

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

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Text of this week chosen by Elmer Prout, Preacher, Church of Christ

METHODIST YOUTH RECEIVE AWARDS, HOLD INSTALLATION

The youth division of the First Methodist church, 1551 El Prado held its fourth annual installation banquet last Saturday evening in the Masonic temple. Parents of the youth were guests. The banquet was served by the Women's society of the church. J. Gene Walker, president-elect of the youth division council, acted as toastmaster. The speaker of the evening was Rev. John Schaffer, Minister to Students, University church, and director of the Wesley Foundation at U.S.C. He spoke on the theme, "The Lord is my Shepherd," which was also the theme of the banquet. Vocal selections were sung by Sally Bridgeman, accompanied by Don Alexander, and Charlotte McComas, Mary Lou and Edward Hutchison, who were accompanied by Donald Shelby. Bruce Smith, counselor for the intermediate MYF, presented the outgoing officers of his group with gifts. Sue Ann Cox, outgoing president of the senior MYF, presented the other outgoing officers with gifts, and presented the gavel to Gerald Roberts, president-elect, who later presented Miss Cox with a gavel, engraved with her name and term of office. John Strom, counselor for the Wesley fellowship, presented gifts to the outgoing officers of the Wesley fellowship. Rev. Donald Shelby presented gifts to the adult coun-

sors and teachers of the youth division. An eagerly-awaited event of the evening was the presentation of the awards to the MYF's of the Year by Mr. Lester Foster, superintendent of the youth division. These awards are made to the young person in each of the three Methodist Youth Fellowships who has made the greatest contribution as a member and shown the most growth in Christian personality. Each young person so honored receives a cup, and his or her name is engraved on a permanent plaque kept in the church. Kathleen Taylor received the award as the intermediate MYF'er of the year; Sue Ann Cox received the award as the senior MYF'er; and Claudia King received the award from the Wesley fellowship. The new officers were installed in a candlelight ceremony, the Rev. Donald Shelby

presiding as installing officer. The following are the new officers: INTERMEDIATE MYF: president, Robert Shelby; vice-president, David Mullen; secretary, Cindy Douth; treasurer, Pat King; publicity, Glenda Traw and Robert Murphy. SENIOR MYF: president, Gerald Roberts; vice-president, Kathy Kirks; secretary, Evelyn Shanklin; treasurer, Larry Drury; publicity, Joyce Gregory; historian, Carol Whittington; faith, Lorna Hall; witness, Sally Mason; outreach, Barbara Iliebert; citizenship, Michael Mullen; fellowship, Lana Tanner; freshman representatives to the council, Kathleen Taylor and Duane Wyrick. WESLEY FELLOWSHIP: president, Kent Harding; vice-president, Ed Hutchison; secretary, J. Gene Walker; treasurer, Delyna Smith; publicity, Kenneth Cokerley; historian, Sue Ann Cox; faith, Mary Lou Hutchison and Janie Moffatt;

Noted Christian Scientist To Speak Here Sunday

The fulfillment of God's promises will be the topic of a public lecture by Walter S. Symonds of San Antonio, Texas, announced by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Torrance. Members of the local church have invited the general public to attend. A member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Symonds will speak next Sunday, June 24, at 3 p.m., in the Church edifice at 218th and Manuel. His subject is "Christian Science: God's Promises Fulfilled." Symonds was formerly general manager and owner of a group of insurance companies in San Antonio. He left a varied and successful business career to give his full time to the practice of Christian Science healing. From 1945 to 1950 he also served the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Texas. "Christian Science: The Transforming Power of Truth" will be the subject of a lecture to be broadcast over Station KRKD (1150 kc), Friday evening, June 22, at 8 p.m. from Thirty-seventh Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Angeles. The lecturer, Mary Wellington Gale, C.S.B., of San Francisco, is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.



SUSAN LOEW was the recipient of the Catholia Daughters of America scholarship and of the medal for general excellence, both of which were awarded at Nativity school graduation ceremonies held last week.

ADVENTISTS TO ATTEND MEETING

Seventh-day Adventists from Torrance will transfer their regular weekly worship service to the site of the 54th annual camp meeting at 4100 Imperial Highway, Lynwood, for the second time on Saturday, June 23.

Last Saturday the local church congregation met for worship during the opening days of the annual 11-day religious convention at the camp site, and this week they will repeat the procedure.

"Our church members are enjoying a heartening spiritual uplift as a result of this great meeting," Pastor Glenn H. Goffar reported today from the camp grounds where he is serving as an official of the camp meeting committee. "This type of spiritual fellowship to study the great truths of the Bible stimulates a greater religious experience in the individual than almost any other type of activity," he said.

