

Methodist Women Honor Members Over 70 at Thursday Luncheon

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The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Wayside Chapel will honor their members over 70 with a luncheon on Thursday.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. V. Tuckley Thompson, district vice president from the Long Beach Grace Methodist Church. Mrs. Thompson will speak on the World Federation of Methodist Women, and will also give a talk entitled "Our Plus Becomes a Cross—Home Missions in the National News."

Hostesses for the luncheon will be a committee of WSCS members headed by the president, Lillian Bell.

The Senior High MYF of the Wayside Chapel spent a busy week redecorating and doing repair work at two places. April 16-18 the members painted and did other such work at the Homer Toberman Settlement in San Pedro. The quonset hut on the church grounds received a new coat of paint and new curtains.

4 Local Men Get 15-Year Service Pins

C. R. Birkrest, 2707 High Cliff Dr.; E. T. Clement, 2832 Delos St.; G. O. Deems, 22321 Susanna Ave., and J. L. Dunn Jr., 3634 W. 227th St., have been presented with gold pins commemorating 15 years' service with Douglas Aircraft Co., according to T. E. Springer, vice president-general manager of the company's El Segundo division.

They are part of the Douglas El Segundo team of approximately 25,500 people currently producing high performance military aircraft for the U.S. Navy, including the A3D Skywarrior, A4D Skyhawk, F4D Skyray, F3D Skyblazer and the AD Skyraider series.

Clement, Deems, and Birkrest are employed in the Torrance facility of Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo Division where the supersonic F4D Skyray is produced.

Plan Carnival to Aid Church Building Fund

A carnival to benefit the St. Philomena Catholic Church building fund will be held May 4 and 5 at 22630 S. Main (between 218th and 220th Sts.), it was announced yesterday.

The attractions will include games, rides, and fun and prizes for all.

Chicken pox Usually Not Serious Diseases, But Needs Doctor's Care

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D. L.A. County Health Officer

Chickenpox is a mild disease that almost everyone gets at one time or another. Probably the chief danger from the infection is due to its very mildness, which somehow inclines adults to regard chickenpox too lightly whether it occurs to themselves or their children.

It is true that serious complications accompanying chickenpox are uncommon, but they do happen. Recent medical reports indicate that chickenpox may become a highly fatal disease in a patient who is receiving cortisone, a drug that is used in a number of different illnesses.

Since the use of cortisone is increasing and chickenpox is so common, this information is of some consequence. The rapid withdrawal of such treatment from susceptible individuals exposed to chickenpox is generally considered to be advisable.

Complications Cited

One complication of the disease, more common among adults than among children, is called primary chickenpox pneumonia. This is an acute, severe pneumonia occurring during the course of chickenpox and is caused by the chickenpox virus. The patient with this condition usually has a widespread rash, a cough that produces blood-streaked sputum, and a high fever. Although recovery is generally assured with proper medical care, the individual may nevertheless become acutely ill.

Children are normally expected to contract chickenpox before or during school days,

The senior high members also conducted the evening services on Easter Sunday.

Another Chapel group, the Youth Choir, sang special Easter numbers during the communion service on April 16. The candlelight service on April 19 was presented by the Chapel Choir. Rev. Howard Rosine gave the sermon "The Sting is Gone," at all three Easter morning services.

Rev. Robert A. Wells returned from a revival he was conducting in Turlock to deliver an Easter message to his own congregation of the Narbonne Ave. Baptist Church.

The church had recently enlarged the auditorium to seat nearly 200 additional persons. The work, finished in redwood interior, was done in anticipation of the Easter congregation.

The Opt-Mrs. Club elected new officers and held an Easter Bonnet contest during their April meeting held at the home of Carol Johnson, 25832 Oak St.

Delores Benbow was elected president. She replaces Marvella Geurin. Other officers voted in were Eileen Emma, vice president; Jo Bacon, treasurer; Gertrude Tunis, secretary; Carol Johnson, publicity; Marie Kellogg, historian, and Janice Ross, Boys' Home representative.

A joint installation with the Optimists will take place some time in May. Officers will assume their duties in June.

Winner of the Easter Bonnet contest was Marvella Geurin. Jo Bacon demonstrated "charm school" techniques.

The club's next meeting will be May 14 at the home of Marie Kellogg, 4083 Bluff St., Walteria.

Ken Terry was guest speaker before the Lomita branch of the California Fuchsia Society when it met April 19 in the American Legion Hall. A flower sale and door prizes climaxed the meeting.

The Lomita members plan to take part in the annual Community Flower Show slated for June 22 and 23 at the Lomita Park. Ella Stiles will be chairman for the show.

A baby girl was born April 2 to the Stan Palczewskis of 2318 W. 254th St., Lomita. Named Debbie Jill, the baby weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. and was received at home by a welcoming committee of an older brother, Bill, and a big sister, Susie.

and there is ordinarily no reason for keeping a healthy child away from possible sources of infection. However, a physician should always be called in for a diagnosis and medical supervision even when the symptoms are most mild.

Doctor Needed

For one thing, the rash of chickenpox resembles that of smallpox, and requires the experience of a physician to distinguish the differences. This possibility of smallpox should be kept in mind, especially by those persons who have not been vaccinated since infancy. Prompt medical care also becomes of the utmost importance if a kidney infection, encephalitis, or a secondary pneumonia should occur.

The rash is usually quite irritating, and youngsters have a tendency to scratch the blisters and scabs. Efforts should be made to discourage such scratching, for permanent scars often result if the rash becomes infected.

Treatment Varies

There is no specific treatment for the disease, nor is there an immunizing agent. Children are excluded from school for the period of communicability, which generally lasts not more than six days after the first appearance of the rash.

Everything considered, chickenpox is not a major public health problem, nor is it a reportable disease in California. But neither is it without complications that can result in the most serious consequences to the individual, and this is especially true for adults.

Essay Contest Dates Announced By National's Management Club

Once again the National Supply Management Club will sponsor its annual scholarship awards essay contest for graduating seniors of both the Torrance high schools.

The Management Club has again voted duplicate \$150 scholarships to the boy and to the girl who are judged the winners, according to Mat Liebu, club president, and Don Richards, scholarship chairman.

At a recent meeting, Principal Carl R. Ahee of the Torrance High School, Principal

Leaders to Discuss Area Recreation on Wednesday

Parks and recreation commissioners from the South Bay Area will have an opportunity to compare notes and present facts and feelings about their responsibilities as commissioners at a meeting here Wednesday.

The occasion will be the monthly meeting of District IX of the California Recreation Supply Management Club, as well as the National Management Assn. with which it is affiliated, afford further educational opportunities to young students in order to better prepare them for a future in industry.

More than 100 public recreation officials will be in attendance that night to hear the panel discuss the following subjects: 1) The definition of commission and board and its duties; 2) The position of the commission in relation to the professional working staff; 3) How to make your recreation dollars grow—mutual use of facilities.

Recreation Needed

Interest in this meeting is high because of the growing importance of parks and recreation to people of the South Bay Area.

Open space has been rapidly disappearing, beaches are becoming overcrowded, parking

near existing recreational facilities is too small, and the great population growth of youth under 20; all of these things are compounding a serious lack of adequate recreation facilities throughout this area.

The underlying purpose of this meeting will be to attempt to alleviate the situation somewhat by developing harmonious working relationships between the various cities and their park and recreation departments.

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