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"WE WANT A PICTURE!" . . . Officers of the Harbor General Hospital Chapter of the L. A. County Employees Association have a little fun "playing movie" before turning the \$800 projector over to Hospital Director Alfred L. Thomas (standing) to be used in the TB ward

which holds 250 patients. The gift represents the association's Christmas project. Seen from front to back are: (r) Betty Henning, vice chairman; Anita Goza, director; D. Wright, chairman; (l) Trudy Eustace, director; Mary Callison, secretary; and Arthur Boyce, treasurer.

## Notables Meet New Commander

Over fifty harbor area civic leaders and their wives were dinner guests of the San Pedro Naval Supply Depot's Boosters Association last Tuesday evening, December 22. Purpose of the dinner, sponsored by the boosters' board of directors, was to introduce the depot's new commanding officer, Capt. Paul W. Clarke, to leaders in the area.

Included in the guest list were Mayor Mervin Schwab, Councilman John Gibson Jr., the Honorable Cecil King, and editors of Torrance newspapers. Many of those present received honorary membership cards in the Boosters Association, a group dedicated to promoting worthwhile community efforts.

Directors who sponsored the dinner were Joseph Wilson, Ralph Talley, Alta Boston, George Richardson, Elmer Polten, and Bud Hanson.

IF YOU have a Bible creed, it is well; but is it filled out and inspired by Christian love? —J. F. Brodie.

## A-S Park Team Downs Belvedere

The Girls' volleyball team traveled to Belvedere Park in East Los Angeles Wednesday night, December 16, to play against the Belvedere Girls' team. They played 2 out of 3 games with the Avalon-Sepulveda Park team coming out on the winning side. The first game was taken by Belvedere by the score of 21-17. The second game was better for the local park by a score of 21-10. The third and deciding game was again taken by the local team by the score of 21-19. The last game was the best game of the night and was a nip and tuck battle all the way to the finish.

Girls who played for the local park Wednesday night were: Anna Hopper, Karen Hull, Barbara Cornelson, Marlys Gasser, Sherry Felt, Audrey Weitkrecht, Dorothy Gelle, Lindy Litten, Norma Arrington, and Lorna Kelly. Mrs. Charles Turner helped with transportation and rooting.

Basketball practice will start Saturday, December 19 at 4 p.m. Also practices will be held Monday and Wednesday of next week at 10 a.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m., with a basketball tournament being held during the week of Dec. 28-31.

## HOSPITAL

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and there was something appropriate for all of them.

Santa Claus combined with this trip errands to the TB wards and old people's wards on which he had been sent by San Pedro and Torrance groups who donated the following gifts: Crescent Catering Co., cigars and candy; S. P. Supply Depot, Welfare and Recreation Committee, cigars; S. P. Market, candy; A & P Grocery, candy; American Legion, cigars; Stewart's Cafe, cigars; Navy Supply Depot employees, cigars and American War Mothers who distributed packages to the children.

Santa distributed 125 bars of candy and 175 packages of cigars to the 384 adult patients in the 14 wards.

## MINISTERIAL

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Verdes peninsula a residential district:

"A large number of people identified with churches of this community reside in these areas and bought their homes under the distinct impression that it would be reserved for all times for residential purposes only. Indeed, parts of Palos Verdes Estates have been offered for sale and advertised as representing country living at its best. To open this area to industry would appear to be a definite violation of a moral principle."

The San Pedro Ministerial association represents churches of all faiths in the harbor city.

## DEAR EDITOR . . .

The Community Methodist Church  
3646 Newton Street  
Walteria, California  
December 19, 1953

Editor  
Torrance Press  
Torrance, California  
Dear Sir:

I wish to express my appreciation for your correction of a statement in your paper of December 17, regarding an article about Bishop Oxnam, appearing in the December 10 issue.

Many of the citizens in America are failing to apply Christian understanding and intelligent interpretation to the real threat to our American freedom.

Our basic liberty is the freedom of thought and the freedom to express that thought. Your own paper is a witness to that fact. When we begin to deny certain of our citizens that freedom because we do not agree with them, or because we have misunderstood them, we set the precedent for others to someday deny our own freedom of thought and expression because our ideas of religion, or politics, or economic security may be different from theirs.

Bishop Oxnam is one of the few religious leaders in America who understands the threats to our civil liberties and have the courage to expose them.

Sincerely yours,  
Gene M. Gehres, (minister)

P.S. I hope that this article submitted by Walteria Baptist church for the December 10 issue will not cause your paper to discriminate against that church in any way.

I regret their attitude, but it is your paper's responsibility as to what the public reads in it, not those who submit the articles.

Thank you again for correcting a statement that slipped by those who prepared your copy for print. (Editor's note: The Torrance Press is grateful for this letter from Rev. Gehres. He has expressed a very basic truth. His letter is as generous as the truth which he has expressed. We wish and hope that there are others who think and act as he does).

## 234th-Moneta To Get Signs

Boulevard stop signs will be placed on 234th Street and Moneta Avenue in the Wilmington District, following the action of Supervisor Burton W. Chace Tuesday.

On Chace's recommendation the Board of Supervisors ordered stop signs on 234th Street at its intersection with Mehden Avenue and Moneta Avenue. Stop signs will be placed on each side of Moneta Avenue at its intersection with 234th Street.

Chace's action was in answer to a request of the Los Angeles City Board of Education for such traffic signs to protect school children in the district, the Supervisor announced.

## 'All Quiet' Over Holiday

The holiday week-end in Torrance was a quiet one as far as fires or arrests were concerned. The fire department did not have to go out on any calls resulting from faulty Christmas decorations and the safe holiday week-end was attributed to the fine cooperation of merchants and Christmas tree salesmen with the fire department, according to Fire Chief J. J. Benner.

Fourteen persons were arrested on charges of drunkenness by Torrance police, according to Police Chief John Strohn. No serious accidents were reported over the holiday week-end.

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## P-TA HOLDS YULE PARTY

The executive board of 186th Street P-TA met at the school Monday, December 7, to discuss plans for the annual Christmas party which was held on December 18.

Mrs. P. Donaher, welfare chairman, reported the P-TA had purchased one pair of glasses for a child in need.

Mrs. James McMillen, president, attended the presidents' club meeting held December 1 at the home of Mrs. Charles Dupuy, Wilmington, and the Tenth District meeting held at Garfield High School, Los Angeles, on December 3.

One Hundred Eighty-sixth Street P-TA were hostesses at the Gardena-Wilmington Council meeting, held at Gardena Community center, Friday, December 11. There was a 50-cent gift exchange.

The regular pot luck luncheon was held December 16 at 11:40 a.m.

NOTHING IS so good as it seems beforehand. —George Eliot.

## College Gets 'Club' Row

Adding a new touch to the El Camino college campus will be a row of benches called "Club Row" which will lead from the Administration building to the nearby Social Science building. The row will run parallel to Crenshaw boulevard.

Ten in number, the benches are being purchased by various campus organizations. The name of the contributing club will be inscribed on the back of each bench.

To date, two organizations have purchased benches for the new project. They are the Future Business Leaders of America and the Chi Gamma Iota fraternity, a veterans social group.

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