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**Benefit Affairs Planned Monday by C.D.A. Members**

Plans were made for several benefit affairs set for later this month, when Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, held a regular business meeting Monday evening in Nativity hall. Mrs. Howard Owen, grand regent, presided.

Mrs. John Melville heads the committee in charge of the annual benefit bridge, Monday Jan. 24 at 8 o'clock in the parish hall. Contract and auction bridge, pinochle and 500 will be played. Prizes will be awarded in all games, also a door prize. The public is invited.

A baked food sale will be held next Saturday, Jan. 15, at the entrance to Levy's Department Store. Mrs. T. C. Turner, the chairman, wishes to have donations there by 10 a.m. or left at her home, 1749 Arlington avenue by 9:30 a.m. Her telephone number is Torrance 1629-J.

Mrs. M. N. Felker, philanthropy chairman, gave a report of the Christmas party for 33 patients in the court's adopted ward in Harbor General Hospital. Two decorated trees added to the festivity of the occasion. Gifts and Christmas candy were presented to the patients. Mrs. J. J. McDonald, philanthropy co-chairman, Mrs. G. A. Hutton and Mrs. Keith V. Jones assisted Mrs. Felker with the party.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Melville and her committee. The door prize was won by Mrs. M. N. Felker.

The C.D.A. Study Club will meet next Monday, Jan. 17, with Mrs. J. J. MacDonald, 1420 Aca-cia avenue. Father Sullivan will continue his lecture series.

**Walteria PTA**  
By GENEVIEVE SIMPSON

Walteria council members started the new year's work at a meeting held in the home of Mrs. A. Hackney, 800 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood, Riviera, Thursday morning, Jan. 8. A late breakfast of coffee and cake was enjoyed by the group.

A sewing day was arranged to be held Jan. 21 from 10 o'clock till 2:30 at Mrs. B. J. Michels' home, 3417 Newton street. If you wish to help prepare clothing for our welfare program, please come with scissors, thread and needles.

Our hostess has been asked not to prepare food, so bring your own lunch. Coffee will be served. Please let Mrs. Michels know if you can come.

Mrs. Paul Roettger, our president, brought news of P.T.A. work since our last council meeting.

Magazine subscriptions are mounting; if you have not already subscribed to one of the many interesting and helpful magazines sponsored by P.T.A., be sure to see Mrs. Hackney at the meeting today. She is anxious to win the awards for subscriptions to these publications.

Your child will soon be bringing home a card to fill for the March of Dimes. It was suggested that you help your children earn the dimes they are able to give, so they may learn the art of giving to alleviate suffering.

A kidnap breakfast is scheduled soon. The council is desirous of obtaining further equipment for the school kitchen to use for our social events, and these breakfast parties afford a means of raising the money.

The first open meeting of the year will be this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. It promises to be an interesting one, with Mrs. J. Stanley Brode, an authority on citizenship, talking on the subject "Taking the world into our hands." Be sure to attend.

The bride chose as her wedding attire a beige suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. Bridal attendants were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Apple of Huntington Park, brother-in-law and sister of the bride.



**OLD CUSTOM REVIVED**—George J. Fukumoto, 4801 West Torrance boulevard, and his new bride—whom he selected by the photograph they are holding—are shown as they obtained their marriage license at the county offices last week. Mrs. Fukumoto, 25, was born in California and her maiden name was Kikuto Kitajima, but she was taken back to Japan when only 11 months old by her widowed mother. Wedding ceremony was performed at the Buddhist Temple, 119 North Central avenue, Los Angeles.—(Los Angeles Times Photo.)

**LAS VECINAS**  
By GENEVIEVE SIMPSON

It is nominating time for our new club. Cards to be marked are in the mail and everyone is busy deciding whom they want to hold each office. The people in charge of the club so far have been superb. We realize the tremendous amount of work done by those who are assisting the officers, and to whom honor is also due for their faithful work and time.

Looking back upon the short life of the club, we see the community spirit and the community interest it has created. Definitely Las Vecinas is a club destined to bring much happiness and understanding to a new community. Do not fail to mark your nominating cards and return them to the committee.

**W.B.A. Seats New Officers**

Mrs. Mary Howe's home was the setting last Tuesday evening for installation of officers who will serve Women's Benefit Association during the ensuing term.

