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District Officers Are Welcomed by VFW Auxiliary

Civic auditorium, beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and other fall flowers, was an effective setting for a meeting of V.F.W. Auxiliary Monday evening. The occasion was the official inspection of the unit by 4th District President Esther Hudson, who was accompanied by a representative group of her officers.

Out-of-town guests of the auxiliary were from Wilmington, Hynes, Artesia, San Pedro, Harbor City and Gardena.

At the conclusion of the meeting a decorated cake and coffee were served by the hostess committee.

Sewing Club Meets

Mrs. Hilma Mallin today will open her home at 1870 Plaza del Amo for a meeting of the Auxiliary club. On Thursday, Nov. 14, the group will meet at the home of Mrs. Mable Weigand, Auxiliary president, 2408 Andreo avenue.

Benefit Card Party

Members and friends of the organization are asked to hold open the evening of Saturday, Nov. 23, for the Auxiliary-sponsored benefit card party. The party, to be held in Torrance Woman's clubhouse, will feature bridge, pinocle and 500. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds of the benefit affair will be used to provide hospitalized veterans.



ENGAGED . . . Miss Betty Lou Dummer, whose engagement to Mr. Robert H. Lucas of Los Angeles has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lester Dummer of 1104 Cota ave. No date has been set for the wedding.

Torrance High PTA Reports Interesting Afternoon Meeting

The regular meeting of the Torrance High School P.T.A. was held Tuesday afternoon in the High School Library with Mrs. C. A. Turner presiding. Matters of routine business were taken before the body and followed by a general discussion. A paper drive was scheduled for Tuesday, November 26.

The new members of the board were introduced by the president, Mrs. Turner. Miss Mills, program chairman, then presented Joan Mumford who sang "Your Eyes Have Told Me So," accompanied at the piano by Nancy Whyte.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Lorraine Goodwin, student counselor, who spoke on the school curriculum. Mrs. Goodwin presented a very enlightening talk which was received with enthusiasm.

The next meeting of the executive board is to be held on November 20 at 9:30 a. m. in the Teachers' room. Mrs. Turner reported in her closing remarks that the P.T.A. has a very bright year before it with many worthwhile projects scheduled.

Yolanda Francis In Guest Appearance With Jan Garber

Torrance was well represented at the Aragon Ballroom in Ocean Park Saturday evening when Miss Yolanda Francis made her guest appearance with Jan Garber. Yolanda, 9, who has entertained in many local clubs and churches, is vocalist for the Accordionettes. Charlie Arlington, radio announcer, introduced Yolanda, and after a brief interview asked her to sing "Five Minutes More," followed by "I've Got the Sun in the Morning." Dressed in a beautiful pink tulle and lace formal with her lovely brunette curls worn very high, Yolanda looked like a beautiful big doll. Those present for the occasion were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin K. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, Alice Goldsmith, Louise Diesel, Fred Hansen, all of Torrance; Mrs. Walter Smith, of Wilmington; Cathryn and Louise Clouse, of Lomita, and several friends from Los Angeles. As a reward for her fine performance, Yolanda has been invited to sing there again in the near future.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO L. E. STECKERS

L. E. and Mrs. L. E. Steckers are the proud parents of a daughter, Diana Lee, their first child, born October 30 in Portland, Oregon. She is the first grand-daughter of Lt. Steckers' mother, Mrs. Mary Towler, of this city.

The baby's daddy, on temporary leave, will receive his honorable discharge from the Navy in December. However, following a much needed rest, he may re-appear, he reports. Anxious to hear from his friends here, he gives his address: 7407 N. Williams ave., Portland.

BROWNIE MEETINGS REPORT MEETING

Mothers of Brownie Troop 698, sponsored by Fern Avenue P.T.A., met recently at the home of Mrs. Philip E. Humphries, 1324 Crenshaw bld. Plans for future Brownie meetings were discussed. Cookies and coffee were served.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12 at the home of Mrs. W. E. Walton, 1415 Acacia avenue.

Present were Mrs. Robert Kasrup, leader; Mrs. W. E. Walton, co-leader; Mrs. Robert F. Folts, Mrs. Robert Reed and the hostess.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS PLAN BAZAAR, CARD PARTY

Royal Neighbors of America Camp 8908 will hold a public bazaar Saturday, November 9 at the Torrance Woman's clubhouse. The committee members in charge are: Mmes. Louise Walker, Vertie Grimm, Margaret Stavens and Mary Baker.

In the evening a card party with bridge, pinocle and 500 and buncie will be played. Two door prizes and game prizes will be awarded.

Mineralogical Society Exhibit Rare Collection

The Long Beach Mineralogical Society, through the efforts of F. W. Schmidt, Columbia Steel Co. engineer, has opened a mineral exhibit in the Torrance Public library displaying priceless collections of its members.

Schmidt explained many rare pieces of prehistoric wood, some of which he obtained in various sections of the country, are exhibited to the public. Some of the specimens are more than 15 million years old, he declared. The color blends of nature with a smoothness that has required millions of years to polish, are displayed in the library exhibit.

Other contributors to the local display are Mrs. Elizabeth Cailland, Ralph Houck, Lowell Gordon, Melo Potter and Roy Wagoner. The museum items will be on exhibit here until December, Schmidt said.

"The Witch's Secret" Is Colorful Playlet Given By Bluebirds

The patio at the home of Mrs. M. N. Felker, 1010 Beech ave., was an attractive setting for a Halloween party Thursday afternoon when members of the Jolly Bluebirds entertained for their mothers.

The play "The Witch's Secret," directed by Mrs. Felker, featured Nancy Locke, as the Witch; Jackie Pagao, the Girl; Nancy Zuver, the Boy; Mary Schott and Sandra Grub, scarecrows; Jill Moore and Roberta Long, black cats; Sally Moore and Kay Showmaker, ghosts.

Barbara Hazzard and Diane Schumert appeared as Halloween characters and Sharon Felker, as a ghost, announced the program. Halloween and Bluebird song selections augmented the program.

At the buffet refreshment table, festive with witches and other Halloween silhouettes, a decorated cake and other refreshments were served.

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