LENDING A HAND . . . The Welcome Wagon Club, only six months old, has put its shoulders to the wheel to help make Christmas a happy occasion. They are helping the mentally retarded at Porterville State Hospital, Camarillo State Hospital, as well as patients at the Harbor Hospital. Displaying their bean bags and cookies in plastic containers are, from left Mmes. Marvin Maddy, J. E. Howard, J. C. Isley, M. Bennett and Jimmy Cotten.

Welcome Wagon Club Brings Christmas Joy to Children

Christmas will be merrier for many this year because of the efforts of the newly organized Welcome Wagon club. The club, though only six months old has undertaken numerous welfare projects for hospitals and th eneedy throughout the state.

Upon learning that approximately 1000 retarded children at Porterville State Hospital were without any Christmas gifts the club members, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Howard, welfare chairman, set about to make bean bags for these children. Material for the bean bags was donated by Baer's Draperies and Curtains in Torrance, while beans were donated by a Los Angeles packing company. An additional 250 bean bags were made for Harbor General Hospital's children's ward.

In addition to this project the club members have filled 100 plastic containers with cookies for mental patients at Camarillo State Hospital, provided two needy families with food, clothing, gifts and trees for Christmas, and in cooperation with the North Torrance Baptist Church will give a Christmas party in the women's surgical ward at Harbor General Hospital. They will furnish refreshments and gifts for approximately 30 women. Some of the club members will also join the Merry Wives, a singing group from Catholic churches in the area, in caroling at the hospital.

Walteria Business Women End Year with Yule Party

Caprino's in Torrance was the setting for the annual Christmas party of the Walteria Business Women's Club. Christmas music filled the atmosphere while dinner was enjoyed amid floral decorations of the traditional holly and red berries. Corsages were presented to each member. The festivities were planned by the special committee of Mmes. Gladys Frazier, Jack Brown, and Al Muir.

A report was made of the club's Thanksgiving visit to the Correll Home and of the Christmas carolling visit by the Camp Fire groups sponsored by the club.

The Walteria Business Women's Club was represented at the Christmas party being held by their Brownie Troop on Dec. 17. Santa Claus and Christmas goodies were presented to the children.

The highlights of the evening was the honor paid to the Walteria head librarian, Mrs. Mollie Dowd. For her many years of special service to the youth of this community she was presented a substantial check to assist in the purchase of her hearing aid equipment for the coming year.

Election of officers for 1959 brought forth the following results: President, Dr. Eleanore Thill; vice-president, Mrs. Maze Moton; recording secretary, Mrs. Loring Bigelow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Warren Cuttings; treasurer, Mrs. Don Whann.

The revealing of secret pals and the exchange of gifts brought to a close the activities of the club for the year of 1958.

RELINQUISHES GAVEL . . . Mrs. Ed Berdardin, left, outgoing president of the Woman's Council of St. Philomena's parish hands gavel to Mrs. Gene Leoy, newly-elected president. Installation was held last Monday evening at the parish hall.

Firemen's Auxiliary Has Party

Torrance Fireladies Auxiliary held its annual Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Sam Martin, 2015 West 238th St.

Traditional Christmas poinsettias were used throughout the house and the focal point was the large old fashioned Christmas tree around which guests placed their gifts for secret pals.

Packages for the men in Ward D3 at Harbor General hospital were collected and were distributed at a Christmas party in the ward on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Ronald Powers was in charge of the hospital party.

Games provided the entertainment for the evening. Mrs. Ed Polston and Mrs. Robert Browning kept scores.

Secret pal gifts were exchanged and names were revealed at this time. Receiving gifts were Mmes. Billy C. Sloneker, James Wass, William Millard, Robert Moffitt, Ed Polston, L. R. McCown, William Orr, Max Gramse, Ronald Cannon, Billy Wood, Robert Browning, Roy Stratton, Ronald Power, Ted Drake, John Ferraiolo, Richard Sprout.

Also Mmes. Harlan Whitacre, Milton Langum, Sam Martin and George Blahnik.

Following the gift exchange, refreshments were served buffet style by Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Whitacre.

Club Dinner

International Women's club held its Christmas party and gift exchange at a dinner meeting at the Pen and Quill last Friday evening.

