived this week end to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sprout, 1327 Beech Ave.

Council

Explanation of the functions of the area's Civil Defense system was presented to the board of the Torrance Council PTA this week by Col. W. A. Buck, coordinator of Area G for the Civil Defense program.

Speaking to officers and guests of the Council at a luncheon meeting at the Plush Horse, Colonel Buck outlined the current evacuation plans in the event of enemy attack or other major disaster.

He was introduced by Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, president of the PTA Council, who presided at the annual Christmas luncheon of the group.

Guests included Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the

city's school system, and two of his top administrators, Dr. Albert N. Posner and Mrs. Margaret Denmark. Principals of the city's schools also were guests at the meeting.

Among the business items discussed was the exchange of welfare material for Christmas baskets and appointment of a committee for selection of honorary life members.

Mrs. Pat Malone was named chairman of the committee and will be assisted by Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. Evar Jansson, Mrs. Mark Wright, and Mrs. J. H. Blue.

The exchange of welfare items was suggested because many school areas gather more than they need in their own school areas and others do not collect enough, Mrs. Tuggle said.

G-W Council

"Begin Today to Share Our Christmas Joy" was the theme of Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA, Dec. 13 meeting. It was held at 135th St. School at 10 a.m., with Mrs. C. N. Peterson, presiding.

Under the direction of Mrs. Scheer, 135th St. School music teacher, the school chorus sang Christmas Carols, also featured on the program are the Mothersingers.

Luncheon followed with hostesses 135th Street and 232nd Street PTA. Three important workshops have been held by Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA chairmen recently. First of these was a magazine workshop at Gardena Community Center under direction of Mrs. Don Armstrong. Mrs. Armstrong gave ideas on how to encourage parents to subscribe to the magazine.

The council is working for a happier Christmas for all. This was brought out more at a workshop held recently by Mrs. Glenn Myers, child welfare chairman, at Carson Street School. Schools in the council have contributed to a Christmas fund for the children in special education classes in the harbor district. Many schools are having canned food and rain-wear drives for needy families.

Mrs. W. A. Blacker, parliamentarian, conducted her workshop on parliamentary procedure at Carson Street School. She went through the entire meeting as to procedure and policy. Voting, motions and recommendations were also covered.

PTA groups attending workshops were: Amestoy, Carson St., Catskill Ave., Chapman Ave., Del Amo, Denker Ave., Dolores, Dominguez, Fries Ave., Gardena Elementary, Gulf Ave., 186th St., Hawaiian Ave., 159th St., 135th St., Towne Ave., 232nd Pl., Wilmington Park.

Casimir

An executive board meeting of the PTA officers of Casimir Elementary School was held recently at the home of Mrs. Leslie Augustson, tea chairman.

Mrs. Barton Peters, president, opened the meeting with the ratification of the new treasurer, Mrs. Wayne Kimble. Former treasurer, Mrs. Lyle Cunningham, resigned due to illness.

Mrs. Larry Graham, budget and finance chairman, reported on the recent TEAC luncheon and Mrs. O. K. Malini, health chairman, reported on the cancer film she saw, sponsored by the Cancer Society.

A short discussion was held on how the Torrance Council Scholarship Fund is set up to help graduates of the Torrance high schools who are going into the teaching profession.

Enlistment is now being taken for interested persons to help collect for the March of Dimes polo drive which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. They are asked to contact Mrs. Bernard Levin.

Flavian

Gaily wrapped "gag" gifts gave a spirit of Christmas joy to the Flavian PTA board members at their Christmas party, last Thursday. Mrs. Fred Carroll, tea hostess, and Mrs. Leonard Spedale, courtesy chairman, served coffee and decorated cakes in the Home Economics room, following the regular monthly meeting.

During the short business meeting, presided over by Mrs. J. K. Edwins, president, it was decided to purchase a large green Christmas tree to be presented to the Flavian School for display in the cafeteria. William Clary, principal, suggested that each child bring an ornament with which to decorate the tree. Mrs. Donald Davis was appointed and ratified as budget and finance chairman to replace Mrs. Chester Black. Mrs. Black was appointed and ratified as third vice president, in order to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Fred Griffith's resignation.

Cliff Massey, men's membership chairman, requested that the January meeting entitled "Life With Father," be advertised as a father and child night in order to encourage as many fathers to participate as possible.

Mrs. Daniel Lombardi, music chairman, announced the Flavian Mothersingers will participate in the Christmas program on Dec. 8, at the Torrance High School and invited all to attend.

Mrs. Chester Black, gave a report on the success of the Saturday "Comedy" movies.

Carl Steele
Mrs. A. D. Hawkins, president, presided at the recent meeting of the Steele PTA executive board. Mrs. R. Golden, ways and means chairman, reported on the forthcoming Saturday movie program. The movies will start the latter part of January. Discussion of dog tags, school T-shirts and beanies was shelved until next board meeting when final plans for these projects will be made.

Room Representative Chairman, Mrs. J. Woodford told of the final plans for the White Gift Christmas program. A group of room mothers will assist in packaging the gift bags which Santa Claus will distribute to students as they put their "White Gift" under the large tree in the cafeteria. The entire function will coincide with the school Christmas pageant in which all grades participate. Parents are cordially invited to attend. The date will be Dec. 20.

Mrs. L. Kagan, welfare chairman, announced that four large baskets of canned goods and a large turkey, were given to a needy family at Thanksgiving. The board voted to put aside an emergency fund of canned goods which might be made available immediately should the need arise.

