

Adopted Baby Brightens Christmas for Coopers

Baby 8 Weeks Old Arrives on Dec. 23

This past Christmas was an especially festive holiday for the R. A. Coopers who reside at 1318 Greenwood avenue, for included in their family Yule celebration was R. A. Cooper, Jr., who arrived via an Ingewood adoption agency on December 23 to brighten the Cooper household with his red-headed 8-week-old charm.

MRS. LLOYD VACATIONS AT DYERS'

Down from Santa Barbara for the holiday fortnight was Mrs. K. W. Lloyd, who spent the respite from her duties as head resident at the girls' dorm at UC visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Lou Dyer's Onrado street home.

Before returning to Santa Barbara, Beverly complimented her mother with a tea last Thursday. Included in the group of guests were Mesdames W. C. Boswell, C. Cribbs, Paul Harestad, William Crocker, R. Norman, Phil Patton, Ray Otteson, George Hurley, and Henry Burrows.

Others feting Mrs. Lloyd were Mesdames Edward Cantie, Kenneth Perkin, W. W. Jackson, Ralph King, William McDade, Robert Hagenbaugh, and Jack Klinzing.

Coming from Monterey Park for the tea and joining the Dyers and Mrs. Lloyd for dinner were Beverly's mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mesdames Lydia Aguirre and W. Solis.

Larry Martz Ends Visit With Parents

Larry Martz has returned to the San Diego Naval Training Station after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Grimm of 1632 West 222nd street.

Larry is a Narbonne High graduate, and was first master counselor of the recently organized Lomita Chapter of DeMolay.



HAPPY PARENTS: are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cooper, who received their little adopted son two days before Christmas. Here Papa Cooper, who is a Boy Scout troop leader, entertains his tiny 8-week-old stepson with a wooly bear.

The Coopers, who have been married for eleven years, started the negotiations for adoption nearly a year ago, in January of '54 to be exact. Mrs. Cooper was afflicted with polio as a child, and could never hope for any children of her own. However, the little adopted son is the only boy in the family, as Mrs. Cooper's sister who lives across the street has four girls, and Mr. Cooper's sister has little 1½-year-old Kathy who, incidentally, bears a striking resemblance to her adopted cousin.

Prepared for Newcomer Although the family had no idea just when the baby would arrive, Mrs. Cooper quit her job at Northrup over a month ago to prepare for the newcomer, and be on hand when the phone rang. Her mother, Mrs. F. A. Wells, was optimistic however, as to the baby's arrival in time for Christmas. In her home at 18100 Bailey drive, she especially decorated the tree and had presents on hand for her expected grandchild.

Family Resemblance Mrs. Wells, who is as excited over her new adopted grandson as are his foster parents, remarked on the striking resemblance the boy has to his stepfather. She explained how the adoption agencies make notes of nationality, and in this case the Coopers, who are of Scandinavian descent, received a baby of like descent, his reddish hair resembling that of members of the Cooper family.

There is little question that Junior Cooper will be an outstanding Boy Scout, as his stepfather is troop leader of Boy Scout troop 315.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kezar of 141 W. 220th street, Torrance, were among the delegates who

LOCAL MOOSE PLAN HOEDOW ON SATURDAY

Square dancing and western style music will be the theme of a party and dance, open to the public, to be held at the Torrance Moose lodge on Saturday, January 8, at 8:30 p.m. James Stiles, committee chairman, announced this week.

Stiles also announced that the lodge would continue a policy established during the latter months of 1954, presenting dancing at the lodge hall every Saturday night, during the coming year.

A regular orchestra, as contrasted with western bands, will provide music for dancing on Saturday, January 15.

FESTIVE PARTY HELD ON HAGENBAUGH PATIO

A neighborhood get-together highlighted New Year's Eve for Jean and Bob Hagenbaugh, who hosted several couples to cocktails, dancing, and buffet in their patio at 1011 Felbar avenue.

With the festive spirit enhanced by the warm glow of a log fire in the open hearth, over twenty couples enjoyed the Hagenbaugh hospitality in the spacious bamboo-enclosed patio.

Included in the group dancing to popular recordings were Eleanor and Myron Wilmore, Donna and Galen Trussell, the Maurice Galyardts, Lucille and Mike Gontas, Mildred and Bill McDade, the Glenn Keltys, the Woody Stromans, Buck and Margaret Newsum, the Frank Kellys, the Ted Melers, Barbara and Ed Rankin, and Patsy and Jimmy Lee.

More in the happy group were Elmer and Ilsa Moody, Marian and Bill Eide, the Harry Hughes, Claire and Al Armitstead, and Al's brother and his wife, the Roy Armitsteads from Seattle, the John D'Ornellas, the Bill Staffs, and Harley and Lorraine Berning.

At the first session of the group Pauline Greer was chosen temporary chairman. Others present included Misses Nell Colburn, chairman of the Torrance branch; Olive Marshall, Lois Gongwer, Connie Antokol, Evelyn Clark, and Mesdames Anna Branum, Janice Young, and Charlotte Lukes.

Friends Bid Farewell To Don Moyers Nadine and Don Moyer were feted at a surprise farewell gathering last Sunday at the 1219 Fonthill avenue home of Berle and Fred Folts. The Moyers are moving from Torrance to Claremont near San Diego, which is a big event for Nadine, who was born and raised in Torrance.

Signatures on the card enclosed with a planter presented to the Moyers included the host and hostess, Joe and Dolores Saba, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lennartz, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lippoldt, the Ed Vangs, the Bill Foxes, Marcella Smith, and Clay Starr.

