

Club Hostess Friends Invited to View Painting at Open House

Mrs. Albert Isen was hostess to her bridge club and a former club member, Mrs. L. C. Burger of Redwood City, at a lovely party last Wednesday evening at her home, 1504 Encarnacion Ave.

After the bridge games, the hostess served a buffet supper. Mrs. Isen's guests were Mrs. E. A. Miles, Lew Fernley, Ray Richards, Chris Jones, R. E. Olsen, Ellis Owen, L. G. Finlayson, H. E. Massie, A. H. Silligo, C. M. Crook and Mrs. Burger.

VACATION TRIP

Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Cook accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Schaefer of Torrance spent the week before Christmas on a trip to Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco.

The proud possession of a beautiful new oil painting, "Scenes of Autumn," by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nash, 27147 Eastvale Rd., Rolling Hills, was the incentive for a delightful pre-Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 22, when they invited friends for an open house and to see their new painting.

The painting, the work of Gordon Wagner, is an abstract done predominantly in shades of orange and brown.

Mrs. Nash had been waiting for more than a year for just the right painting to occupy a particular spot in her new home. She saw a photograph of the painting in The Torrance Herald and was able to obtain the painting from the Art Auction sponsored by Dale Brent Sexton and Marybeth Hornbeck for the Church of Religious Science.

Joining the party was their daughter, Judy, home from college for the holidays. The guests also enjoyed the Was-sail Bowl.

Viewing the painting and enjoying the holiday cheer were Messrs. and Mmes. Ross Dorsett, John Doyle, Lee Flanagan and their daughter Pat, Lloyd Hennen, Alex Hunt, Dave Hurford, Theo Linhart, William Manfrass, Robert Matson, Mark Moss, August Muiser, Tom O'Malley, Will Reid, R. G. Stout, and Jack Veltmann.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. Willard Wanke, Lee Washington, Robert Underwood, Lloyd Money, Charles Hickey, Dr. and Mrs. Herschell Kopp, Ed Rittenhouse, Bud Grinnell, William Densmore, Carl Bauer, Will Kiischli and Tony Schmolli.

Also enjoying the festivities were Messrs. and Mmes. Nelson Reeves, Charles Day, Charles Clement, Gene Graham, Joseph Castro, William Hodson, Richard Caldwell, Wilford Knapp, Dean Carter and Don Ballard. Coming from Monterey Park were the Nashes' daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele, and, from Brentwood, Mrs. Nash's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs.

TEEN-TWIRLERS HAVE YULE PARTY

Teen-Twirlers of Harbor City, a square dance group of teenagers, held their Christmas party and dance at the Harbor City auditorium on Dec. 20. This is a parent-sponsored group.

A gift exchange was held, followed by refreshments and square dancing. Danny Tregarthen, president, was in charge of the meeting. The 48 teen twirlers enjoyed square dancing with Griff Griffie doing the calling.

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SCENES OF AUTUMN... an abstract in oil by Gordon Wagner is the elegant new addition at the Rolling Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nash. The Nashes combined the holiday season and the acquisition of the new painting as an incentive for an elaborate open house during the holidays at their Eastvale Rd. home. Pictured here admiring the painting are Mrs. Nash and her daughter, Judy, home from college for the holidays. A large number of friends had the pleasure of viewing the new painting in a festive holiday setting.

Two Dinners At the Miles

Christmas, always the most festive time of the year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miles, 2303 Andrea Ave., was celebrated with two family dinners; one on Christmas Day and the other on Wednesday evening.

Gathered for the gift exchange around the tree and for dinner on Christmas Day were: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Adams and son, Larry, and Mrs. Jane Adams, of Redondo Beach; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hutcherson, and Jean, Jim and Johnny, of La Habra; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miles, Bobby Christy and Tommy, of Torrance, and Mrs. Della Moon.

Wednesday evening dinner guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Adams, Mrs. Jane Adams, Jane Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miles, Bobbie, Christie and Tommy, Mrs. Della Moon, Mrs. Eva Whitney and Miss Beverly Whitney, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Bill and Beverly, of Rolling Hills, and Mrs. Carl Engberg.

