FROM SANTA'S BAG . . . Girl Scouts of Troop 130, sponsored by the North Torrance Fuchsia society receive gifts. The girls along with children of society members were entertained at a gala party last week. In the picture with Santa Claus are, at right, Pattie Kilgore, at his left, Janey Hayes and Lezlie Ramsey.

Fuchsia Society's Annual Children's Party Staged

Glitter and joy of the Christmas season was enjoyed by the children of the members of the North Torrance Fuchsia Society on Tuesday, Dec. 10, when the society staged its annual Christmas party at McMaster Hall. The program was under the direction of Rose Hinkel, vice president and program chairman.

Brownie Troop 130, sponsored by the society, were special guests as well as their leader, Mrs. Helen Kilgore. Troop members are Sandra Korn, Cathy Lamack, Kathy Bonnan, Pattie Kilgore, Janet Shultz, Janey Hayes, Lezlie Ramsey, Joan Passero, Patty Hollister, Linda Miller, Duley Bradford, Karen Porter, Ruthie Stockstill and Eileen Bonnan. Kathy Bonnan led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Pattie Kilgore gave an accordion selection.

Group singing of Christmas carols was enjoyed with Mrs. Schutz as accompanist. As the children sang "Jingle Bells" Santa arrived with sleigh bells ringing. Santa presented gifts and candy to the 60 children.

Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun, members of the society, entertained the youngsters with their two scottie dogs, McTavish and Bonnie.

The evening's entertainment was concluded with the serving of refreshments by Mrs. Eleanor Ruby and Hazel Smith.

Two Groups Stage Joint Holiday Tea

Association for Early Childhood Education, Harbor section, and Los Angeles Elementary Teachers' Club had their annual joint Christmas tea at the White Point School Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Approximately 150 teachers, administrators from the South District office, and principals from the Harbor area were in attendance.

Gladys Eads, teacher at the Barton Hill School, and Mrs. Marie Allen, from 259th St. School, led and accompanied the group singing Christmas carols.

Mrs. Kathleen Schain, Christmas tea chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Jessie Buehler of the 259th St. School. Those pouring for this occasion were: Betty Dragovich, Leland St.; Mrs. Lettie Belle Mangone, Barton Hill; Miss Gladys Collins, Park Western; Mrs. Ann Stanley, 223rd St.; Mrs. Dorothy Cadien, Point Fermin; Miss Ruth Slocum and Mrs. Mabel Leyba, 15th St.; Miss Jeanette Newbrough, Catskill Ave.; Mrs. Flossie Clason, retired; Mrs. Mary Peomoeller, 15th St., and Mrs. Marie Bunch, Denker Ave.

The school cafeteria was decorated with the Christmas motif. Coffee, tea and punch was served with colorful popcorn balls and decorative festive cookies.

The group adjourned to the auditorium where they were greeted by Miss Mary MacCono, Harbor AECE chairman, and Royal Curry, Harbor LAETC president. Mrs. Curry gave a Christmas message to the group.

The next meeting of the AECE will be held at 223rd St. School on Jan. 22 in the form of a music workshop.

SLATE NEW YEAR'S DANCE

A gala New Year's Eve dance is being sponsored by the Gardena Valley Jewish Center, 14925 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. There will be a buffet supper, cocktails, favors, noisemakers, corsages for the ladies, and boutonnieres for the men.

Dance music will be provided by Irv Riskin's orchestra starting at 9:30 p.m. Reservations are now being taken by Harley Green and tables may be reserved for parties.

Invites Friends

Mrs. W. H. Speck entertained a group of friends at an evening around the Christmas tree last Saturday at her home, 1511 Acacia. Refreshments were served from the beautifully decorated dining table.

Enjoying Mrs. Speck's hospitality were Mmes. Jack Rufer, Neil Hill, Richard Wurm, Woodrow Cragg, Frank Lane, Hilda Munroe and Robert Kunic.

FROM OREGON

Mrs. Amanda McGrail has arrived to spend the holidays with her sons and their families in California. Mrs. McGrail, 77 years old, made her first plane trip from Medford, Ore. She spent Christmas with her son, Ray McGrail, in Claremont and will return the first of the week to visit her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wetteroth, 17303 Wilkie Ave.

NOTE ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating their wedding anniversaries which occur in December, three couples enjoyed dinner and an evening of entertainment at the Moulin Rouge last Saturday night. The three couples are Messrs and Mmes. W. H. Speck, Jack Rufer and Neil Hill.

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Carl Steele

Christmas — its spirit and theme set to music—was told at the recent Steele PTA meeting. The orchestra, composed of some sixty students, opened the exercises with "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells" and "March of the Three Kings," with Jerry Andrews conducting.

