

Los Angeles Tests Raid Sirens



First air raid sirens to be installed in Los Angeles are inspected by Traffic Engr. Ralph Dorsey. Sirens will be placed atop traffic signals throughout city. Note traffic signals are masked for blackout.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP NO. 2 IS BUSY

Girl Scouts of Troop No. 2 are very busy these days, according to Cecilia Bidswell, reporter. They are studying first aid under Loren Dillard. They meet at the Scout clubhouse Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to hike to Mrs. Pletschke's home. On the way they will learn trail signs, nature study and fire building. A mess cooking project will be carried out. Mrs. Hammaek and Mrs. Pletschke will be chaperones on the hike.

CHURCH CIRCLE MEETS JAN. 27

Circle No. 1 of the First Christian church will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Everett Travoli, 1350 Engracia ave. Mrs. J. H. Crumrine, president, requests attendance of all members.

LADIES' AID TO HOLD LUNCHEON

Members of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid will enjoy a luncheon next Thursday, Jan. 27, at noon. Rev. E. E. Brideweser of Los Angeles will be the guest speaker.

NEWS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, will entertain at a benefit card party to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 29, at Men's Bible Class building. The public is cordially invited. The regular business meeting will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 5, according to Lela Heglin, publicity chairman.

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Thelma Clark Is Honoree at Post-Nuptial Affair

One of the lovely post-nuptial parties for Thelma Hogberg Clark was a shower last Thursday evening given by Miss Helen Floyd at her home, 1724 Gramercy ave. A pink and white color arrangement was used throughout. Shower games furnished diversion, with Mrs. Ethel Fernley and Miss Hoke as prize winners. A bridal cake and other refreshments were served at the close of the evening when Mrs. Clark was presented with many lovely miscellaneous gifts. Those present were Mrs. Phyllis Klink, Norma Smith, Anabelle Coast, Marjorie Gardner, Ethel Fernley, Margaret Colburn, Ruth Wallace, O. A. Hogberg, C. A. Floyd and the Misses Ramona Carlin, Irene Hoke, Muriel Alverson, Norrine Schroeder and Georgina Tiffany.

District P. T. A. President at Fern Avenue Jan. 29

Changing its usual meeting date, Fern Avenue P. T. A. will meet Thursday afternoon, Jan. 29, at 1 p. m., for a visit to the First grade, to be followed by a brief business session.

"Parent-Teacher Policies in General," will be discussed by Mrs. E. J. Strong, president of 10th District, California P. T. A. Congress. This is Mrs. Strong's first appearance in Torrance and a cordial invitation to all those interested is given by the program chairman, Mrs. J. J. Millard. A question box in which the audience will participate will follow her talk.

A social hour will follow with Room Mothers of the First grade as hostesses.

CATHOLIC CARD PARTY TONIGHT

One of the most successful of recent parties sponsored by the Catholic Ladies' Altar Society, was arranged last week by Miss Rosa Ortmann and her committee. Tonight's hostesses include Mesdames Putman, Flynn, J. J. McDonald, Pennington, Allgood, Neff and Curtin. Everyone is cordially invited. Games of contract and auction bridge, 500 and pinocle will be played. Refreshments will be served. There will be a door prize as well as customary game prizes.

GIRLS' SOCIETY IS ACTIVE GROUP

The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Andrew's Episcopal church met at the home of Barbara Carstens last week where plans were discussed for future activities of the group. Saturday evening the girls attended a theatre party and next Sunday they will serve breakfast to St. Andrew's church members.

MRS. COOK FETED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. F. Cook was honored on the occasion of her birthday anniversary when her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Sidebotham entertained at dinner at their Rolling Hills home. Many lovely gifts were presented and bridge was the evening diversion. Prizes were received by Mesdames Mahaley and Cook.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames J. F. Cook, A. S. Skelton, and Arlie Don, Jr. of Los Angeles, Bryce Mahaley of San Pedro, Mrs. Grace Cook, and son George; Gordon Cook of Wilmington. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Merrile Bivins of Burbank arrived.

MOTHERS' CENTER OPEN FRIDAY

The regular meeting of Mothers' Educational Center will be held tomorrow morning (Friday) from 9 until 11 o'clock. Mothers of babies and small children are invited to avail themselves of this health service being offered without charge.

