Fern Avenue Playground Program Set

The first 200 kids who turn out to register in the summer recreation program on the open-day at Fern avenue school this Monday, June 27, at 1 p.m., will be treated to balloons and candy suckers, all donated by a local market at Crenshaw and Torrance boulevard.

The Fern Avenue-Greenwood playground is staffed by Carolyn Chapman, leader; Bob Vassar and Mrs. Mina Gallo, directors, who extend an invitation to the parents to stop by and pay them a visit.

Melvin R. Cox of the Drive In Barber Shop, 21228 South Main street, Torrance, recently became a member of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

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MEET TWO LUCKY BUCKS

Violet and Harold Buck are looking forward to some well earned leisure upon their retirement from their respective jobs at the end of this month.

Violet has been an operator in the Torrance Office for many years and has undoubtedly connected quite a few of your calls. Upon her retirement she will have a total of thirty years of service with our company. While her service dates back to 1907, she took a few years off to take care of home duties, she has many memories of telephony in its infancy.

Harold has been with the Post Office for twenty-five years right here in Torrance. These were busy years for both of them, raising their two daughters and taking care of their home. Their daughters, Mrs. Katherine Quigley and Mrs. Grace Boscon, have good sized families of their own now. In fact the Bucks have six grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Now they will have time for enjoying their fine family, doing some fishing which they both enjoy, or anything else they wish. They have many interests. Harold Buck has been a baseballball umpire in the neighborhood sand-lot games and they both enjoy the game very much. He also is a good cook and baker and plans to take a course in cake-decorating. Violet shares her husband's interests, as he does her's. There isn't anything the one enjoys doing which the other doesn't like as well. They are looking forward to seeing some of those late, late, late TV shows, too. Getting up at 4:00 A.M. each week-day isn't conductive to that sort of thing. You folks have earned your leisure time and the people of Torrance are grateful for your years of service to the community. May your future be as rich and full of pleasure as the past has been in duty.

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Vacation at Montege Bay Enjoyed by Local Couple

In spite of late tropical storms bringing rain from lunch to dinner time Barbara and Carleton Nesbitt of North Torrance spent an idyllic week the first of June at the Montego Beach hotel at Montego Bay, Jamaica, B. W. I.

The Nesbitts left their 4047 West 175th place home on May 29 for their flight to New York and Havana, spending the weekend in the Cuban city before leaving for Jamaica.

Visits Telephone Office

Of special interest to Barbara, who works for the telephone company in Torrance, was the local telephone office in Jamaica. Company officials there were most hospitable, and showed the Nesbitts through the entire plant ,where, says Barbara, child labor laws apparently are non-existent. Girls working in the offices were 13 or 14-year-old natives, who appeared even younger, as the native children are small for their ages, Barbara said.

The Nesbitts were also impressed with the amount of weight the barefooted people carry on their heads . . . the native "British Bobbies" with their billy-clubs, directing traffic from bicycles . . . the Jamaican who taught them how to get the most benefit out of the morning sunshine without burning.

Young 'Goodwill Ambassador'

Upon visiting the market place, the Nesbitts became acquainted with a small boy from 8 to 10 years old who volunteered to take them through the interior of the vast mart. They found the vendors behind the outer fringe suspicious of American money, and when one refused the money for a coconut Barbara wanted to buy, the young guide graciously offered to pay for the nut out of his own pocket, refusing reimbursement.

There is fortunately for tourists in B. W. I., no language barrier, as the natives all speak English with a sharp British accent.

The hotel where the Nesbitts stayed is a delightful modern and spacious affair run on the American plan. Special rates were available to them inasmuch as Nesbitt works for Western Airlines. Right on the beach, and overlooking the bay, swimming was ideal with water temperature around 72 degrees, and the air about 78 degrees. A coral reef protects the beach from deep water denizens, providing a calm surf as well.

A true British colonist the big-mustached hotel manager, who wearing Bermuda shorts, greets the guests in the lobby and joins them in tea and crumpets during the afternoon.

Routed By Rats And Rain

Although the hotel was beautiful and modern, the heavy rains drove from the jungle into the lobby and lounge huge pack rats 12 inches long. After a week of the afternoon downpours, coupled with the jungle visitors, the Nesbitts decided to shorten their stay and return home to finish their vacation at Ensenada. During five sunny days at the Baja, California, resort, Nesbitt netted 100 pounds of yellowtail, or three large fish, which they froze and brought home.

However, Barbara will always remember, she says, the lovely room overlooking the beach at Montego Bay, and she will always cherish the exquisite beaded evening bag imported from India which she bought for the tiny sum of $4 in Jamaica.

P-TA Gavels Exchanged At Luncheon

The retiring P-TA presidents of Torrance Council presented their gavels to the incoming presidents at a luncheon meeting held recently at the Hollywood Riviera Club.

