

**A-S Park Girls' Club Holds Pot-Luck Dinner**

The Avalon-Sepulveda Parks Girls' Club held its Christmas party Friday, December 18. The girls had a pot-luck dinner at Dorothy Gelle's house to start the evening off. Following the dinner the girls went to the show and saw "Flight to Tangier" and "Tumbleweed." After the show the girls retired to Dorothy Gelle's house for a slumber party.

Girls who attended the party were: Audrey Weitknecht, Anna Hopper, Dorothy Gelle, Sharon Acton, Marlene Payne, Norma Arrington, Lindy Litten, Diane Murphy, Nancy Betancourt, Lorna Kelly, and Judy Gain. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner.

**Pvt. Wagner In Austria**

Pvt. James A. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Wagner, 220 Harbor Hills, Lomita, is now serving in Austria with the 350th Infantry Regiment.

Private Wagner, who entered the Army last June, arrived in Europe through the Leghorn Port of Embarkation on November 25 after a 12-day ocean voyage from New York aboard the USNS Geiger. He was formerly stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

**LONG CUSTOMS** are not easily broken; he that attempts to change the course of his own life very often labors in vain. —Johnson.

**LONGREN ENTERTAINS**

All of the orphans from the Children's Baptist Home of Southern California were entertained in traditional Christmas fashion by the Longren Aircraft Company of Torrance on the afternoon of December 23.

Workers borrowed the spirit of the last few pages of Dickens' A Christmas Carol to help them express the true meaning of the holidays. The party was a family affair for all Longren associates, their wives and children — who in turn were hosts to the children from the orphanage.

Longren Associates appointed themselves godparents to these children, and went all out to see that they had a Merry Christmas, not for just this year, but every Christmas for years to come.

The party had all the traditional trimmings—a big tree, Santa Claus with special presents for each child, and a big cookie house for them to take back to the Children's Baptist Home.

There were large Christmas stockings stuffed with hams and cheeses and other goodies for every Longren family, and a big buffet luncheon for every body. Some of the children of Longren Associates came dressed as choir boys to lead the time was also bonus time at Longren.

**TO SPONSOR CUB PACK**

Perry School P-TA voted to sponsor the new cub pack being organized in the school district at the group's December 17 meeting at the school auditorium.

Other business consisted of the appointment of Mrs. Isabelle Wagner as auditor. Robert Dunbar will be the cub scout representative on the P-TA board.

Mrs. Sylvia Arnold, 5th grade teacher, presented a tape recording of a Christmas skit prepared by her class. Mrs. Kenneth McVey read two poems. Christmas carols were led by Mrs. Betty O'Brien, accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Hanlon.

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MRS. HAMPDEN WENTWORTH and her daughter, Francisca, of Palos Verdes Estates, prepared a traditional cookie and candy house full of treats for the orphans of the Children's Baptist Home of Southern California. The children were entertained at a Christmas party given by Mr. Wentworth's factory, Longren Aircraft.

**200 Children, 75 Parents Attend Christmas Party**

The Christmas parties held at Avalon-Sepulveda Park were successful from the point of view of the children and of the Avalon-Sepulveda Park Recreation Council. For the preschool party on Friday morning, there were over 200 children and about 75 parents. The children carried on a semblance of the regular preschool class until 10; and behold there was Santa Claus being driven across the park. He was besieged. Of course the younger children were very happy to see him but yet, he was different than any one they had ever seen, and on a closer inspection they weren't so sure they wanted to sit on his knee or even talk to him.

**Huge Crowd**  
The crowd for the children's party on Saturday at 2 p.m. was quite a bit larger. Almost a thousand children were there. The party began with some of the children on the park giving their interpretation of Christmas. The master of ceremonies was Richard Gilman who introduced the other players, Pat Barb, Barbara Van Der Weyden, Bobby Barb, John Morrison, Billy Buchroeder, Fred Watt, Anna Jean Rainwater, Tommy Rainwater, and Bobby Jo Rainwater.

Games were played by all the children over 5 years. While they were playing, Santa Claus came and heard their wishes. The older children weren't hesitant about letting Santa know their desires and wishes. Each child attending received a gift and candy cane from Santa. Gifts and candy canes were donated by the Avalon-Sepulveda Park Recreation Council who along with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation sponsored the Christmas party.

Credit should also be given to Elmer Goss for donating the lights for the Christmas tree, the Villa Merchants for helping obtain Santa, VFW No. 9888 Auxiliary for the help at the party and their money donation, the Dominguez Water Corporation for their donation of money and the Girls' Teen-Age Club for the assistance in preparing the ornaments, the party equipment, and the Avalon Village Corporation for their money donation.

