

DANCING RECITAL PRESENTED BY ANN OLSON PUPILS

Pupils of Ann Olson, young student teacher, presented their first dance recital at a Christmas party in the Woman's clubhouse recently.

They were assisted by a group of pupils from the Bud Murray School of Los Angeles and Alhambra.

Following the program treats were given the children by Santa Claus and refreshments were served.

The following took part in the program: Karen Hakanson, Nancy Rodgers, Marva Jones, Alice Olson, Janet Robison, Loretta Robison, Beverly Howe and Mickey Van Deventer. Those from the Bud Murray School were Doris Stine, Beverly Peterson and George Wilson.

THREE BROWNIES GIVEN JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY

The birthday of Nancy Humphreys was the occasion for celebration at the last meeting of Brownie Troop 698 sponsored by Fern Avenue P.T.A.

A decorated birthday cake and ice cream were furnished by Nancy's mother, Mrs. Philip Humphrey, who was assisted by troop leaders Mrs. Robert Kastrup and Mrs. W. E. Walton.

A Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed by all the Brownies present. Observance was also given to the birthdays of Linda Rae Thiel and Dolores Castle when the troop sang the birthday song to the three girls and presented each with a birthday card bearing all their signatures.

Carole Stevenson Given Party On Sixth Birthday

A birthday party was given Saturday, Dec. 20 for Carole Ann Stevenson, 1344 W. 216th street, who was six years old the day before.

Motion pictures were shown to the children, and pictures were taken of all the children present. Games were played, refreshments served and Dennis Coil entertained the group by playing his accordion.

Guests were Dennis Coil, Terry Coil, Carol Lyne LaPort, Danny Desmond, Glenda Geer, Mary Beth Geer and Yarved Robert Stevenson.

Eastern Star Will Hold Meeting, Party Tonight At Temple

Order of the Eastern Star will have its regular meeting tonight, Thursday Jan. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

A short business meeting will be followed by a party with old-fashioned and modern dancing. Ladies will wear short, informal dresses. Line officers will be chairmen for the evening.



CANDLELIGHT TEA . . . Christmas decorations featured the beautifully appointed tea for Torrance Junior Woman's Club given Dec. 21 in the clubhouse. Pictured are left to right, Mrs. W. I. Laughon, Juniors' sponsor and president of Torrance Woman's Club; Miss Helen Lockwood, Y.W.C.A. staff member; Mrs. Laughon's guest, Mrs. L. N. Gill; Mesdames Lee A. McCoy, ways and means chairman; J. P. Montague, Junior Club president; J. J. McCune, secretary; W. O. Clausing, auditor; J. H. Hull, Melvin Millar, A. H. Moore, L. Ahrens and D. C. Moskos, program chairman.

Y.W.C.A. TELLS WINTER PROGRAM FOR TORRANCE

Miss Helen Lockwood, director of the Y.W.C.A. program for young adults in this area, has announced a complete program of activities for the winter season.

On the schedule is an art class to be given on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 12 beginning Jan. 20. Oil painting of flowers will be taught by Mrs. Neil Smith at her studio, 2044 Carson st., for \$1.00 a lesson. The chairman is Miss Mary Tibbits.

Monthly dinners will begin Thursday, Feb. 5 at Daniels cafe with Mrs. Lydia Fiesel as chairman. She will be assisted by Miss Burna Morris and Miss Shirley Justice.

Ceremonies will be taught by Mrs. Edna Rutledge in an eight week course starting Friday, Jan. 9 at the First Christian church. The classes will be held at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. every Friday, with a registration fee of \$1.00.

Miss Virginia Barnelle, noted charm instructor, will conduct a personality course for six weeks beginning at 7:15 Monday, Jan. 19 in Torrance City library conference room. Miss Betty Fiesel is chairman and there will be a registration fee of \$1.75.

Arts and crafts will be given in conjunction with the adult education program in Torrance High School starting Thursday, Jan. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mrs. Irene Lill of San Pedro will instruct.

A council representing industries and young adult groups will be formed soon under the

direction of Miss Doris Shaklee, chairman. Coeducational social activities in cooperation with the Y.M.C.A. will begin soon, according to Miss Lockwood.

Swimming and bowling also are under discussion, with Mrs. C. K. Thomas in charge of recreational activities. Miss Lockwood stated that there is a \$1.00 Y.W.C.A. registration fee which entitles members to enroll in the various courses and groups.

Miss Minnie Brooks Entertains With Holiday Dinner

Mrs. Minnie Brooks entertained at a holiday dinner for 17 relatives and friends on Christmas eve. Those present included her house-guests, Miss Louise Martin of Philadelphia, Pa., Tom Waring of New York, Leonard Chapura, of Nanticoke, Pa., and her son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Phillips Brooks of Riverside, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Gillespie of Independence; brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Singlaub of Sherman Oaks; niece and nephew-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler of Burbank; Comet Brooks of Canoga Park; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith and Mrs. Myrtle McManus.

