

# CHURCH TO FIGHT PROPOSED LAW

Members of the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Street, Saturday were told by their minister that the church "will use every honorable means" to defeat a proposed Sunday closing law recently introduced into the California legislature.

Pastor Manson Metcalf, 21529 Dolores St., told the local congregation March 9 that he is encouraging the use of letters, personal contacts, announcements in mass communications media and a continuing city-wide educational program to draw public attention to the serious consequences of the proposed measure.

"This bill, S.B. 845, has been said by its author to be a measure which will 'protect' the state and its social and economic damage caused by Sunday selling," Pastor Metcalf said.

"Our question is what possible 'moral' damage could result from selling on Sunday an item which on six days of the week it is considered perfectly moral to sell," the minister questioned, "unless a purely religious factor is attached?"

Dividing goods into "es-

sential" and "non-essential" items so far as their sale on Sunday is concerned, the proposed law was termed by Pastor Metcalf "a one day criminal law which makes criminal on Sunday the selling or buying of items which are perfectly legal to sell or buy on any other day of the week.

"In bringing this 'criminal' element to bear this law will add tremendous burdens to our already overburdened law enforcement agencies, to say nothing of the 'police state' tactics of neighbor spying on one-day-criminal neighbor," Pastor Metcalf told his church.

"When legislation is substituted for the personal, moral standards of the individual we are heading for trouble in California," said Pastor Metcalf. "Stores will close on Sunday when families do not purchase.

"The time spent in formulating such legislation might better be used in building up the spiritual life of our citizens. Moral standards of society are meaningless except as they come from the heart rather than from legislation."

# Retiring Minister to Go into Counseling

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. F. Seebode will be honored at the Pacific Unitarian Church's sixth annual banquet to be held today at Cigo's Restaurant, 915 S. Pacific, San Pedro.

Featured entertainment will be a portion of "Trial by Jury," the Gilbert and Sullivan production to be offered to the public March 31 by the church choir.

Richard Seebode is retiring from the ministry after 35 years of service, six of them in this area. He will continue his second career as a full time counselor. A founder of the first Mental Hygiene Association in Louisville, Kentucky in the '30's in connection with the University of Louisville Medical School.

Since he came here in 1958 as minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church, Seebode has instigated and organized group counseling which has grown steadily until he now collaborates with Dr. Mary Jane Hunger-

ford in five counseling groups: four for adults and one for teenagers.

A staff member of the American Institute of Family Relations, Seebode has an office in the Hollywood Riviera Village at 1820 South Elena.

Seebode was ordained in 1927 after taking his Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago and his B. D. from Meadville Theological School. His first professional assignment was with John Lathrop at the First Congregational Unitarian Society in Brooklyn.

He was minister of the First Unitarian Church of Louisville from 1930 to 1937, and of the Westminster Unitarian Church of Providence, Rhode Island from 1937 to 1951. From 1951 to 1958 he was minister of the Old Ship Church in Hingham, Mass.

He was organizing chairman and for three years chairman of the West Coast Ministers Study Group

which meets at the Circle Baf B Ranch of Refugio, Calif.

When he came to the South Bay he was on the commission on appraisal of the American Unitarian Association. He is current chairman of the Southwest Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and is a member of the Torrance Ministerial Association.

From 1958 to 1960 he was advisor for the Federation of the Pacific Southwest Liberal Religious Youth and for two years he was advisor to the New England Federation of the Association of Unitarian Youth. He was in charge of Star Island Work Week for the three years and was on the advisory committee for the Dept. of Religious Education for the denomination. From 1956 to 1958 he was chairman of the Fellowship Committee after having been a committee member for many years and active in developing local conferences.

# Scouting Around

**TROOP 785**  
Court of honor was held by Troop 785 in the Parish hall of St. Catherine La-boude Church recently.

Highlighting the program was the showing of slides and movies of winter camp.

Awards went to the following scouts: Tenderfoot Scouts; David Holt, Michael Pulis, Eugene Bender, Andrew Volpe, Juan Leo, Lewis Patterson, Daniel Skelley, George Dunphy, Bill Engles, Richard White, Pat Altardyce, and Mike Naylor.

Second Class Scouts: Leonard Porizek, Steve Costa, Michael Sanders, Ricky Galbreath, and David Bunic.

First Class Scouts: Danny Gallegos, Paul Fink, Tommy Touth, and Dudley Maes.

Star Scout: Steve Lange.

