

Films, Balloons, Prizes Mark Birthday Festivity

Robert A. Emma Jr. of 1309 Maple ave. celebrated his ninth birthday Saturday, April 23. Abbott and Costello films were shown, and balloons, horns, and paper hats were distributed after the prizes were awarded for the games.

Those participating were: Stephen Fuller, Jimmy King, Bruce Corder, Wyatt Strohman, Bobby Hoff, Barton Otteson, Clark Osborne, Randy Bell, Jimmy Zanthakis, and cousins, Stephen and Glen Cardarelli of Lakewood.

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DISTRICT P-TA MEETING . . . An executive board meeting of the 33rd district, California Congress of Parents and Teachers was held in Torrance Monday. Looking over the agenda are (l-r) Mrs. A. C. Turner, district financial secretary (Torrance); Mrs. H. A. Spurgin, 33rd district president; and Mrs. E. W. Ingram, 1st vice-president (Torrance council).

33rd District P-TA Board Holds 1-Day Meeting Here

The executive board of the 33rd District of the Calif. Congress of P-TA met at the Torrance high school auditorium on Monday, April 25 with members present from the many councils in the district which extends from Santa Monica, south around the bay area to Long Beach and north to Whittier.

Miss Norma Whiteside, nursing consultant for the Bureau of Public Health Nursing, State of Calif. Dept. of Health attended the meeting in her capacity as advisory board member. There are five of these members chosen from the public at large to serve on each district advisory board.

Luncheon was served at the Methodist church to approximately 80 women, with Mrs. Earl Orr, 7th vice president introducing the chairman who serve under her as health chairman. Bruce Wagner, principal of the high school and Dr. J. Hull, Supt. of the Torrance Schools were guests of honor.

The first annual convention of the 33rd District was held on April 21 in Whittier. Revision of the By-laws and election of officers were the important matters of business of the meeting.

Mrs. A. C. Turner who serves as financial secretary of the 33rd District was credentials

Y-Teens Sell Potato Chips During National Y Week

With the theme "Forever Young and Brave" National YWCA Week will be observed in The Harbor District YWCA from April 24 to 30.

The Y-teens in the Torrance and Lomita area are using this week as a springboard for their annual Potato Chip Sale to be held in local markets from April 20 until May 2.

Locally the chip sale will be headed by Mrs. Helen Benton, Girl chairman for the Torrance-Lomita area are: Linda Wiese, Betas; Jean Brimley, Debs; Kathy Curtiss, Deltas; Patricia Elliott, Coquettes; Jean Northey, Torrettes; Madlyn Hanson, Hi-Toppers; Betty Yoshiaka, Silhouettes; and Patricia Hogan, Demoiselles.

Funds raised by this sale of 39c packages of Bell Brand Potato Chips will be used to help send girls to the Asilomar Leadership conference for senior high school girls and to the junior high school conference at Camp Tahquitz Meadows.

Y-Teen clubs meeting this week are: The Betas on Monday, with Jackie Zittle as president and Mrs. Orvil Snow as advisor, and the Demoiselles with Pat Hogan as president and Mrs. Ruth Kulp as advisors. On Tuesday three clubs meet: The Hitoppers, Sharon Blacklesley, president and Mrs. B. H. Smith and Mrs. L. M. Pancher, advisors; Coquettes, Diane Bledsoe, president, Mrs. Harold Bledsoe, advisor; and the Torrettes, who are having a cosmetic demonstration. Jean Northey is the president, while Mrs. Arie Blackman is the advisor.

The Debs, with Jean Brimley as president and Mrs. Joseph Rogan as advisor met on Wednesday, while the Mombalecas, with Mary Melgosa as president and Alic Hammond as advisor meets today, Thursday.

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BIRD FARM VISITED BY BROWNIES

Brownie Troop 758 spent a recent field trip at the Walteria bird farm. The girls were fascinated by the many lovely and unusual birds and fishes but the monkeys caused the most laughs. Those who attended were Susan Tenny, Sheila Weirich, Ruth Scott, Celia Sawyer, Dona Kincannon, Kathy Kepley, Linda Holloway, Rea Lu Groover, Peggy Gerhart, and Connie Chitwood.

Others were Lynne Cole, Judy Campbell, Pamela Berky, Cathy Chitwood and Patsy Gerhart. Co-leaders Mmes. Paul Gerhart, Vern Berky and C. R. Chitwood accompanied the girls.

Home Blessing Tea at Grogan Home

A home blessing and silver tea was held April 17 at the home of Mrs. Ann Grogan, 624 Cota avenue, with the Rev. Mr. Arthur E. Bello, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church officiating at the blessing held at 3 p.m.

The blessing of a new home is a church practice which has been in effect for many years. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Grogan; Mrs. Marvin Harris, her niece; members of St. Andrew's, and members of the Torrance Masonic Lodge.

Others present were Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pyatt, Mmes. Ralph Sprout, H. C. St. Martin, Wayne Norman, Clarence Andrews, M. Solomon, Walter Silence, Richard Sprout, A. E. Bello, and Arlynn Swenson, all of Torrance.

For the occasion Mrs. Grogan's home was decorated in white snowball flowers and red and yellow roses. The lovely silver service was complimented by the lace-covered tea table and red roses among tall white tapers.

Play to Highlight May Fellowship Day

Plans for May Fellowship Day on Friday, May 6, include a worship service and play bearing on the day's theme, "The Responsible Christian Family." These will be presented at the afternoon session at 1 p.m. to be held in the Methodist Church, 1551 E. El Prado, according to Mrs. Arthur G. Solomon, president of the Torrance Council of United Church Women. The business meeting will open at 10 a.m. and will hear a report from the nominating committee, Mrs. E. J. Hosking, chairman.

Rev. Don Shelby announces that rehearsals for the play indicate that it should bring out very effectively the theme of the day.

The cast will be: Frank, Don Shelby; Helen, Ruth (Mrs. John) Taylor; Bobby, Bob Mullen; and John, Herman Cobrea.

This drama of family life was commissioned by the United Church Women and prepared by the American Theater Wing for performances across the country this year.

"Point of Beginning" is a half-hour play which tells the story of a husband and wife, their 10-year-old son, and the effect a 17-year-old neighbor boy has on their lives at a moment of crisis.

A dramatic presentation of the ways in which parents, knowingly or unknowingly, teach their own values to children, the play was written by Nora Stirling after long consultation with family-life specialists.

It is intended to lead to discussion on ways of building character in children.

In addition to the play, a special worship service for May Fellowship Day will be presented. Mrs. H. C. St. Martin is in general charge of the afternoon program. Child care will be provided at the church from 10 a.m. until the close of the afternoon session at about 2:30 p.m.

Students in Dale Wickstrom's shop class at Meadow Park school made a "Meadow Park School" sign now standing in front of the school. The sign was presented to the school's P-TA.

On Friday the Silhouettes will meet under the leadership of Betty Yoshiaka with Betty Kissler, advisor.

In the adult department, the Streamliners held a potluck supper on Monday, April 25, at 5:30 at the YW, 2320 Carson.

Play at Festival

Accordianists from Bette Thomas studio, 1215 Crenshaw Blvd., were among many from this area participating in the dramatic musical program of the Accordion Festival under the auspices of the California Chapter of the Accordion Teachers Guild, in the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium, last Sunday, April 24.

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