Pastor Goffar announced a special invitation to Torrance residents to be guests of the local Adventist church at the Saturday morning worship services of the convocation.

Highlighting these services will be an address by Dr. Frank H. Yost, Washington, D. C., a world official of the Seventh-day Adventist church, on "The Love of God." Dr. Yost is also presenting a series of sermons at 11 a.m. each day on "The Atonement" of Christ.



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OBITUARIES

SCHOTT CASPER. Private services were conducted for the family by Rev. Patrick McGuinness at Holy Cross cemetery for Casper Scott whose remains were shipped from Wilmar, Minn., for interment next to his wife Mary Ellen Scott who passed away last December, 1955. HALVERSON-LEAVELL, M. O. R. T. U. The A. R. Y. was in charge of arrangements.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

- NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH-1447 Engracia Avenue, Rev. Patrick McGuinness, Pastor; telephone FAirfax 8-2776. Schedule of Masses and Services: Ten Sunday Masses, seven at main church, 1449 Engracia Ave.-6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:15, 11:15, and 12:15. One at Nativity Annex, 1415 Engracia Ave., at 10:00 A.M. Two Masses at Mission Church of St. Joseph's, 2314 W. Del Amo Blvd., at 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. Inquiry Class into the truths of Religion every Thursday night at 8:00 P.M. in the Rectory, 1447 Engracia Ave. Confessions three times on Saturdays-10:00 to 11:00 A.M., 4:00 to 6:00 P.M., 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Baptisms Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 P.M. First Communion Class at Nativity Annex immediately after 10:00 A.M. Mass. Infant care from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. at Nativity Annex.
- THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH-El Prado at Manuel Avenue. Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister. Church School for all ages, 9:00 Early Worship. Youth Choir church school fourth grade and below 10:00 Church School, all ages, extended sessions fourth grade and below, 11:00 Morning Worship-Adult Choir. Infant care from 9:00 to 12 A.M. 6:30 High School Youth Fellowship.
- FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH-Located on Carson Street and Flower Avenue in Torrance. Rev. Paul Wenske, Pastor. Residence 2550 El Dorado. Phone FA. 8-3248. Church Office: 1725 Flower Avenue. FA. 8-5854. First Church Worship, 8:00 A.M.; Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; second Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.
- FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST-218th Street at Manuel Avenue. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Study Service, 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8:00 P.M.; Reading Room, 1617 Cabrille Avenue. Open 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P.M. daily except Sundays and holidays. Monday and Friday evenings, 7 to 9 P.M.
- CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE-1801 West Carson Street. Rev. Freeman A. Brunson, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Youth Groups, 6:30 P.M.; Evening Service, 7:30 P.M.; People's Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-Carson at Manuel. Rev. C. Miles Northrup, Pastor. Nathan H. Bond, Assistant Minister. Church phone: FA. 8-5030; Northrup, FA. 8-3405. 9:00 and 11 A.M. duplicate church services. 9:00 A.M. Jr. and Adult classes. 10:00 A.M. Church School. 6:30 P.M. Adult Classes, Training Unions, 6:30 P.M. Evangelistic Services, 7:30 P.M.; Mid-Week Service, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Nursery for every service.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD REVIVAL TABERNACLE-Normandie at 266th Street, Harbor City, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Martin. Services: Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M.; Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.; Thursday, Young People, 7:30 P.M.
- FOUR SQUARE CHURCH-1207 El Prado; telephone, DA. 6-2072. Rev. and Mrs. James F. Lovett, Pastors. Sunday: 9:45 A.M.; Church School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.; Group Services, 6:30 P.M. (P. Cadista, Defenders); Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M. mid-week; Wednesday, Bible Study at 7:30 P.M. Public invited.
- LOMITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-245th Street at Woodward Ave. (Near Lomita Boulevard and Narbonne Avenue). Rev. Eldon Durham, Minister. Residence, 25307 Oak St. Telephone DA. 6-0159. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M. and Morning Worship, 9:30 and 11 A.M. Westminster Fellowship Youth Groups, 6:30 P.M.
- KEYSTONE ASSEMBLY OF GOD-21215 Moneta Ave., Keystone. Pastor Charlotte Shook, DA. 6-6861. Sunday School 9:45; Preaching 11 A.M. Evening Evangelistic Service 7:45 P.M. Sundays, Mid-Week, Thursday 7:45 P.M.
- CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE (Masonic Temple)-Corner of Ruby and Catalina Streets. FR. 4-5331. Redondo Minister, Dr. Earl D. Barnum. Services 9:30 and 11 A.M. Sermon Title, "The Art of Joyful Living." Junior Church and Metateles, 11 A.M., Inspirational.
- TORRANCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST-1610 Acacia avenue. See Glenn H. Goffar, Pastor. Phone: Residence FR. 5-5731; Church Office FA. 8-1548. Sabbath School, 9:30 A.M.; Church Services, 11 A.M. Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Young Peoples Meeting, Friday, 7:30 P.M.
- IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)-706 Knob Hill Avenue, Redondo Beach. Near Southwood Park; west of Hawthorne, south of Sepulveda. Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Nursery Services, 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Pastor: A. L. Scheel; Frontier 8-5535 or 8-7455.
- CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH-Meeting at the Crenshaw School, 18620 Crenshaw, Maynard V. Midlum, Pastor. Residence, 3226 West 179th; phone DA. 9-3455. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Divine Worship, 10:45 a.m. Child care and nursery provided.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-Park and Newton Streets in WALTERS, Rev. Mrs. J. H. Goffar, Pastor. Frontiers 5-4783. Bible School at 9:30 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Young People's Service at 6:00 P.M.; Inspirational Gospel Hour at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Bible Exposition and Prayer.
- ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH-Phone FA. 8-3781. Res. FA. 8-4809. 1422 Engracia (across from Torrance Memorial Hospital). Rev. Hugh R. Percy, Rector. Holy Communion 7:30 A.M. Sunday School and Family Service 9:15 A.M. Sunday Services 11:00 A.M. Holy Communion Sunday -First Sunday in Month.
- SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD-17681 Yukon Ave. Phone DA. 9-1509. Rev. C. L. Tierney. Sunday School 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Sunday Night Service, 7:30 P.M. Mid-week Services, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST-1217 Cravens Avenue in Torrance; Schedule of Services: Sunday 8:30 A.M. Worship Service, 9:45 A.M. Bible Study, 10:45 A.M. Worship Service, 6:00 P.M. Young People's Meeting, 7:30 P.M. Evening Worship; Wednesday 1:30 P.M. Ladies Bible Class, 7:30 P.M. Bible Study.
- FAITH CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD-18015 S. Prairie Ave., North Torrance. Rev. Bob Jones, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11 A.M.; Evangelistic Services, 7:45 P.M.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:30 P.M. Everyone Welcome.