Officers inducted were: President, Leola Hodges; vice president, Anna Stadig; recording secretary, Elizabeth Cuyler; treasurer, Tony Wagner; financial secretary, Mary Howe; acting past president, E. Chedler; chaplain, Lola Mae Tomkins; lady of ceremonies, Jean Guyan; sergeant, Hattie Schug; inner hostess, Alma Jones; outer hostess, Anna Bay; press correspondent, Anna Bay; musician, Mabel Weigand.

Cards will notify members regarding the February meeting, or information may be obtained by phoning Torrance 2404-W.

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Red Cross spent better than \$1700 per day, every day in the year, talking out its program to assist servicemen, disabled veterans and their families.

The organization's Motor Service volunteer drivers traveled the equivalent of almost 18 times around the world—397,633 miles—piloting hospitalized vets to football, baseball and other contests, as well as transporting entertainers to Veterans Administration and military hospitals for Red Cross-sponsored events.

Production service workers turned out more than 1200 separate garments every week to fulfill orders for comfort articles for veterans in ward and clothing for youngsters of GI's and ex-servicemen.

These were some of the highlights disclosed as Los Angeles Red Cross chapter officials completed a pre-fund raising campaign "inventory" of accomplishments and expenditures.

**G.S. TROOP 610 REPORTS MEETING**

Girl Scout Troop 610, under the leadership of Mrs. Rose Jones, held their regular meeting Friday, Jan. 7.

Joan Weber received her first class badge and pin.

After the meeting Mrs. Green showed a movie about our Girl Scout Order Day in San Pedro, California. Breakfast in Los Angeles and the dedication of the new Catholic school and convent, which was enjoyed by all the girls, according to Rose Marie Morris, reporter.

**PRESS RECORD BOOK CHAIRMEN AT SESSION**

This morning, from 9:45 o'clock until 12 noon in Central Auditorium, 451 N. Hill street, Mrs. Paul Calkins, Tenth District P.T.A. publicity record book instructor, will conduct a conference for all P.T.A. unit and council press record book chairmen.

As this is to be the final instruction session, all such chairmen, including those from Halldale, Lomita, Elementary Orange Street and Harbor City, are urged to attend.

Assisting Mrs. Calkins in conducting the conference will be District Chairmen Mrs. Glen D. Church, council contacts; Mrs. Joseph Bilisnansky, clippings exchange; Mrs. John Garner of Torrance, newsletters and Mrs. Frank Woodhead, district record book.

**Eleanor Salm Recites Nuptial Vows on Friday**

Of interest to Torrance residents is the news of the marriage of Miss Eleanor Dean Salm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Salm of 1824 W. 182nd street, Gardena to Damon J. Rude of Gardena.

The ceremony, attended by family members and intimate friends of the principals was solemnized at 7 o'clock Friday evening in the rectory of Gardena Foursquare church. Rev. G. M. Stahly, pastor, performed the simple rites.

The bride chose as her wedding attire a beige suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. Bridal attendants were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Apple of Huntington Park, brother-in-law and sister of the bride.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was tended by family members and a few intimates.

Miss Salm received her diploma from Torrance High School and since has been employed at the Los Angeles office of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Her bridegroom, a student at Bible College, was graduated from Belmont High School, Los Angeles. He is presently preparing for the ministry.

The young couple, who established their home in Gardena, plan a belated honeymoon trip for next summer.

Among nuptial courtesies extended to the former Miss Salm was an attractively arranged kitchen shower Thursday evening at the Post avenue home of Miss Barbara Lisman.

Invitations were limited to the Torrance High School graduation class of the hostess and the honoree, June '48.

Attractive and useful gifts were presented for the young bride's new home and later, following an evening devoted to reminiscences of school days, delicious refreshments were served.

**Fuchsia Club to Hear About Roses Thursday, Jan. 20**

Stanley Spaulding, instructor at Torrance Evening High School, will be the speaker at the Lomita Fuchsia Club Thursday night, Jan. 20, talking for his subject "Roses."

Mr. Spaulding will begin the spring semester at the Torrance High School Jan. 26 with a class on landscaping.

Mrs. Jack McKinney and her committee will be in charge of the refreshment hour which will follow the club business meeting.

from a buffet table lovely with white lighted tapers and fern. Present were the honoree and the Misses Nancy Whyte, Beverly Hopkins, Rose Rossi, Doris Cline, Joyce Wold, Eleanor Reeves, Jean Daniel, Betty Locke, Joyce Franzen, Bengta Nelson, Joan Mumford, Marie Kelton, Anita Menni and Barbara Coles.

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