

## New Officers Named For Educational Committee

Election of officers opened the regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory committee on Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Boswell, Jr. was re-elected as moderator, Harry Van Bellehem was elected vice-moderator, and Mrs. H. F. Heinlein was elected secretary-treasurer.

The subject for the meeting, "Music in Torrance Schools" was supervised by Walter Rehwaldt. He introduced Miss Key Loftus, kindergarten teacher for the Riviera school.

**Children Perform**  
Miss Loftus entered followed by her class. They ranged themselves in a circle on the floor and proceeded to show the group some exercises in learning rhythms.

Their first selection was "The Creepy, Crawley Caterpillar." Miss Loftus and a few of the children recited the words and, suddenly, the room was alive with kindergartners creeping and crawling about the floor to the rhythm of the verse.

Miss Loftus used the auto-harp to accompany the children

in songs, explaining that the autoharp is more useful than the piano, because it permits the teacher to watch the class as she plays.

The children finished off their part of the program with a rousing performance of an Indian dance to the accompaniment of spirited beating of their oatmeal-box drums.

The "Seaside Seven," a group of students from the band class at Seaside Elementary school had TEAC members tapping their feet and beating time to the Dixieland rhythms of "That's A Plenty" and "Muskrat Ramble." By popular demand, they encored with "Mr. Tap-Toe."

**TEAC Learns Song**  
Miss Lyda Willis of the Evelyn Carr school did a practical demonstration of teaching songs to children, with the

TEAC members playing the part of the children. Song books were passed around to each of the tables and the members became quite proficient in a harmony arrangement of "Shoot the Buffalo."

Miss Willis said that social dancing, interpretation of music through the forms and dramatic pantomime and art, and the study of music theory are also taught in the schools.

Carl Ahee, of North Torrance high school discussed the place of music in the secondary schools, stressing band, orchestra, glee clubs, choir, and baton twirling.

Robert Morton gave a report on teacher recruitment. He announced that a total of 290 employees of the school board must be hired each year to keep up with the higher population and with the 20 per cent turnover in educational system employees.

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jaroid T. Johnston, of 1812 Cabrillo Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Pamela Christine, weighing 6 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wayne Smith, of 813A Anapola, announce the birth of a son, David Wayne, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces.



**SANTA WANTS ONE, TOO!**—Santa Claus made a surprise appearance at the El Segundo Division of Douglas Aircraft company recently to accept a ticket for the Second Annual Douglas El Segundo and Torrance Employees Christmas Dance at the Hollywood Palladium on Sunday, December 4. Making the offer

especially attractive for Santa (J. L. Bean of 4143 West 172nd street, Torrance) are Darlene Manter, left, Redondo Beach, and Joy Ham of Los Angeles, a pair of company telephone operators who each promised the old gentleman a dance if he attends.

## Weather Staff

Dr. Don G. Friedman, son of Mrs. Mary M. Friedman of 18410 Hawthorne Boulevard, and the late Benjamin C. Friedman, has been appointed research associate in the Travelers Weather Research center at Hartford, Conn. The weather research center is a private organization owned and operated by The Travelers Insurance

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## Christmas Club Checks Distributed

Marking the near approach of the Christmas shopping season, distribution of Bank of America Christmas club checks totalling \$195,000 to residents of Torrance was announced recently by Dean L. Sears, manager of the local branch. Sears said that Bank of America will distribute \$52,500,000 throughout the state to 435,000 club members who have followed the popular Christmas Savings plan during

the past year. This is an increase of \$4,500,000 over the amount distributed to 400,000 Californians in 1954.

Christmas checks receive a warm welcome from club members, Sears said and are used to help fill the children's Yule-

tide stockings as well as providing funds for the payment of taxes, insurance premiums and other special purposes. He added that Christmas club accounts for 1956 are now being opened at the branch.

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