Miss Marjorie Jones directed the primary chorus which represented the afternoon session primary grades. The group presented a tableau of the Christmas story with choral and harp accompaniment. "O Come Immanuel," "Gloria," "Silent Night," "What Child Is This?," "O Come All Ye Faithful" were rendered. Kelley Johnstone acted as narrator.

The fifth grade chorus under the leadership of Miss Beverly Gaston held a community sing of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Winter Wonderland," "The First Noel," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "White Christmas."

Philip Korman directed the upper grade chorus as they sang "Faithful Pine," "All Through the Night," "Deck the Halls," "The Wise May Bring Their Learning" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

As a finale the Mothersingers combined with the fifth grade and upper chorus to sing "Silent Night." The Mothersingers, featuring Mrs. Garrett McCowan as soloist, presented many of the favorite carols and concluded the program with their inspiring rendition of the Hallelujah chorus. Mrs. Lorman Griffiths directed.

Student Bob Pierce acted as master of ceremonies. Girl Scout Troop 2080 led the flag salute.

Louis Bisou recommended that a committee of five study the parks and recreation program with the development of the neighborhood park of primary concern.

Mrs. John Hubacek, Mrs. Thomas Greene, Neil Campbell and James Scott were nominated and elected to the honorary life membership committee.

Madrona

Madrona PTA board held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Jack Brooks, room representative chairman.

Meeting was called to order by president, Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh. Minutes were read by recording secretary, Mrs. Ray Stewart.

Welfare chairman, Mrs. James Thornhill gave a report on the needy families of Madrona. Motion was made and passed that the PTA donate $10 to each family's Christmas basket and students will donate canned food. Distributions of the baskets will be made by Principal George Marich, Nurse, Miss Fitzgerald and welfare chairman, Mrs. James Thornhill.

Ways and means chairman, Mrs. Glen Keller, announced there will be a full length color movie, Jan. 11, at the Madrona School cafetorium. The picture is Abbott and Costella in "Jack and the Beanstalk." There will be a lunch served at a nominal price, between the two shows. Popcorn will be sold at the shows. First show is at 10:30 a.m., second show at 2 p.m. There will be adult supervision.

Flavian

"An Old Fashioned Christmas," was the theme of the December Flavian PTA meeting, featuring the children of the school, singing and playing, for a large and enthusiastic audience of parents and teachers. During the short business meeting, Mrs. J. K. Edwins, president, thanked all those who donated ornaments for the tree.

Following G. H. Wade's treasurer's report, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Z. W. Giza, program chairman. She introduced William Clary, principal, who thanked the parents for their many gifts of canned goods which were delivered to needy families for Christmas.

The Christmas mood was set, as Jerry Andrews, music director, conducted the newly formed orchestra in three traditional Christmas songs.

This was followed by Mrs. Woodson Herbert's first grade and Mrs. Lilly Chmiel's second grade students singing, "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger," "Jingle Bells" and "Frosty the Snowman."

Then the Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. Z. W. Giza, sang several carols, cincluding with a lovely arrangement of "White Christmas." Mrs. Ward Baylor was acvompanist.

As a finale, the students of Miss Pat Byrd's third and fourth grades presented a tableau entitled "What Is Christmas?" Among the characters on stage were: Carolers, Shepherds, Wise Men, Elfs, Angeles, and Christmas Trees. But none received a warmer welcome than the "pillow-stuffed little Santa," with his list of names that trailed across the stage. The final scene depicted the "Holy Family."

Refreshments were served in the Home Ecanamics room by the second grade mothers, Mrs. Fred Carroll, tea hostess.

Hillside

Hillside PTA will hold its annual Christmas program on Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafetorium.

The program will be presented by the students. The presentation will include a narration of the Christmas story taken from the passages of Luke and Matthew. The background for the Nativity scene will include choral singing.

Executive board members Mrs. Herbert Minton and Mrs. Tony Santsella will serve as hostesses. Refreshments will be served after the pageant.

There will also be a White Christmas assembly for the students on Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. Each child will bring a canned item of food or toy wrapped in white to help local welfare and various organizations.

An early arrival of Santa Claus from the North Pole on Friday, Dec. 20, with candy and goodies climaxed the Christmas party.

At the last meeting of the board, two new members were ratified. They are Mrs. R. K. Rettig, magazine and emblem chairman and co-chairman; Mrs. C. A. Hildebrand, art and decorations chairman.

Seaside

The Dec. 17th meeting of the Seaside PTA was held in the school cafetorium at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Clyde Miller, president, in charge. All business was dispensed with so the parents and teachers could enjoy a program of Christmas music sung by the Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Bridgman.

Following the music, Mrs. Harry Harter, new first vice president, told the story of "Why the Chimes Rang?" The meeting was concluded with a community sing led by Lloyd Jones, principal.