Holiday Party Entertain at Yule Parties

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Armstrong, 1327 Amapola invited a group of friends to join them for a New Year's party on New Year's Eve.

Cocktails and canapes were served during the evening followed by a buffet. Enjoying the party were Messrs. and Mmes. James Crawford, Irving Caulkins, Robert Stewart, John Agapito, Art Long, Robert Tolson and Don Barker.

NASH FAMILY GATHERED

Christmas Day celebration brought together many members of the Leroy M. Nash family, 27147 Eastvale Rd., Rolling Hills, from all over Southern California.

Gathered around the dinner table were the Nash's daughters and family, Judy, home from college, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele and their children, Karen, David and Danny from Monterey Park.

There were Mrs. Nash's brothers, and their families, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs from Brentwood and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jacobs and their son, Jefferey, from La Mirada. Also present were Mrs. Nash's sisters Miss Julie Jacobs from Santa Monica, Mrs. Ann Cranmore and her daughters, Susan and Georgia, from Hermosa Beach; Mrs. Sylvia Fisher and her son, Marco, from Los Angeles; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demmy from Montebello.

ATTEND REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Revell and Marilyn and Joan drove to Bakersfield for a Christmas family reunion held at the home of Mr. Revell's brother and wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Atwood.

Entertain at Yule Parties

Entertaining at cocktails during the holiday season have been Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito, 22330 Marjorie Ave.

Last Friday evening friends were bidden to share the Agapito hospitality. Refreshments were served from a table centered with red and white poinsettias and Christmas candles.

Guests were Messrs. and Mmes. Frank Kelly, Robert Stewart, Kenneth Lickman, Don Robinson and Del Gilkenson.

On a recent Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Agapito invited relatives to enjoy the season's festivities. The punch bowl was at one end of the table laden with Christmas dainties.

Gathering for this affair were: Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Dean, Louis Briganti, Leland Dean, William Agapito, Larry Herin, Carl Dean, Frank Schmidt, Jr., and Mrs. Rose Schmidt and Norm Jeffries.

BROWNIES SEE MOTION PICTURE

Going into Beverly Hills last Thursday afternoon to see "The Ten Commandments" recently released were Mrs. Jack Dabbs and her Brownie troop and several mothers.

Making the trip were Mrs. Dabbs and Janice and Steven, Mrs. Thomas H. Andreoli and three children, Mrs. William Hardesty and two daughters, Mrs. N. G. Hayward and four children, Mrs. Edward Dalton and two children, Mrs. Lucian E. Burke and Joella, Mrs. John Gitschier and Joan and Marcie, Susan Robinson, Cheryl Sheehan and Lorraine Terkmany.

Fortnighter Cotillions Stage Gala Yule Parties

Fortnighter Cotillion held its Christmas parties last Friday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dailey, 179 Via los Miradores. The seventh grade group was hosted by Mrs. Ray C. Hickman and Mrs. Robert Rockwell. Hostesses for the eighth grade cotillion were Mrs. Robert Blakeney and Mrs. A. K. Gray.

Susan Passes Out Presents

Carrying out a tradition, gifts at the Robert A. Matson home, 229 Via Alameda, were passed out on Christmas Eve by the youngest member of the family, which this year is their daughter, Susan. Also present on the holiday, were Mrs. Matson's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gift, and her aunt from Covina, Mrs. Rosine Conrad.

The same family members gathered at the Gift home, 717 Calle Miramar, for Christmas breakfast. About 6 p.m., Christmas dinner was served at the Matson's. Both homes were decorated with the Yuletide theme. A Christmas tree, formed of tree ornaments, holly and red candles was featured as the centerpiece on the dinner table.

POT-LUCK GROUP HAS YULE PARTY

The traditional Christmas dinner and party was enjoyed by a pot-luck group last Thursday evening. The guests assembled at the Plush Horse for dinner after which they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kendall in Hermosa Beach, for a gift exchange around the tree.