Mrs. Brooks is holding open house throughout the holiday season for the pleasure of her house guests. It's been a busy season for Mrs. Angeline Waid, 911-A Ampala avenue, who is extending wishes for a happy Christmas and successful New Year to her many friends.

FROM MIAMI, HAVANA R. I. Plomert, Jr., manager, Property Tax Dept., General Petroleum, and a director of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, returned recently from three weeks trip to Miami Beach and Havana. Accompanied by California associates he attended a convention of the National Association of Assessing Officers in Miami, later flying to Havana for several days of vacation.

California Population Ten Million

California enters 1948 with a population topping ten million, state and local government costs of more than a billion a year, and assessed valuation touching eleven billion, California Taxpayers' Association said today. California's share of federal costs for 1947-48 will be well over \$3 billion.

Population of the state is estimated at 10,048,150 for January 1948.

The state's fiscal program for 1947-48 totals \$771,500,000, with about \$402,000,000 going to local governments. County expenditures will be about \$275,000,000; city expenditures close to \$175,000,000; school districts may exceed \$300,000,000; other special districts about \$25,000,000.

Statewide, assessed value of taxable property for 1947-48 totals \$10,994,622,625.

In Los Angeles county population for January, 1948, is estimated at \$3,803,700. Assessed value of taxable property in the county for 1947-48 totals \$4,358,891,362. Grand total of appropriations for 1947-48 approved by the County Board of Supervisors reaches \$196,899,091. This does not include spending by the cities, school districts, some special districts, the state or federal government—levels for which the Board of Supervisors is not responsible.

Eight Enlist In U. S. Army

M/Sgt. James Callison, recruiting for the United States Army in the Torrance area, has announced the enlistment of the following men for a three-year period of service:

Manuel Valencia, A.G.F., Dec. 2, recruit; Kishito Kiezo, A.A.F., Dec. 3, recruit; Alfonso Barera, A.G.F., Dec. 3, recruit; John Wilson, A.A.F., Dec. 8, ex-serviceman; John Mathews, Finance Corps, Dec. 3, ex-serviceman; Jerome A. Gilmore, A.G.F., Dec. 16, recruit; Gordon A. Ash, A.A.F., Dec. 16, ex-serviceman and LeRoy Reyes, A.A.F., Dec. 18, recruit.



FORMER GOVERNOR . . . Frank Merriam, ex-Governor of California, was to address the Lomita Kiwanis Club Tuesday evening, Dec. 30.

Prima Facie Evidence Out On Vets Cases

Prima facie evidence will not be accepted by the Veterans Administration as sufficient proof for veterans to establish service-connection for medical and dental treatment after Dec. 31, 1947, L. C. Chapman, manager of the VA Los Angeles regional office, announced today.

On this date, Chapman said, veterans will have had a full year after the President announced the end of hostilities in which to secure treatment on the presumption of service-connection, based on prima facie evidence.

VA takes the position, Chapman pointed out, that this should have been ample time for emergency or clearly defined service-connected cases to have received treatment.

GIRL SCOUTS PRESENT GIFT BOXES TO PATIENTS

Fifteen members of Girl Scout Troop No. 472, sponsored by Central Evangelical church, with their leader Mrs. Harold McWaid and Mesdames, George Crabtree and LeRoy Pulliam and Miss Doris Robinette, made their fourth annual pre-Christmas visit Tuesday, Dec. 23, to Rancho Los Amigos, bearing 52 decorated and gift-filled shoe boxes for patients of Ward 206.

RUSSIA CLAIMS FIRST

Russia claims firsts for length of airlines and for air freight tonnage. She allows herself a second place rating for passenger traffic.



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YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

LETTERS to the EDITOR

December 22, 1947
Editor, Torrance Herald:

If every town in our state had a paper that would put the same intelligence and vigor into the defense of all principles of the Bill of Rights, as you are putting into the fighting against the proposed ordinance, we would be much farther along in our attempt to make democracy real.

Congratulations and earnest hope for victory for your cause.

Cordially yours,
A. A. Heist, Director
American Civil Liberties Union
Southern California Branch
AAH/rt

Dec. 26, 1947
Editor, Torrance Herald:

I have done considerable riding on the Torrance buses the past several months and saw some things that are not allowed on other cars and buses and that one does not see much. Among them, chiefly, is the talking to the bus driver.

Going in to Los Angeles Saturday morning, Dec. 20, the bus we were on bumped the rear end of the automobile in front of it. This was Bus 108, and the driver all the way in there had several around him and was in conversation with them.

Something should be done to stop this and to see that the driver gives more of his attention to watching the road ahead of him or the City may have some pretty large bills to pay some day. Will you bring this to the attention of those in charge of our bus system.

Sincerely yours,
J. FERGUSON
2355 Sonoma Avenue.

COUNCIL SPEAKER

Mrs. G. W. Luhr of Oakland, first vice president of California Congress of Parents and Teachers will be the guest speaker Thursday, Jan. 22 at the First District P.T.A. Council meeting in El Monte Union High School. "Foundations of Family Living" will be her topic.



Throughout 1947 . . . we've looked forward to this opportunity to wish all our friends a joyous, memorable 1948!

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