

New Brownie Troop Holds Investiture

The newly organized Brownie Troop 2031 held investiture recently at Normandy Playground, with leaders Mmes. Laura Scurlock and Rose Rossi assisting.

Girls invested included Jo

Ann Allen, Barbara Bruck, Janice Kay Bruck, Jo Ann Butler, Dorothy Cake, and Gayle Duila.

More were Diane Fragoso, Sallie Lynne Leidt, Markey Mutchie, Nora Sue Patton, Susan Joyce Rossi, Mary Ellen Scurlock, Doreen Snyder, and Susan Watson.

The troop is sponsored by the American Legion Post 65.

Mr. and Mrs. John Theodore Hovis, of 1400 West 220th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Debra Rae Lynn, weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

P-TA Installs Officers In Patio Scene

With a flower garden theme, complete with rose-covered arbor and patio setting, the 1955-56 officers of the North Torrance P-TA were installed following the last meeting of the unit held recently in the school auditorium.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Lila Stevenson, 33rd District honorary life membership chairman, who was introduced to the association by Mrs. Robert Richter, assistant program chairman.

Following the installation, Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, outgoing P-TA president, presented Mrs. Robert Payne, president elect, with a president's pin. Mrs. Payne in turn, presented Mrs. Stoeckle with a past-president's pin.

To the strains of "Alice Blue Gown" the girls of the eighth grade presented a fashion parade, showing their handiwork for the year. Mrs. Charles Colston described the costume of each girl as she entered the patio through the rose arbor.

Several musical selections were presented by the seventh and eighth grade Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Darby Siegel and accompanied by Mrs. Frances Daigle.

Courtesy chairman, Mrs. Gordon Wood, reported that Jack Boyd's eighth grade and Mrs. Dorothy Goldsmith's kindergarten rooms won the prizes for having the most parents present.

Mrs. Porter Complimented At Potluck

A surprise potluck dinner brought by her bridge club feted Mrs. Carl L. Porter last Sunday afternoon. The occasion was Mrs. Porter's birthday, and included among the many tasty dishes brought to the Porter home at 1026 Elm avenue, were two birthday cakes, one yellow, and one chocolate.

Those joining to fete Mrs. Porter included Mrs. E. F. Dorschel and son Randall, Messrs. and Mmes. J. F. Wagner and Robert Shields, and Mmes. Floyd Day and Margaret Alexander, all of Los Angeles.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thorpe and Mrs. Ida Long of Hollywood, and Steven Graham of Long Beach.

Following the supper, the men watched the ball game on TV while the ladies played bridge. Those winning bridge prizes were Mmes. Shields, Day, and Thorpe.

High School P-TA Installs New Officers

New officers were installed at the last meeting of the season held recently by the Torrance high school P-TA in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. A. C. Turner was installing officer, as Mrs. J. L. Hinds assumed the post of P-TA president for the coming year. Mrs. Charles Curtiss is first vice-president, and Mrs. John

ROBBERY SUSPECT GUILTY

Charles Layton, 18, of Wilmington, pleaded guilty Friday to armed robbery of a service station at Arlington and 230th street April 6.

So did two juvenile accomplices, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

Victim of the robbery was Bert J. Smith of 1303 Fern avenue, who claims the trio made off with \$46.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Macee, of 3229 Newton St., announce the birth of a daughter, Billy Louise, weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Max Gutline, of 1047 E. Jay St., announce the birth of a daughter, Theresa Fay, weighing 6 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barker, Jr., of 4903 Arvada St., announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Louise, weighing 5 pounds and 15 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene J. Bailey, announce the birth of a son, Claude Wayne, weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces.

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Shea, second vice-president. The others are Mmes. Phil Humphreys, corresponding secretary; William School, recording secretary; Ross Dorsett, parliamentarian; Edward Rhone, historian; and Mr. Steffey, auditor. Max Will and Lena Malmstrom, foreign students now attending Torrance high school, spoke at the meeting, giving their impressions of life in this country, and a comparison of their native schools with those here.

