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## Womens Activities

By MARY VONDERAHE



TO APPEAR IN PAGEANT . . . The Torrance Accordionettes cowboy act as it will appear in the Huntington Beach Pageant Jan. 23. Left to right: Calves are Louise Clouse and Artie Chalker; cowgirls: Janice Neimeyer, Shirley Maddock, (the yodeling cowgirl); Hallie Hutton, Marsha Maddock, Martha Wallace, Patty Dunmyer, Dolores Grimminger and Yolanda Francis. At right is Tracey Dale, hard-hearted villain, who is shot down in the cap gun duel and carried out by cowboys Ottis Dunmyer, Lawrence Grimminger and Terry Coil, in the foreground.

To prevent skidding on wet or slippery pavement, start slowly, speed up gradually, slow down gradually and turn slowly.

### YWCA ORGANIZES COMMUNITY GROUP IN LUMINA PARK

The Torrance Y.W.C.A. Committee announces the beginning of a new community project at the Lumina Park Trailer Village on Western avenue.

Miss Helen Lockwood, secretary of the Torrance "Y," accompanied by Mrs. William Meese of the "Y" executive board, and Miss Marjorie Hudson, secretary to Mr. James Caldwell, of the Torrance Veterans Service Center, spent the afternoon of Jan. 15 helping the trailer occupants organize.

A representative group of ten women of the village will work with Miss Lockwood to promote community friendship, and to provide new leisure activities for the families there.

Mrs. Harold Osborne, acting chairman, and Mesdames Leo Pionke, Howard Olsen, Earl Fee, Charles Padera, William Ferchaud, Dale Browne, Jim Stevens, William Steil and Bennie Kuhn are planning the first community party, a pot-luck supper to be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 24, at the Lumina Recreation hall.

All women of the Trailer Village are cordially invited to attend the next scheduled club meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. in the recreation center.

### PTA Sponsors Card Party At A. M. Jepsen Home

Halldale P.T.A. held its January card party at the home of Mrs. Arthur M. Jepsen, 1458 W. 218th st., with Mrs. H. T. Seaman, president, assisting as co-hostess.

Prizes for the party were donated by Mmes. Evelyn Simerly, W. R. Lewis and Jepsen. Prizewinners were Mmes. Clara Goodson, Anna Wilken and Eleanor Myers.

At the conclusion of play daily refreshments were served. Proceeds of the successful affair augmented the Child Welfare fund of the association.

For information regarding the monthly card parties sponsored by Halldale P.T.A., interested persons may call Mrs. H. T. Seaman, president, at Torrance 2277-R.

### Halldale PTA Radio Group At Mrs. Spratt's

Halldale Avenue P.T.A. held its first Radio Listening Group at the home of Mrs. E. G. Spratt, 1512 W. 218th st., on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

"Science" was the topic with a playlet, "Can Machines Think?" creating subject matter for a 30-minute discussion.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served to Mesdames A. O. Moneyham, L. L. Powell, E. M. Bernardin, M. E. DeHainant, Charles Humphrey and Don Wolf.

The group will hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Humphrey, 1653 W. 223rd street.

### High School PTA Holds Initial Meet Of New Year

"Foundations of Moral and Spiritual Growth" was the topic chosen by Rev. H. Wesley Roloff when he spoke at the regular monthly meeting of Torrance High School P.T.A. Tuesday afternoon.

At the business meeting conducted by Mrs. A. C. Turner, president, the association voted unanimously to endorse the unification of Torrance city schools.

Following marimba solos by Rudolph Bowen, tea was served with members of the executive board as hostesses.

### The Torrance Accordionettes activities for the past ten weeks include ten programs, seven ice skating parties, swimming parties, a surprise birthday party for their director, Bettie Thomas and a formal dance.

The dance was held at the Attebery Fun Club, 4116 Sepulveda Blvd., with Mr. and Mrs. Attebery and Mr. Thomas in the band. About 25 little girls from four to 12 in formals and 15 boys in their best suits made the dance hall quite colorful. Each was given a program and the dances included waltzes, the "Varsovianna," the "Virginia Reel" and the "Texas Star Square Dance," the last dance a waltz contest.

First prize winners of the waltz contest were Clair Hutton and Edna Lee Hickman, who received pairs of roller skates as prizes. Second prize winners were Joan Blackman and Fred Diesel, popular young accordionists. First prize for the younger set went to Gail Thomas and Bobby Church. Prizes for Musical Chairs went to Yolanda Francis and Fred Diesel. Refreshments were served at a long table gaily decorated with toys as favors.

Programs were presented for the Eastern Star officers at the Union Oil Company refinery in Wilmington, the Catholic Party and for the Royal Neighbors on their Hawaiian Night when members from all the Royal Neighbor district assembled here.

The Torrance Accordionettes were guest artists at the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach for a Bosses and Secretaries banquet. Several members of the group entertained at the Vet's hall in Lomita.

Christmas programs were presented for the Redondo Beach Townsend Club, the Long Beach Edison Company, the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce and at the Torrance Moose and Lions' Christmas party for Torrance children.