In the group were: Messrs. and Mmes. Kendall, B. W. Roberts, Gilbert Derouin, Judge and Mrs. Otto Willett and Mrs. Laura Felker.

PI PHIS HAVE HOLIDAY PARTY

Pi Phi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority held its annual Christmas party in place of the regular meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ernest Somerville, 1221 23rd St., Manhattan Beach.

Christmas carols and games were enjoyed by all members and secret sisters were revealed at this time. Also drawing for secret sisters for the coming year was held. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9 in the home of Mrs. Fred Postal, 5702 Corning Ave., Los Angeles.

VIRGINIA GUESTS

Leaving this week end for their home in Arlington, Va., will be Mr. and Mrs. Don Swisher who have spent the past three weeks here with their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Swisher, 914 Maple Ave. During their visit the Virginians and their hosts visited Disneyland, Farmers' Market, made a trip to Tijuana, and attended the Rose Parade and Bowl game.

IN BAKERSFIELD

Fire Chief and Mrs. J. J. Benner, 1229 Acacia, went to Bakersfield to spend the Christmas holiday with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sadunas. They left early last Saturday and returned on Wednesday.

Members of the seventh grade cotillion are Pat Rothwell, Gail Ibbotson, Winkie Gilbert, Christy Paddock, Christina Clark, Katharine Free, Gail Dailey, Cleone Rector, and Lynn Border. Others are Eugene Walls, Creighton Brookley, Rickey Thorenson, Don Hickman, Bill Satterlee, Phil Moss, Terry Kirkbride and Robert Himes.

The eighth grade group includes Diane Kruc, Carol Solveson, Diane Sturdy, Joan Heinz, Susan de la Torre Bueno, Barbara Coulston, Sylvia McElroy, Virginia Gray and Sandy Wilson. The young gentlemen are Bruce Mapes, John Gray, Richard Kinke, Brian Griff, Greg Morley, Jimmy Portzer, Bill Dorn, David Phillips, and Steve Blakeney.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the conclusion of the session of each grade group. The seventh graders convene at 7 p.m. and the eighth graders at 8:30 p.m.

Family Enjoys Italian Yule

The Christmas Eve celebration took on an international flavor when Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Fucci and their children, 5321 Clearside, went to Inglewood, to join Mr. Fucci's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emelio Fucci, and relatives at a big family gathering.

The senior Fuccis, who came from Italy about 40 years ago, brought with them the tradition of preparing and serving 12 different kinds of Christmas food. They cook all kinds of fish and each has a special meaning. The Christmas Eve board is accompanied by the serving of red wine.

The large family group sang carols, accompanied on an accordion played by Mr. Louis Fucci's maternal grandfather, Mr. Dominic Stancati. Gifts are passed out by Mr. Stancati at midnight.

The Louis Fuccis went to Los Angeles on Christmas Day to celebrate with Mrs. Fucci's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson. The children opened their gifts and a turkey dinner was served about 3 p.m. Friends and relatives joined the family for Tom and Jerry during the late afternoon and evening.

Two Holiday Observances

A dual Christmas celebration was held in the Homer R. McPherson residence, 5603 Via del Colado, one on Christmas Eve with a German flavor and one on Christmas morning, traditionally American. Since the McPhersons had just moved to Hollywood Riviera from Manhattan Beach three weeks ago, much of the formal observation of the traditional German observation was delineated this year.

Mrs. McPherson, a native of Stuttgart, Germany, brought many of the Yule customs with her to be perpetuated in her own family. Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve and many tasteful dishes are especially prepared for the occasion.

The dinner usually includes a Christmas goose, red cabbage cooked in wine, "spatzle", home-made little noodles, with a dessert of "stollen", a kind of yeast-type cake with fruit and nuts in it. White wine accompanies the goose and brandy is served with the dessert. Gifts are opened on Christmas Eve and the evening is punctuated with the singing of German Christmas songs. Christmas Day is spent in visiting friends.

This year Eric, 8 1/2 years old, and Christopher, 17 months, opened their gifts on Christmas morning. A further international touch was added when the McPhersons joined a dinner with the Japanese Christmas customs.

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