

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS IN TORRANCE

Gather Round Fireside and Yule Trees

Blue and silver decorations were used profusely in the home of Mrs. Alma Smith, at 1614 Anapola, when she entertained her bridge club at a Christmas dinner and party.

After dinner a gift exchange was held and bridge was played.

Mrs. Smith's guests were: Mesdames John Oursler, Helen Dryer, Robert Sleeth, Dean Sears, Byron Scott, D. A. Murphy and Robert Lewellen.

The playroom at the home of Mrs. Mae Jones, 3736 Newton Ave., Walteria held a huge Christmas tree and other holiday arrangements for the Yule party staged by the Arts and Crafts Club Friday evening.

Gag presents from the tree provided much merriment and a gift exchange revealed the secret friends for the past year. A miniature post office, which has been used for years by club members, was again on display and was used for the card exchange.

Present for the party were: Leah Arterburn, Maybel Banks, Helen Carpenter, Vivian Cook, Ethel Derouin, Lella Everly, Ruth Kilgore, Ruth Hardin, Mary McDonald, Emily Middleton, Bettina Miller, Addie Parks, Ethyl Pevely, Bolive Beaver, Florence Childs, Betty Thomas, Mary Umer, Hazle Ward and Ann Wood.

During a short business meeting the group voted to assist a needy family at Christmas and they drew names for their secret friends for the new year.

Amid Christmas lights, brilliant tinsel, and elaborate holiday

decorations members of a potluck group gathered Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Moyer, 1215 Ponthill, for cocktails before going to the Officers Club in Long Beach for dinner and dancing.

Making up the gay party were Messrs. and Mmes. Kenneth Miller, J. A. Barrington, Robert Leech, Robert Tolson, Milton Youngken, Fred Wilkes, Robert Kecher, Van Sommer, George Post, and Russell Thornburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mascola, 1323 Anapola Ave., entertained with a buffet supper last Saturday evening. Guests included Messrs. and Mmes. Charles Lombardo, Ernest Vawter, Don Oakes and Gordon McLean.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, 1512 El Prado, was the scene of a delightful cocktail party Sunday evening when members of their bridge club gathered for their annual Christmas party. The festive Christmas motif was used in the decorations throughout the home.

The party then went to The Palms for dinner, after which they were invited to the home of Mrs. Laura Felker, 1010 Beech Ave., where the large, brilliantly-lit Christmas tree held gifts for all the guests. Dancing followed the gift exchange.

Enjoying the party were Messrs. and Mmes. Ralph Ruffrag, Kenneth Dudley, Delbert Thomson, Lee Kendall, Robert Moffitt, John Melville, Howard Schott and Mrs. Laura Felker.

Members of the Sewing Club gathered at the home of Mrs. George Probert, 1428 El Prado, when Mrs. Harvel Guttenfelder and Mrs. John McMillan, former of Torrance, entertained with a party at a cocktail party

Tuesday evening. The Probert home was very festive and beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif.

The group then went to The Palms for dinner, after which they returned to the Probert home for their exchange of gifts. Guests included Mmes. R. A. Bingham, Sidney Hopkins, John Melville, Frank Paour, Benjamin Roberts, Guy Kelley, Paul Wheeler, Dorothy Post, May Sherkey, Dorothy Rojo, and Harriet Leech.

The Christmas motif was carried out at a delightful bridge luncheon, when Mrs. Melville Miller, of 205 Paseo de las Delicias Ave., entertained members and guests of her bridge club last Thursday afternoon.

Guests included Mmes. Victor Benard, Lee Finnigan, Charles Ragsdale, Edward Worsall, Lou Stullar. Members of the bridge club included Mmes. Dean Sears, Paul Lorange, Albert Posner, John Steinbaugh, William Boswell, William Garrity, and the hostess, Mrs. Miller.

Prizes for the bridge game included the exchange of Christmas gifts, which were distributed according to the bridge scores.