Also on the program was a

demonstration of the year's work of the homemaking classes of Mmes. Anderson and Duke directed a style show in a French cafe atmosphere, with Babs Whitley serving as narrator.

Refreshments were prepared and served by the cooking classes under the supervision of Mrs. Betty McGown, and background music for the program was presented by music department students under the direction of Marty Baum.

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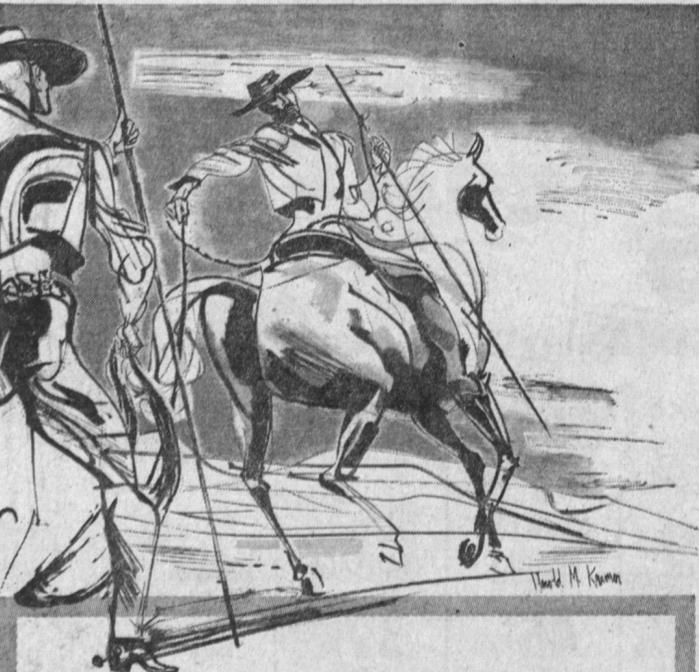
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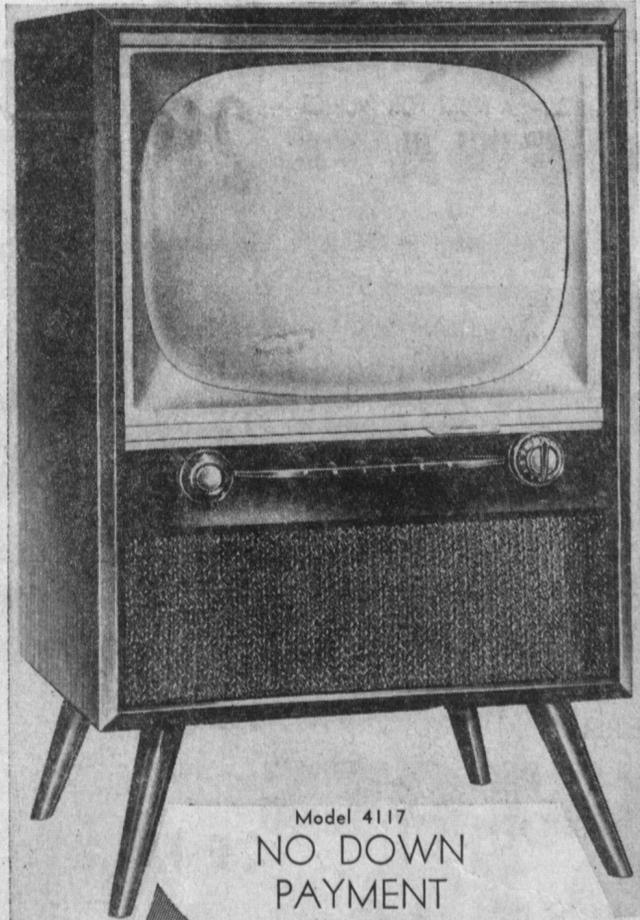
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