

PTA News

GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION

Edison PTA November association meeting was held in the school cafeteria 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Ginny Kay Woodis gave an historical background of the Pledge of Allegiance, accompanied on the piano by Carla Shultz, Donald Credell and Mrs. Arthur Lester led the group in singing the National Anthem preceding the inspirational by Mrs. William Ellings.

Featured chairmen were Mrs. Robert Trevathan, library, and Mrs. Robert Edgington, budget and finance.

President Mrs. Arthur Lester introduced Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Orr, Mrs. Orr is the president of the Torrance Council, Mrs. William Cassida was nominated as a nominee to serve on the council nominating committee, and Arthur Lester explained the tax override election to be held next February 4, 1964.

Herman Roodman introduced Mr. Hetz, North High School a physical education instructor, who brought six students who performed gymnastics. The boys participating were: Jerry Carter, Danny Hudson, George Shook, Gary Musick, Bob Smack and Glen Makami.

Refreshments were served by third and fourth grade mothers.

A canned goods drive will be conducted Dec. 2 to 11. Items will be given to needy families for the holidays.

FOCUS ON READING

A special afternoon meeting of Hamilton Parent-Teacher Association was held at 2:30 p.m. yesterday in the school cafeteria.

"Focus on Reading" was discussed by Principal Dale Wickstrom, Mrs. L. Olson and Miss Barbara Meyer. Mr. Wickstrom also gave information about the Feb. 4 tax override measure.

Room mothers from Room 17 and Room 18 served as hostesses. Featured chairmen included: Mmes. Clem Bolles, courtesy; Mrs. William Foster, TEAC; and Mrs. Maynard Midthun, room representative.

At a recent executive board meeting Mrs. Robert McCaw, child welfare chairman, announced a Thanksgiving Food Drive at the school from Nov. 18 to 21. Mrs. William Rose, safety chairman, Mrs. Jack Dav and Mrs. J. W. Cleveland, have formed a committee to investigate hazards encountered by students in the school area.

EXPLORATIONS

With the theme "Explorations: Tomorrow's Strength" the Philip Magruder PTA's Nov. meeting was conducted in the school cafeteria by Mrs. Herman Redmerski, president.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. C. L. Adkins, safety chairman, and Mrs. William Freed read the inspirational.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Charles Shields, showed

slides and explained the role of the school psychologist. Mrs. Shields has been a psychologist for chologist for the Torrance School District for the past seven years.

Mrs. Vernon Rapier was the surprised recipient of a year's subscription to the California Parent Teacher magazine awarded by the executive board.

A food drive to fill Thanksgiving baskets was set for Nov. 18 to 22.

Registering voters was Mrs. W. A. Wright.

DAD'S NIGHT

"Doorways To Enrichment" will be theme of Towers Elementary PTA, which will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Towers cafeteria. Child care will be provided.

In observance of Dad's night there will be three speakers: Dr. Dale R. Coogan, principal of Hickory School and former Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman; Torrance Council member George Vico, former Dodger outfielder; and Johnny Wehras, Dodger third baseman.

UNDERSTANDING

"We Seek Our True Reflection in the Field of International Understanding" will be the theme of the Thursday, Dec. 5 meeting of the Los Angeles Tenth District Parent-Teacher Association.

The meeting, presided over by the president, Mrs. John R. Gaydowski, will begin at 10 a.m. at the D. W. Griffith Junior High School, 4765 E. 4th St., Los Angeles.

William J. Johnston, principal of Gardena Adult School and Men's Participation chairman for Los Angeles Tenth District PTA, is coordinator and narrator of the program.

The program will feature Adult Education from its infancy to its present day status, and over fifty countries will be represented by adult education students in native dress.

The effect of adult education on the lives and activities of the many nationalities participating will be graphically illustrated in the presentation, which includes slides and choral groups from Gardena and Cambria Adult Schools.

Assisting the president will be Mrs. George E. Scates, fourth vice president; Mrs. Arnold H. Lewin, sixth vice president; and Mrs. Meyer Bell, hospitality bureau manager.

Hostess councils include: Atlantic, Mrs. Joe Yamaki, president; Elysian, Mrs. F. C. O'Neal, Jr., president; Griffith, Mrs. Manuel Snider, president; Highlands, Mrs. Courtney E. Shaw, president; and La Sierra, Mrs. Elmer L. Martin, president.

POLIO CLINI C

Polio and tetanus shots will be available at Yukon Elementary cafeteria, 17815 Yukon Ave. between Artesia and 182 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, sponsored by Yukon Elementary PTA. Donation will be \$1 per shot with a \$5 per family maximum.

Women

RONNIE SAUNDERS, Society Editor



YULE LOGE will be burning, Tiny Tim will be beaming, and a beefeater will greet merrymakers when Las Madrecitas stages its Evergreen Ball at the Palos Verdes Country Club Saturday, Dec. 14. Theme of the annual holiday dinner dance will be "Christmas in Merrie Olde England." Gathering pinecones as they talk over plans for the forthcoming event are Mrs. Robert Friedson, left, and Mrs. G. J. Kleinhesselink, right. —PRESS photo

Country Club to Provide Setting for Evergreen Ball

Members of Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild are completing final arrangements for their annual Evergreen Ball to be held on Dec. 14 at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Under the chairmanship of Mmes. Edward Sokolski and Robert Friedson the group took a step back into history for this year's ball theme, "Christmas in Merrie Olde England."

On arrival, guests will be greeted by a colorful Beefeater. Painted backdrops depicting the London skyline of Dickens' day will cover the walls of the ballroom.