Mrs. George Post chose the Christmas season as the time to invite her school friends for dinner at her home, 1322 Cranbrook Ave. Christmas decorations formed the centerpiece on the table. After dinner the group spent the hours visiting and reminiscing.

With Mrs. Post for the occasion were Mrs. Harold Greene, Mrs. Robert Sleeth, Mrs. Robert Leach, Mrs. Don Guild, Mrs. Hubert Welch, Mrs. James Weil and Miss Jean Lancaster.



CARRYING ON A TRADITION . . . is Mrs. Gilbert Atencio, 22963 Cabrillo. (Herald Photo) her "Nacimiento," which she creates every year for the joy of children and others wishing to see the Bethlehem Nativity Scene, typical of all those found in every home in Mexico at Christmastime. Over 600 visitors saw the creche last year. The new statues added for this year's display are hand carved of colored wood and were made by natives in the small village of Leon Janapito in Old Mexico.

TRADITIONAL NACIMIENTO, BETHLEHEM CRECHE, ON DISPLAY AT ATENCIO HOME

Ages old in sacred sentiment is the Nacimiento, or Bethlehem Nativity scene, reminiscent of Christmas in Old Mexico, displayed again this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Atencio, 22963 Cabrillo Ave., having attracted more than 500 visitors last year. Children especially love to visit the creche and see the Christ-child lying in a straw-filled manger and from over the thatched roof shines the brilliant star of Bethlehem, announcing His birth.

This year, visitors will have an opportunity to see the new figurines of the Christ-child, his mother Mary and foster-father Joseph. The exquisite figurines are made of caloren wood and were imported from a small village, Leon Janapito, in old Mexico where they were made by the natives. The infant is about five inches long and the figurines of Joseph and Mary stand about 18 inches high. Unusual is the fact that the figurines have moveable arms, legs and hands and that the natives used no nails or glue. Tiny hand-carved wheels in the joints control the movability. The figurines were brought to the Atencio home by an old friend, Frank Aguirre, who was in Old Mexico last summer.

Mrs. Atencio and her five-year old son, Phillip, dressed the figures in costumes of their times. Around the crib is a desert setting of cactus and rock and at one side are the "Three Wise Men" enroute to Bethlehem. The customary Posada will be held beginning nine days prior to Christmas when nine homes

Dr. and Mrs. Joe E. Floyd and Mrs. Dwight and Donald of El Paso, Tex. arrived today to spend Christmas and the holidays with Mrs. Floyd's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, of 1304 Arlington Ave.

Christmas Bootie Has a Real Story

The story of one small red bootie . . . Neighbors up on Thornburgh Avenue, where there is a community spirit unsurpassed, took one look, gasped and spread the news—the Thomas Grants, 16822 Thornburgh have a new baby. Thomas Grant had joined with his neighbors in making their street of 16 houses one of the most outstanding in Christmas decorations. He had decorated the front of the house and had hung

four red Christmas stockings one for Martin, 8, one for Danny, 5, one for Dorothy, 3, and one for Bodgely, 2. Then one day, on the afternoon of Dec. 12, a neighbor noticed a small red bootie had been added. This little bootie heralded the arrival that very morning, of Timothy Craig Grant, who registered in at the Daniel Freeman hospital tipping the scales at 7 lb. 10 ounces . . . and one little red bootie will be treasured among his souvenirs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston, of 1303 Beech Ave., have as their houseguest for the holidays an extended visit, Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. Zeph Cuthbert of Salem, Ohio.

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Lioness Club Has Festive Party at Ritchie Home

The home of Mrs. John T. Ritchie, on Hawthorne Blvd. in Palos Verdes was thrown open for a beautiful party given by the Torrance Lioness club on Tuesday evening of last week. Elaborate Christmas decorations were used in decorating the home.

