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BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN . . . Norman Bailey, 2826 Onrado Ave., trumpeter with the Lawrence Welk dance band, presents tickets to Mrs. William Luzan and C. E. Bowen for the charity dance to be given Jan. 26 at the Aragon ballroom, Lick Pier, Ocean Park. Proceeds from the dance will go to the Training Center for mentally retarded children of this area. Added attractions are also being offered.

Children's Foundation Will Benefit From Lawrence Welk Dance on Jan. 26

Ticket sales got underway in Torrance this week for the benefit dance being sponsored by the Harbor Area Children's Foundation. The popular Lawrence Welk orchestra will provide the dance music at the Aragon ballroom, Lick Pier, Ocean Park, on Jan. 26. Proceeds will be used to subsidize tuition and other expenses at the training center for mentally retarded children from Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes.

The Stork Story

James Lawrence was the name selected by Mr. and Mrs. Hollin O. Boe, 3768 W. 177th St., for their child born Dec. 23 at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. He is being welcomed by a sister, Deborah Louise, 3½ years old and a brother, Mark Steven, 1 year. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Claf Boe of Welsey, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Eisman, of 3447 Copley Ave., San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wurges, of Redondo Beach are announcing the birth of their first child, a boy, born at the local hospital Dec. 23. The young man has been named Joseph Carl. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Wurges of Redondo Beach and Robert Cooley of Pasadena.

The fifth child for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Slocumb, of 1317 Florwood Ave., was born on Christmas Day at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. He will be known as Christopher Joseph. The couple's other children are, Eugene 10, Susan 8, Cheryl 5, and James 4. The E. D. Slocumb, of Redondo Beach and the R. J. Douglasses of Bakersfield are grandparents.

The new twig added to the family tree of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sifers, of 1804 Middlebrook Rd., has been named Mary Frances. She was born at the local hospital Dec. 26. Gathered around to welcome her home are Linda Jean 7, Cathy Ann 6, Skippy 5, and Anita Marie 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Batty, of 2220 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, and Mrs. Eloisa Sifers, of Lodi, Calif.

It was a second son for Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Morrison, of 1002 W. 222nd St., born at the local hospital Dec. 26. The bouncing boy has been named Michael William. His brother bears the name of Robert William. His brother bears the name of Robert William. Mrs. Morrison is the former Cecilia Ernst. Grandparents of the new baby are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ernst, of 1659 W. 218th St., and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomas, of 542 E. Carson St. A little sister, Debra Annette, born at Torrance Memorial Hospital on Dec. 28, will join 11-month-old Davie Michael Kee and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Kee, of 802 Sartori Ave. Mr. Kee is a carrier at the local post office. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Kee of Escalon, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Espinola of Modesto.

Therapist to Instruct YWCA Class for Pregnant Women

The instructor for the class "Exercises for Pregnancy and Preparation for Childbirth" to be held beginning the week of January 10 at the Torrance YWCA will be Mrs. Doris K. Alles, registered physical therapist.

A graduate of UCLA with a BA in science, Mrs. Alles completed her training at Children's Hospital School of Physical Therapy in Los Angeles, in December, 1941. The following years were spent working in various hospitals and doctor's offices teaching therapeutic exercises and giving treatments. At present she is on the staff

of a local hospital. In June of 1953, Mrs. Alles took a special course with other physical therapists of the Los Angeles area, taught by Mrs. Mabel Fitzhugh, who had pioneered a program in the San Francisco Bay area and San Jose.

Since completing the prepared course, Mrs. Alles has taught at the Westwood YWCA training classes in exercises for pregnancy and childbirth. A resident of Torrance, she will conduct classes at the Torrance YW. Further information regarding the courses may be obtained by calling the YW.

Walteria PTA Elects New Officers to Complete Year

Mrs. C. W. Johnson was elected president of the Walteria PTA at a meeting Thursday at the school. Mrs. Johnson will fill the office left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Carl Cramer. Elected to serve with her as vice-president was Mrs. W. T. Allen. Other new officers are Mrs. Carl Cramer, parliamentarian and Mrs. C. D. Jackson, assistant child welfare chairman. Mrs. Jackson succeeds Mrs. Frank Tringham, who resigned.

Those appointed on the honorary life membership committee are Mrs. Carl Cramer, Mrs. Norma Wild, and Mrs. Cletus Nestlerode.

Mrs. R. Maynes gave a report on the "White Christmas" held at the school when students brought over 1000 cans of food, wrapped in white, for needy families. Four baskets were also provided.

The next meeting of the PTA will be held Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the school when Mrs. Margie Bell Brown will speak on "The Family Counselor."



