



DEDICATION CEREMONIES were held by the South Bay Church of God for their new sanctuary and educational facilities Feb. 5 at 17661 Yukon Ave. The new building, of frame and stucco, contains a two-story educational unit with an assembly and prayer room downstairs, and four classrooms and a baptistry on the second floor.

South Bay Church of God Dedicates Sanctuary, Educational Building

The congregation of the South Bay Church of God held dedication of their new sanctuary and educational facilities at a service Feb. 5, at 2:30 p.m., on the church premises, 17661 Yukon Ave.

Participating in the dedication service will be Albert Isen, Mayor of Torrance; Rev. Hugh Percy, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and President of the Torrance Ministerial Association; Rev. Wilford Denton, Pastor of College Park Church of God and Chairman of the Southern California Church of God Ministerial Association; Bob Wood, Architect for Louis F. Gamble and Associates, Gratz Lair, Construction Superintendent; as well as Rev. Alvin Nusz, Normandie Avenue Church of God; Rev. Gunner Jorgensen, Compton First Church of God; Rev. Joe Hooker, Bellflower Church of God; and Rev. Herschell Rice, Pomona Church of God. Rev. E. F. Adcock, Executive Secretary of Board of Church Extension of the Church of God from Anderson, Indiana will bring the dedicatory message. The Clarion and Chancel Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Beryl White will bring special numbers.

The new building is of frame and stucco construction reaching 66 feet to the top of the cross. The sanctuary is 85 feet long and 42 feet wide. A two story educational unit containing a large assembly room and prayer room downstairs, and four large classrooms, plus furnace room, baptistry and two organ sound room upstairs is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

Designed by Louis F. Gamble and Associates in Long Beach, the building was built entirely with donated labor under the supervision of Gratz Lair. A beautiful panel of California Spanish tile, pieces of white crystal set in brown tile, adorns the front of the building. Blue panels on each side of the center panel highlight the beautiful arch of the roof. The tropical landscaping helps compliment the entire structure.

A foyer the width of the building ushers the guests into a truly worshipful atmosphere. Finished in light ash paneling and woodwork, the sanctuary is enhanced in its beauty by a color scheme of dusty yellow, spice and beige, which adds dignity, simplicity and beauty to the services of the building. The color scheme was suggested by Interior Decorator Olive White of the Industrial Paint Company. Upholstered pews make the worshipper more appreciative of the entire service. A beautiful piece of furniture is the pulpit made entirely of ash wood and built and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gratz Lair. The Communion Table was donated by Mrs. Melba Hobart and each of the stained glass windows are memorials donated by various members of the congregation. Beryl White donated his time to build the steel baptistry assisted by Jess Griffith and Bill Olds.

Choir Loft
Total seating capacity of the church, including choir loft and overflow is 482 people.

One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars was the estimated contractor's bid for building the structure, yet the congregation completed the building for slightly less than \$50,000.

The South Bay Church had its beginning early in 1951 when a meeting was held on Jan. 29 for all who were interested in a new work in the Torrance area. Thirty people attended this meeting and ground work was laid for the founding of this new congregation. First meeting was held in a home on Feb. 8, 1951 with Clifford and Betty Tierney chosen as pastors.

Officers were elected and plans were readied for the erection of a sanctuary. On an acre of donated land at the present site, ground-breaking service was held April 25, 1951, with only \$985 in the treasury. Offi-

cial services were held on Jan. 6, 1952, with the laying of the cornerstone and official dedication on May 18, 1952. The first unit of the Sunday School was completed October 31 and by August, 1953, the church had outgrown facilities so that new metal buildings were purchased and moved onto the lot.

In 1954 a second Sunday School unit was needed and completed. Rapid growth continued, and by early 1957 double Sunday School sessions and double worship services were necessary.

Urged by necessity, through the closing months of 1957, plans for the new sanctuary rolled swiftly toward the construction stage; and on Jan. 5, 1958 the congregation met for a ground-breaking service.

Construction began on Feb. 21, 1958 and this Dedication Service marks the completion of the first of 8 units needed to meet the future anticipated growth.

Torrance High Open House Set for March

Open House will be held by Torrance High School PTA at their next meeting, March 10. Mrs. Lloyd E. Davis was honored with an Honorary Life Membership recently as the organization observed Founder's Day. Past Presidents Mrs. Charles Woodcock and Mrs. G. C. Vandeventer were presented. The honorees were given corsages made by Mrs. Henry Heinlein. The Founder's Day cake served to those attending was made and decorated by Mrs. C. W. Strahm.

The theme of the meeting was "Hands Across the Sea." Dr. Ali Fassa, president of the Persian Academy of Teheran, Iran, visiting Leonard Lifton, acting principal of the school, was introduced. Dr. Fassa is visiting Medical and Educational institutions in the United States.

Under the direction of R. G. Bannehr, Dieter Seiler and Pat Achenbach, foreign exchange students, gave their impressions of their respective foster countries, the United States and Sweden. Dieter is from Germany and Pat visited Sweden last summer. The French classes presented French songs, the Spanish classes did folk dancing, an old-time German band and a dramatization of Little Red Riding Hood were offered by the German classes. A panel of students, each speaking a different language, followed.