Steve Lockwood, first aid; Dave Sexton, woodworking; citizenship in home; Ronald Coulombe; Swimming; Dave Sexton; Home Repairs; Jimmy Mathos, Personal Finance; Timmy Mathoes.

One year pins: Tommy Touth, Richard Soto, Rickey Gallbreath, Danny Gallegos, Leonard Porizek, Tim Webber, Albert Turner, Steve Skelley and Jim Menzie.

Two year pins: Albert Morgenstern, Richard Sid-Beck, Jack Galbreath, Steve Lemm, Timmy Mathoes, John Ramsaur, Greg Mattes, and Dudley Maes.

One Year Perfect attendance: Bobby Sanders, Tommy Touth, Danny Gallegos and Paul Fink.

Merit badges went to: Stamp Collecting: Steve Lange; Personal Fitness: Greg Mattes; Camping: Paul Fink and Danny Gallegos; Hiking: Paul Fink and Danny Gallegos; Cooking: Paul Fink and Danny Gallegos; and Build Serve and Achieve Award: Lewis Patterson.

# Africans To Speak Thursday

A community luncheon will be held at the Rolling Hills Covenant Church, 2221 Palos Verdes Drive North, at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, to provide residents of the area an opportunity to hear William Nagenda and Festo Kivengere, church leaders from Uganda, East Africa.

The two distinguished African Christians, who relate their experiences of spiritual renewal, were brought to the United States by the Evangelical Covenant Church of America and are being sponsored on the West Coast by the California Conference of Covenant Churches.

Persons who desire reservations for this luncheon have been asked to contact the Rolling Hills Covenant Church, DA 5-1493, or Mrs. James Hamilton, DA 6-4466. Donation will be \$1.

Mr. Nagenda has traveled extensively in Europe, America, and Latin America.

Mr. Kivengere received his education in the University of London and has spoken in Australia and the United States. During the 1960 Graham Crusade, Mr. Kivengere, served as interpreter in Swahili at the meetings throughout East Africa.

Robert A. Honnette is pastor of the Rolling Hills Covenant Church.

# Church Sunday Held By Job's Daughters

Bethel 36, International Order of Job's Daughters, recently sponsored its semi-annual church Sunday. Linda Livings, honored queen, selected St. Mark's Methodist Church.

Pictures were taken following the service. Members of the Bethel walked down the aisle with Miss Livings leading carrying a white Bible with an arrangement of deep pink roses. They were followed by Mrs. Hazel Johnston, guardian; and Walter Livings, associate guardian.

After the church service the girls met at the Culver City Ice Palace for an afternoon of skating.

Bethel members present

were: Linda Livings, Juday Gustafson, Joanne Johnston, Jolene Elliott, Linda Kapi-gian, Sandy Coleman, Gail St. George, Donna Shores, Donetta Sigg, Margaret Roemisch, Jan Foyle, Elaine Platz, Elaine Sachse, On-Warui Johnston, and Kathy Davis.

Adults present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Edward Johnston, Walter Livings, O. A. Shores, Charles H. Gustafson, and Charles W. Gustafson.



**WE LIKE THIS PICTURE** because it shows the wonderful fun a brother and sister can have in their grandmother's backyard. Jean McDonald (left) and her brother Gordon of 3434 W. 224th St., Torrance, in adult clothes, filled out with padding, face each other for the benefit of grandma's camera. This picture came as a bonus with one sent in by Mrs. S. H. McDonald, 201 W. 214th St., which we published last week. Why don't you send a photo to "Photo," The Press, 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, and tell us why you like it?

# Emblem Club Entertains State Officers

Gardena Emblem Club No. 257 entertained state officers at the March business meeting.

Officers honored included: Pauline McCourtney, president; Elizabeth Morton, state marshal; Gladys King, treasurer; Maggie Beck, state trustee; Mae Francia, fifth trustee; Midge Ramsey, junior past president; Pearl McClure, supreme assistant, and Betty O'Neil, president of 106, Long Beach.

Following an address by Mrs. McCourtney, Mrs. James Downey Welfare chairman, stressed the need for children clothing for girls and boys, ages from three to twelve.

Eight delegates and nine alternates were selected to attend the Calif. State Emblem Club Convention to be held April 24-27 in Long Beach at the Lafayette Hotel.

Mrs. Lee Partis announced plans for the annual "hobo party" to be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Elk's Club. Tickets will be available to the public at \$1.50, and may be purchased by calling FA 1-1919. Prizes will go to the best costume.

