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Mrs. C. F. Fiesel Is Honored With Birthday Luncheon

Complimenting Mrs. C. F. Fiesel, of 1442 Carson st., on the occasion of her 78th birthday, her daughter Mrs. Dave Brimer, of 427 W. Ocean ave., entertained recently at an attractively appointed luncheon.

Present were relatives and friends of the honoree from Los Angeles, Long Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro and Torrance.

Games were the diversion, with Dr. Esther Fiesel of Los Angeles as prizewinner.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake, inscribed "To Our Mom" and bearing 76 candles, was a gift of Mrs. Martha Sparelich, of this city, a daughter of the honoree.

Among the beautiful gifts received were those from Mrs. Fiesel's sons in New York and New Jersey.

Friday Study Club To Hear Lecture By Dr. Walbaut

Particularly timely is the lecture to be presented by Dr. Q. Walter Walbaut before the Friday Morning Study Club at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in San Pedro YWCA.

A lecturer and author of distinction, Dr. Walbaut has been a history professor at USC since 1937. He has selected as his topic "World Report" and, as he has recently returned from months of travel abroad, his message will have particular import.

Presiding at the meeting will be Mrs. Elmer L. Higgs, president.

SHARON MAE CLARK AT FOURTH BIRTHDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Donn L. Clark, 2432 Andrea ave., was an attractive setting for a children's party Thursday which their youngest daughter, Sharon Mae, celebrated her fourth birthday.

The children were delighted with a huge circus cake and other goodies served at a table decorated in the Valentine motif.

Sharon was the recipient of a shower of useful and entertaining gifts presented by Douglas and Stewart Miller, John Coon, Paul, John and Leonard Thornton, Sheryl and Gary Lee Rice, Janice Desmond, Janet King, Skeeter Gannon, and Diana and Donny Clark.

Assisting Mrs. Clark with the party arrangements were Mrs. Emile Vincent and Mrs. Gloria King.

MR. AND MRS. BAYS CONGRATULATED ON BIRTH OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bays, of 2309 Carson st., are the proud parents of their first child, Timothy Wade Bays, a son born Feb. 5 in Torrance Memorial Hospital.

The baby's father is the proprietor of Torrance Paint Shop, 1342 Post avenue. The baby's mother is the former Betty Jane Wolford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wolford, of 2311 Carson street.

Mrs. W. E. Bowen Receives Reports Of PTA Presidents

At the executive board meeting of Torrance Council of First District, P.T.A., held Tuesday morning in Torrance Elementary School, Mrs. W. E. Bowen, president, received bi-monthly reports from presidents of the five Torrance P.T.A. associations.

Submitting their reports were Mmes. A. C. Turner, representing Torrance High School P.T.A.; Elmer S. Moon, Torrance Elementary; V. T. Vanderpool, Fern Avenue; B. J. Michels, Walteria and A. B. Cowie, Perry Avenue.

William H. Clinkenbeard, principal of Torrance Elementary School and D. E. Kirks, Walteria School principal, spoke briefly.

Special guests of the Council were Mrs. Neal Stevenson, of El Segundo, First District extension committee member and Mrs. Michael Mosquini, of Los Angeles, second vice president of the district.

Announcement was made of the appointment of Mrs. Evar Jasso, second vice president of Torrance Council as chairman of the correspondence course study group, to begin Feb. 19.

The meeting was concluded with a discussion of plans for the regular meeting, set for Wednesday Feb. 18, when Founders' Day will be observed. A skit and special music have been planned by Mrs. W. C. Graham, first vice president and program chairman.

Torrance YWCA Is Represented At Mid-Winter Meet

Miss Lynn Jackson, chairman of the Torrance YWCA Center Committee, accompanied Miss Helen Lockwood, program director, to the YWCA Mid-Winter Conference for Business, Professional and Industrial Women, at Pacific Palisades, Feb. 7 and 8.

Dr. Carey McWilliams, author of "Brothers Under the Sun," was the principal speaker. He spoke about concentration of power by a few and attributed most of the minor conflicts in the United States to this system.

The conference was divided into discussion groups which studied housing problems, health, education, jobs and voting. After the discussion periods, the delegates participated in dancing and singing, which was included in the recreation program.

Eastern Star Officers, Members At Hermosa Chapter

Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, was well represented at Playa Linda Chapter, Hermosa Beach, Monday evening on the occasion of that chapter's district courtesy night.

Torrance officers filling stations were Edna Babcock, worthy matron; Vivian Cook, associate conductor; Hazel Sanders, Martha, and Harold Ritko, sentinel.

Torrance High Junior Red Cross Fills Gift Boxes

The drive to fill gift boxes for shipment to children overseas was highly successful as Torrance High students packed a total of 33 boxes in the recent drive.

The object of these boxes is to supply children in war-devastated countries with educational and sanitary articles and to extend to them a friendly greeting showing the students' interest in their welfare.