Once Over Lightly by Dorothy Downing

Well, it's all over now, but the shouting! Two hours ago, I wrote finis to this seven-week hedgehop, slammed a final lid on my travel-tired suitcase and headed for the St. Louis Airport, and a ten-day vacation. Like so many other holiday-hopefuls, I'm going home. At least, that is my plan. Just what the S.L. airport has in mind, I'm not sure!

After a hair-raising 50-minute ride to the field (I've never been known to be early for a flight), I leaped from the limo, clawed savagely through the throngs to the ticket window, to be informed by a sunnyfaced agent that my DC-6 out of Chicago was running two hours late, due to weather!

Now this may seem like a nothing incident to you, but it re-emphasizes my theory that when they were giving out rabbit's feet, I was standing under a ladder in a line labeled "Black Cats."

Seven weeks ago, I left California. Since then, I have covered the country, boundary to boundary, coast to coast. Twenty-one cities, all told. And I can say, with no stretch of the truth, that not once has a plane been off-schedule. Not once has the equipment been too faulty, the headwinds too strong, or the weather conditions too hazardous for flight. This is because, dear reader, for the past seven weeks I have been working. Now that I am officially on vacation, Mother Nature has decided to go on a rampage. Sometimes I think my boss has a signed truce with the Elements . . .

This, incidentally, is not the first time. Remember last Spring in New Orleans? For two months, I was all over this country and Cuba. Magnificent weather. No rain, no wind, no fog — nothing. Then came wacationtime, and with a bulletin from the Louisiana Weather Bureau predicting the first typhoon of the season. Even though it passed 300 miles out to sea, it managed to delay my flight for some 12 to 14 hours.

If this continues, I expect the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to suggest I commence my vacations on foreign soil.

Oh, well, things can always be worse, if you want to believe the prophets, and at this particular point, I do.

As I sit here over my third cup of coffee and pint-sized typewriter, I look at the shiny wet runways and on into the blue and grey that is the haze beyond. In the background are the too-noisy crowds that are, in themselves, a vital part of our holiday scene . . . and I think back.

I think back on the past seven weeks, the many cities I've visited and the hundreds of wonderful people I've met — and those I didn't meet. I remember a street corner in Portland, a small band of choir boys, and the look on the faces of their elders as they sang in amazing harmony, "O, Holy Night" . . . I remember a fleeting glimpse through the window of a suburban home in Boston, when the limo paused in traffic long enough for me to notice an elderly couple hanging stars on what may well have been their sixtieth Christmas tree . . . I remember the man in the red suit on brightly illuminated Canal Street in New Orleans — too tall, too thin for the role, but still St. Nick to the dozens of wide-eyed youngsters who shyly stopped to stare and make friends. I remember the shop-keepers on Lincoln Blvd. in Miami Beach, as they decked the halls with holly, in Hawaiian shirts and backless dresses. And I will remember always, Rockefeller Center in New York City . . . the most magnificent Christmas tree, perhaps, in the whole world . . . and the double lane of life-sized angels with glittering trumpets raised to herald this Yuletide Season of 1954.



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NEW WALTERIA PTA LEADERS . . . elected at the first meeting of 1955 were Mrs. C. W. Johnson, president; and Mrs. W. T. Allen, vice-president, pictured with A. Arturo, principal of the Walteria school. Mrs. Johnson was elected to succeed Mrs. Carl Cramer, who resigned.

PTA ACTIVITIES

High School

Torrance High school PTA will hold its third meeting of the season tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

"Youth Looks Ahead" is the topic chosen for discussion. A panel of four college students, all graduates of the local high school, will discuss the topic from the viewpoints of "Do you feel satisfied with the training offered at Torrance Union High school in preparing you for college or university work, where you are competing with graduates from many high schools?" Another question to be answered will be "Do you feel that you have been adequately prepared to meet this competition?"

Students, who will appear on the panel, are Carol Campbell, Mary Sue Easley, Gregg Jenkins, and David Scholl. J. Armore will be the moderator.

Sophomore mothers will be hostesses for the evening.

N. Torrance

North Torrance PTA executive board held its first meeting of the new year, Thursday, Jan. 6 at the home of Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, 2612 N. 175th St. Mrs. Harris Clark, program chairman, announced that the theme "Howdy Neighbor" would be used at the Jan. 12 meeting of the PTA association in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Guest neighbors will be Lena Malstrom of Sweden and Max Will of Germany, exchange students. They will speak on their lives and experiences in their own countries and their impressions of this country.

Both of the students are attending Torrance High school on American Federation Service International scholarships which they won in their own countries. This will be their first appearance before a PTA.

