PLAN DANCE . . . Norman Bostick, out-going president; and Donald Fogg, in-coming president, select records for the Y.M.C.A. Teen Canteen dance to be held at the "Y" Saturday night from 8 to 12. Other members are Robert Smith, Barabara Wilson, Cappy Phillips, Mary Porter, Joyce Keeler and Paul Slyh. Dance is open to all Torrance teenagers.

Teen Canteen Plans Dance

A series of dances for persons of high school age in the city of Torrance will get under way Saturday at 8 p.m. at the YMCA, 2080 Washington, when the Teen Canteen, sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, meets.

The dance series is scheduled to take place the second and fourth Saturday of the month throughout January and February.

Don Fogg, newly-elected chairman of the Teen-Canteen Committee, extends an invitation to all high school students to attend the dance.

Stork Club To Meet Monday

"How to be Comfortable though Pregnant," is the theme of the newest series of classes in preparation for childbirth beginning Monday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Branch YWCA, 2320 Carson St.

Called the Stork Club, this series of classes will stress exercise for easier and shorter labor, informal discussions, and pictures. One session is devoted to prospective fathers.

Mrs. Leroy Alles, head physical therapist, at Harbor General Hospital is in charge of the course which is open to all expectant mothers. A medical certificate is required. Further information may be secured by calling the YWCA.

Telephone to Be Studied On YWCA Training Program

As a part of the training program of the YWCA, the Harbor Area Assn. has scheduled a session on "Effective Use of the Telephone," on Friday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m., at the Headquarters Building, 437 W. 9th St., San Pedro.

"While this session was originally planned as a service training for the staff, so great has been the interest as well as the need for this type of help, that all volunteers are invited to participate," Mrs. Elsa J. Morris, executive director of the area, states.

"Proper use of the telephone involves much more than just talking and listening," according to Mrs. Bee Finne, lecturer-demonstrator of Pacific Telephone, who will be conducting the session.

Mrs. Finne will offer suggested steps toward improved efficiency and economy through correct telephone usage.

Voters League Will Begin Study Series

League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes will hold the first of a series of unit meetings covering the subject of the State Constitution. These meetings will be held next week Jan. 12, 13, and 14, at the following homes: Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. W. E. Schroeter, 600 Yarmouth Rd., Palos Verdes Estates; Tuesday, 10 a.m., Mrs. John Mendel, 4028 Via Opata, Palos Verdes Estates; Tuesday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Robert Christensen, 121 Via Alameda, Hollywood Riviera; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Mrs. Thomas Kenney, 2304 Via Piale, Palos Verdes Estates, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Arthur Angel, 4463 Silver Saddle Lane, Rolling Hills.

In the study of the State Constitution the following problems will be discussed: Legislature, Executive and People. In the February units, methods of revision and conclusions will be reached, according to Mrs. Allen Curtis, chairman of this study item. Background material for this subject is available from Mrs. John Mendel, publications chairman.

The League invites all women in the South Bay area who are interested to attend any meeting of their choice.

Decorator To Speak At Benefit

Arnold White, interior decorator, will speak on "Developing a Decorating Plan" at the home of Mrs. Werner L. Frank, 5410 Kassner St., in Rolling Hills in Thursday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the affair will go to Temple Menorah.

Mr. White, whose studio is at 22246 Palos Verdes Blvd., in Torrance, is a native of Los Angeles and a resident of the South Bay area.

His capable staff is composed of Herbert White, special awards winner for furniture arrangement; Charles Sears, scholarship winner and award winner for decorating; Betty Ashenfelter, outstanding color and design expert; and Bill Lowell, lighting specialist.

Mrs. Henry Rappaport, co-hostess for this affair, has announced that the Walteria Florists will donate the foral arrangements.

Reservations must be made in advance by contacting Mrs. Rappaport.

Engagement Announced

Mrs. Arrie Lee Bohannan of Pine Bluff, Ark., is announcing the engagement of her daughter, Mary Nell, 25727 Crest Rd., Torrance, to James I. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Smith of Amory, Miss.

The wedding will take place on Jan. 23 at the Greenwich Wedding chapel in Long Beach.

The bride-elect attended Pine Bluff High school where she was graduated in June, 1956. Mr. Smith was graduated from Amory, Miss., high school in 1955.

Gamma Phis Begin Year

Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae of the South Bay area will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Richard Stewart, 3308 Walnut, Manhattan Beach, Wednesday, Jan. 14, a 8 o'clock. Mrs. Virgil Hawks will assist the hostess.