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Alpha Omega Selects Its Philanthropy

As its yearly philanthropy, Alpha Omega Chapter of Theta Chi Epsilon sorority voted to support the National Kidney Disease fund. A representative of this organization, whose purpose is to combat this disease, will give a program showing a film of the work at the chapte'sr meeting on Jan. 2.

The meetiing was held at the home of Mrs. Pierre Droubay in Manhattan Beach. The group also discussed their special philanthropy for Thanksgiving and Christmas, aid to a needy family.

A report on the annual Christmas party was made by Mrs. Ed Kurzyniec.

Mrs. Bette Spradling, president, conducted the business meeting and during a social hour the hostess served refreshments.

Local Women At Oxy Tea

Mmes. Delmar de Mary, J. T. Evans Jr.., Kenneth Deets and James McMillen attended the Occidental Women's Club Christmas tea and bazaar held in the beautiful home of Mrs. George Piercy in San Marino, Friday, Dec. 5.

Club Honors Mrs. Shidler

Many members and guests enjoyed the Las Vecinas Christmas program put on last Thursday evening by the Las Vecinas Chorus and Rosemary DeCamp Shidler. Mrs. John Shidler was presented with flowers and a life membership in Las Vecinas by Mrs. Thomas O'Malley, president, in appreciation for her part for the past several years in making the Christmas program so enjoyable. Mrs. E. R. Harvey, director of the chorus, was also thanked with flowers.

Other life members, whose club activities have been outstanding, include Mmes. Richard H. Blakeley, Morrison Hornbeck, Paul J. Howey, Jack Pomeroy and honorary life member, Jack Veltmann.

New Officers Installed By Mothers Club

Amid vari-colored lighting, pine sprays, and foil Christmas trees, the Job's Mothers Club of Bethel 50 of Torrance held their annual banquet and installation of new officers. The group exchanged gifts after their dinner at the Palms Restaurant on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

A brief business meeting followed with reports by Mmes. George Crabtree, A. B. Yerkes, and Leonard Babcock. On the committee for the event were Mmes. Yerkes, Carl Cramer and D. T. Wands.

Mrs. W. O. Hoy, past president of the group, installed the new officers: President, Mrs. Walter Wells; vice-president, Mrs. John Polliard; recording secretary, Mrs. Lee Stamps; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. W. Basile; treasurer, Mrs. Paul Bischoff.

Before closing the meeting, Mrs. P. M. Crossman, retiring president, thanked the group for their support in the past year.

Also attending were Mmes. Willys Blount, Harold Woodman, K. H. Kail, Gerald Grubb, V. J. Fowler, Mary Lenton, Ralph Allen, Annabelle Halland, C. N. Hirtle, Lee Denton, W. H. Speck, Ed Thayne, John Wright, Paul Smith, Glen Hardcastle, George J. Witt and Graydon Smart.

Yule Party

Mrs. Plu Whyte, 1620 Post Ave. entertained members of her bridge club at cocktails last Thursday evening before the group went to the Palms restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner.

After dinner, the party returned to the Whyte home for a gift exchange and an evening of bridge. Prizes were won by Mrs. R. S. Sleeth and Mrs. H. C. Barrington.

Mrs. Whyte's other guests were Mmes. Alma Smith, Dean Sears, J. B. Scotten, Robert Lewellen, and D. A. Murphy.

New Officers Are Installed By Council

Mrs. Gene LeRoy was installed as president of the St. Philomena's Woman's Council at a meeting last Monday evening.

Serving with Mrs. LeRoy will be Mrs. Alda Spellman, vice president; Mrs. Bernice Niles, secretary, and Mrs. Peggy Daniels, treasurer.

Blue and white, honoring the Blessed Virgin, were the colors used in the decorations. A blue and white corsage was also presented to the incoming officers.

Refreshments were served during a social hour following the installation.

Guild Party

St. Margaret's Guild of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church held a Christmas party on Thursday at 12:30 with 27 members in attendance.

Honored guests were Mrs. Robert Sleeth, retiring president and Mrs. Lloyd Goddard, newly elected president.