Those who donated their personal services for both parties were: Frances Samelak, Dorothy Hollyfield, Jewel Foster, Marge Kuykendall, Alice Miller, Betty Stepp, William Allen, Lois Bergman, Madeline South, Roger Franklyn, Joe Phipps, Audrey Weitknecht, Lorna Kelly, Judy Gain, and Diane Murphy.

**FIRELADIES WILL MEET**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department will hold their first meeting of the year at McMaster Hall, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. La Vonnia Russell, newly installed president, will preside.

Business for the evening will consist of a revision of the by-laws and planning a program for the new year.

The Fireladies will welcome new members. Mesdames Robert Ward and Ernest Katzorke. Refreshments will follow.

**THE BELIEF** that youth is the happiest time of life is founded on a fallacy. The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts, and we grow happier as we grow older.—Pheps.

**Gardena-Wilmington Council Sees Play**

That there is an abundance of hidden talent in every community, became evident during the meeting and Christmas party of the Gardena-Wilmington Council held recently at the Gardena Community center.

Council members and friends were entertained with a drama, "And You Never Know." The play, a parent education production, centered around the efforts of a mother and a father who were trying to cope with frustrations, created by their daughter. It depicted the need for understanding and good parent-child relations.

**Cast**  
Don Mario, director of Gardena's Little Theater Groups, directed the production. Mother Hollis, was played by Sylvia Baldwin, Amestoy P-TA; father Hollis was portrayed by Ed Hubbard, superintendent of Gardena Recreation and Parks and Maggie Hollis, the daughter, was played by Laura Boener, Amestoy P-TA.

Another program highlight was special Christmas music presented by the 156th Street P-TA Chorists, directed by Mrs. Charles Ball, council music chairman.

**New Appointments**  
Business conducted by Mrs. Michael Foxhoven, council president, included the resignation of Mrs. James A. Gauley, as parliamentarian and Mrs. Martin Hulse as television chairman. Ratified to fill the vacancies were Mrs. Harry Rhodes, parliamentarian and Mrs. Norman England, television chairman.

**Awards**  
Mrs. John DeBoer, council parent education chairman announced the results of the recent Tenth District "PEP" (parent education promotion) Fair. Participation awards were presented to the following P-TA units: Amestoy, Carson Street, Catskill Avenue, Chapman Avenue, Del Amo, Dolores Street, 156th Street, 186th Street and 232nd Place. Other awards were: child appeal gimmicks, first place to 156th Street; parent appeal gimmicks, second place to 186th Street; parent appeal posters, three tied for first place. Amestoy, Catskill Avenue and Del Amo; child appeal posters, third place to Dolores Street; parent appeal skit, second place to Amestoy. Gardena-Wilmington Council was awarded second place for outside publicity and third place for council participation.

**Guests**  
Principal guests included Mrs. Lawrence Lobach, Tenth District Harbor regional director, Marky Shultz, director women and girls activities, Gardena Recreation and Parks and elementary school principals: Miss Hilda Jellison, Mrs. Dorothy-Jean Higgins, Mrs. Olga Fleming, Guy Holliday, Mrs. Irene Lucas, Mrs. Odes Vans, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Carl Carter, Ross Hancock, J. Wearre Pearson and Mrs. Alice Pitcher.

Following the general session, members of the 186th Street P-TA prepared and served a Italian spaghetti dinner at tables made festive with jolly Santa cloths and other colorful decorations carrying

**'Y'-KIDS TAKE FIELD TRIPS**

Sign ups are still being taken for the YMCA Christmas fun club for boys 8½ through 14. The boys visited the Helms Bakery and Foundation on Venice Blvd., followed by an hour's swim at the San Pedro YMCA recently.

On Wednesday the 23 boys took a trip to Angels Flight Railroad and China Town and finished the day with an hour swim at the San Pedro YMCA. For Monday, December 28 a trip through the U. S. Naval Base at Long Beach was arranged with a conducted tour through the Submarine U.S.S. Sawfish. This trip was followed by a swim at the YMCA. The snow trip for today, Tuesday, December 29, will be held if snow arrives or there will be an all day trip to one of the nearby interesting places.

The International Airport will be the destination for the Wednesday, December 30 trip followed by a short excursion through the county museum, followed by a swim at San Pedro YMCA.

Reservations can be made by calling the Torrance YMCA. FA. 8-1272.

**PLAYERS HOLD BUFFET SUPPER**

A pot-luck buffet supper, arranged by the Woman's Club members who participated in the Christmas play, was held at the home of Mrs. John Oursler, 4101 Via Cardelia in Palos Verdes December 16. The cast presented gifts to Mrs. W. C. Boswell, director of the play, and her assistant, Mrs. M. A. Bauman for their efforts in making the play a success.

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