An arrangement of red carnations and red Christmas candles decorated the table from which a buffet supper was served. After the supper, guests drew ribbons attached to gifts which

had been placed in a huge Christmas umbrella hanging from the ceiling. Games were then played. Attending the party were: Mmes. Kenneth Olson, Henry Burke, Matt Farrell, W. B. Hickox, Walter Inman, Milton Isbell, Albert Isen, Frank Jacobovsky, James Kruger, Don Mosshof, Ruel Moulton, H. J. Osborne, Roy Peterson, George Powell, Pete Radisch, John Richey, Abe Robinson, Jack Smith, John A. Willd, A. B. McTea, Francis Dgmtre, Lowell Spring and Fred Boren.

Santa Claus Stork Shower For Mrs. Tatum

A clever Christmas stork shower was given as a surprise for Mrs. Bartoo Tatum at the home of Mrs. Sid Gans, 1011 Kornblum. The hostess had made a cake in the form of a red chimney with white snow on top of which was the stork dressed as Santa Claus.

Other clever party decorations were the individual favors, storks dressed in green and red. Nuts were little red flannel diapers.

The Christmas tree was decorated as their guests arrived and placed their gaily-wrapped packages for the new baby on the tree. Games were played, after which the honoree took her gifts from the tree and displayed them. Refreshments were then served.

Making up the guest list were: Mmes. Richard Heath, Don Porter, William Davies, John Moe, Charles Briner, Philip Carpenter, James Halle, Philip Humphreys, Glenn Amos, Tom Randall, Thomas Hayton, Albert Bertram, Gene Freckleman, William Hume, Esther Peterson, mother of the honoree, and Raymond Tusing.

PARENTS ARRIVE FOR VISIT HERE

Arriving last week from Latrobe, Penn. to spend the winter with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. John Oursler of 4101 Via Cardelina, Palos Verdes, were Mr. and Mrs. James C. Oursler. Mr. Oursler recently retired as business manager of the Latrobe Hospital, and he and his wife have been on an extensive trip throughout the South before coming to California for an indefinite stay.

YULE VACATION IN VERMONT

Miss Virginia Lee Dobrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dobrick, of 245 Via Linda Vista, who is attending Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., will spend the Christmas holidays with her roommate, Miss Nancy Dahl in Westford, Vt. The girls are also planning to visit New York during their vacation. Miss Dobrick will be graduated from Stephens in May.

FROM THE SOUTH

Mrs. Georgia Andrews of Birmingham, Ala. arrived by plane this week to spend two weeks here with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wilkerson, of 4347 W. 177th St.

Announce Panama Hattie Cast At Opera Association Meet

South Bay Civic Light Opera Assn. held a dinner meeting at Kitty, Jo Ray, Florrie, Sally Ding How restaurant Tuesday evening with forty members present. At the meeting the installation of Bo Davey as new coordinator was held. He succeeds Kay McWilliams.

The cast for the production of "Panama Hattie" to be produced the last week end in March and the first week end in April was announced.

Miss Bettie Bailey, who has appeared in leading roles in association productions for several years, will again be starred in the role of "Panama Hattie." Nick Bullett, male lead, will be enacted by a newcomer to the organization, Lyle Heck. Mack, the bartender, will be played by Charles Shiffman and Nadine Nichol of Torrance has been awarded the "Mrs. Gonzales" role.

"Three Gobs from the USS Idaho" will be portrayed by Chuck Porter, Don McDaniel, and Dick Bonham, also of Torrance. Others in the cast are: fruit girl, Alice Thomas; Kiosk, Jay Ellet; quartet leader, Tony D. Adario; Lella Tree, Nancy Hand; Kitty, Jo Ray; Florrie, Sally Hamblin; Geraldine, Joyce Anderson; Vivian Budd, Bob Conners; Mike, Rawson Gorsch; Whitney, Rupert Decker; Mildred, Rae Hindman; first and second strangers, Ken Anderson and Lee Beatty.

HERE FROM OHIO

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston, of 1303 Beech Ave., have as their houseguest for the holidays an extended visit, Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. Zeph Cuthbert of Salem, Ohio.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. William Christian, 1012 Sierra Pl., are spending the holiday with Mrs. Christian's parents in the midwest.