Mrs. A. S. Dwight, social science teacher, and the students of the Torrance chapter wish to extend their thanks to all who participated in the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandle Mark Anniversary With Resort Trip

Celebrating their silver wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sandle, of Sonoma ave., motored to Palm Springs last weekend.

Accompanying the celebrants were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeVore and Mr. and Mrs. Luther M. Mumford. The group report an enjoyable trip to the desert resort, highlighted by their attendance at the rodeo.

YWCA Young Adult Director Observes 'Y' Program Here

The executive committee of the Torrance YWCA met on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Vurp's Cafe for luncheon, to meet Miss Laura Ault of the YWCA Western Area Young Adult Directing Board, who visited Torrance to observe the current "Y" activity program.

Miss Ault was accompanied by Miss Helen Mummery of the San Pedro YWCA.

Those present were Mesdames Harry E. Massie, Otto Kresse, Winona Ellis, James P. Montague, Carl Forkum, W. E. Walton, J. H. Hull, William Meese, Jerry Ward, the Misses Esther Maxwell and Helen Lockwood.

After luncheon Miss Ault was taken on a short tour of the Torrance area.

Miss Lynn Jackson entertained Miss Ault and Miss Helen Lockwood, program director of the Torrance YWCA Center, at dinner on Wednesday evening, Feb. 11.

Mrs. W. O. Putman To Head Hostesses For Party Tonight

Mrs. William O. Putman, chairman of the December Guild of the Catholic Ladies Altar Society, will serve as chairman for this evening's weekly card party in Nativity hall.

Assisting Mrs. Putman with arrangements for the party will be Mesdames Dunmyer, Webb, Babbitt, MacDonald, Neff, Dillinger, Johnson, Pennington, Martin, Orm, Allgood and McGregor.

Everyone is invited. The first door prize will be presented at 8 o'clock and the customary games will follow immediately. At the close of play delicious refreshments will be served and prizes for games awarded.

Mrs. Barger Hears Councilman Moore At C. of C. Meeting

Mrs. J. J. Barger, of 1664 W. 218th st., represented Western Avenue Improvement Organization at the monthly breakfast meeting of San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, held Friday morning in San Pedro YMCA.

Guest speaker at the session was Councilman George H. Moore of the 15th District, whose topic was "Western Avenue and Harbor Freeways."

AIR POWER NECESSARY

"In this Air Age, the Navy as a combat organization, is as strong as its aviation, the air arm on which rests the burden of maintaining our seapower," according to the Hon. John Nicholas Brown, assistant secretary of the Navy for Air.

FUCHSIA SOCIETY REPORTS MEETING IN REDONDO BEACH

The South Bay branch (Redondo) of the National Fuchsia Society of America, met Thursday evening in Redondo Beach. Mrs. M. M. Cornbleth, president, conducted the meeting.

The speaker, Arthur Bushweiler, of Long Beach, was introduced by C. A. Anderson, program chairman. Mr. Bushweiler, of Swiss ancestry, was taught to love the soil and plant life. He is a plant propagator and well experienced on plants and their requirements.

He suggested that all fuchsias start now with cuttings and train plants for the June flower show. "Fuchsias may be of the hanging basket, bush, tree, pillar, espalier on trellis, or the pyramid type," he stated.

Plants in tubs or pots may be easily transported to the show rooms, the speaker pointed out. Door prize winners were Evelyn Sexton, Neis Holman and Alex Poggi.

Betty Trefethen, refreshment chairman, surprised the group with home-made, heart-shaped cookies served with tea and coffee.

The next meeting on March 4 will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

PTA MEMBERSHIP SET AT 611,366 IN 2,145 UNITS

The up-to-the-minute record of membership in the California Congress of Parents and Teachers is 611,366, with more coming in daily. This figure is well above the final tabulation of 608,754 for 1947. Local units, also, are increasing in number, with a present total of 2,145.

Worthy of note is the fact that this large membership in the Congress is a working membership. Reports from the field carry information of cooperative activities and recognition by civic leaders of the ability of the P.T.A. to do much in helping to create better communities.

Number of men memberships also shows a marked increase, laying low the ghost of "P.T.A. is a women's organization."

Many men are listed as unit presidents and committee chairmen at all levels, including the State Board where Dr. C. C. Trillingham, George Hjelte and John L. Compton are active chairmen. Men members of the advisory board are frequently in attendance at Board of Managers meetings.

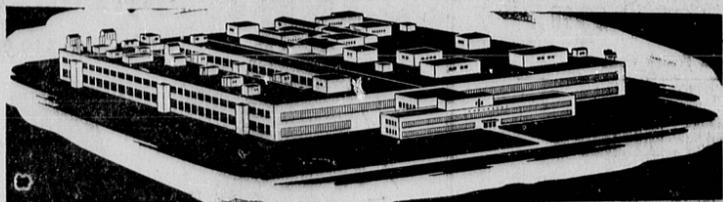
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