El Nido

El Nido PTA extended greetings to guests, Rev. and Mrs. Leland Pisel at their Dec. 11 meeting. The real meaning of Christmas was in the inspirational message given by Rev. Leland Pisel. A short business meeting followed after which the entire student-body took part in the presentation "The Christmas Story" and the singing of carols by each class.

The audience joined in the singing of the last two carols after which everyone enjoyed the refreshments served in the Kindergarten room by Mrs. C. H. Brackett and Mrs. Harley Smith.

Decorated cupcakes were served along with punch to the students participating in the program.

The Milk Bottle Game and a Santa Claus face whose nose was cut out to receive ping pong balls were only two of the games that attracted the young people in attendance at the El Nido School PTA Fun Fair which was held on Saturday, Dec. 14, under the supervision of Mrs. W. A. Wright, ways and means chairman.

Those persons assisting with preparations, booths and clean-up detail were: Mrs. William Newton, Mr. William Forrest, Mrs. Jerry Westmoreland, Mrs. Amos Chadwick, Mrs. Harley Smith, Mrs. C. H. Brackett, Mrs. A. B. Cowie, Mrs. Charles T. Hynes, Mrs. Elmer Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hon, William Wright Sr., Roscoe Colclasure, Mrs. Mary Britt, Mrs. Stella Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Villegas, Mrs. Sarah R. Hooker, Mrs. Robert Mackin, William Wright Jr., Mrs. Joseph Bray and David Smith.

Newton

Newton PTA meeting on Dec. 19 consisted of a lovely Christmas program presented by the students. R. Radford led the band and directed the chorus in a play and pantomine of the Christmas story. The narration was done by eighth graders and carols were sung by a chorus from Miss Mary Hodge's sixth grade. The pantomine characters were sung by a chorus from Miss Hodge's sixth grade. The pantomine characters were from J. Water's 6th & 7th grade room.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Henry Greef and the flag salute was presented by Brownie Troop 240; the color guard were Nicki Sinclair, Dianne Mel, Lynne Serkie and Carolyn Peek.

Coffee and cookies were served at 9:30 a.m. by the PTA board as hostesses and table decorations carried out the "Merry Christmas" theme.

The Newton School Christmas project of collecting clothing, food and toys for the Navajo Indians was very successful.

In order to raise funds for the PTA a rag drive will be conducted on Jan. 18, 1958.

Parkway

A board meeting of the Parkway PTA was held on Dec. 12, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Wendell E. Larson, 245 Paseo De Las Delicias.

The main order of business was the approval of the budget, which was presented by Len Freeland, chairman of the ways and means committee.

The board members voted on a name for their monthly newsette, which will be called, "Park Waves."

Plans were discussed for future fund raising activities, among them possibilities of a fashion show and bridge party.

After the business meeting, a social hour with refreshments was enjoyed.

FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUTH . . . Two new PTA units have been added to the Torrance Parent-Teacher Assn. They are the South High School and Parkway Elementary, bringing the total to 25 units. The organizational procedures have been handled by (from left, front row) Mrs. Evar Jansson, extension chairman; Mrs. David Sokoloff, South High president; (back row) Mrs. Burt Sanders, Parkway president; Tony Baratta, Parkway principal, and Dr. Bruce Manger, South High principal.

Mothers Give DeMolay Annual Party

DeMolay Mothers Club held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 17 at the home of Mrs. Howard Nelson, 1804 Marionetta. A barbecued steak dinner was served after which a gift exchange was held.

Attending the party were Mmes. Paul Layton, W. W. Jackson, Raymond McLellen, Herbert Sherwood, Laurance Miller, William Scholl, Ronald Warde.

Others were Mmes. Edward Rhone, Charles E. Collins, Vern Coil, Gilbert F. Roxie, Mae Sherfy, D. L. Tenary, Tom Herd, Howard Nelson, Ralph Ball and Howard W. Johnson.

MOTHERSINGERS HAVE PARTY

Flavian PTA Mothersingers Christmas party was held recently in the home of Mrs. Zygmund Giza, director. Following the playing of cards, Santa arrived, and gifts were exchanged.

Those present were: Mmes. William Duel, J. Kenneth Edwins, Daniel Lombardi, Everritt, Lair, Ward Baylor, Melvin Berhou, Harris Lee, Davis Berry, Charles Fuller, Thomas Meyers, Harry Plath, Rudy Moschetto, James Kocin, Chester Black, Fred Carroll, and Ethel La Heist.

The evening ended with the hostess serving coffee and sandwiches.

