



LORA LEE STURGILL  
... and a New Friend



CHARLES A. STURGILL  
... Displays His Catch

### Volunteers to Recruit Toys For Children

Playing Santa Claus to about 40 children from a few hours old to 13 years old is quite a big job, but that is exactly what the Volunteers for Children, Inc. are undertaking for the children at Harbor General Hospital.

The one thing that these Santas in their pink pinafores need to complete their program of making Christmas merry for the children is toys. Toys of all sizes and descriptions are needed; books, games, cars, trucks and things to fill the stockings. Fireproof decorations for the trees are also needed.

If anyone would like to donate toys, they should contact Mrs. George Morehart, 18570 Kingsdale Ave., Redondo Beach.

Santa will take time out from his busy schedule to visit the children at a big party held Friday, Dec. 20. Cookies and ice cream complete with fancy holiday decorations will be first on tap while the children anxiously await Santa. The climax of the celebration for the youngsters, many of whom have never known a Christmas where they have received toys, will come when Santa comes in with his bagful of toys for every boy and girl.

**SUNDAY SUPPER**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito, 22339 Marjorie, entertained guests at a Sunday night "la-sagne" supper. Enjoying the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Armstrong.

**PARENTS HERE**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moldt, 22633 Marjorie Ave., had as their Thanksgiving week-end guests Mr. Moldt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moldt, of Escondido.

## LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

### Madrona

A meeting of the Madrona PTA room hostesses and board members met at the home of Mrs. Burton L. Easley, room representative co-chairman, Monday. It was for the purpose of planning room parties on the same level.

George Marich, principal, spoke on the rules of a room party. Miss Catherine Fitzgerald, school nurse, spoke on nutrition and keeping in mind the dental health program.

Miss Trudy Burbage, curriculum consultant from Torrance Unified School District, explained the new type reporting system and the parents' conference which are being held through the remainder of November. Miss Burbage answered many questions asked by the parents. Mr. Marich explained the grading system used in upper grades.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Birthdays are festive affairs, as Jan and Kathy Steele discovered recently. The girls were royally feted at a family party given by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Steele, 19916 Mansel Ave.

### South High

Mrs. David Sokoloff will serve as the first president of the South High School Parent-Teacher Assn.

By-laws were adopted and officers elected at the organizational meeting Nov. 26 in the Newton School cafeteria. A total of 174 charter members attended the meeting.

In addition to Mrs. Sokoloff the following will serve as the group's first board:

Mrs. Rex Hayes, first vice president; Mrs. Paul Roettger, second vice president; Mrs. James Hawkins, third vice president; John Lucas, fourth vice president; Mrs. William Steinwachs, recording secretary; Cf L. Underwood, treasurer; Glenn Bullock, auditor; Mrs. Carl Cramer, historian; and Mrs. Albert Yackie, parliamentarian.

Meetings for this unit will tent.

### Newton

Parent evaluation and re-act-ion to proposed new state science textbooks was the program presented by Principal Webster Smith at the Newton PTA meeting on Nov. 21.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Henry A. Graef, president, and Girl Scout Troop 37 presented the flag ceremony.

Roger Bowling narrated an interesting film on the Navajo Indians at a Christmas party. It was decided Newton School students would be encouraged to donate gifts to these needy people as a Christmas project.

be held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning Feb. 4, 1958. Those interested in committee chairmanships should phone the new presi-

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### Shower Gifts For Localite

Friends and family showered bridal gifts galore on Pat Fields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fields of Torrance, who will exchange nuptial vows with Leland Green tomorrow.

Mrs. Harold Fletcher, 22609 Susanna Ave., was hostess for the first shower, assisted by Mrs. Edward Fields of Lancaster.

Attending were Mmes. George Parson, Chris Skelton, Charles Baker, Elga Green, Floyd Fletcher, Russell Furlong, Eugene Furlong, Fred Fields, Jud Furlong, and Misses Janice Green and Janice Phipps. Miss Darlene Jameson sent a gift but was unable to attend.

Miss Janice Green, 1556 W. 226th St., sister of the benedict-elect, was hostess for another miscellaneous shower. Co-hostess was Miss Tootie Hasel.

Guests included Mmes. H. Hasel, V. Rogers, Gerry Woods, Queener, Elga Green, R. Sandoval, Bonnie Mintus, Fred Fields, Misses Judy Eng and Brenda Queener also were present. Linda Kephart, who sent a gift, could not attend the party.

### ARIZONA TRIP

To spend a traditional Thanksgiving with family and relatives Allen and Fern Beresford and their children, of 19910 Mansel Ave., journeyed to Yuma, Ariz.

## Skin Diving Family Off To Mexico on a Holiday

By VONDA CARLTON

A Hollywood Riviera family spent an unusual Thanksgiving vacation.

They were skin diving off the coast of sunny Mexico. The Charles A. Sturgills of 340 Calle De Andalucia left here Nov. 27 for a week's stay near Puerto Penasco, Sonora, Mex.

Along with the Sturgills and their two children, Lora Lee and Richard, skin divers from all over the area converged on the Mexican port.

It all started a few years ago, when about eight persons made the journey to Shell Beach which is some 10 miles from Puerto Penasco.

This year more than 100 arrived to make camp on the beach site.

There is no organization promoting the "convention" of skin divers... everybody just knows that the day before Thanksgiving is the signal to pack up and head for the balmy shores of Mexico.

According to the Sturgills, skin diver enthusiasts range in age from eight to 65. Many of those present come only for the trip... the friendly companionship... and to collect shells.

The group forms a circle—much like the old wagon trains—with a huge campfire in the center. There, at night, everyone gathers to sing, tell stories or to be entertained.

"Last year, we had a ma-

gician along," Mrs. Sturgill related. Others play musical instruments... and some just relax.

During the daytime, divers search the caves and coves of Cholla Bay for oysters, pinto and groupers. Some of the groupers hauled to surface weigh as much as 53 pounds.

Mr. Sturgill doesn't use a living lung, depending only on his own breathing to carry him along the depths of the briny deep.

He has won many trophies for his skill in skin diving and has held the office of president of the Southern California Skin Divers Club, the second oldest such organization in the country.

Both the Sturgill youngsters have gone through the lung diving school and are fast gaining proficiency at the fascinating art of fishing underwater.

Mrs. Sturgill is no novice either... but she now confines her swimming to the surface area. No sissy, she swims twice a week even in the cold winter months.

This year, while most Americans celebrated Thanksgiving in chilly temperatures, the Sturgills and their group were basking in warm sunshine enjoying the thrill of the popular skin diving sport.

### Party Slated

Members of the Mothers' Club, Job's Daughters of Bethel 137, Lomita, have announced plans for a Christmas party Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

Members will bring their husbands and exchange inexpensive gifts. Refreshments will be served.

Serving on the committee arranging the event are Clair Laird, Pearl Washburn, Eloide Grubbs, Dorothy Buzan, Mary Fowler and Gladys Gonzales.

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### Coffee Hour

Mrs. W. A. Wright entertained a group of friends at a pre-Thanksgiving coffee hour at her home, 18328 Roslin Ave., last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Wright's guests were Mmes. Elmer Ecker, Paul Herring, Robert Mackin, Ira Hon, Robert Hawes, Carlos Espinosa, Erich Schuster, Henry Yokoyama, Jerry Westmoreland, Amos Chadwick and Sarah Hooker.

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