Those attending were Mesdames Ralph Eyestone and William Drake, Crenshaw; P. E. Mellor and Evelyn Sextan, El Nido; Eldon Morgan and T. E. Kelly, Evelyn Carr; R. E. Murphy and Paul Underwood, Fern Greenwood; Richard Heitmeyer, Hillside; Lee Polick and William Dickson, Howard Wood; H. M. Burrows, Madrona; Francis Stoeckle and Robert Payne, North Torrance; John Arensmeyer and Ray Dohner, Perry; Glen Grimsley, Riveria; Earl Welliver and Doyle French, Seaside; John Hinds, Torrance High and C. W. Johnson, Walteria.

A short business meeting followed at which the new presidents were instructed as to their duties by Torrance Council president, Mrs. W. A. Wright. Announcement was also made of District Day to be held the first week in October.

Board Luncheon

Meeting for fun, with no business on the agenda was the 1954-'55 executive board of the Seaside P-TA, as the members enjoyed luncheon at the Marineland restaurant recently.

During the affair, Mrs. Earl Welliver, outgoing president of the Seaside unit, was presented with a maple what-not and two milk glass pieces.

Seaside School Scene Of Court Of Awards, Fly-up

A Court of Awards and Fly up of Scouts from six Brownie Troops and two Intermediate groups was held on June 8 at Seaside elementary school auditorium.

The Flag Ceremony was led by girls from Scout Troop 1055, Brownie Troops 380, 1119, 913, 1591, 1652, and 1588 marched in with their leaders prior to the introduction of Miss Joanne Weller, of Los Angeles Council, southern office by Mrs. Elton English, who gave a brief talk on investigation.

Lighting of Candles

Lighting of three candles to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise was performed by Mrs. J. H. Boschma as she explained the significance of each part, and as she lit ten more candles the new Scouts repeated the Girl Scout laws.

The Brownie Wings were given to each girl as a symbol of their flyup by their leaders. Participating were Mrs. Robert Lusian, 1588; Mrs. Marion Terry 1652; Mrs. Warren Boggs 1591; and Mrs. Chas. J. Rotter 913; Mrs. Wm. Poser, 1119, and Mrs. E. Ray Walker 380.

Las Vecinas, who sponsors 380 and 913, gave money to the group to be used for wings and badges, also to help the Seaside-Walteria Association purchase books for their library.

Fly-ups Named

The Flyups were Susan Steele, Marion Bardeen, Mary Bristol, Cheryl Clemens, Nancy Slover, Linda Haley, Robin Cook, Pamela Terry, Sharon Moyer, Beatrice Alred, Jo Kay Louvier, Wanda Sullivan, Janet Ettinghauser, Jo Anne Taylor, Linda Seymour, Christine Boggs, Marie Heger, Barbara Lunsford, Lenora Bernauer, Kathy Faller, Bonie Johnson, Terry Woodard, Dolly Murry, Nancy Basil, Vichi McKay, Nell Cowart, Geryy Lawson, Carol Gaye.

Receiving Proficiency Badges from leaders, Mesdames Edith Jean, and W. M. Hadley of Troop 541, and Mesdames G. Hirtle and Joe Deeble of Troop 1055 were Linda Waterman, Carol Hadley, Jo Anne Terry, Carolyn Waddingham, Ardis Du Frene, Nelisse Keyes, Jacqueline Burk, Carol Buss, Sharee Ackerman, Lynn Morris, Carol Beutter, Shirley Jean.

Also Susanne Bach, Danna Berry, Hannah Boschma, Jo Ann Brizius, Kitty Cairns, Judy Courtney, Beanna Deeble, Nancy Drumwright, Nancy Faller, Susan Fitzgerald, Linda Henkels, Martha Hilliker, Karen Hirtle, Gay Hurst, Shelly Lessin, Karen Leverenz, Betsy Newborn, Marita Morris, Paulette Murray, Dorothy Ristine, Alana Rolfe, Leslie Seutter, Sally Shaffer, Peggy Whyte, and Susan Yerkes.

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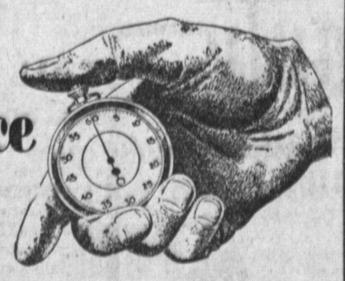

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PASTEL THEME . . . was used for the beautiful wedding Saturday morning in Nativity church of the former Miss Diane Schumert to Rudy Moreno. The wedding joined two pioneer families of the area, the bride being a third generation Californian whose great-grandmother came to the state via prairie schooner.

Pioneer Families Joined at Nuptials

Two local pioneer families were joined at the beautiful wedding of Miss Diane Marie Schumert to Rudy Moreno last Saturday morning in Nativity Catholic church. The 11 a.m. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Rev. Thomas Glynn as the strains of "Panis Angelicus," Schubert's "Ave Maria," and "On This Day," were played on the organ and sung by Mrs. Neil McConologue.

