

**WALTERIA NEWS NOTES**

**Walteria Homes Filled With Gay Laughter During Holiday Season**

Those wedding bells will soon ring for Miss Joan Bounds of Ward St. since she will exchange vows on Jan. 19 to become Mrs. Rodney E. Puckett.

Bringing wishes for her happiness in the state of wedded bliss were approximately 50 ladies who attended a lovely shower in her honor last Friday at the First Christian Church Friendship Hall in Torrance. Wedding bells suspended over the coffee table and also over a gaily covered table for the gifts lent an air of gaiety to the affair. Beautiful decor on the refreshment table was a three-foot-long floral piece of pastel gladioli and pink and white chrysanthemums. Silver coffee service, white tapers in silver holders, and beautifully decorated cakes created a sight worthy of the occasion.

The guests enjoyed an evening of laughs over the games cleverly arranged by Mrs. Olive Roudough. The prizes for some turning out to be kitchen gadgets which eventually found their way to the honoree. Everyone had a field day with witty remarks when one of the prizes was a rolling pin given by the group to Joan.

The beautiful table decor was the work of Mrs. Grace Goode, with Mrs. Julia Lougee, Mrs. Esther Walker, Mrs. Naomi Morgan and Mrs. Pauline Smart bringing the lovely cakes. Co-ordinating hostess was Mrs. Anne Thompson.

The Ivan Kettering home on Neece Ave. has had nothing but surprises the last three weeks.

First, a surprise visit was paid them by Jack Bergeron and family of Lakeside, Ore., over the holidays.

Last week another surprise guest arrived in the person of another brother, Ed Bergeron, a resident of Weathome, Ore. Bergeron stopped in for a visit while on his way to Ft. Benning, Ga., where he is to take training with the U.S. Army reserve. He was accompanied by an Army buddy, "Oley" Borgesson.

Many memories were stirred when a group of his friends from boyhood days gathered at the Ketterings on last Tuesday to catch up on the news about each other and enjoy a supper of tacos. Boyhood memories were reshaped by Wesley Christianson, Jack Lund, Bill Mitchell and Glenn Kirkkruff, along with Eddie.

Mustn't forget to mention a few of those New Year's parties which went on around town during the festive season. One of the loveliest was the open house buffet given by the Robert S. Steeths of Las Cadenas Ave.

This was the seventh year that Bob and Jean have entertained guests on New Year's eve.

The buffet was spread on a snowy white linen with a centerpiece of silver foliage hung with green Christmas balls and flanked with silver candlesticks with green candles. Smoked turkey, shrimp, deviled eggs, and varied dips, including an appetizing hot chili dip in copper chafing dish, tempted the many guests from the dance floor.

Those enjoying the evening included couples from Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes and Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Rose, of Newton St., entertained at another New Year's eve celebration with the Robert Cramers, Roy Cornells, Jerry Andersons, John Chaudanos, Hayward Johnsons and Bert Pembroes.

Also present were out-of-town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, who came with the Andersons. Barbecued ham was the succulent delicacy served by the Roses, along with various relishes and fruit cake. Punch and "dips" during the early part of the evening lent to the party atmosphere, as did the hilarious games and nonsense prizes.

The last day of January is the day set aside here for the annual March of Dimes door-to-door mothers' march.

Mrs. John Monaghan has requested that anyone interested in helping by marching that evening contact her at DA 4-5306. Volunteers "march" approximately one block, so it

doesn't take long to lend a hand in this worthy cause.

Pinochle was the game of the night when guests gathered at the William Mitchell home for a party on New Year's eve.

Sparkling punch served from a festive crystal bowl started off the evening, while

chips 'n dip at each table whetted appetites for the mid-night buffet. A spread of ham, cheese-stuffed french bread, barbecued meat balls, cranberry jello salad, angel food cake and date rolls was enjoyed after each guest toasted in the New Year with an egg-nog.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grogan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Anderson.

Sympathy is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scran-ton of Neece Ave. on the loss of their infant daughter. Also to the grandparents, residents

of our town, too, Mr. and Mrs. S. O'Hara. The child died soon after birth, services being held last week.

Hats and horns lent to the party gaiety at the John Monaghan home when guests gathered New Year's eve to see the old year out and the new one in with dining and dancing.

The Robert Munns, Chuck Donis, Al Langstons, James Lamperths, Johnny Johnsons, and George Hallands, and Bill Ulrichs all gathered at the Monaghan home for the festivities. After the clock struck 12, the group gathered round for chili and salad.

Getting together for their

seventh New Year's day dinner together were the Robert Schraubens and Cas Russaks of Danaha St. A luscious ham with all the trimmings topped off with cake and jello fruit salad gave the New Year a happy start in the aura of friendship and good will.

Vernon and Estelle Crumm, of Winlock Rd., had a wonderful New Year's day four-day holiday when they journeyed by air to that gay city known as Las Vegas.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Laub of Inglewood. While there they stayed at the El Cortez Hotel and wandered around Vegas

taking in all the sights, both by night and day.

PTA board meeting was held last week at the home of Mrs. R. Bromm of Newton St. Those attending discussed the paper drive which will be held at the school on March 6.

Rags, papers, magazines will all be accepted, with prizes being awarded the classes turning in the most paper-divisions being first, second, and third grade; fourth, fifth, and sixth grades; and seventh and eighth grades.

**SUICIDE RATE**

About 75 per cent of all the suicide victims in the U. S. are males.

**Tryouts Set For Musical**

Preliminary auditions for "Wonderful Town," the annual spring musical at El Camino College, will be held Thursday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. and Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. Both sessions will be held in room 17 of the music building.

Several eligibility requirements have been set for the play which is based on the Broadway and Hollywood success "My Sister Eileen."

All students connected with the production must be registered in Theater Arts 20A bead. Registration in the class will be confirmed by the instructor during the second week of classes.

No students may participate in more than four musicals. To participate in a musical performance, the student must also be enrolled in a minimum of two additional units of work at the college. Students seeking added information concerning try-outs may contact the campus music library staff.

The musical, one of the entertainment highlights of El Camino activities, will be presented during the spring semester.

Try-outs by all eligible college students are encouraged by the music faculty.

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