

Melody of Love Theme OES 'Advance Night'

"Melody of Love" was the theme of the Advance Night meeting of the Torrance chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, last Thursday evening with associate matrons and associate patrons from chapters throughout Southern California serving as officers.

Florence Viellenave, past matron, presented clever tulle corsages of musical instruments to the past matron and courtesy officers. Phyllis Peviley, past matron, acted as conductress at the door with Dorothy Flyken, past matron, as associate conductress.

Special escort was held for the advancing officers of Torrance, who were Marguerite Morgan, worthy matron; Lawrence Miller, worthy patron; Dorothy Hedrick, associate matron; Dorothy Craig, conductress for the evening. As these officers entered the chapter room, Mary Heitzman, star point, Ruth, sang "Melody of Love."

Mrs. Morgan wore a rose and silver nylon dress and carried a bouquet of butterfly orchids ornamented with a "G Treble Clef," carrying out the musical theme. Mrs. Hedrick, wearing yellow nylon, carried a flower arrangement of wild roses on a musical scale. The colors of the conductresses throughout the state are leaf green and rose. They are known as the "Melodies of 1957."

Mrs. Craig, in turquoise nylon, carried blue forget-me-nots on a musical scale. The conductresses' colors are known as "Bow Knots."

The chapter was opened with the introduction of sixteen associate matron, nine associate patrons, eleven conductresses and eight associate conductresses.

During escort Eleanor Heitzman, worthy grand matron of Utah, was presented from the east and given grand honors. She is the mother of Torrance chapter's star point, Ruth,

Mrs. Heitzman. Others presented were Alice Deatherage, deputy grand matron, 1957; Myrana Sams, deputy grand matron, 1955; past matrons and past patrons of Torrance chapter and district chapters.

Presented by Joyce Miller and Frank Thompson were Alice Hansen, Lomita; Agnes Hunick, Wilmington; Sara Crooks, Carnation; Edna and Bob Neeley, San Pedro Harbor; Peggy Mackelroy and Leo Nickerson, Point Firmin; Jean Sangster and Joe Klima, Playa Linda; Bertha Hartsman, South Gate.

Patricia clere Ouwendijk entertained with two piano selections. Presentations to the officers were made by Dorothy Hedrick and Dorothy Craig, using the Easter basket theme.

Billie Kerber and Joan Simpson acted as marshals for the line of march to the dining room. Alethea Smith was in charge of the dining room activities. Refreshments were served amid a festive spring setting. Assisting Mrs. Smith were Hazel Hyde, Nellie Haynes, Alice Ruppel, Bernice Ruppel, Juanita and Horace Mann, Ferdinand Floyd Mead, Amanda and Charles Law, Jeannette and Earl Clark, Lois Lougee, Dorothy Jones, Edna Babcock and Gordon Smith.

Among the "Mom's" whose faces lit up with surprise and shock as their names were called were Mrs. Erna Lewand and Mrs. Eileen Hardesty who who both enjoyed tearful and happy reunions with their respective mothers. Mrs. Helena Weixler, mother of Mrs. Lewand, was flown here from Mannheim, Germany for the occasion as was Mrs. Eva Weddy of Northfield, Ohio, mother of Mrs. Hardesty.

Others receiving gifts as MC

Chapter Aids Children

Lambda Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Phinizy, 6446 Wynkoop, Westchester, March 13. The chapter adopted as its philanthropic project for the year South Bay Association for Exceptional Children, Inc., 1123 Vincent, Redondo Beach. Plans were made to donate toward a fence the school needs in order that the children have privacy in which to play.

Plans were formulated for a farewell party for Mrs. James Emmons and Mrs. Thomas Thornton, members who are moving from this area. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Carl Andress.

Members of the chapter entertained 11 of the 15 children enrolled at the Exceptional Children's School with dessert, drink and favors for St. Patrick's Day. The classroom was decorated, carrying out the St. Patrick's Day theme.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Emerson Wilce, Mrs. Francis McDonald, Mrs. Fred Tent, Mrs. Robert Phinizy, Westchester; Mrs. Donald Fisher, Torrance; Mrs. Fran Nichols, Inglewood; Mrs. Carl Andress, Mrs. Bill Condit, Gardena; Miss Blanche Wright, El Segundo, and guest Mrs. Robert Boal, Torrance.



NEW LEADER . . . Mrs. Harold A. Littleton, 2854 Onrado, will be installed as president of the Torrance Ladies of the Elks this afternoon at 4 in ceremonies at the Elks lodge on Carson St. Mrs. Littleton has been active in the group since its formation two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Littleton and their two children have been residents of Torrance for the past seven years.

Camp Fire Girls Begin Their Annual Candy Sale

Camp Fire Girls this week began their sale of chocolate covered mints. Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls and Horizon club members will be selling candy in all communities from Saugus to San Pedro from now until April 20. The joy of sharing underlies all phases of the sale this year with the twin package offer, one for the purchaser and one for a gift.

Funds from the sale are used for improvements at the Council's resident summer camp and also aids the girls in financing their individual group needs. This is the one fund-raising event for the Los Angeles Area Council. Although Camp Fire is a Community Chest agency the allocation is not sufficient to keep pace with the rapid expansion. Camp Fire teaches girls, from 7-17, homemaking, aids in their personality development and provides fun and friendship as they mature.

Proud holders of the "Certificates of Completion" for the leadership and training courses given recently by Miss Cynthia Keyes, district director, are Mmes. Mervin Shockley, Eul-sath, Delno Hart, N. Gresham, T. Harrower, V. LaMour, A. Liberti, N. McCormack, Narlis Judd, R. Semion and Miss Mardi Sharp from the Torrance Area.