Red and green pennants with heraldic motifs and coats of arms will flutter from the ceiling. A biggie-than-life-size Tiny Tim will lean on his crutch and beam at the throng, reminding merrymakers that proceeds from the fun-filled affair go to the cause Las Madrecitas love best, the Pediatric Ward of Orthopaedic Hospital.

Cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres will be served from eight o'clock, as guests are

entertained by Verg Crank who will offer a selection of old English folk songs.

Dinner will feature the traditional rosette of beef and Yorkshire pudding. Partridges in golden cages, flanked by massive gold and white candles will add decorative interest to the dining tables.

After dinner guests will dance the hours away to the music of Les Transier. Songstress Meryl Drabin will

highlight the evening's entertainment.

Also featured will be the awarding of prizes. Topping the list is a fun filled weekend for two in San Francisco via Western Airlines, and a luxurious tourmaline mink boa from A. I. Lipsey Furs in Beverly Hills.

Assisting the chairmen are the Mmes. Mario Licho, Richard J. Egan, David Sanders, Louis Lanzer and William Hoffman.

'Christmas Potpourri' to Offer Holiday Ideas

"Christmas Potpourri of Ideas" has been set for Saturday, Nov. 30 by Court Our Lady of Victory, Catholic Daughters of America.

Setting for the 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. event, which will feature home decoration hints and holiday gifts, will be the oceanfront home of Mrs. Felix O'Reilly, 715 Esplanade.

The event will be open to the public.

Gifts and decorating ideas have been assembled at a series of holiday workshops held at the homes of Mrs. Stacy Rodman Wurm, Jr.

Included among the items to be displayed will be matched tablecloth and apron sets, table centerpieces of traditional and contemporary design, novelties and homemade foods.

Under sponsorship of the senior Court, Junior Court Our Lady of Victory, girls aged 12-18, will offer a complete line of "stocking stuffers," from unique Santa Clause shaped candy boxes, novel decorated match folders, to bejeweled money gift socks, according to Junior chairman, Mrs. Roger Ste. Marie.

Assisting Mrs. Ste. Marie are counselors: Mmes. Sy Durham, Bill Garrison, Richard Abshear, Nicholas Himling, and Junior Court president, Miss Janette Acree.

Gift fair chairman, Mrs. Richard Abshear, stated that a donation of 50 cents would entitle ticket holders to tea refreshments and eligibility for a grand door prize. Door prizes will be awarded hourly throughout the day and opportunities will be available to win additional gifts. Many do-it-yourself hints will be explained.

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Sewing Circles

By BECKY SCHAEFFER

So, you've bought a piece of satin brocade and a pattern, and you're going to make yourself a dress for New Years! Good! If you'll permit, I'd like to offer a few suggestions.



Do you have a tracing kit? It's worth the investment for a project like this. And are you going to line your dress? If it has a

metallic thread in it, you may find it will scratch if you don't, but if there's no metallic, it isn't absolutely necessary. Did you buy some pellon?

Satin without metal doesn't ravel badly, and a zigzag or plain edge stitch is good enough for the seam treatment. Metallic material, however, must have seam tape applied to the edges. Let me suggest that you cut your garment a whole seam larger, unless you're pressed for material, and you can either pin fit it before binding or even go head and sew, binding seams after the individual parts are finished.

You don't slash darts in a satin garment, because the less there is to show through when pressed, the better.

While sewing on satin of any kind, be certain that your work area is immaculately clean. Look out for villains like coffee cups, cigarette ashes, spilled water from your steam iron or any other liquid, and don't oil your machine.

Go easy on pinning when sewing on satin, keeping pin holes within seam allowances. You can't moisten the material to close the hole because satin watermarks terribly.

Satin brocade will stitch at the normal machine settings. Twelve stitches per inch and normal tension and pressure are fine. For very slippery materials, a bath towel pinned firmly over your sewing machine table is a big help.

Take very special care in putting in your zipper. It would be a shame to have to take it out, as satin will break and become woolly when you have to rip out. It's a good idea to press in your seam allowances and have your placket perfectly prepared to receive the zipper. Check such items as the match of your waist seam ends and the closing of your neckline at the top.

When you are ready to press the garment, be sure your steam iron is in good condition to be working on satin by going over some of your scraps. If the iron is spitting water, don't take a chance. Send the dress to your cleaner for a pressing when finished.

If you remember these points, you should find the satin very nice to work on, and you'll have a dress you can be proud of. Hope I haven't scared you!

SONGWRITERS SET MEET

Ralph Autry, brother of Gene Autry, will entertain Saturday at 7 p.m. at a meeting of the Vel de Nez Songwriters Club to be held at the home of Mrs. Inez Brumelow, president, 24208 Allierne Ave., Lomita.

Club members will render original songs, and Alene Yvonne, 11-year-old television and radio artist, will perform. Local songwriters are invited to participate.

SHOW FASHIONS

"Magic in Fashions" keynote the program at a buffet luncheon held by Marine District 18, California Federation of Women's Club at 11:30 a.m. yesterday.

Setting for the holiday festival was the Inglewood Woman's Club.

Following the fashion show, a card party took place.



ART WEEK was highlighted by members of the Torrance Women's Club at its November meeting. Members of the club's art group recently visited the Corvix Galleries and plan to view the Mexican art display at the Los Angeles Museum. The group will sponsor high school participation in the annual Hallmark contest. This year's theme will be: "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty." Pictured are, from left, Mmes. Wesley Rasmussen, Henry Heinlein and Andrew Ancampora. —PRESS photo



CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI if ideas, featuring holiday hints for decorating and gifts, will be staged by Court Our Lady of Victory Saturday, Nov. 30, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the home

of Mrs. Felix O'Reilly, 715 Esplanade. Completing items for the event at workshop session are, from left, Mmes. Willard Phippen, Paul Hogan, and Sy Durham. —PRESS photo