

The Social World

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LEGION LADIES DINE



MEMBERSHIP DINNER . . . Among the 50 American Legion Auxiliary members who gathered for dinner at the Legion Hall last Tuesday evening were, left to right, Mmes. Emma Evans Mabel Williams, membership chairman; and Carl Ross, president. Affair was the annual membership dinner held at the completion of each drive to obtain additional names on the Bert S. Crossland, Unit No. 170 Auxiliary roster.

Membership Goal Complete, Auxiliary Holds Dinner Fete

On of the first units in the state to attain its membership goal for the year, American Legion Auxiliary Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170 heralded the end of a membership drive last Tuesday night with a dinner held at the Legion Hall on Border Ave.

City PTA to Hear Health, Happiness Story Thursday

"Happy Families Are Healthy Families" will be theme next Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20, 1 o'clock, when Miss Alma Wedberg, speech consultant, gives the guest address at the monthly meeting of the Torrance Elementary Parent Teacher Association.

Miss Wedberg will be introduced by the school nurse, Miss Edna Chapman at the school auditorium.

Prior to her introduction, Mrs. Hartley Carr, president, will conduct a business session. The intermediate troop will lead the flag salute.

A nursery will be provided for child care, and fifth grade room mothers will assist Mrs. W. W. Hamilton in serving refreshments.

At last week's board meeting, new grade room level chairmen ratified were Mesdames Charles Robertson, kindergarten; J. E. Johnson, first grade; H. F. Heinlein, second; A. L. Devenish, third; Leo Christian, fourth; Albert Newman, fifth; B. D. Anderson, sixth, and Clovers Fowler seventh and eighth.

It was announced that a clothing drive for needy European children will begin, Dec. 18.

Mesdames M. A. Bauman, health and child welfare chairman, and her assistants aided the school nurse and doctor in the inoculation of school children last Wednesday.

Thursday when the Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club held a combination luncheon and style show, "Moon Festival" at the Rice Bowl Cafe in New Chinitown, Los Angeles.

Locals attending were Mmes. A. F. R. Ewalt, Lee A. McCoy, H. J. Osborne, Hal Jones, H. L. Mitchell, W. B. Hickox, C. B. Walls, and Hugh Bowman.

Slate Paper Drive
Normont Parent-Teacher Association will hold a second paper and rag drive Wednesday, Nov. 20, it was announced at last Wednesday night's meeting, held in room six at the school.

Juniors Fete 160 At Dessert Card Party

Over 160 members and friends of the Junior Woman's Club gathered at several homes in the community last Wednesday night for the club's annual card party.

Hostessing canasta and bridge groups at their homes were Juniors, Mesdames J. C. Anderson, Douglas Baldwin, George Cambon, Earl Clayton, W. C. Boswell, W. E. Grubbs, James Halle, J. Holphand, Phillip L. Hoffman Jr., L. G. Jones, V. U. Kilburn, C. W. Lackey, Howard Percy, C. T. Rippy Jr., C. Albert Smith, Arvol P. Smith, and Robert Stewart; and Mesdames A. F. R. Ewalt, president; B. T. Whitney and J. E. Stavert of the Senior Woman's Club.

Locals Hear Distaff Side In Burma Life At Dinner-reception

Women the world over are curious about their sisters in other countries, and last Thursday night many local women got a glimpse of their Burmese sisters when they attended a smorgasbord dinner and reception for Miss Ma Hone Lin, executive director of the YWCA in Rangoon, Burma, who is one of 20 foreign women sent to this country through the Ford Foundation Grant in order that they might study and work with YWCA groups here.

Among the 200 people crowding the San Pedro YWCA for the affair were Messrs. and Mesdames Lee Stamps, Duryl Vaughn, Joseph Lukes, and William Armstrong; Mesdames Minnie Solomon, Thomas Watson, Hilda Silence Vervyn Porter, Ray Peer, W. E. Bowen, Perry Smith, Lawrence Stephenson; and Misses Jean Trowbridge and Verna Porter.

MUSICAL PROGRAM
Following the smorgasbord, featuring foods of many countries, Frank Lusich, operatic tenor, continued the world flavor of the affair by singing two groups of numbers, including Yugoslavian songs, "Indian Love Call," "Cielito Lindo," and "In the Garden of My Heart," and Pagliacci. He was accompanied by Mrs. Becca Detroit.

Misses Anna Bristol and Lorraine Rania, students at the University of California at Los Angeles, presented the Philippine Hat Dance and two hula numbers, respectively.

Miss Lin, wearing her native costume, the longyi and angmyi, skirt and blouse, then took the spotlight, telling of YWCA work in her country and giving glimpses of the life of her country-woman.

PROUD TO BE HERE
"It is a great opportunity and a privilege for me to come to this country," she said, "and I am very proud to be here."

Miss Lin revealed that world fellowship, good housekeeping, and a spirit of giving are stressed in the Burmese YWCA program. One of her aims, she said, is to expand the program to include not just women but the whole family as well.

Many girls come to the cities to work, she said, so the hotel, or residence, work of the Y is one of its most active programs.