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CEREMONIES OF CERTIFICATION were awarded Vocational nurses Feb. 15, at the First Baptist Church of Torrance. Certified were: from left, seated, Pearle M. Sauvinet, Grace Barbara Roberts, Katherine M. Wallace, and Fern Everett. Standing, Lois Tognotti, Elsie A. Knecht, Marcella P. Foster, Leo Marie House, Esther Margaret Munoz, Margie M. Adams, Marjorie H. Hendrickson, Marian Long, Dolores Ventura, Julia E. Lemke, and Opal B. Bramblett.

Luncheon Set by Alondra Park Methodist Church

A "Luncheon is Served" event is planned for March 4 at the Alondra Park Methodist Church.

Following the luncheon a short discussion on nutrition and recipes will be held and door prizes distributed.

Proceeds from the project will further the work of the Women's Society of the Church.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from Mrs. Frank Gist, DA 3-7767. The public is invited.

New Semester Plans

Plans were made for the new semester activities at the recent executive board meeting of Stephen M. White PTA. Albert Cartwright, principal, reported on school activities and asked the help of fathers as sponsors and coaches for the basketball games each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Plans were completed for a March spaghetti dinner and reports were given by Mrs. T. W. Moore, magazine chairman. Mrs. Glen. Mullin, treasurer.

Past presidents Loring Thomas and Mmes. Leavelle Martinez, Clifford Smart, Haru Fugimoto, Charles Turner and Allen Bottrell were honored at the program.

Mrs. Charles Turner, Founder's Day chairman, presented a skit, "What PTA Means to Fathers." The program also celebrated the sixth birthday anniversary of the PTA group.

Purim Ball Slated

Final arrangements are now being made for Temple Menorah's Sisterhood gala Purim Ball at the Cockatoo Inn, Imperial & Hawthorne Sts., Mar. 21 at 8 p.m.

Information and reservation, \$12.50 per couple, may be obtained by calling Mrs. Werner L. Frank at Rontier 2-2621. All proceeds from this festive dinner dance will become a part of the Temple's Building Fund.

Sermon Announced

"A Thrilling Life Story," taken from the New Testament, will be the subject of the Rev. W. F. Alexander, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, 158th and Brighton ave., Gardena.

Soloist for the morning service will be J. Milton McElyea. Sunday school for all ages will meet at 9:45 a.m.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The church schools teachers are attending the Leadership Training Institute being held in Long Beach at the North Long Beach Brethren Church under the auspices of the Greater Los

First Methodists Complete Month's Mission Study

The First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, will complete its month-long mission study Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dr. E. Pearce Hayes, missionary, will speak on mission work in Sarawak, North Borneo. Dr. Hays previously helped to inspire his listeners with an account of the desperate need of the Sarawak natives for an adequate church building.

Sunday evening William Parsons, chairman of the Commission on Missions, will present the congregation's check to these natives in care of Dr. Hayes. Films and discussions on Alaska will enliven the evening, and "Methodism in Alaska," a color film, will be shown to the youth who attend. The public is invited.

Bible Seminary Students to Bring Gospel in Song

Headed by Kenneth A. Stewart, president of the Pacific Bible Seminary, 4835 East Anaheim St., Long Beach, a group of young people will come to the Lomita Christian Church Sunday evening.

Stewart will deliver the sermon. Joel Rivers will become the fulltime minister of the Lomita Church following his graduation from the Pacific Bible Seminary in June.

Expansion of the church is already planned by Rivers. Dedication of a new building will take place soon and construction of another building on the front of the lot is planned.

Pastor, Rabbi Swap Pulpits

The Morningside Community E & R Church, 8722 Crenshaw Blvd., and Temple Beth Ohr, whose congregation uses the facilities of the Fellowship Hall for Friday Evening worship, are combining their efforts in honor of Brotherhood Week. Dr. John W. Fluke will take the pulpit of Temple Beth Ohr on tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Harvey Fields, student rabbi, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, Calif. School, will speak to the Morningside congregation on Sunday morning, Feb. 22nd at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Pre-Easter Devotion

"The Betrayal" has been selected by Rev. Wendell Hook of Waleria Community Methodist Church as the topic of the second High School Pre-Easter Devotion, Feb. 25. A free breakfast is served at the First Methodist Church at 7 a.m. Wednesdays, the program ends at 7:50 a.m. in time for school.

Devotions are sponsored by the First Methodist Church and the Torrance YMCA. Students of all faiths are invited.

Rev. William Schatz presented the topic "Triumphal Entry" on Feb. 18. Women from the Delta Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority prepared and served the meal.

Washington Dance

Washington's Birthday dinner-dance an annual affair of the Torrance Moose lodge will take place Feb. 21 at the lodge hall, 1744 W. Carson St.

The "Vanguards" a new orchestra will play. Mike Clecro, chairman of the dance committee will direct the evening's entertainment.

Dinner featuring swiss-steak and cherry pie will be served from 6 to 9 p.m. Angeles Sunday School Association. Over 700 were in attendance at the first meeting held on Feb. 9.

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