The community choir from El Camino college under the direction of R. Neil Hill will give several selections.

Council

After two weeks of widely diversified holiday pleasures the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers, Inc., will hold its first 1955 board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Board of Education Building immediately following the president's meeting at the same place at 9:15 a.m. Of special interest to the parent education series of lectures conducted by Dr. Arthur Bietz on "Child Psychology Today."

Election of two delegates for the council nominating committee will be held at which time the name of a delegate and an alternate from the 14 local units which comprise Torrance Council will be disclosed.

Mrs. W. A. Wright, president, commented on the parent education series "If through our parent education classes we can give one parent the needed inspiration to become more understanding, we will have truly accomplished a great deal.

Special effort is being made by the president this year to help acquaint local units with the value of the overall picture and nation-wide plan of Parent-Teacher.

Local Parent Teacher Association within California are currently studying all information available on bills expected to come before the State Legislature during the 1955 sessions. Mrs. Frank Snowden, legislative chairman of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., indicated in a recent letter to all PTA presidents within Torrance Council PTA that they might give special attention to such fields as the following: Mental Health — possible formation of local governmental agencies for mental health, supported by a state subsidy; Teacher Tenure — recommendations for some drastic changes in the present law are anticipated; Child Care Centers — a special committee from the CCTP Board of Managers is evaluating the entire program and will bring in a report at their January board meeting; Juvenile Court procedure — there will probably be a proposal to place traffic and misdemeanor cases affecting youth over sixteen years in a municipal court rather than a juvenile court. Local parent-teacher associations are encouraged to forward their organization's findings to the CCTP Board of Managers through council and Thirty-Two District channels.

At the state convention held in San Francisco in April, 1954, the delegates which included Torrance Council PTA president, Mrs. W. A. Wright, adopted a platform which included a pledge to work for teacher recruitment in California.

FERN-GREENWOOD

Regular monthly Executive Board meeting of the Fern-Greenwood Parent-Teacher Association was called to order by the President, Mrs. R. E. Murphy, on January 4th at 10:00 o'clock. Mrs. Emmett Ingram Alligiance, Mrs. William Herrmann introduced Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, Mrs. L. R. Brennan, and Mrs. Don Bradford who along led the group in the Pledge of with other 4th Grade Room Mothers who will serve as hostesses at the January 18th meeting.

Kalestiel Richland, principal, thanked the Association on behalf of the Faculty for the Christmas trees which had been presented to each room in the school. He said that the Teachers also thought it was a fine idea to have the children bring canned goods for the annual Christmas baskets since it taught them to share in the Christmas spirit. It was announced at this time that four of the Fern-Greenwood Kindergarten classes will be taken on a field trip to the Hermosa Ocean Aquarium under the sponsorship of the Fern-Greenwood PTA. This is a new project with the Association and means that they will pay the admission expenses for the children, who otherwise might not be able to attend.

Mrs. Paul Underwood, who is chairman for the March of Dimes, asked for volunteers for the Mothers' March of Dimes. Many workers signed up, but more are needed.

Meetings at the home of Irene Roberts, 1881 Faymirth. The educational program consisted of a contest in which members were to identify five objects as well as identifying the members from their baby pictures.

Paula Fuhrman won high score prize. Since the theme of the meeting was "The Things We Cherish," members brought prized possessions to share with other club members, among which was a talking doll belonging to Bonnie Allen.

Gateway

Members of Gateway Council enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon on January 3, 1955 at Gardena Teen-Age Center, with Gardena High PTA board members as hostesses.

Mrs. D. W. Ten Eyck, president, reported to the Council on various gifts presented to the 10th District Health Center, which included a large assortment of Children's Books, and a microscope for use in the Clinic. Mrs. Sophia Salvin presented "Encyclopedia of Child Care and Guidance" to the District Library. Checks of \$100 and \$150, respectively, were sent to the Tenth District Milk and Lunch Fund by Foshy Junior High and Thomas Starr King Junior High Student Bodies.

March meeting has been set as the time for all those saving nylons for the Council project, "Stockings for Korea," to bring them to Mrs. Sam Botwin, Citizenship and International Relations Chairman. These nylons are unwrapped and then rewrapped into useful articles by Korean women in a rehabilitation project. Nominating Committee of Gateway Council met following the potluck luncheon to make nominations for officers of the Council for the next year. This committee consists of Mrs. M. F. Allen, parliamentarian, as chairman, the president of each of the six local associations in the council and five others elected from the council board. They will make their report at the February meeting.

Elementary

Executive board of the Torrance Elementary School PTA will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 12 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, 2724 Arlingtone Ave.

A teachers' luncheon for Jan. 15 has also been announced.

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