Also present at the gathering were Nadine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paour, Jr., and the Moyer children, Christine and Doug.

During their stay here visitors to the Rogers home included the Everett Holstins of Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick and daughter Joanne and the B. Bernards and daughter Joleen of Hemet, and J. C. Burton and Robert McConkey of Whittier.

Also visiting during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers and son Dwayne of Wilmington, John R. Stewart of Long Beach, and Carl Peele of Torrance.

Johnson's Host Leland P-TA Board at Party The annual Leland P-TA executive board Christmas party was held this year at the home of Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Tuesday evening, December 28, with Mrs. Rosario Giacalone, assisted by Misses Jack Pike, Ben Scott, Donald Ault and John Vidnes, preparing the refreshments. Games were prepared by Mrs. Charles Short, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Gargan, and Mrs. Brazell. Each member brought a \$1 gift for herself and another for her husband if he attended, for exchange.

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Frank Armours of Lomita Feted on 50th Anniversary

Commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary recently were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armour of 1922 W. 159th place, Lomita. Family and friends gathered at a reception in their honor at which the couple greeted more than 100 guests, including a brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Armour of Berkeley, and a long-time friend, Mrs. Annie Coward of Richmond.

FIRELADIES APPOINT CHAIRMEN

The first meeting of 1955 was held by the Torrance Fireladies in the Civic Defense Building recently, and newly-elected president, Mrs. Milton Langum also conducted her first meeting as head of the group.

Appointed committee chairmen for the coming year were Mrs. Ivan Kettering, hospitality; and Mrs. Harlan Whitacre, cards and flowers.

Included in the plans of the group are two potluck dinners for the firemen, with Mesdames Robert Katzorke and William Russell in charge of the B shift, and Mesdames James Wass and William Stonecker conducting the A shift. The date has not been set, but tentative plans indicate a time close to Valentine's Day.

Reporting on the Christmas basket given to a needy family, and conveying the family's thanks, was Mrs. Robert Moffitt.

During the session, Fireladies and their guests took a visual trip from Los Angeles to the Yukon via colored slides, shown by Mr. De Bra.

Guests included Mesdames Gordon T. Clarke and Eugene K. Walker. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Langum and James C. Wass.

NEW YORK KIN VISITING

A family reunion was enjoyed by the Jack Dabbs family over the New Year as his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Love arrived from Utica, New York, to spend the holiday and join the family at a dinner party in the Dabbs' Juniper avenue home.

Other family members present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dabbs of Gardena, Jack's brother, Emmett Dabbs of Torrance and a family friend Steve Gleba.

On New Year's Eve the New York visitors will meet friends of Jack and Margaret, as the Dabbs hold the traditional open house.

VISITORS LEAVE

Former Torrance residents, the Charles Oleniks, left Monday for their home in Phoenix after spending the holidays with Ruth and Phil Patton at their 905 Cranbrook avenue home.

New Year's Eve the Pattons and the Oleniks spent a quiet congenial evening at home with Torrance friends, the Norman Waynes and the F. Conrads.

P-TA MEETING

The Torrance Council P-TA board will hold a meeting on Tuesday morning, January 11, at 10 a.m. in the administration building of the Board of Education on Del Amo boulevard.

STEINBERGS HOST NEW YEAR PARTY

Hosting a group of friends and neighbors in their 1215 Kornblum home on New Year's Eve were Bernie and Bill Steinberg.

Watching the celebrations on television, and dancing in the slick new rumpus room the Steinbergs recently added to their charming home, were Jean and Ken Nelson, the Robert Kildays, Pat and Tom Thornton, the Ed Vangs, Clay and Bill Starr, Dolores and Joe Saba, the Bill Foxes, and Alene and Otto Lippoldt.

Following the midnight festivities, the group enjoyed a buffet supper.

Dance Class Slated By Y-Wives

The Y-Wives will begin the new year's activities with a modern dancing class at 9:30 a.m. Friday, January 7, at the YWCA building, 2320 Carson street. Miss Anne Douglas, popular choreographer, will lead the exercise and dance session, open to all YWCA members.

The recent elections resulted in a tie for the office of president. A run-off vote is scheduled for this Friday after the dance class. All members are asked to come to again specify their choice.

Nominated were Mrs. F. E. Inman and Mrs. Warren Randall. Officers elected were Mrs. Robert E. Slothower for vice president; Mrs. William M. Weet, secretary and Mrs. Robert Drendel, treasurer.

On Friday morning, January 14, an installation brunch is being planned to honor the new officers.

Any woman in the community is invited to join the Torrance branch of this international organization.

TV PARTY

Enjoying refreshments while watching the Rose Bowl game over TV at the John Moores' 809 Cranbrook avenue home were Rhoda and Robert Major, Joane and Clyde Anderson, the Tom Fentons and the Ray Ottesons.

Following their viewing of the big New Year's Day event, the group enjoyed a spaghetti dinner prepared by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Scanlon, of 700 Elvira St., announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Lynn, weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces.

Christmas Baby Arrives For Stocomb Family

A bright little Yule package was Christopher Joseph Stocomb, who weighed in at Torrance Memorial Hospital on Christmas Day at 7 pounds, 13 ounces. He arrived at 1:10 p.m. to gladden the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Stocomb, of 1317 Florwood avenue, Torrance.

Little Christopher's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stocomb of 207 South Helberta, Redondo Beach, and his maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Douglas of Bakersfield.

His father is employed at the General Telephone Company.

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