FIGGINS FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Figgins attended a buffet supper and gift exchange at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Figgins in Redondo on Christmas Eve. Also present from Torrance were Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Figgins. On Christmas Day the two sons and their wives and the two grandchildren, Joel and Karen, came to Torrance for dinner at the Figgins home.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wood has as their Christmas dinner guests, Mrs. Wood's family, including her mother, Mrs. James Jeffry, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Jeffry and two sons, Mrs. Kirsten Petersen and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sogard, all of Long Beach.

OAKLAND GUEST

Mrs. Kay Lanz and son, J. T. of Oakland, were holiday guests of Mrs. Lanz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNiel, 1744 Andreo. They also visited with her brothers and sister and their families, Mrs. Celina Dean, Joe and Thomas McNiel.

Parkway, South High PTA Units Organized

Organizational procedure for two Parent Teacher units in the Torrance Unified School district this year have been completed. They are Parkway Elementary and South High School.

The units have been organized under the supervision of 33rd District, California PTA, with Mrs. A. V. Laughlin as chairman and the Torrance Council PTA with Evar Jansson, extension chairman and Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, council president, in charge. This brings the total number of Torrance PTA units to 25, three of which are high schools.

Parkway PTA was organized Nov. 21 with 186 charter members. Tony Baratta is school principal. The first officers and chairmen are: Mrs. Burt Sanders, president; Mrs. Rosalie Stapleton, first vice president; Tony Baratta, second vice president; Len Freeland, third vice president; Mrs. Harriet Feinberg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Doris Bailey, recording secretary; Paul Maret, treasurer; Martin Beaudet, auditor; Mrs. Christine Hall, historian; Mrs. Fred Bromm, parliamentarian.

Chairmenships are held by Mmes. Don O'Connell, Don Spaulding, Martha Swan, Dorothy Hughes, Helen Paulin, Georgia Hinchcliff, Polly Watts, Janet Nou, Jan Myers, Lenore Ohlman, Millie Stevens, Virginia Johnson, T. Neilson, Alice Savage, R. Newton, Wendell Larson, Harriet Sterns, Judy Sochit, Betty Walker, Renee Soiffer, E. Richland. Others are Ivar Christiansen, Len Freeland, and A. C. Gilbert.

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month, except in January which is scheduled for Jan. 9 at 8 in the school cafetorium.

South High PTA was organized Nov. 26 with 177 charter members. Dr. W. B. Magner is principal.

Officers are Mrs. David Sokoloff, president; Mrs. Rex Hayes, first vice president; Mrs. Paul Roettger, second vice president; Mrs. J. N. Hawkins, third vice president; Mrs. John Lucas, fourth vice president; Mrs. William Steinwachs, recording secretary; Mrs. Orville Robinson, corresponding secretary; C. L. Underwood, treasurer; Glenn Bullock, auditor; Mrs. Carl Cramer, historian.

Serving as chairmen of various phases of the PTA program are Mrs. Albert Yackle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrauben, Mrs. Donald Hauser, Mrs. R. M. Edwards, Mrs. William Allen, Mr. and Mrs. George Powell, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Austin, Mrs. T. W. Nestlerode and Mrs. C. A. Fischer.

Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is slated for Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in the Newton School cafeteria.

Parents interested in committee work are asked to contact the president.

Chapter Aids Family at Yule Party

Holiday gifts were placed beneath the Christmas tree for a needy family as members of Xi Zeta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met recently at the home of Mrs. Richard Evans, 19928 Entradero Ave., Torrance. Gaily decorated packages of toys, gifts of clothing and a basket of food were given.

Card games were played by the members. The highlight of the evening was the revealing of secret sisters.

A delicisiou buffet was served from a gaily decorated table with favors of glitter sputnk mobiles.

Members present were Miss Blanche Wright and Mmes. Bill Crow, Richard Evans, Don Fisher, Ray Millhouse, William Raines, John Shriver, M. Waters, John Wise, Jack Baker and Carl Andress.

BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEET

Members of the executive board of Marina District 18, California Federation of Women's Clubs of this area will drive to Culver City for a meeting at 10 a.m., Jan. 3, in the Culver City Woman's clubhouse, 3835 Watseka Ave.

Reservations will be taken through Dec. 28 by Mrs. Maurice Robertson, 862 Center St., El Segundo.

Mrs. Emanuel T. Goerz of Playa del Ray, will preside.

Mrs. Clara C. Houk, president of the Culver City club, and a committee, will be hostesses at the luncheon at 12:30.

Dinner Party

Miss Jean McNeil entertained at a dinner party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNeil, 3313 Sonoma, last Friday evening, prior to the Torrance High School formal Christmas dance.

A miniature Christmas tree centered the table flanked by Christmas candles.

Miss McNeil's guests were Miss Sharon Clark, Mike Tregathen and Jerry Doyle.

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