People

what they're doing

Mrs. Olivia Lee, Hospitalization chairman, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Luellen Hutton of Selma, and Mrs. Daisy Watson, visited Sawtelle Veteran's hospital last Thursday. They took with them gifts of cigarettes and magazines.

A group of Townsend club members were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Collier in their new home in Hollywood.

Mrs. Charles B. Mitchell, 1685 Gramercy ave., has been chosen to serve as member of the executive committee for the 12th annual Women's Civic Conference, to be held at U. S. C., Mar. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Wheaton are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. D. M. Wilder of North Hollywood, this week.

Mrs. James L. Carlin, accompanied by her sister Mrs. Joseph McDonald, who is visiting from Nova Scotia, and her daughter Pat, last Friday visited at the Hollywood home of Mrs. Kate Smith and her daughter Philomena. The ladies were also recent visitors at Palm Springs.

Mrs. Claude Jones motored to Camp Roberts last weekend where she visited her husband.

Mrs. Ida E. Horrell is visiting for several weeks at the home of her daughter Mrs. Jeanette Wolstcroft at El Monte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen, accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Zeller and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd White of Burbank, motored to San Diego Sunday where they visited Kenneth Zeller who is in Naval Training School there.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Kneisler visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mason in Oxnard.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Beermann, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Allick of Westwood, spent the weekend at Glen Ivy Ranch.

Mrs. F. B. Dilley returned Sunday from Las Vegas where she has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hay.

Saturday evening dinner guests of the C. R. Donat's were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morton of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller and their son Ralph, left Monday for a month's visit in Florida. They will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mahon at Miami, and other relatives at Tampa.

Thompson Edward West, son of Mrs. Alle M. West, of 1829 Arlington ave., returned to the San Diego Naval Training Station this week following a 10-day furlough spent with his mother here. He is taking a medical course.

George Walls, a Marine, spent several days here with his father, Oscar Walls of 1727 Martina ave.

Robert Bratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bratton of Post ave., is expected home from a Los Angeles hospital this week-end. He was seriously injured in an automobile accident Christmas night and while he will still be confined to his bed, Bratton has made splendid progress, his physicians report.

Guy L. Mowry, Torrance high school instructor, was recently installed as president of the San Pedro Kiwanis club.

Miss Mary Intermill, who was injured while tobogganing recently at Big Pines, has recovered and this week returned to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ashton entertained at dinner yesterday evening on the occasion of his birthday anniversary. Their dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hornbæk.

Mrs. Carry Emmet is convalescing following an operation last Thursday at a Hollywood hospital.

John Gansley recently returned to school at University of California at Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gascoll entertained at their home guests last weekend, his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coier of Santa Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Woods of Redding, Calif., are visiting at the L. C. Conner home.

Mrs. Robert J. Trippitt, nee Margaret Hogue, left Saturday for San Francisco where she will join her husband who is staff sergeant in the Air Corps.

James A. Snyder, U. S. N., recently spent a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ida Snyder, at 2117-A Cabrillo ave.

New Apparatus Promotes Health

In keeping with his policy of providing the people of the South Bay area and surrounding towns with the newest scientific equipment for promotion of higher standards of health, Dr. L. D. Sims of 200 South Pacific ave., Redondo Beach has installed modern de-toxification apparatus, asserted to be the last word in drugless treatment.

The application of this new method of intestinal therapy is drugless, soothing and comforting and permits searchers for health to receive adequate treatments without loss of time from work. Using air, water and oxygen as a positive agent against toxic poisoning, this de-toxification method, after having been used for the past six years throughout the east, is now available on the Pacific coast. The entire process is non-surgical.

For the past 13 years Dr. Sims has been actively engaged in the general practice of natural drugless methods. This new service expands his practice into the field of intestinal therapy and X-ray.

Steel Workers Urged To Guard Against Sabotage Activity

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel Corporation, in a statement addressed to all employees of the corporation and its subsidiary companies, published in the January issue of U. S. Steel News, called upon every employee to keep a watchful eye for sabotage and fifth column activity.

While this is a patriotic duty, Fairless pointed out that it should be exercised with good judgment and without resort to unwarranted suspicion or unjustified accusation.

