



INSTEAD OF GIVING presents to each other, sixth grade pupils at El Nido elementary school decided to buy presents for children at Harbor General hospital. Placing some of the presents are (l-r) Guy Post, John Fair, Grace Parenteau, and Frances Hon. Sixth grade teacher is Mrs. Jack Spencer.—Press Photo.



SANTA CLAUS, played by Councilman Victor Benstead, was the major attraction at the children's Christmas party held by Steel Workers Union Local 1414 Tuesday. Flanking Santa (l-r) are: C. C. Morgan, general superintendent, Torrance plant, Columbia-Geneva Steel; Charles Smith, district director, USW-CIO; and Alex McJannett, president of the local union.

Sports News

North Torrance Little League Prepares For '56

The North Torrance Little League is well along in planning operations for the 1956 baseball year. With a highly successful 1955 season behind them, an able and enthusiastic group of North Torrance parents plan to make 1956 an even greater year.

The field site at the intersection of 190th street and Beryl street in Torrance has already been the scene of major activity.

A new underground sprinkler system has been installed and the field has recently been reseeded. Progress has also been made in the procurement of funds for the operation of the North Torrance Little League in the 1956 season.

Plans to hold a St. Valentine's Day dance on February 11 are already under way under the direction of co-chairman Gene Phillips and Joe Sorenson.

Each of the 1956 sponsors has indicated his interest in the program and his desire to sponsor his team in 1956. Border's Market, 16920 Prairie Avenue, Torrance, sponsors the Trojans. Clancey's Drive-in, Redondo Beach and Crenshaw boulevard, sponsors the Bears. Higgins Brick and Tile Co., 2217 West 174th street, sponsors the Bruins and Verburg's Dairy, 2093 West 174th street, Torrance, sponsors the Indians. An occupancy permit for the use of the field site at 190th and Beryl in Torrance, has been granted by the Dominguez Estates company.

The direction and operation of the North Torrance Little League is the responsibility of the board of directors, consisting of the following officers and team managers: Joe Setting, president; Bob Nelson, vice president; Dr. Erickson, treasurer; Larry Ball, secretary; O. Golphene, chief umpire; Gene Phillips, chief scorer; Herb Fisher, player's agent; Wilson Willey, field superintendent; Bert Richardson, manager of the Bruins; Joe Sorenson, manager of the Bears; Gene Meyers, manager of the Indians; and Irwin Mack, manager of the Trojans.

All of those who contributed to the success of the 1955 North Torrance Little League baseball season know that the benefits are two-fold, officials stated. First, to the boys who learn the spirit of competition and fair play and, second, to the parents themselves who have the satisfaction of knowing that they have participated in one of the most far reaching and beneficial programs of our time for the development of the youth of the nation and the community.

Center Meeting Set

The next general meeting of the Gardena Valley Jewish center will be held on Tuesday, December 27, at the center building, 14725 South Gramercy Place.

Wednesday, January 5, the Saxon JV cagers travel with their varsity teammates for an encounter with Artesia.

Individual Scoring
North High (28) FT FG TP

Leuzinger Downs North JV Hoopsters, 35-27

Although they held a 17-14 halftime advantage, the North JV's dropped their third hoop contest by a 27-35 count to their rivals from Leuzinger. Action was staged on the Torrance High court last Wednesday.

Forward Chuck Richardson with eight counters was high man pointwise for North. His tallies came through two field goals and four gratis throws. Another Saxon high scorer was Bruce Stinger, guard, who marked up six points on three field goals.

Previously the locals had been hauled into camp by San Gabriel, (20-40), and Artesia, (40-48).

Third Quarter Deadlock

The Olympians drew first blood and led by a nine to four margin in the first quarter. Then, in the second stanza, the locals went on a 13-point scoring spree while allowing their opponents only five, and led 17-14. North with seven and Leuzinger with ten knotted it at 24 all in the third period. It was the final quarter that the Saxons met defeat. In this period Olympian basketballers ran up eleven scores while the local cage crew got only three. Final score read Leuzinger, 35, North, 27.

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Hanchett, g.	0	1	2
Gunvelas, g.	0	1	2
Totals	11	8	27
Leuzinger (35)	FT	FG	TP
Erhard, f.	0	0	0
Patterson, f.	1	0	1
Lee, c.	0	3	6
Adams, c.	4	3	16
Moffson, g.	2	3	8
Frazier, g.	0	4	8
Stafmer, g.	2	0	2
Totals	9	13	35
Score by Quarters:			
North High	4	13	7
Leuzinger	9	5	10

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First Baptist Entertainment

Christmas was celebrated at friends. The junior choir made Walteria First Baptist Sunday its first appearance in new school, Park & Newton sts. The children gave a Christmas program for their parents and as Britt was pianist.

Local 1414 Holds Party For Children

Steel Workers Union Local 1414 sponsored a Christmas party for approximately 350 children of Columbia-Geneva Steel employees yesterday afternoon at Civic Auditorium.

Acting as Santa Claus was Councilman Victor Benstead, a member of the union and employed at the local firm.

C. C. Morgan, general superintendent Torrance plant; Charles Smith, district director, USW-CIO; and Alex McJannett, president of the local union, welcomed guests and extended season's greetings.

Entertainment consisted of two 35-minute cartoons, hot dogs, pop, candy, ice cream, orange juice, and a toy for each child.

"I would like to commend Don Hyde, general superintendent of industrial relations for the wonderful cooperation he has given us to make the party a success," McJannett stated.

Supervisor Helps On El Nido Plans

No meeting of the El Nido Civic association is scheduled for December, according to President George Morehart, but there has been much activity in the area with interest centering around El Nido park and the new business district just to the north.

A crew from the County Surveyor's office has been working in El Nido park, following a visit by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. "Preliminary plans call for the erection of a community building, the planting of grass and shrubs and the building of paths and improved facilities for picnics and other forms of entertainment," announced Hahn.

President Morehart states that he is very much encouraged by the progress made by the annexation committee and that during January the committee, together with a delegation from the North Torrance Civic association, will attend a meeting of the Torrance City Council to ask that body for an annexation approval.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Satterthwaite, of 1608 W. 222nd St., announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Frances, weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces.

St. Nick Visits P-TA

Jolly St. Nick was in evidence when Parent-Teacher members of Gardena-Wilmington council P-TA met for a combined business meeting and annual Christmas luncheon at the Western Club cafe, 15518 South Western avenue, Gardena, with Mrs. W. A. Blacker, president, presiding.

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