

Lomita Civic League Plans Drives for Charter Members

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Mrs. David Fays, membership chairman of the newly organized Lomita Civic League, has arranged for two additional committee members to register any more persons wishing to join the League. The new workers are Mrs. Clara Doolittle at 1734 W. 257th St. and Mrs. Christine Welch at 24201 Pennsylvania Ave.

Anyone who joins before or at the Jan. 8 meeting will be considered a charter member. A definite time and place for the meeting has not been set.

L. E. Ross, incorporation chairman of the league, said that the organization has been successful in keeping the 25 per cent of the land owners needed to vote in incorporation away from the proponents of the measure. Ross further stated that the Civic League is fighting for the Civic Center that would be put in by the county, providing Lomita stays an unincorporated area.

Ross also said that the proponents as using the possible annexation by Torrance to scare residents into voting for incorporation. Ross went on to say that no one can be annexed unless they want it.

He said that some persons have asked to be annexed to Torrance because Torrance is established and the individual knows what to expect, whereas he can't know definitely about a raise in taxes and such, if Lomita becomes a city.

As for the "disputed" land near Crenshaw, Ross said they had asked to be annexed before the filing of boundaries, and would eventually go to Torrance no matter if Lomita incorporates or not.

The Order of Eastern Star, Lomita Chapter 591, held its fourth installation of officers Nov. 30 in the Lomita Masonic Temple.

Alice Hansen is the 1957 worthy matron. Edward Peterson is the new worthy patron. Associate matron is Ethel Dowling, with associate patron A. Lynn Crawford. Outgoing worthy matron is Phyllis Hamilton with out-going worthy patron Oliver Hamilton.

Other officers are Laura Jones, secretary; Tina Johnson, treasurer; Henriella Tennew, conductress; Wanda Coggins, associate conductress; Betty Lou Church, chaplain; Mae Pouncey, marshal, and Frances Jenkins, organist.

The Five Rays of the Emblematic Star are Edrie Peterson, Adah; Juanita Bates, Ruth; Lillian Katila, Esther; Helen Andrews, Martha; Virginia Powers as Electa. Lois Holloway is warder and Burton Washburn, Jr., is sentinel.

Special escort was given to deputy grand matron of 1957, Alice Deatherage, by the worthy matron, Phyllis Hamilton and worthy patron, Oliver Hamilton, 1956 officers.

Escort of installing officers were Jo Parson, P.M., installing matron; Cecil Dowling, P.P., installing patron; Lillian Katila, installing marshal, and Dorothy Faulkner, P.M., installing chaplain.

Participating in the program was Dorothy Washburn, P.M., Cecile Coheen, P.M., Cora Garcelon, and Donald D. Hansen.

Introductions were given to Walter Wally, flag bearer; Oliver Hampton, prompter; Wallace Williams, electrician; Murriel Gasser, publicity chairman.

Following the benediction given by Dr. Andrew McCormick of the San Pedro Presbyterian Church, the group adjourned to the banquet room for refreshments.

Color theme of the banquet room was pink and green. The tables were set with lace cloths and silver service. Green candles accented the decor.

Chairmen for the reception in the banquet room were Dorothy Faulkner, P.M., and Lois Holloway. Committee members were Phyllis Hamilton, Pearl Washburn, Edith Cowley, Lillian Katila, Helmi Chudy, Ida Boyd, Regina Hansen, Lucy Dell Simpson, and Edrie Peterson.

Soloist was Shirley Washburn. She sang "I Believe" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." Eunice Crawford was in charge of the flowers.

New officers of Order of Eastern Star conducted their first meeting Friday in the Lomita Masonic Temple.

The Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church in Lomita, held its association meeting Thursday in the social hall of the church.

family from Holland they are sponsoring, rather than the usual gift exchange.

Murriel Gasser has also extended an invitation to friends of the members of the Women's Association.

Circle One will be hostess for the meeting and party.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kazmark have been blessed with their first baby, Craig Justin was born Dec. 1, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz.

The Kazmarks come from Buffalo, N. Y., and have been in Lomita only a short while.

Scout Troop 255 held its Court of Honor on Nov. 27 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Wilmington.

Rank patches were awarded at the election of boys to Gary Jensen, patrol leader; Lonnie Booher, assistant patrol leader, and Michael Hartly, quartermaster, all of the Wolf patrol.

In the Lion patrol, Michael Brown is patrol leader, Bob Allen, assistant patrol leader and Charles Themm, quartermaster. Troop scribe is James Whittington, S. P. leader is Gary Parnell.

Second Class badges were awarded to Jeff Pruitt, Robert Johnson, Gary Jensen, Michael Bradshaw, and Charles Bradshaw. The mothers of these boys received pins.

First Class badges went to Michael Bradshaw, Michael Brown, Charles Bradshaw, and James Whittington. Pins were given to the boys' mothers.

Two merit badges were awarded. One to Lonnie Booher in astronomy, the other to Michael Brown for public speaking, corn farming, and home repairs.

Camporee patches went to Gary Jensen, Michael Bradshaw, Michael Brown, Charles Bradshaw, Robert Johnson, Kenneth Themm, and James Whittington.

by the congregation. A talk by Scoutmaster Brown preceded the Scouts repeating the scout laws in their entirety. The Scout oath was led by Gary Parnell.

A poem about scouting was written and delivered by Charles Bradshaw (C.I.B.), "The Nature Boys," a one-act puppet show which featured a white mouse was presented by Michael Bradshaw. Concluding the program was a one-act play, "I Want My Rent," by Michael Hartly.

The Lomita Opti-Mrs. held a top party on Nov. 29 to boost the club's project of helping the Optimists with the "Santa Claus Express" Toy demonstrator, Ruth Van Deventer.

The Lomita Elementary PTA will hold an association meeting Thursday at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Richard Groverman, program chairman, will be in charge of the program given by various grades. There will also be dances, and the school choir will sing.

For Christmas, the PTA has given the school seven record albums featuring a variety of musical styles.

The encyclopedias bought from the October festival funds are now on display at the school for anyone who would like to see them.

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