Place cards were tiny snowmen and tables were decorated with holly berries and red tapers. A report on their talents was given. Last January each member was given ten cents and at this meeting the talents were returned amounting to $70 and each guest told how she had used her talent.

Mildred Evans, president, was hostess for the party and presided at the luncheon.

Club Party At Kelley Home

JFF club held its Christmas party Dec. 15 at the home of Mrs. Eva E. Kelley.

An arrangement of holly berries decorated the table from which refreshments were served.

Games were played with prizes going to Barbara Tarldsen and Ida Haun. A gift exchange was held. The club will meet again on Jan. 20.

Busy Agenda Fills Evening For Torrance Junior Club

Their Christmas charity work, their aid with the March of Dimes programs, future activities and an interesting program outlined a busy session for the Torrance Junior Woman's club last Wednesday evening at the clubhouse. Mrs. J. G. Louvier presided.

Mrs. B. F. Townsend, philanthropy chairman, announced that Junior club members had prepared 25,000 letters for mailing to assist the March of Dimes drive. She also stated that gifts for men in the ambulatory ward at Harbor General hospital were ready for delivery on Dec. 20. The tree was also decorated at that time by Mrs. Townsend and her committee, Mmes. Donald DeCuir, Charles Briner, Lee E. Allen, Robert Eipper and Lee Clothworthy.

Mrs. Clifford Trezise, international hostess, introduced Mrs. W. H. Gardner, who in turn presented her guest from Ceylon, Miss Sudharma Dharmadasa.

Members were also reminded to send their cards out for the Parcel Post sale to be held at the dessert card party on Jan. 28. Mrs. Trezise also announced that she had completed arrangements to send magazines to citizens in Konya, Turkey, sister city of Torrance.

She invited all members to participate and asked that anyone in the city interested contact her.

Mrs. Louvier announced that 115 boxes of cookies had been filled by the membership for servicemen. The club voted to purchase a hospital bed for a crippled boy of Torrance, at the request of the Crippled Children's society.

After the business meeting, members were fascinated by an array of clever paper Christmas decorations made by their guest artist Nena. Mrs. Kenneth Boulter presented "Nena and Her Paper Sculpture". She also announced that Florence Blake would give the program at the Jan. 4 meeting.

Mrs. Edwin Hatter was chairman of the hostess committee composed of Mmes. Donald R. DeCuir, Robert D. Evans, W. H. Gardner, Richard Gazeley, and Leslie R. Hanson, Jr.

Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Richards entertained their family at a pre-Christmas dinner party Sunday evening at their home, 1605 Beech Ave.

Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Rogers and Michael and Bill; Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, Donnie and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, Robbie and Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith of Huntington Park; Mrs. Pauline Tourlett and Mrs. Theresa Finlayson.

To Flintridge

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman and two sons, 3916 Palos Verdes Dr. N., are Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Bauman's sister, Mrs. Charles

Chapter Has Christmas Dinner Party

Omicron Pi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Joe Banks, 22315 Eastwood Court, Torrance.

The room was beautifully decorated with Christmas mobiles and a tree. The color scheme was carried out in coral, silver and gold. Secret sisters were revealed and presents were exchanged.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Harley Lynch, 4807 Ave. C, Torrance on Jan. 7, 1959.

Those present for the dinner were Mmes. Joe Banks, Fred Byk, John D'Ornellas, Ben Friberg, Frances Goulart, Don Heaney, Harley Lynch, Harry Martin, Ed Litaker, Walt Templin, Jack Rogers, Joe Wolfe, Dean Woodward, Eleanor Brogdon, Stan Wright, Russ Rettig, Roy Sullwold, Gordon Orson, Bill Swisher and Wayne Crane.

Reel Squares Name Officers

Reel Squares, square dancers of Riviera, Torrance and Palos Verdes held their election of officers recently. Elected were Chuck John, president; Marilyn Landon, vice president; Lou Atha, secretary; and Bill Frampton, treasurer.

The "Reel Squares" held their annual Christmas party Thursday, Dec. 18, at 9 p.m. in the Walteria Park Recreation Hall, 3855 W. 242nd St., Walteria. Mrs. Jean Whistler and Mrs. Leo Bereda were hostesses for the evening. George Perry called for dancing.

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