"The overwhelming loyalty of the American people is self-evident," Fairless declared. "Our big job will be production. What we do and how we do it will have far-reaching effects on the battlefield. We share a common danger. Our country, our homes, our families, our freedom—all that we hold dear—are at stake. We must and will fight through to victory."

Birth Certificate Data at City Hall

Informative pamphlets and application blanks for copies of birth certificates may be obtained now at City Clerk A. H. Bartlett's office in the city hall. He obtained a supply of the forms this week to assist local residents in acquiring these documents which many need to obtain employment. A survey of the listed fees for birth certificates range from nothing to natives of New Hampshire to \$1 in most of the other states.

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SPECIALS . . . JANUARY 23rd and 24th

Fall In Vat at Ideco Plant Is Fatal to Worker

Twelve hours after he was rescued at Torrance Memorial hospital suffering with first, second and third degree burns as result of falling or being shoved into a vat of boiling rinse water at International Derrick and Equipment Company's plant here, Lincoln Ferch, 28, of 1813 Cabrillo ave., died Monday night.

Ferch either fell into the nine-foot deep vat of water maintained at a temperature of 170 degrees in trying to get out of the way of a steel plate being lifted over the rinse container or was pushed into the vat by the plate itself, it was learned.

Investigation by company officials assertedly proved the tragic accident was the result of the victim's carelessness and no mechanical fault was found. No inquest was ordered. Ferch was survived by his wife Charlotte and five brothers and a sister living in North Dakota. The body is being sent tonight to Fargo, North Dakota for funeral service and interment.

Eight Patients Enter Hospital

Eight patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Mrs. Alberta Covles of Redondo Beach, Jan. 19 for surgery; Miss Annie Cobb of Hermosa Beach, Jan. 19, surgery; Mrs. Edith Gilpatrick, Redondo Beach, Jan. 15, surgery; John Luskford, Hermosa Beach, Jan. 16, surgery; Mrs. Vera Miller, 1811 Arlington ave., Jan. 20, surgery; Mrs. Dorothy Reynolds, Redondo Beach, Jan. 19, surgery; Mrs. Bernice Sahn, Los Angeles, Jan. 19, surgery; and Mrs. Alice Stephenson, 1424 Beech st., Jan. 19, medical care.

New Rebekah Leader To Preside Jan. 28

The Trio Helpers will entertain the Rebekah lodge at its meeting, Jan. 28, when the new noble grand, Mrs. Emma Forsyth, and her staff assume their stations for the first time. Mrs. Forsyth will use a beautiful gavel of myrtle wood, made by her brother-in-law, P. H. Niblock, of Creswell, Oregon. Mrs. Forsyth has been a Rebekah for 33 years.

Following the installation ceremonies Jan. 14, Mrs. Edna Smith spoke for the Red Cross. The lodge presented \$5 to the local drive fund.

Defense production has been the primary stimulus in pushing payrolls 40 per cent above the 1940 level, the department of commerce reports.

New Mexico's birth rate of 27.7 babies per thousand people is the highest in the country, census figures show, compared with the national 1940 rate of 17.9.

Legion Moves to Reconstruct Clubhouse

With the appointment last night of a building committee, members of Torrance American Legion Post made the first step toward reconstruction of their Carson street clubhouse that was badly damaged by the Nov. 14 earthquake. This committee, composed of William H. Stanger, chairman; Edwin Bird, James Burchett and George Thompson, will make a complete survey of the building tomorrow or Saturday with a view to adopting structural changes to make it more accommodating.

At the next meeting of the Post—which will be held Tuesday night, Jan. 27, the ex-service men having decided to return to Tuesday night sessions hereafter—the committee will report its findings and then a structural engineer is to be engaged for drafting the plans.

Contributions to the reconstruction fund will be sought from every Legion Post in the state. Letters reporting the extent of the quake damage and appealing for financial help are now being sent out. Because the national depart-

ment of the Legion has advised local Posts to go "full out for Civilian Defense on a big scale," the Torrance group decided last night at the meeting held at Pat Boyle's home, 1229 Acacia ave., to enlist in the Army Air Observation Service. Each member will be requested to send a card to Edwin Bird, head of that defense agency in this area, stating the time he can give to this service.

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