PRE-HOLIDAY FAMILY PARTY

As a pre-holiday family get-together party at the Laguna Hotel, there were joined by Mrs. Colburn's son and his family, Lt. and Mrs. Wayne Colburn, and Colburn's daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Brunson and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Shaw of Glendale drove to Laguna Beach Sunday for a dinner party at the Laguna Hotel.

TO VISIT HERE

Mrs. Alma Smith, of 1614 Anapola Ave., will spend the Christmas holiday in Pasadena with Mrs. Bessie Meyers, who will return to Torrance with Mrs. Smith to spend New Year's Day. Mrs. Meyers formerly lived in Torrance and enjoys a wide circle of friends.

GOLDEN NOTE OF HARMONY . . .

was presented by the South Bay Light Opera Assn. to Bo Davey, new coordinator for the group, at their meeting Tuesday evening. Witnessing the presentation, from the left, are Mel Tully, director; Lyle Heck, male lead in the next production; Cole Porter's Panama Hattie, Bettie Bailey, who will play the role of Panama Hattie, and Bo Davey.

Holly Used For Holly Ann

Arrangements of Christmas holly were appropriately chosen to decorate the home of Mrs. Melvin Miller, 1823 Marinette, for a shower complimenting Mrs. Kenneth O. Lockman and her new daughter, Holly Ann.

Co-hostesses at the party were Mmes. Robert Stewart and John Agapito. Bingo was played, with prizes

to the winners. During the evening a large bouquet of flowers for the honoree arrived from Mrs. Tom Demman of Long Beach, who was unable to attend the party.

Enjoying the party were: Mesdames Irving Caulkins, Richard Marshall, Tom Parker, Norman Baker, Robert Tolson and Kenneth Lockman Sr.



MRS. BAKER OLVERA

(Grotty Studio Photo)

BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY WEDDING UNITES SUZANNE BENARD AND BAKER OLVERA

One of the most beautiful weddings of the Christmas season took place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Nativity Catholic Church when Miss Suzanne Benard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor D. Benard, 1448 Engracia Ave. plighted her marriage vows with F. Baker Olvera, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Olvera, 2240 W. 250th St., Lomita.

The main altar of the church was banked with white pom-pom chrysanthemums, white gladiol and tall white candles. The Rev. Father Gara officiated. Heading the bridal entourage was Miss Jo Ann Benard serving as her sister's maid of honor. She wore a bouffant gown of ruby red taffeta and carried

a ruby red nylon muff to which white poinsettias were attached. Next in line were the bridesmaids, Miss Penny Benard, another sister of the bride, wearing turquoise blue taffeta and Mrs. Irwin Kasten also in turquoise taffeta. They carried tur-

quoise net muffs topped with white poinsettias. Little Dolly Olvera wearing white velvet as flower girl carried a basket of red poinsettias. The rings were brought to the altar on a white satin pillow by Nicholas Gregory Jr.

Then came the bride on the arm of her father. She was beautiful in her wedding gown of imported Chantilly lace with a bouffant skirt of nylon illusion studded in iridescent sequins. Sequins also adorned the matching lace bolero. Her nylon wedding veil cascaded from a pearl and sequin headpiece and a bridal bouquet of white orchids, encircled with lilies of the valley completed the bridal ensemble.

The bride and her father were met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, John Mitchell.

Mrs. Nell McConlogue played the wedding marches on the organ and during the ceremony Frank Algarme sang "Ave Maria" and "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother." Wedding guests were seated by Fred Carlson and Jerry Cox.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Woman's clubhouse. The background for the bride's table which held the wedding cake, was a white Christmas tree decorated in white wedding bells and silver ornaments. After the reception a family buffet supper was served at the home of the bride's parents before the newlyweds left for Ensenada for a honeymoon. Upon their return they will be at home at 1617 Arlington Ave.

The bride was graduated from the Torrance High School in 1953 and the bridegroom was a member of the Narbonne High School graduating class of 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Garrett and Mrs. J. S. Rockwell, uncle and aunts of the bride, came from Spokane, Wash. for the wedding and will remain through the Christmas holidays.