Third Generation Californian

The bride, a third generation Californian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Schumert of 911 Beech avenue, Torrance, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Moreno, Harbor area pioneers, who reside at 3702 252nd street in Walteria.

As she walked down the aisle on her father's arm, the bride looked radiant in her traditional white nuptial gown of imported lace and billowing nylon tulle. The long lily-pointed sleeves of lace were accentuated by tulle inserts, and lace also formed the demure peter pan collar of the fitted lace bodice. A pearl tiara caught her short veil, and she carried a cascade bouquet composed of white orchid, carnations, and bouvardia.

Preceding the bride were 6-year-old Marvin Taufer Jr., who bore the two wedding bands on a white satin pillow; and petite Cindy Hester, flower girl, who wore a full length formal of pale blue.

Pastel Theme

A pastel theme was carried out in the massive baskets of flowers on the altar, as well as the bouffant lace and tulle gowns of the attendants. Picture hats of lace and net, and short lace gloves, matched their floor length gowns and flowers.

Miss Marilyn Schumert was her sister's maid of honor, wearing a peach-colored gown. Bridesmaids were Miss Pamela Dickey in pale green; Mrs. Irene Selby, sister of the groom, in aqua; Miss Donna Hester, who later caught the bride's bouquet, in yellow; and Miss Barbara Hazzard wearing orchid.

Attending the guest book was Mrs. Norma Farrar.

Herman Luevano, cousin of the groom, was best man, and escorting the 200 guests to seats were ushers Richard Schumert Jr., the bride's brother; Leo Valencia, Larry Ray, and Warren Bennett.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Schumert wore a pink lace afternoon gown enhanced by pale blue accessories and a white orchid corsage. Mrs. Moreno chose pale grey for her ensemble, which she combined with navy accents and gardenia shoulder piece.

Active at THS

The former Miss Schumert is a 1954 graduate of Torrance high school where she was a member of the GAA, Tartar Ladies, Thespian Club, and the Tri-Hi-Y. She is employed by the Texas Company of Los Angeles. The bridegroom graduated from Torrance high school in 1950, after which he served with the Air Force in Japan and Korea. Upon his return from service he enrolled at El Camino college, and will continue his engineering studies at Long Beach State college.

The couple were feted at a reception in Nativity Hall, followed by a buffet for the family and close friends at the Schumert home. Lake Tahoe was named as their honeymoon destination, and they will reside in Torrance upon their return.

The Management Club of the National Supply Company of Torrance was represented at the June 4 and 5 annual National Association of Foremen spring golf tournament held at the Rancho Santa Fe golf course.

DELPHIANS TO MEET

The Kappa Chapter of Delphian Society will hold its final meeting of the year on Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m. to 1 o'clock at the Torrance Library. Topic for discussion will be "Peace, War, and Personality," with Mrs. R. E. Beecher, as chairman for the day. Opening speakers will be Mesdames F. W. H. Van Oppen, S. J. Paltin, Fred Sullivan, Jr., James N. Hawkins, and A. L. Pyeatt. Delphians will resume regular meetings September 29.

259th Place A6 Graduates Present Play

"Lost in Time" was the play presented by the A-6 graduating class at the last 259th Place school P-TA association meeting held in the school auditorium. The play was written by the students and they all participated in the cast and made the scenery. Mrs. Caroline Blake and Richard Strickland, A-6 teachers, assisted the students when necessary. Mrs. J. R. Stanton accompanied the chorus.

American Legion awards were given to A-6 students by Mrs. Blake. The awards are based on citizenship and scholarship and are voted by A-6 students. Medals went to Susan Farwell and John Stame. Distinguished service awards were received by Georgina Fukusaki and Richard Hald. Honorable mention certificates were given to Helen Estes, Patricia Hogan, Barbara Stanton, Victor Heiner, Charles Grudsinskas and Douglas Gardner.

During the business meeting, Mrs. W. N. Kepley Jr., honorary life membership chairman awarded three life membership pins to Mrs. W. E. Zell, outgoing president; Mrs. C. E. Aspittle, and Mrs. Raul Gerhart, P-TA workers and girl scout leaders.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson installed the officers for the coming year. Using a ship's crew for a symbol the following women were seated: Mmes. R. E. Pranin, president; C. R. Chitwood, first vice-president; H. B. McDonald, second vice-president; Gertrude Nordgren, third vice-president and teacher representative; J. W. Creager, secretary; Palmer Orseth, treasurer; N. E. Christofferson, auditor; R. P. Boderman, historian, and C. L. Wilson, parliamentarian.

Mrs. C. E. Aspittle gave the historian's report on the activities of the past year. The mothersingers group completed the program with a selection accompanied by Mrs. Stanton.

Hiram M. Collier, owner of the Keystone Barber Shop, 249 E. Carson, Torrance, recently became a member of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

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