In contrast to what many Americans believe of many Eastern countries, women in Burma play a leading role, Miss Lin said. "We have many women in business, medicine, law, science, and other professions, and also many women in public life as well."

The voting age for men and women is 18.

Women are still not as active in politics as Miss Lin believes they should be, but she feels that when they become more educated that interest will naturally develop.

The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, she said, and when our women are more educated, the country will be safe.

HOLD PURSE STRINGS
Women hold the purse strings in Burma as well as in the United States, although men in both countries are not likely to admit it, she said.

Although many women still wear the native costume, many modern girls have adopted Western dress, and, with the introduction of cosmetics and new hair styles, "beauty parlors are thriving," Miss Lin said. "I am still very old-fashioned," she laughed.



DESSERT TIME . . . Miss Louise Cook, secretary to the manager at American-Standard, and Gilbert Cook were among many guests receiving refreshments of pumpkin pie and coffee at last Wednesday night's clubhouse dessert gathering, which followed the annual card party sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club. Mesdames Warren Hamilton, chairman; H. C. Morton, and L. G. Jones, left to right, were three clubhouse hostesses for the affair.



CANASTA QUARTET . . . Mrs. C. W. Lackey, extreme right, joined many of her club sisters in opening her home at 1508 Beech Ave. last Wednesday evening for a canasta party. Playing with her are, left to right, Mesdames R. N. Ward, William R. Dickson, and R. C. Ball. Members and friends of the club concentrated on bridge and canasta in various homes from 8 to 10 p.m., then adjourned to the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., for refreshments and awarding of prizes to high scorers.

Fathers Only Attend Next Parent Class

Every dog has his day, and Father will have his tomorrow night at the Parent Education class.

This 7 p.m. class meeting at Torrance High School cafeteria will be for fathers only. Topic, to be presented by Instructor Mrs. Marjorie Jordan, will be "Father, the Forgotten Man."

Following Monday will be a membership meeting for the Torrance Cooperative Laboratory School. Discussion will center around appropriate toys for children.

Sessions are open to the public. Mrs. Bobbie Boulton, publicity chairman, said.

READING TO THEM RIVIERA PTA MEET

Robert Dexter, principal, will present colored slides prepared by the Torrance Education program at the next Riviera School Parent-Teacher Association session Wednesday, Nov. 19, to carry out meeting theme, "Reading Readiness."

Plans for the meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. at the school, were told at last Tuesday's board meeting, held at the school.

Mrs. Mary Beth Hornbeck, library chairman, reported that the new school's library is growing to near full size. The PTA has helped this increase, she reported by a recent purchase of \$50 worth of books, paid for by allotment from PTA funds.

Mrs. Hornbeck added that volunteers are needed to help with the library project and asked that those interested report to her or to Mrs. Hole.

JOBS IN SPOTLIGHT AT TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL PTA MEET

Program plans for the next Torrance High School Parent-Teacher Association, to be held next Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the high school library room, got a new slant at last Wednesday's executive board meeting, held in the faculty room of the new cafeteria.

In place of the announced demonstrations by faculty and student body members, Principal John K. Steinbaugh will conduct a panel on vocational guidance.

Teachers and students will participate in discussion, and questions from the floor will be answered following the panel.

Theme of the program, "Education is the Family's Business," remains the same as announced in the PTA pamphlet.

Cast of the forthcoming "Student Variety Show" will entertain following the business session with some of the production highlights, announced Mrs. Grover C. VanDeventer, music chairman.

Mrs. E. S. Moon, membership chairman, reported a membership enrollment of 307 to date, including 89 male members.

An all-out phone call campaign is being conducted to secure a large turnout for Tuesday's meeting, dedicated to parents and teachers of freshmen, Mrs. Moon said.

Coffee and apple cobbler baked by Mrs. I. O. Kasten, president, were served to board members by Mrs. E. J. Jansson, hospitality chairman.

Next meeting of the board will be held at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 3, at the high school cafeteria.



HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD . . . is the distance Miss Ma Hone Lin, left, executive director of the YWCA in Rangoon, Burma, traveled to come to the United States as one of the Ford Foundation delegates who will study and work with "Y" groups here for eight months. Miss Lin shows an imported Indian scarf, one of the many foreign articles on sale during the evening, to right to left, Mesdames Minnie Solomon, member of the local foreign delegate project, and Joseph Lukes, executive director of Torrance branch. Scene is the San Pedro YWCA at a smorgasbord dinner and reception for Miss Lin, held in celebration of World Fellowship Week.

Four To Enter Local Sorority

Four local women will take the pledge of Beta Sigma Phi, international business sorority, tomorrow night, November 17, at 7:30 o'clock initiation ceremonies at Brower's Cameo Room, 2308 Pacific Ave., Long Beach.

Those participating in the candlelight pledge ritual will be Mrs. William Campbell and Misses Marjorie Chambers, Loraine Storey, and Carol Cribbs.

Plans for the affair were formed at last week's regular Monday meeting. A White Elephant sale rounded out the evening.