



CHATTERBOX . . . Petey, a 5-month-old parakeet, butts in on the telephone conversation of his owner, Mrs. Raymond Bynum, at 3034 Torrance Blvd. Strangers are often startled to hear Petey break in on the line with his 50-word vocabulary, although it is old stuff to friends of the Bynums who call regularly. Petey, an albino, was shunned by his mother when hatched, so was raised in the Bynum home.

Scout Trails

Cub Scout Pack 222-C

Cub Scout Pack 222C presented a playlet, "The Nativity Story," written for the group by Mary Coulter, who also directed the play. It was put on at the Normandie Auditorium the 6th of January at 7 p.m. to commemorate the 12th night. The cast included Loy Votaw, dressed in Courier's attire, who narrated the play as the other Cubs reverently acted out the story. Mike Carver as Mary and Larry Patrick as Joseph made up the stable pair with a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger, completing the scene.

A HEAVENLY chorus of angels appeared, bowing low and praising the new-born babe with such favorites as "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." Danny Sanders leading the angels, sang a beautiful solo titled "Away in a Manger." The rest of the choristers included Gary Turner, Tommy Eberly, Stephen Benghiat, and Ronnie Carver.

The shepherds, being visited by the angels and following the bright star to the stable, were Ty Coulter, Mike Hainline and Pat Thompson who played the littlest shepherd, offered his all, a baby lamb to the Christ Child.

THEN TO MAKE the scene complete here came the three stately wise men singing "We Three Kings From Orient Are," dressed in regal robes and wearing crown, who were portrayed as Bruce Moore, Dennis Webb, and Marty Condon. Marty sang a lovely solo, "Oh Holy Night," accompanied by Mrs. Norma Condon who played the piano for the program.

This was the second presentation of the Nativity Story, the first being given Dec. 22, 1959 at the monthly pack meeting, with the following boys being in that play, but unable to be in the second performance: they were Terry Larson and Mike Canup.

Those present went away with a renewed view of the Holy Season because these Cub Scouts relived the Nativity Scene so well.

Boy Scout Troop 742
Torrance Boy Scout Troop 242 is currently conducting a public speaking course for 21

of its members.

The course was arranged by the troop committee and Scoutmaster R. F. Jones, with the help of W. Waldrof, activities chairman, for the Boy Scout Harbor District committee, and Al Waterman, assistant Scout executive for the Harbor District. C. Johnson and F. Gorbet of the Toastmasters International are providing coaching and criticism for the youthful speakers during the 12 weeks course.

Completion of the program will be on Feb. 9 during Boy Scout Week, when a dinner will be held at the Western Cafe in Gardena for families and friends of the Scouts.

At that time each speaker will give a graduation talk. The Toastmasters will award each graduate a certificate and the best speaker will receive a grand trophy.

During the month of January the boys will visit a Toastmasters Club, during a regular scheduled meeting to see the Toastmasters in action.

Boys participating are as follows:
Barry Alexander, Charles Brugnola, Mike Clifford, Pete Conley, John Cross, John D'Aloia Eric, Edmonson, Don Oldt, Tommy Ono, Dick Turcott, Jim Fagot, Bobby Gmur, and Bobby Jones;

Ron Kennedy, Jim Jones, Dennis Kennedy, George Hill, Ricky Landwehr, Jerry Weeks, and Billy Kilfer.

TORRANCE CENTRAL LITTLE LEAGUE SPONSORS DANCE

The Torrance Central Little League Mothers' Club is sponsoring a benefit dance to be held at the Torrance American Legion Hall on Feb. 27.

The purpose of this benefit is to raise funds for badly needed equipment for the league.

Door prizes will be given and a portable television set will be raffled off. Dance tickets are available at \$1 per person.

The Mother's Club is hoping for city wide support on this project

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1. Established grape vines can be pruned now, or within the next several weeks. You can be kind by being severe with them, but just make sure you are pruning for best yield of fruit. If in doubt, see your C.A.N. nurseryman.
2. Spraying peach trees now will keep them happy through the coming year. Ask your local C.A.N. nurseryman to recommend the spray.
3. Plant pansies and violas for some late winter color. Calendulas are another good bet now, being at their best in cool weather.
4. Cyclamen are for the gardener who would like some quick (and bright) winter color in his garden, or in his home.
5. Gladiolas can be planted at two or three-week intervals to provide a long succession of bloom.

Obituaries

GEORGIANA DUMAS

Requiem High Mass will be sung at the Nativity Catholic Church Monday morning at 9 for Mrs. Georgiana Oliva Dumas, 65, who resided at 21926 S. Vermont Ave. Mrs. Dumas died at her home Friday after residing here for six years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ida Wilson and Mrs. Anita Jacobsen of Torrance and Mrs. Yvonne Hanscom of Downey; a son, Phillis Dumas of Massachusetts; and seven grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at the Halvesson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel this evening. Interment

in All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach, will follow tomorrow's final rites.

JACKIE VAN CAMP

Services are pending at Halvesson-Leavell Mortuary for Jackie Van Camp, 21, of 5126 Pacific Coast Highway, who died Friday at a Torrance hospital.

Miss Van Camp came to Torrance in 1951, attended and graduated from Torrance High School, and attended El Camino College before illness forced her to drop out in her first year.

She is survived by her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Van Camp, of the same address.

SARAH E. KITCHING

Funeral services for Sarah E. Kitching, 87, of 17203 South Arlington Ave., were held Friday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel, Hardin & Flanagan Mortuary, 635 S. Prairie Ave., Inglewood.

Mrs. Kitching was a native of Dunksburg, Mo., and has been a resident of this area for more than 30 years. She died at Harbor General Hospital following a lingering illness. Much of her early life was spent in Washington before coming to Southern California.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Rose Enstrom of Torrance, Mrs. Arlene Wolsum of Los Angeles, Mrs. Laura Low Miller, and Mrs. Willa Duncan of Washington; two sons, Robert Kitching of Oregon, and James Kitching of Missouri; and two brothers, Lester LaRue and Earl, both of Arizona. Also surviving her are 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery.
Brigadier General Archibald Henderson, USMC, often called the "Father of the Marine Corps," served as the Corps' leader from Oct. 17, 1820 until Jan. 6, 1859.

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