



A KIDNAP BREAKFAST . . . They came wearing everything from curlers to housecoats when the Halldale PTA staged its kidnap breakfast last Wednesday. Discussing their various "getups" are, from left, Mmes. William Pickens and son, Rodney; Carl Stangell, Judson Bowers, Marshal Condon. Proceeds will be used to purchase kitchen equipment.

Vara Grube In Art Show

Vara Grube, well known artist of the South Bay, held a one-man show on Saturday at a gift shop in Redondo. Miss Grube, a former Seattle resident, who founded and organized the Northwest Water Color society there, is a professional painter and teacher with her own studio, gallery and classroom in Hollywood Riviera. In addition to her painting, she teaches talented children the fundamentals of painting, accenting self-expression. She also conducts an adult class. One of Miss Grube's paintings "Series I - Music" is among the permanent collection at the Long Beach museum. "The Fiddler," winner of the sweepstakes award at the California Hobby Show last spring, was displayed at Saturday's show.

Walteria

War-whoops, war-paint, and swinging gingham were all a part of the last general meeting of the Walteria PTA, when students gave a pageant depicting the life of the early pioneers. "Early America" was the theme for the evening, with miniature pilgrim silhouettes serving as name tags. Mrs. Courtney's class gave a demonstration of square-dancing. Victor Kilburn, principal, gave a brief resume of early American school life as opposed to modern techniques. He also gave an estimated completion date of Dec. 10 for the new classrooms.

One corner of the auditorium was given to a display of modern text-books and selected reading books for the entire family. This display was arranged by Home Reading and Library Chairman, Mrs. R. F. Maynes. Boy Scout Troop 240 led the color presentation after president Jim Birmingham called the meeting to order. Mrs. Lauren La Fontaine, Carnival Chairman, gave a report on the annual Carnival which was a success. Mrs. Peggy Randall, Ways and Means Chairman, announced a paper drive to be held on Dec. 11, with parents urged to save rags, newspapers, and

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A potluck supper for members and their husbands or wives will be held on Dec. 3 magazines. The recommendation from the Executive Board that proceeds from the recent Luau be spent on a punch dispenser and mimeograph machine was approved. Attendance prize was awarded Mrs. Courtney's class. Hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Booth, parents from Mrs. Knight's Kindergarten class.

by the Edison PTA Executive Board. Mrs. Robert Prior and Mrs. Herb Fisher are in charge of the arrangements. Among the projects undertaken by the PTA this year is the collection of favorite recipes from members to be placed in booklet form and sold as a money-making project. Mrs. Dwight Preston is in charge of the cook-book committee. Music will be featured at the December meeting. The Edison Mothersingers and over seventy children will sing.

Mineralogy Seminar Set

There is still room and time to join another 15 weeks' mineralogy seminar conducted by Dr. W. E. Ford, instructor of geology and mineralogy at El Camino College in Torrance. Classes are held every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock in the annex of the N.R.C. Clubhouse, 175 N. Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne. This seminar will include mineral identification and laboratory one night, and alternate with lectures. The class and the N.R.C. Gem and Mineral Club just returned from an interesting weekend field trip, with the Imperial Valley Gem Club to Calexico, Mexico. They brought back some Rhyolite, petrified wood and "Pinto Wonder Rock." Those that could not go to Mexico were guests of the "29 Palms Gem Club" to Bagdad, and brought back specimens of varied jasper and agates. The annual Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, in the N.R.C. Clubhouse.

New Officers Elected by Realty Unit

New officers for the Women's Division of the Torrance-Lomita Realty board were elected last Wednesday at a meeting at the board office. Mrs. Rose Craig will serve as president for 1959-60. Serving with her will be Mrs. Edna Mullins, vice president; Mrs. Ruth Schildmeyer, treasurer; and Mrs. Thelma Turner, secretary. Chairman for last Wednesday's meeting was Mrs. Dorothy Kirkpatrick. Guest speaker was John Rummery, trust officer for the Torrance Bank of America. He gave an informative talk on "Estates and Wills."

Gardena PTA Council Hears Talk on Safety

"Parents, Lend Us Your Ears for Safety" was the opening remark of Joseph M. Kaplan, manager of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter, National Safety Council, at a meeting of the Gardena Council PTA. Mr. Kaplan pointed out that there are more people in the Community Chest Drive. He spoke on careful and safe driving. Mr. Kaplan has been affiliated with the safety organization since 1939. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Safety Council and is a 10th District PTA Advisory Board member. Mrs. Harry Bailey conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Jesse Guillen gave the pledge of allegiance and Mrs. Joseph K. Morillo reported on the Drive. Mrs. Kenneth Veldheer was ratified as room representative for 1960 and Mrs. Merrill Lindley, as president of 1960. Mrs. Clem Butler, magazine chairman, gave a skit to stimulate magazine subscription sales. The following presidents made their monthly reports: Mmes. G. O. Murkussen, Towne Avenue; W. A. Plate, 135th Street; Noel Hasty, 158th St.; Dallas Olyear, 153rd St.; Donald Dittman, 188th St.; George Green, Purche Ave.; Dale Nicholson, Gardena Elementary; Leonard McDade, Denker, Ave.; Clifford Dietz, Chapman; and Morgan S. Williams, Amestoy. Mrs. Gordon T. Lewis, program chairman, read a poem, "Shopping for Self Respect" and the Mothersingers concluded the program with several songs.