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You Are Cordially Invited To Attend A Free Christian Science Lecture Lecturer-WALTER S. SYMONDS, C.S.B. of San Antonio, Texas. Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Subject-CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: "GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED" Place-FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 1750 Manuel Avenue Torrance, California Time-Sunday, June 24, 1956 at 3:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO TORRANCE... FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT CARSON AND MANUEL STS., TORRANCE C. MILES NORTHROP, PASTOR 6:30 P.M. Fellowship Training 7:30 P.M. Evening Service 10:00-10:30 Junior Church in Main Sanctuary (for Junior and Primary Depts.) 7:30 P.M. A Nursery is provided for all services. Also sound-proof mothers' room in balcony. 9:00-9:50 Early Church Service 9:00-9:50 Junior and Primary 10:00-10:30 General Sunday School 10:00-10:30 Junior Church in Main Sanctuary (for Junior and Primary Depts.) 11:00 Regular Church Service 11:00 Story Hour-pre-school children. Nursery provided for all services.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

We people of Southern California do a lot of going. Every day an estimated 180,000 cars travel the "close in" section of the Hollywood Freeway. There are places upon places to go. And voice after voice calls us to go here, there and everywhere! Preachers add their voices to the cry. "Come to church every Sunday!" This is saying: Take time from all the other places you could go and stop with us a while. The question is: "What right does the church have to expect people to come to service?" In short, why go to church?



Why go to church? Go because the Lord has commanded us to go. Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as we see the day approaching." Church attendance is not a matter of human invention. It is a God-given statute. Why go to church? Go because the memory of the death and suffering of the Lord is honored in Christian assemblies. (I Corinthians 11:17-34) Why go to church? Go because the followers of Jesus in the first years of the Christian era set the example of assembling. Acts 2:43 "And they continued stedfastly in . . . fellowship . . ." Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread . . ." Why go to church? Go because the Lord has promised His blessing on worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:19-24). Matthew 18:20 "Where two or three are gathered together in my name,



there am I in the midst of them." Why go to church? Go because of the power of your example. How many of us would want to live in a land where the influence of the church is not felt? Your absence from church services casts a vote for their discontinuance. Your faithful attendance exhorts others to do the same (Hebrews 10:24, 25) Abel, the first man mentioned in the Bible as being righteous, obtained that witness by an act of public worship to God (Hebrews 11:4). His example speaks to us today. God will bless you as He did him if you follow his example. ELMER PROUT, Preacher Church of Christ 1217 Cravens Avenue Torrance, California

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