

ABOUT the P.T.A.

Cub Scout Pack 953-C
 By Mrs. William K. Martin
 The annual Christmas party for Pack 953c was held December 20 in the Perry school cafeteria. Den 5 opened the meet-

ing with flag salute. The Pack welcomed Den 2 which is a new Den, led by Mrs. Mary Harrison. The cubs trimmed the Christmas tree with decorations made at Den meetings. The following cubs received awards: Bob Josey, John Robinson, Ed Murawski, Alan Gayda, Darrell Greenwald, James McCowen, Pierre Radenmaker, George Phillips, George Fulton, Marls, Woodruff, Mitchell Meyers, Arthur Horton, Brad Harrison, Jim Meseke, Tyrone Pruette, and Bob Davis. Den Chief cards were awarded to Boy Scouts Dave Capps and John Rance.

Cub Scout Pack 732C
 By W. J. Nesenon
 The December meeting of Pack 732C was held in the Torrance YMCA. The Webelos opened the meeting with the flag salute. One year pins were awarded to the following cubs: Raymond Grove, Bill Kristufek, Peter Zoppo, Raymond E. Anderson and William L. Grove. Bob Cat badges were awarded to David Helmlein, David Robb and Michael Reeder. A Bear badge was awarded to Bill Kristufek. Eugene Zlaket received a Wolf badge. Gary Nesenon was awarded a badge for assistant denner of Den one. Arrow points on Wolf badges were awarded to the following: Michael Katzorke, George Witz, Patrick Walls, Frank Weston and Eugene Zlaket. The meeting was closed with Christmas carols by Den two.

Blue Birds
 By F. E. Corey
 A Blue Bird group was recently formed for the afternoon session of the third grade girls at Howard Wood school. The organization meeting was held in November at the home of Mrs. F. E. Corey, 24236 Falena. Miss Keyes from the Campfire Council was present, and explained the program, to the mothers of the prospective Blue Birds. The girls are now meeting every Wednesday morning at the home of their leader, Mrs. Corey. Co-leaders are Jeanne Schulman and Lola Johnson. Sponsors are Colleen O'Call, June Madary, Ollie Mass, Corinne Hamilton, Estella Crumm and Opal Collins. The girls elected to be known as the Wood-Peckers. Members are: Linda Collins, Candy Gray, Karen O'Call, Janice Hurst, Sharon Madary, Margie Jo Mass, Claudia Hamilton, Barbara Corey, Carol Gregory, Charlotte Watkins, Diane Crumm, Marilyn Brown, Mary Schulman and Kristen Johnson.

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223rd St. PTA
 By Mrs. Donald Guild
 The 223rd Street School PTA board started the new year with a meeting held in the school auditorium the first part of January. Plans for the rest of this school year were discussed and Mrs. Kennedy, the principal, announced that the bungalow for the sixth grade would be moved in right away and as soon as it is ready for occupancy, the sixth graders will go on full day session. All parents and PTA members are sure to attend the January PTA meeting which will be Tuesday, January 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium with the featured speaker, Dr. Virgil Hansen, speaking on the topic "Safety for Children."

El Nido PTA
 By Mrs. S. E. Hooker
 The El Nido PTA Executive Board Meeting was held in December, at the home of Mrs. M. A. Wisdom, 18313 Roslin ave. President, Mrs. Amos Chadwick called the meeting to order and introduced Ira Hon who have the inspirational message. After the reading of the minutes by secretary Mrs. Ira Hon, the following people gave their reports: Mrs. M. A. Wisdom, treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Wright, ways and means chairman; Mrs. E. Underwood, welfare chairman. The making up and distrib-

ing of eight Christmas baskets was taken care of by the welfare committee along with chairman, Mrs. E. Underwood. Mrs. W. A. Wright will be the chairman of the Founder's Day program committee, assisted by Mrs. Robert Mackin, Mrs. Carol Espinosa, Mrs. Ira Hon and Mrs. Sarah R. Hooker. The date of the next hot lunch at the El Nido School will be January 16, at which time parents, pre-schoolers, relatives and friends are invited to come and have lunch with the students. Following the meeting refreshments were served.

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Following the meeting The Pinewood Derby was very much enjoyed by spectators and participants. Competition was open to both Cubs and fathers. Benny Marcum of Den four took first place in the Cub competition. Billy Sullivan of the Webelos came in second, followed by Michael O'Bez and Den two. The winners in the fathers competition in order of finish were: Bob O'Bez, George Witz and Ray Anderson. In the final race for the derby championship Cub Benny Marcum's car out ran the winner in the fathers competition to become derby champion.

Troop 241
 By E. R. Alves
 After a season of selling Christmas trees on the lot at the corner of 220th and Western ave., Scout Troop 241, sponsored by St. Andrews Episcopal church, held a drawing for a 20-lb. turkey, and two three pound fruit cakes. All Boy Scouts and Explorers participated in the pre-season sale of discount tree tickets. Winning sales teams will be treated to a night out, which will include a visit to a television show and dinner at Rands Round-up. The winner of the turkey was Mrs. Mary Welch, 1634 W. 214th st., and the fruit cakes were won by Mr. Garrett, 1507 W. 204th st., and Charles Muller, 1635 W. 214th st. Mrs. D. Wood, 2125 Pacific Coast Highway, drew the tickets.

Pack 703-C
 By Mrs. Margaret Johnston
 A combination Pack meeting and Yuletide party was held by Cub Pack 703-C (formerly 706-C) last week, with Paul Eaton, Cubmaster, conducting the meeting and awarding One Year Pins. Festivities were heralded by the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed gifts, including tiny filled stockings for the smallest guests. The timely program was opened by Mrs. Richard Peterson's Den's presentation of a Christmas legend skit, and was followed with a pictorial reading of "The Night Before Christmas" arranged by Mrs. Homer Searcy. The final skit dramatized "December 5th in Holland," narrated by Mrs. Robert Golden as her Den acted out the story. The breaking of three gaily decorated pinatas, designed and filled with toys and candies by the Den Mothers, provided much entertainment for the Cubs and their families. Refreshments for all concluded the gala occasion. On the night before Christmas Eve, the Cubs honored their neighbors and parents with a traditional carol tour, and were rewarded for their vocalizing efforts by a stop at a local drive-in for hamburgers and malts. January plans for this small but active Pack are highlighted by a scheduled tour of the submarine USS Sawfish, by invitation of the United States Naval station. Individual Dens are observing the month's theme of "Movie Making" by arranging tours of a television studio, and visiting "backstage" at a local theater. Plans are also under discussion for the annual Blue and Gold Dinner in February.

259th Place PTA
 By Mrs. W. S. Dillion
 "Now is the time to march forward" is the theme for the 259th Place School PTA Association meeting to be held in the auditorium on January 14 at 2 p.m. The elementary and Jr. High School will be the topic of the guest speaker, Paul Gaebel, vice-president of Flemming Jr. High school. The A-6 graduating class will have charge of the program and will give the inspirational. Coffee and desert will be served by the B-6, A-6 mothers after the meeting. Mrs. J. W. Creager, president, invites all parents to attend.

Parkway PTA
 By Mrs. Don O'Connell
 The Parkway PTA will hold the next meeting January 9 at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. "Brainstorm It", under the direction of R. N. Stapleton, is a new approach for producing ideas.

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