JOSEPH M. KAPLAN, Guest Speaker

Woman Clubs District Meeting in Torrance

Marina District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior-Senior Federation Extension Panel Discussion was held Thursday at the Torrance Woman's club with Mrs. L. A. McCoy, federation extension secretary, serving as moderator. Among the guests were Mrs. Grant Putman, Marina District 18 president; Mrs. Joseph L. Morgan, state international hostess chairman, south; Mrs. Hugh K. Walker, federation extension secretary for the Junior membership; and Mrs. Carl E. Bishop, second vice president of the Marina district. Junior members participating were Mmes. Robert Driezler, president; Hugh K. Walker, federation extension secretary; Robert H. Baida, dean of chairmen; Ray Pierce, Build-a-Better Community chairman; and John M. Flowers, International affairs chairman. Mrs. Morgan gave an interesting talk on the International General Federation convention held in Manila this past summer which she attended. Mrs. Morgan also spent 10 weeks in the Far East and distributed

many CARE kits furnished by the clubs for school children in Hong Kong and Viet Nam. The Build-a-Better Community contest is being sponsored by the Sears Foundation again this year. Grand prize winner will receive \$300 with 36 other cash prizes going to clubs all over the state. International Affairs is sponsoring the school kits for Hong Kong and Viet Nam for the second year. Last year California Juniors contributed \$2,800. In addition, magazines for Asians and nylons for Japan will be among the many projects undertaken in this field.

Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Scotton attended a family Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Larry Gezelius in Long Beach.

Teen Club to Go Caroling

Torrance Teens are planning their Christmas party for Dec. 22 at the Moose Hall. Prior to the party, the group will go caroling. Any Teen wishing to join in the caroling will bring a signed permission from both parents. On Oct. 31, a Youth Honor Day Dance was held at the Torrance lodge hall. This was the second Youth Honor Day given by the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women's chapter. The lodge and chapter furnished refreshments, door prizes and awards. At the dance, Mayor Albert Isen presented Youth Honor Day awards to Fred Bunch, Carey Hubert, and Linda Williams. Costume prizes went to Bill Licht, Susan Yurkovich, Bill Pierce and Sherry Coates. At the Teens meeting on Nov. 15, it was decided that the jam session on Nov. 27 would be held from 3 to 7 p.m.

Pledge Ritual Conducted At Festive Pi Phi Affair

"The Abundant Life" was the theme chosen for the Pledge Ritual banquet held Tuesday evening at Lococo's Restaurant, Manhattan Beach, by Pi Phi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. Mrs. Charles Fitzpatrick was chairman of the event. The banquet table was decorated with horns of plenty containing fruits and vegetables. The colorful fruits and vegetables were placed down the center of the table over orange colored paper streamers. Tall orange tapers were on the table. Programs of various colored paper leaves tied with gold ribbon and smaller paper leaves placed on tiny pine cones bearing the members' names further complimented the festive and colorful harvest decorations. Mrs. Don Bromley delivered the invocation. A brief business meeting held prior to the Pledge Ritual was conducted by the president, Mrs. Ernest Sommerville. During the meeting, members were given their working time assignments for the rummage sale which will be held Saturday, Nov. 28, at 5825 S. Broad-

way, Los Angeles, by ways and means chairman, Mrs. Robert Todd. Mrs. Bill Garrison, program chairman, announced final plans for a theater party for the members. They will attend the Friday evening performance of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at the Chapel Theater, Redondo Beach. Mrs. Jim Meador, social chairman, announced that the annual Christmas party will be held on Dec. 15 at the home of Mrs. Jene Mady, Los Alamitos. Following dinner, the pledge ritual was conducted by Mrs. Sommerville, who was assisted by Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Bromley. Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Joe Secula escorted pledges, Mrs. Earl Hennis and Mrs. Rodney Barker, to the pledge table to receive the ritual and their pledge pins. The remaining members stood in a horseshoe circle, each holding a yellow candle. Other members attending were Mmes. Dave Apgar, Robert Coon, Robert Grommett, Knud Sloh, Frank Conely and Mrs. Jene Mady.

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