

Adult Class Includes New Day Courses

Day classes in textile painting, cake decorating and lampshade making are being started now at the Lomita Park, sponsored by the County Department of Parks and Recreation and

the Banning Adult School. A Tuesday class in textile painting has started, taught by Mrs. Marjorie Lomdale, park director. It meets from 10-12 o'clock. On Monday, Foods 2—decoration, will be conducted, from 1 to 3 p.m. Home decoration IV, lampshade making, is slated for Thursdays, 1 to 3 o'clock. There is no charge for the classes. Information can be obtained at the Lomita Park, 241st St. and Eshelman Ave.

Mrs. Jane Horton Named Press, Radio Chairman

Mrs. Jane R. Horton, of Lomita Unit 645 of the American Legion Auxiliary, has been appointed chairman of the Press and Radio section of the Department of California of the Auxiliary, it was revealed this week. She served last year as president of the 19th District.

NORTH TORRANCE TATTLER

By MRS. HELENE ALLISON
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Not since Kay Starr introduced "Come Along-a-Long" or the "Synopated Circus" given at Torrance High School has there been so much discussion of music in these parts! But the people who have attended the Evangelical United Brethren Church held weekly at McMaster Hall are talking about little two-year-old Cindy Zeller who sings as lustily as the words to me of the favorites than the average adult. If she misses a line the crowd is never conscious of the fact!

The Cub Scout Benefit dance sponsored by the Mothers Club Open at Verburg rumpus room Saturday evening was one of the most successful endeavors of the season, not to mention the jammed packed hours of entertainment that took place! The Hard Times theme was carried out in detail. Those receiving a prize were the delight of a can of beans and an onion, Mr. and Mrs. Snell, who were perfect as Daisy Mae and Lil' Abner; Mr. and Mrs. Biz Bertrand, as a country girl with tattered pedal pushers and a very fetching off the shoulder blouse and her shy country beau in a straw hat, ever so small shirt, and huge trousers. The Hamilton Blacks also took a prize with Eleanor in a most becoming hat perched on her head with a flower standing erect and facing Jones! She wore a very chic skirt and a shirt from heavens knows where with a most elegant pin! Hamilton was as ever the best-dressed hobo from any hobo jungle with his enormous shoes wrapped in burlap, his best brown hat and jacket with the fur collar. All in all it sounded like an hilarious evening for a very worthy cause.

Oct. 2 a breakfast was held at the home of Mrs. Peggy Sale, 17208 Ardath, for the fish pond committee for the North Torrance Elementary School PTA carnival which will be held Oct. 17. Those who attended included Ike Bridge, Helen Peterson, Ruth Towell, Connie Gastelum, Doris Babb, Ruth Snell, Melba Oames, Willa Lee Harris, and Betty Mangelli. The first four mentioned will have the booth decoration. Articles are being accepted for the carnival which proved a very popular concession at last year's carnival.

Another committee meeting for the North Torrance Elementary School carnival sponsored by the PTA will be held at Verburg rumpus room at 10 a.m. today. This is the bakery group who is getting together some of the best cooks in the area to supply the pastries to go on sale. Committee chairmen are Mrs. T. Kelley and Mrs. S. J. West. If you care to donate, call MElo 9-2038.

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NTCIA. Don't say I didn't warn you!
Duke Cortez, 17516 Cerise, celebrated his third birthday with a red and white party at Garbena Park this week. The youngsters were seated around the table covered with a birthday cake which supported a lake and three candles! Those greeting him were Judy Towell, Laurie Gastelum, Maria Eagle, Brock Holbrook, Steven Avalos, Gloria Hancock, Gary Holbrook, Randy Eagle, and his brother and sister, Eric and Tina.

Sorry are we to hear that Mrs. Ann Collins is ill and hope this reading finds her fine again!

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson who recently visited the Andy Irvines of 4234 W. 178th from Spokane, Wash. (Mrs. Johnson is Mrs. Irvines sister) were so delighted with our area that they have returned this time to settle here. The Johnsons have a son, Billy, 24, who is in the Armored Ordnance Motor Branch Headquarters stationed at Fort Hood, Tex., but who will be discharged in Nov. He plans to attend UCLA. Welcome to our community!

Glad indeed are the friends and neighbors of Mrs. George Denny, 17516 Glenburn, to learn she is at home again recovering from surgery performed last week at Torrance Memorial Hospital. We hope your recovery is a rapid one!