The "White Gifts" which students are being asked to donate this year will be sent to the Harbor area Exceptional

Child Foundation. Any gifts which are considered unfit for their needs will be forwarded to the Pacific State Hospital for the Mentally Retarded. Directors of the Foundation will make these decisions.

"Music in the Experience of Children" was the theme association meeting Thursday, Dec. 12. Opening exercises featured the full orchestra some sixty members strong under the direction of Jerry Andrews. The Primary Chorus under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Jones sang Christmas music from foreign lands. Miss Beverly Gaston directing the fifth graders conducted a community sing. The Upper Grade Mixed Chorus, offered some Philip Korman directing.

White
"Sports Knight" party for the lower division students at Stephen White was held Friday, Dec. 6, 6:30 to 9:30. There were approximately 180 students present.

Stanley Miller and Mrs. Margaret Bell, of the physical education department, were in charge of the party. D. Reid and J. Fox were also present from the faculty.

Parents in attendance were Mrs. C. W. Wittenburg, who took charge of the refreshments; Mrs. Jack Spence, Mrs. Oscar Smith, Mrs. Edward Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barken, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Clyde Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Johnson.

The upper and lower division students chose a committee that arranged tables and Christmas decorations. They served during different dance contests and helped clean up when the party was over.

Fleming
Mrs. Richard G. Alexander, director of 10th District extension dept. and third vice president, presided at the first meeting of the A. Fleming Jr. High PTA held in the school auditorium Monday, Dec. 2.

Mrs. Richard Strauss, 10th District secondary school service chairman, served as secretary.

Other members of 10th District were introduced by Mrs. Alexander. Mrs. A. C. Akerson, Gateway council's president, introduced her members, as well as other members of Lomita-San Pedro council, Harbor Regional Director Mrs. William Shier, and others.

Mrs. Earl V. Goodwin, 10th District parliamentarian, presented by-laws for the approval of the group. Upon acceptance Mrs. Ed Holloway, chairman of the nominating committee, submitted her report of nomi-

nations. By unanimous vote the following were duly elected: president, Mrs. Joseph B. Butler; first vice president, Mrs. C. L. Wilson; second vice president, Mrs. Merle Gould; third vice president, Mrs. Judson Bowers; treasurer, Mrs. Dallas Wallick; recording secretary, Mrs. Leland Van Buren; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George D. Weeks; auditor, Mrs. Edward J. Horkey; historian, Mrs. David P. Goolsby; parliamentarian, Mrs. Walter Talley.

Mrs. Launce B. Martin, 10th District president, installed the group, using a circus theme, and presented Mrs. Butler a corsage. Mrs. Akerson presented the president's pin and gavel.

Mrs. Judson Bowers, membership chairman, reported that 1275 parents had joined the new association to date.

At the conclusion of the meeting members of the Narbonne High PTA served refreshments in the cafeteria where parents were also able to talk personally with each faculty member.

Appreciation was expressed for assistance rendered by Principal Pat Turner, and Mrs. Ruth Ware, girls' vice principal.

the Christmas Cheer Store at 333 W. Seventh St., San Pedro. Anyone can take food, toys or clothing to this store and will be distributed to needy families.

Mrs. Harry Foot, Jr., program chairman, introduced Miss Geraldine Schenk, home service director, Southern Counties Gas Co., who spoke very interestingly on holiday hospitality and Christmas decorations and ideas.

Harry Sams, principal of Leland Street School, led the group in carol singing. Pianist Virginia King accompanied.

The meeting was adjourned and a delicious luncheon was served by PTA members of 223rd Street School.

Presidents and representatives were present from the following schools: Bandini, Barton Hill, Cabrillo Ave., Crestwood, Fifteenth St., Halldale, Harbor City, Leland, Lomita Park, Western Place, Point Fermin, Seventh St., 223rd St., 259th Pl., and White Point.

FERN-GREENWOOD
An hour-long peek into Santa's "Enchanted Toy Shop" by way of one of the Southland's most talented puppeteers has been scheduled for Fern Cafeteria Wednesday evening, Dec. 18. It was announced yesterday by Mrs. Art Campbell, president of the Fern-Greenwood PTA.

Two shows will be held during the evening. Mrs. Campbell reported—the first at 6 p.m. for the kiddies, and a second beginning at 7:30 for those who stay up a little later.

The audience will be seated in a horseshoe circle while being taken on a fantasy ride into the toy shop where they will see Rudolph, Santa's helpers—Tinker and Tam, and a skating Christmas tree.

Of course, Mrs. Santa will be on hand also, along with the magical elf, the bear on a ball, and the dancing rag doll.

Other surprises are being planned for the evening's program, Mrs. Campbell said.

L-SP Council
Lomita-San Pedro PTA council held its last meeting on Dec. 3 at 223rd Street School with Mrs. Francis Anania, PTA president, leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and Principal Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy welcoming the group.

Mrs. Walter Talley, council president, introduced Miss Carol Menary, Narbonne High School student, who spoke on the Bill of Rights.

The following were elected to serve on the council nominating committee with all local presidents: Mmes. Harry Nishimoto, Andrew Falsetta, Harry Foot, Jr., and David Goolsby.

It was voted to send \$10 to 10th District for the musical scholarship fund.

Mrs. A. C. Akerson, Gateway council president, reported on



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