The accordionists in these various programs were Joan Blackman, Fred Diesel, Laella Epps, Dennis Coll, Marlene Schooley, Janice Neimeyer, Wanda Louise Helvey, Catherine Clouse, Janeene Colombo, Donald Snyder, Norman Breshears, Jerry Nichols, Bobby Church and Gail Thomas. Dancers were Yolanda Francis, Cindy Hornick, Louise Clouse, Tracey Dale, Patty Larson, Lawrence Grimminger, Marsha and Shirley Maddock, Dolores and Gene Bell, Terry Coil, Janice Clouse, Artie Chalker, Hallie Hutton, Martha Wallace, Patty Dunmyer, Ottis Dunmyer, Carole Stevenson, Janet Phillips, Betty Boyd and Robin Thomas.

Plans for a carnival to be held some time in May were announced by Mrs. Kenneth Beight.

Craig Hutchinson, of Columbia Concerts, Inc., requested support for the community concerts being organized to bring outstanding artists to the city.

The new song books, presented to the school by the P.T.A., were used for a community sing. Mrs. Luke Nickol and Miss Jean Graves led the singing.

Tea was served by the Fourth Grade room mothers following the meeting with Mrs. Kenneth Sexton and Mrs. Kenneth Beight pouring.

With 87 members present at the meeting the room prize radio was won for the month by Mrs. Graves' classroom for having the largest parental representation.

### Fern Avenue PTA Set Meeting Date For January 28

The regular meeting of Fern Avenue P.T.A. will be held in the school auditorium at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28. Hostesses will be room mothers from Mrs. D. B. Ballock and Mrs. Eva Thomas' rooms. An interesting program has been arranged.

Several members of this association will be present at the First District Council meeting to be held today in El Monte High School.

### Torrance P.T.A. Group To Attend El Monte Meeting

Mrs. William E. Bowen, president of Torrance Council P.T.A., with a representative group from each of the five Torrance P.T.A. associations today will attend a First District conference in El Monte High School.

Mrs. G. W. Lubr, first vice president, California Congress, of Parent-Teachers, will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. Bowen also represented Torrance Council at a president's conference held last Friday in Los Angeles City Library.

### SOCIAL CLUB REPORTS RECENT EVENING PARTY

Music for an evening of old time square dancing and other dances was furnished by the Attebery orchestra Saturday evening when members of the Mi-N-Yore Fun club met in Attebery hall on Sepulveda, near Hawthorne boulevard.

Highlight of the evening was a special program presented by several students of the Bettie Thomas Studio. Marsha Maddock and Tracey Dale danced a military tap. Shirley Maddock, the yodeling cowgirl, sang several songs and Patty Dunmyer danced the "Sophisticated Hula." Yolanda Francis performed difficult acrobatic tricks on a stool and sang several numbers. Patty Larson, an advanced acrobat at the age of four years, received several rounds of applause for her chest rolls, elbow stands and adagio dancing with Tracey Dale.

The entire group presented several tap dances culminated by a tumbling act. After the program refreshments were served and the young dancers remained to enjoy the dancing and participated in the old time square dances.

### Large Attendance Marks Meeting Of Elementary PTA

Sixty Girl and Boy Scouts led the opening flag salute and followed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner at the Torrance Elementary PTA meeting Thursday in the school auditorium.

Clarinet soloist Abe Milstein, director of music for Torrance schools, presented three selections from the works of Debussy to the enthusiastic audience. Mrs. Howard A. Wood accompanied him at the piano.

At the business meeting the new school principal, William Clinkenbeard, was presented by Mrs. Elmer Moon, president.

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### Plan Paper Drive Other Projects For Fern Ave. PTA

The executive board meeting of Fern Avenue P.T.A. was held yesterday morning in the school.

Extensive plans were outlined for various projects.

Plans are under way for a paper drive, the exact date to be announced later. Full cooperation is asked of parents in saving papers so that the students may have a record load this month.

### Mrs. Gladys Evans In Official Visit To Gardena Bethel

Mrs. Gladys Evans, of this city, will make her official visit as deputy guardian International Order of Job's Daughters at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Gardena Bethel No. 112, Job's Daughters.

A representative group of Job's Daughters and council members from Torrance Bethel No. 50 will attend.



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The price of gas has stayed down—lower, even, than it was back in '39. And by comparison, the higher other living costs have gone, the greater "bargain" gas has become. So far, the line has held. It has taken a lot of "know how" and kept us on our toes. And we don't mean to claim all the credit, either. There have been other factors. An abnormally increased use of gas per household is one. Southern California's growth is another. But where these conditions have helped us by adding to our revenue, they have also added heavily to our operating costs. They have helped us, for the time being, to offset steadily climbing expenses—for payrolls, taxes, materials, and even the cost of gas in the field. But the cost of extending our service to take care of new customers is running way up. (It now costs from 2½ to 3 times as much as it did in '39.)

As it probably is in your own household—keeping on the right side of the ledger has been a problem. Among our responsibilities has been the provision of an additional supply of low-cost gas for this enormously growing area. The nearest practical source was some 1,200 miles away. To make it available, we participated in one of the biggest natural gas projects on record. The mammoth \$70,000,000 Texas-California pipeline was constructed, and on November 13 was put in operation.

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