A bridge club consisting of the faculty wives from El Camino College gathered at the home of Mrs. Marion Tussing, 17104 Yukon, and spent a very delightful evening Oct. 1. Mrs. Tussing has taken a kindergarten class at Roosevelt Elementary on Compton Blvd.

Our deepest sympathy is with

two of our well-known personalities in this community who in the past week lost their fathers. Mrs. Loomis, kindergarten teacher in North Torrance Elementary School, and Mrs. Thelma O'Dell of Crenshaw.

Den Mother Alice MacKenzie, who has given much of her time to Den 4 of Cub Scouts 761-C, was the recipient of a very delightful surprise this week when her assistant, Mrs. Kay Meyers, and her boys greeted her with cup cakes spelling Happy Birthday. They also presented Alice with a set of ash tray and ceramic cigarette box. Those honoring their den mother Sept. 30 included Phil Meyers, Ken Vickers, Raymond Grace, Dick Bush, Johnny Leininger, Keith Freiler, David Powles, and Ken MacKenzie.

At the recent monthly meeting of the NTCIA the officers elected for the coming year were installed by the parliamentarian, Mrs. Dave Dyer. Those who will serve include Jack White, president; Mrs. W. A. Brooks, vice-president; Everett Carlstrom, secretary; Mrs. Hele Allison, treasurer and Paul Clayton, auditor. Committeemen will be announced at a later date.

In the hats off department I would like to mention Mrs. McCabe who worked so diligently on the Ainsworth Manor light committee—going from door to door getting his neighbors to sign a petition to have ornamental lights installed in their tract. After gaining the signatures of 89 out of 90 residents, four or five lights were installed on poles lessening the interest of the residents in the proposed ornamental lights. Mr. McCabe submitted the plans to the NTCIA and withdrew only to agree to try again when supported by many members of the organization who had accomplished this same goal in various other tracts. Mr. McCabe is to be complimented on his unselfish efforts to improve his area regardless of this petition's success or failure.

Major Crime Off But Auto Theft Soars for Year

A decrease in the two most serious types of crime—criminal homicide and rape—was noted by the Sheriff's department in its annual fiscal year report to the Board of Supervisors, according to announcement made yesterday by Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz.

While incidence of major crime dropped, auto theft soared as did robbery and grand and petty theft. Auto thefts increased 28 per cent as 2053 cars were reported stolen in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

Sheriff Biscailuz also reported that his department handled 24,603 warrants of arrests from departments other than the Sheriff's office, a 41 per cent increase over the previous year.

Citations issued showed a near 30 per cent increase while county jail bookings were increased by but 2 per cent.

Biscailuz pointed out that the overall increase of 5.7 per cent in offenses reported is considerably less than the rate of increase in population of the areas in the county, which is estimated to have been 7.2 per cent over 1951.

Daily, 4133 persons were in custody of the Sheriff in his jail division. The department handled 7722 traffic accidents.

Another Step In Dial Phone Work Under Way

Moving another step closer to its dial conversion program here, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. announced this week that a \$75,000 inter-office cable is being placed in the exchange to work with the new dial system next summer.

The cable is in addition to the major outside plant construction projects, totaling nearly a quarter-million dollars, announced earlier this year and now completed.

Manager A. B. Smith said the new cable project will provide nearly 22 million conductor feet of wire in cable to speed calls from Torrance extended service telephones to Lomita, Wilmington and San Pedro.

Placement of the cable follows the laying of thousands of duct feet of underground conduit here, the manager explained. Huge reels of cable are being pulled through the conduit ducts and cable splicers are performing the intricate task of splicing hundreds of individual wires to complete the circuits.

"Our telephone company is moving rapidly ahead with its announced dial program for Torrance," Smith stated.

HORSE COUNT

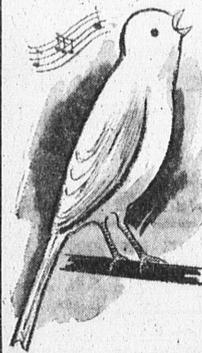
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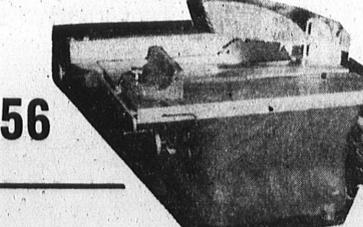
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