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# 'Substance' Topic of Sermon

The deep, spiritual nature of real "Substance" will be the subject at Christian Science services this Sunday.

Bible readings will include these verses from I Corinthians (2:9, 10): "As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Other Scriptural selections will bring out what Christ Jesus taught about substance, and will be accompanied by this passage from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy (p. 313): "Jesus of Nazareth was the most scientific man that ever trod the globe. He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause."

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# Garden Club Elects Slate

Mrs. Harry J. Ebinger, Redondo Beach, was elected president of the South Bay Garden Club recently.

Officers elected to serve with her were: Mmes. E. J. Martin vice president; Cesar Arca, recording secretary; Lynn McClure, corresponding secretary and Leon Kennedy, treasurer.

Mrs. David Vaccaro, program chairman, introduced George Hastings of Santa Monica and C. B. Maynard of Venice, naturalists and Audubon Society members, who illustrated their talks with colored slides.

Plans were discussed at the March meeting, for a card party. Proceeds will go to the Garden Valley School for the Mentally Retarded.

Reports were given on the past presidents' tea and the "Queen For a Day" visit.

Hostess was Mrs. Richard Nannev, assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Spain.

Those present included: Mmes. George Blahnik forrv, Hass, Sam Hughes, Mill Langum, Sam Martin, Ron Power, Bill Stolnecker, and Richard Sprout.



**A MAN AND HIS HORSE** make an interesting picture. Above is Nat Cono of the Torrance Mounted Police, with Chico, his horse. The photo was taken at the Boy Scout parade earlier this month. —Press Photo

# Lionesses to Elect Slate

The March business meeting of the Lioness Cub of Torrance was held at the home of Mrs. Pete Radisich, Gardena, Tuesday March 5. Mrs. Clarence Clark presided. A nominating committee was appointed. Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt was named chairman with Mrs. Abe Robinson and Mrs. A. B. Mc-Tee assisting.

A committee for the installation party which will be held in May was appointed. Mrs. Milton Isbell was named chairman with Mrs. Radisich, William King, Fred Boren and Clarence Clark assisting.

The March Social will be at the home of Mrs. Frank Pagac, 1528 Post Ave.

Wives of members of the Lion Club of Torrance were guests at the 18th anniversary Party dinner dance of the Torrance Lions Club on Saturday March 2 at the Maciendia Hotel.

# CUB PACK 863

The annual blue and gold dinner for St. James Cub Pack 863 was held recently at the St. James Hall. Prior to dinner the pack charter was officially received by Ed Shimko cub master and membership cards were presented to the den mothers and committee members.

Phil Blair, former committee chairman, was presented an award in recognition of his outstanding contributions and service as chairman. He has been succeeded by Jim Schwabe as chairman.

Den chiefs from the St. James Scout Troop were introduced to the individual dens by Bill Deacon, scoutmaster.

During dinner, entertainment was provided by the Accordionettes. Table decorations were prepared by the Cubs of each den. After dinner, announcement of the forthcoming sustaining membership drive was made by Jim Schwabe.

# All Churches Urged to File 1963 Exemptions

County Assessor Philip E. Watson today urged all churches to complete their property statements for church exemptions and return them in the mail as soon as possible.

Some 4,000 statements have been mailed, covering every parcel of church property exempted last year. Under the new procedure instituted this year by the new merely have to be filled out, assessor, the statements signed and sent back by mail. In previous years, deputy assessors called at the churches to pick up the statements.

If a church has acquired additional property in the last year on which it requests exemption, it is necessary to file the claim at the Assessor's Office in the downtown Los Angeles or at Hall of Administration in one of the Assessor's branch offices. The church officer making the claim should present the 1962 tax bill or the deed for the new property.

The assessor's office urges churches to compare records with exemption claims mailed to them to make sure each parcel of exempt property is accounted for.

Deadline for filing for the exemption is 5 p.m., May 6. However, Watson requested all churches to file as early as possible.

# CARE

Through CARE, individual initiative is marshalled to help feed the hungry, heal the sick and to give less privileged people the means to help themselves.



# Baptist Women To View Comedy

The Woman's Mission Society of the First Baptist Church, on Carson and Manuel in Torrance will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship hall.

"Soup, Sand, and Sagebrush," a comedy play, will be presented by the woman's Mission Society from the Redondo Beach First Baptist Church. Soloist for the evening will be Nahum Garcia.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting by members of the Society's executive board. The nursery will be open for small children. The public is invited.

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