"JOY COMES from sharing," say Blue Bird twins Carolyn and Marilyn Stahl as they urge you to buy twin boxes of chocolate covered mints during annual Los Angeles Area Council Camp Fire Girls' candy sale, March 29th to April 20th. Funds help support the organization, and resident summer camp.



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Kite Flying, Ancient Custom In Many Countries, Is Popular Here

By ELEANOR B. GILBERT

Kite flying—the ancient and honorable sport of families in the Far East for centuries, is enjoying a surge of popularity among the members of Torrance families of all ages. Kites were not only used for sport, but had religious significance in many countries. Kites have also been used for livelihood and for the betterment of man through their contribution to science. But in Torrance, they have just been used for fun.

Korean fathers believe their children will be protected from harm throughout the year through an important ritual performed on New Year's Day.

Father flies a huge kite, perhaps shaped like a dragon, gaudily painted in yellow, blue and green. To the string he carefully fastens bright red slips of paper, bearing the names, ages and birthdays of all the boys in the family.

As the kite flies away, to fall on some distant land, the father believes the paper children all through the year, dragon will guard the paper. And if the paper children are safe, then his real children will be safe, too.

On the ninth day of the ninth month the Chinese hold their kite festival. There are kites of every size and shape, made to look like every kind of thing, real or imaginary. There are dragons, fighting cocks, warriors on horseback, and princesses in boats. Those shaped like mushrooms, bats or pears are considered signs of good luck.

From serving to fill men's stomachs, kites were also used to fill men's hunger for knowledge. As early as 1749, history records that a scientist in Edinburgh, Scotland, sent up thermometers in a kite to find out the temperature of the upper air.

Three years later, Benjamin Franklin made his great discovery when he sent a kite up into a thunderstorm and let lightning strike it, proving that lightning is the same as today's very useful servant, electricity.

Before the advent of the airplane, such information as was gained about the conditions in the air affecting the weather was gained from sending up kites with simple instruments. Until recently, the Weather Bureau still used them, sending up kites of various scientific instruments to procure data. Now balloons bearing instruments perform the same job. Some kites were flown with as much as 10 miles of fine wire and climbed to a height of five miles.

Natives in New Zealand fly kites as part of their religious ceremonies and, as the kites mount skyward, they chant a hymn called a "kite song."

And with as much fervor, children's voices urged their kites skyward last Saturday at the second annual kite contest sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

Heroes can come in the guise of a 13-year-old brother in the eyes of little Trudy Sincok, 5, 5302 Torrance Blvd. Anxious that his sister not be disappointed in her first kite contest and that she stand a better chance of getting a ribbon, Doug Sincok asked that she be allowed to enter the kite he'd planned to fly in the "best ready-made" division. It was a matter for debate as to who was most delighted when



THE LARGEST KITE . . . in the recent kite flying contest was that owned by Dean Chandler, 6, of Harbor City. Made of white parachute nylon, the kite was 9 feet wide and 12 feet long. The whole family, mom, dad and sister, were on hand for the flying and on its skyward trip dad was called upon to help get it into the air.

she not only won first in that division but received a special award for her tiny kite in the "smallest" category.

A warm and loving spirit was displayed by C. A. Romero, 4821 Lee St., who spent many hours designing kites for his small neighbors and supervising their construction. He was also on hand at the Civic Center when these children won ribbons in several categories with those kites.

Among his proteges was Gary Swanson, 8 years old, 4903 Lee St., who had an intricate box kite with wings and won first place in the "most unusual" division for children 9 and under. Tommy Mathews, 10, 21321 Evelyn Ave., placed second in both the "most unusual" and "best homemade" sections. His was a six-sided kite of yellow plastic and bamboo, which required much of Mr. Romero's supply of "spare tails" to hold its own in the high wind.

"Queen" of the kites was the star kite of Mary Mathews, 11, sister of Tommy, who had a beautiful fringed star kite of white tissue paper. Hers was the prettiest kite in the "10 years and over" section.

Dean Chandler, 6, 1528 W. 247th St., Harbor City, was the proud owner of "the largest" kite in the contest. Made of white parachute nylon, it was 9 feet wide and 12 feet long. Its trip skyward required the efforts of the whole family—mom, dad, and sister.

The successful result of a father-son enterprise was displayed in the large kite made by Eugene D. Parenti and Danny, 10, 4106 W. 177th St. The kite was shaped similar to a tow target and made of a double thickness of white tissue paper on a mahogany frame. Danny's kite made several trips into the air but was a casualty of the strong winds. He won first place for the "most unusual" and second for the "largest" in the 10 and over division.

The ingenuity displayed in the designs and the stamina shown by Torrance children in flying their kites in winds of 25 to 35 knots was certainly equal to that of their early forebearers, regardless of the purpose.

Traditional Passover Dinner Slated April 15

Monday, April 15, at sundown marks the beginning of the Passover holiday, "The Festival of Freedom" for Jews all over the world. This celebration continues for eight days.

Plans for Temple Menorah's annual Passover Seder dinner have been announced by co-chairmen Mmes. Milton Feinberg and Arthur Rich. The traditional service and dinner will be held at the Plush Horse restaurant the first night of Passover, April 15, 6:30 p.m. for members of the congregation, their families and friends. Assisting the chairmen on this committee are Mmes. Ernest Neu, decorations; Seymour Uberman, ceremonial symbols; Ben Kaufman, reservations; Edward Kosolski, publicity, and Dr. Matthew Ellenhorn, in charge of the order of the service. Reservations deadline is April 7. For further information interested persons may call Mrs. Feinberg or Mrs. Rich.

Long before the Exodus Passover was celebrated by the Israelites as the Festival of Spring, the time when the flock delivered their offspring.

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