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MRS. DIFEE IS NAMED NORMONT PTA PRESIDENT

Mrs. Vernon Diffe, 25656 Marigold avenue, was elected president of Normont P.T.A. at an executive board meeting of the association held Tuesday morning, Jan. 25 at the Diffe home.

TENTH DISTRICT SETS GOAL FOR 195,000 MEMBERS

Another membership record broken!

Tenth District P.T.A.'s to-date enrollment of 192,186 paid memberships tops by 2000 its own all-time-high of 190,204, which was accomplished last year.

As six weeks of the current membership year remain, the figure should rise even higher.

"How high?" asks Tenth District P.T.A. president, Mrs. Marvin Owen. "Why not hope for 195,000?" "Today with constantly increasing numbers of dads, teachers and mothers not only joining P.T.A. but participating together actively in this great work for the welfare of children, we are justified in trying for 195,000 memberships. Another year? Who knows?"

Resigning her post as secretary and publicity chairman, Mrs. Diffe accepted the nomination and election to the presidency.

Mrs. Peter Gerser, child welfare chairman, was elected secretary and Mrs. Charles Hellstrom, treasurer, named outside publicity chairman.

Mrs. Claude Fields, ways and means chairman, announced that the drive for used magazines would continue through the February meeting and asked members to take their old magazines to the meeting. She also asked members to save articles for a rummage sale. Reports were given by those who attended the report conference for P.T.A. workers held in Wilmington Christian church last week.

Feb. 8 was announced as the Founder's Day meeting at 1:30 in the afternoon. At that time Mrs. Herman Ludwig, president of Harbor City P.T.A., will be honored. Mrs. J. J. Millard, regional director of Tenth District for the harbor area, will be the speaker of the afternoon.

Mrs. Diffe served delicious refreshments at the close of the board meeting.

'Y' Club Series to Be Launched With Gay Valentine Fete Friday

Among the first Valentine celebrations of the year comes that of the YWCA Club tomorrow (Friday) evening at the Evangelical Church Guild hall. Invitations to the affair have been extended to business girls and young married women of the community by the steering committee of the group, headed by Mrs. Robert Williams. Miss Sandy Pointek, Mrs. Dorothy Salmini and Miss Dorothy Smith have assisted in planning the event.

Miss Elaine Allsbrook, YWCA program director, reports that the party has been planned largely as a "get acquainted" affair and that other young women who are new in the community or would like to make new friends are invited to attend and should telephone the YWCA office, 1356.

This party is planned as the first of a series of monthly YWCA Club events which will feature programs of interest to all. In addition there will be smaller groups interested in special activities. The first of a series of bowling sessions is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Torrance Bowl. Reservations must be made for this at the YWCA office, Torrance 1356. Theater Night activities for the near future include attending the Date Festival and Camel Races at Indio on Feb. 20

and the renowned outdoor production of "Ramona" at Hemet on April 24. Mrs. Myrtle Muselman, leader of the Theater Night Activities, will announce further plans at the Valentine Party.

Torrance YWCA will sponsor a benefit card party to be held in St. Andrew's Episcopal Guild hall on Engracia avenue at 8 o'clock Friday evening, Feb. 11. Everyone is invited.

Prizes will be provided for winners at games of contract and auction bridge, pinochle and 500, and a door prize also will be presented.

Mesdames A. E. Palmer and J. P. Montague, general chairmen, have planned a Valentine motif for decorations and menu.

'Stunning' Outfit at Breakfast Party

Haldale P.T.A. members were surprised last Tuesday morning with a kidnap breakfast, with Mrs. E. M. Bernardin and Mrs. William Roberts as the instigators.

The most "stunning" outfit worn was that of the P.T.A. parliamentarian, who arrived in purple pajamas and blue bed socks! Money received will be added to the fund to send the incoming president to the state convention.



BIRTHDAY HONOREE—Mrs. Belle H. Taylor, 80, who was complimented at an open house party when her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Boucher entertained Wednesday evening at the family home, 1618 Crenshaw blvd. Approximately 35 guests were bidden to celebrate with the honoree and her family.

EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY IS PARTY INCENTIVE

The 80th birthday of Mrs. Belle H. Taylor was the occasion for an enjoyable open house party Wednesday evening when her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Boucher entertained at the family home, 1618 Crenshaw boulevard.

Mrs. Taylor, a native of Apollo, Pa., has made her home in Torrance for more than five years.

Receiving with her daughter, the honoree wore a navy costume complemented with an orchid corsage, a gift from her seven-year-old grandson Ricky Boucher, of the home address.

Mrs. Boucher was attractively gowned in green for the party.

Among the guests arriving to congratulate Mrs. Taylor was a friend of many years standing, Mrs. Florence Hartman of Detroit, Mich., who is spending the winter in Hollywood, and others were from Hollywood, Long Beach and Torrance.

An arrangement of red roses and a candlelight birthday cake graced the attractive buffet table from which approximately 35 guests were served. Assisting were Mrs. Woody Higdon and Mrs. Gordon Northington.

VALLELY LECTURE SERIES TO BE CONCLUDED ON 16th

Lorita Baker Valley, well-known reviewer of books and world affairs, will discuss the new Congress in the light of America's importance in the world scene and will review three outstanding books on South Africa, its problems and potentialities when she speaks before the members and friends of Torrance Woman's Club at 10:45 o'clock Wednesday, Feb. 16.

"Our Bibles, Korans, Vedas, Talmuds and their kind are full of the wisest words; but we print them cheek by jowl with the crudest tribal idolatries; and it is on the idolatries that we act and teach our children, using the rest only to pretend we are civilized."—George Bernard Shaw.

Using this pertinent Shavian truism as her theme for the month, this popular speaker will review some 14 books in her lecture of this season's club-sponsored series.

Mrs. Valley's selections for review include:

- "In Search of South Africa," H. V. Norton;
- "Cry, the Beloved Country," Alan Paton;
- "The Walled City," Elspeth Huxley;
- "The Jacaranda Tree," H. E. Bates;
- "England To Me," Emily Hahn;
- "Popeorn on the Ginza," Lucy Herndon Crockett;
- "Land of Milk and Honey," W. L. White;
- "Roving South," Willard Price;
- "The Big Divide," David Lavender;
- "High Towers," Thomas B. Costain;
- "Coral and Brass," Gen. Holland M. Smith;
- "Way of a Fighter," Gen. Claire Lee Chennault;

"Master of the Girl Pat," Capt. Dod Orshorne; and "The Franchise Affair," Josephine Tey.

PATSY SMITH IS NEW PRESIDENT OF GIRL SCOUTS

Patsy Smith was elected president of Girl Scout Troop No. 74 at the last meeting of the troop. Elected to serve with Patsy were Nadina Naida, vice president; Joyce Talley, secretary and Susan Mathews, scribe and historian.

Patricia Rydstrom planned the meeting and gave a reading carrying out a new program. Puppet-making is a new craft that the girls are entering into with zest. After working with the puppets for awhile, they will make dolls and dress them to represent various countries.

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale will get under way soon and in anticipation of this event the girls will begin taking orders on Saturday. The meeting opened with the flag ceremony with Susan Mathews as flag bearer and Pat Rydstrom and Nadina Naida, color guards.

DUNHAMS ENTERTAIN
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Dunham entertained at dinner Thursday for Mrs. N. Weltzel and Mrs. H. Lindstrom of Coos Bay, Oregon.

DEPUTY'S VISIT SET FOR TONIGHT

Louise Thompson, deputy grand matron of the 76th district, Order of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to Torrance Chapter No. 380, in Masonic Temple this evening.

Frances Buckley, 1948 district deputy, as general chairman, has arranged an enjoyable program for the occasion. Refreshments will be served. A large attendance is anticipated.

Skate Party is Planned

Girl Scout Troop No. 184 is sponsoring a skating party at Redondo Beach Skating rink at 7:30 Saturday, Feb. 5.

Tickets at 57 cents, including skate rental, may be procured by calling Mrs. Lane, Torrance 1672-W.

Troop members expect to sell at least 100 tickets to the benefit affair, which will net them much-needed funds for their treasury.

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