Following a brief business meeting, the evening will be spent making Valentine and Easter decorations to be used by the South Bay School for Exceptional Children. Mrs. Henry Marion, Hermosa Beach, philanthropy chairman, will supervise the decorations and party favors.

New members in the area are invited to call Mrs. Thomas Day for reservations and information.

Nostalgia Marks New Book by Local Woman

BY BOB WILTON

"The fire in the wood stove crackled and glowed in the twilight. A flicker of light nestling in her auburn hair, Mama stood by the window, her blue eyes searching the distant horizon beyond the gray Norwegian sky. We, her five daughters, felt the suspense as she turned her cameo-like face towards us."

This beautifully descriptive paragraph is the start of a Christmas story that grows more beautiful on each succeeding page in a recently published book named "Christmas As I Like to Remember It", by A Ihme Bacon, a Torrance mother, grandmother, college student, and now a published author.

Mrs. Bacon was born in Tvedestrand, Norway, and is the daughter of Olaf Jarl (Earl) Ihme, known to thousands in both Norway and this country for his writing.

Audrey Bacon, a busy housewife, El Camino language student, and clubwoman is following in her father's footsteps and her literary efforts are in print for the first time. She is active in the YWCA, Order of Amaranth and Order of Eastern Star.

From across the sea in her story Audrey Bacon brings a precious glimpse of a Norwegian family's Yuletide celebration, replete with laughter, the scent of evergreen and the hectic Christmas activity that fills the house from dim, chilly morning until the soft, still night when sounds are muffled by a blanket of sparkling Arctic snow.

During the three months preceding Christmas, the author writes, "We prepared to receive Him." The Holy time is ushered in by the ringing of church bells and the blowing of trumpets. There follows 20 Christmas days, each with its own ritual.

In the final chapter the burning of the Christmas tree leaves an afterglow with the children joining hands around the tree to glorify the Prince of Peace.

Audrey Bacon has captured the spirit of the season with glowing memories of Norwegian Yuletide songs, foods and customs as she relates the feelings of youngsters at the turn of the century for the succeeding generations. She concluded that "Christmas As I Like to Remember It" is a family book, written for God's children of all ages.

Books may be purchased locally at the Bible, Book and Gift Shop, Mrs. Bacon added.

INTERESTED GROUP . . . Mrs. Audrey Ihme Bacon reads a newly published copy of her book "Christmas As I Like To Remember It" to a group of neighborhood critics including two of her own daughters. Mrs. Bacon, who lives at 1303 Portola and has been a resident of Torrance for 18 years, has written a story on the Yuletide in Norway. Girls from left are Rita Bacon, Linda Grubb, Betty Baker and Joan Bacon.

Garden Section To Meet Jan. 14

Garden Section of Torrance Woman's club will hold its regular business meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 14 at the clubhouse. Mrs. Peter Boonstra will preside.

Mrs. T. McClure of Redondo Beach will give a demonstration on "Succulent Corsages".

Parkway

Dr. Paul Dergarabedian will be the guest speaker this Thursday evening, Jan. 8, at Parkway PTA. The subject for this meeting will be "Missile Performance," with colored movies of a missile countdown and launching.

Dr. Dergarabedian, local resident and Parkway parent, has spent the past five years in the employ of Space Technology Laboratories of Los Angeles, where his present position is that of Associate Manager of the Systems Evaluations Department in the Astrovehicles Laboratory.

Dr. Dergarabedian received his bachelor's and master's degrees in applied mathematics and mechanics at the University of Wisconsin, subsequently receiving his doctorate in mechanical engineering and physics at the California Institute of Technology.

The public is invited to the 8 p.m. meeting in the school cafetorium, 220 Via Riviera, Hollywood Riviera.

Mariners To Hold Party

Mariners Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena will hold a Gay Nineties Night Saturday evening, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Followship hall of the new church. Keith and Dolores Smith are second mates of the Mariners.

At a meeting held at the home of Bob and Jane Gulliver, new officers were elected.

Entertain

Many dinner parties have been held recently at The Polynesian Restaurant in Walteria, where Torrance people have been entertaining. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rogers, Dr. Michael J. Cibellis and Maj. and Mrs. Richard L. Dennen.

Visit Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sears spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Robert Trezise and family in Mesa, Ariz.

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