



# Women

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For Mothers' Club . . .

## Children Give Mock Radio Show at Party

Holiday decorations made Nativity Church annex festive for the Nativity Mothers' Club Christmas party. The recent meeting and party featured a program by students under direction of Sister Ann Joseph.

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## Federation Votes To Support Bill

Mrs. Earl J. Hazelton, Orlando, president, California Federation of Women's Clubs, has urged clubwomen in California to do everything possible to reduce the highway traffic toll during the coming holiday season.

## Traditions Vary from Land to Land

It all started with gold and frankincense and myrrh. Since the time of the three wise men, Christians have celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by exchanging gifts. But the exotic fragrances have disappeared and the wise men have been almost crowded out of the Nativity scene.

Americans added a bit of fur, a reindeer-driven sleigh and a few extra pounds to the saint to create Santa Claus. His name comes from the mispronunciation of the name which Dutch settlers in New York called the saint. In Italy it's La Befana, a kind of aging fairy queen, who comes down the chimney, and in France the bearer of gifts is the Christ Child Himself, known as the Petit Noel.

## I'M NEW HERE

Stork tidings at South Bay Hospital are: Son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. McOsker, 5515 Green Meadows St., Torrance, Nov. 28. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. David Adams, 3628 W. 171st St., Torrance, Nov. 30. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee L. Post, 1605 W. 208th, Torrance, Nov. 30. Daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Ruger, 4623 Lendre St., Torrance Dec. 1.

## 'Thumbers Learn About Decorating

How to make candles and decorations was topic of a discussion and demonstration at Greenthumbers Garden Club meeting.

Members met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Junge, Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Joseph Leger demonstrated the arts of making decorations from dried materials and artificial flowers gilded in gold and silver.

Mrs. Leger, a club member, has won more than 40 ribbons and a first prize award in floral arranging in the South Bay area. She also received the club trophy and sweepstakes prizes at the Greenthumbers annual flower show.

Christmas baskets and decorations will be donated by the women to Harbor General Hospital men's ward.

At the short business meeting members also discussed their Christmas party and drew names for "secret pals."

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Special guests attending were: Mmes. Charles Simpson, Harry Allen, James Medson, William Abblett and Robert Buchanan and Miss Sheri Frizzell.

## Decorator To Address Local Club

Miss Nina Lee, California home designer, will present a lecture entitled "What Your Home Says About You" to members of the Torrance Woman's Club, California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District.

She will speak Tuesday, Jan. 3. Club members will also view a program Jan. 17 presented by Ann Zior School of Charm and Modeling.

## Santa Visits Southwest Park Area

Santa Claus will tour the Southwest Park area of Torrance Saturday, greeting children and distributing treats. His visit is sponsored by Southwest Park Civic Association.

The association meets the first Monday of each month in Carl Steele School cafeteria. Meetings begin at 8 p.m. Residents of the area are eligible for membership.

## Knights Plan New Year's Eve Dance

Los Crusados Council, Knights of Columbus, will celebrate New Year's Eve at a dance in Council Hall, Redondo Beach.

M. Robert Lauterjung is chairman of the event. Assisting is Martin O'Malley. Other chairmen are: Ray Fifield, catering; Ed Greene, Michael Pendergast and Larry Kerby, decorations; John McVey, Ed Olson and Joe Gignac, tickets.

Wives of members are preparing decorations for the dance. Working are: Mmes. Arthur Cunningham, Stacy Rodman and Vincent Weigel.

During the evening door prizes, including tickets to the Dodgers' opening game at Chavez Ravine and a National Football League game will be awarded.

Ken Woods' orchestra will play music for dancing. Stacy Rodman is grand knight of the council.



PINK ANGELS is theme of Redondo Beach Diana's Christmas dance scheduled for Dec. 22 in Pen and Quill Restaurant, Manhattan Beach. Gay pink angels will hang from branches of this pink tree being admired and decorated by Mmes.

Milo Brunskill, Herbert Mueller and John Hansford and Miss Sara Mitchell (left to right). Mrs. Hansford is chairman of the dance. Jack Kenny's orchestra will provide music for dancing. —Press Photo

## Fireladies Trade Gifts At Yuletide

Mrs. Richard Sprout, 2260 239th St., Torrance, was hostess for Torrance Fireladies annual Christmas party Dec. 11.

Co-hostess was Mrs. Sam Martin.

Guests played games furnished by Mmes. Robert Moffitt, James Wass, Ronald Power and Charles Reintsma. Winners received prizes for their efforts.

During the holiday season members of the group have acted as "secret pals" for each other. At the party, identities were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Attending were: Mmes. George Blahnik, Charles Brennen, John Ferraiolo, Salvatore Frasca and Milton Langum.

Also: Mmes. Sam Martin, Robert Moffitt, Jay Neilsen, Ronald Power, Charles Reintsma, Bill Stonecker, John Spaan, Richard Sprout and James Wass.

Guests attending were: Mmes. Richard Nanney, Kenneth Hall and Steven Buckalew.

Members of the group are wives of Torrance Fire Department employees.

## Gibsons Dine With Guests

Enjoying the foods-of-the-islands and the tropical atmosphere at Polynesian Restaurant were Lt. Col and Mrs. Marion B. Gibson, Torrance, and their guests for the evening, Maj. and Mrs. William L. Sandidge, Torrance.

## Pink Angels Top Trees For Holiday Festivities

Pink angels atop tiny Christmas trees will provide decorations for Redondo Beach Dianas, California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, junior membership, Christmas party.

The event will be Friday evening at the Pen and Quill, Manhattan Beach.

Dianas' board meeting was held this week at the home

of Mrs. Charles Bougamont, 417 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach.

Mmes. Bougamont, Curt Richardson and Don Beard prepared dinner for board members.

Mrs. Paul Taylor, president, introduced Mmes. Ernest Butt, Al Lukes and Helen Busse, guests.

Children at Garden Valley School will receive gifts from the Dianas, via Santa Claus, at a toy party, according to Mrs. Ted Kerwin, philanthropy chairman.

## Couple Plans Wedding for Next June

Wedding bells will ring next June for Miss Eileen Smith and Robert T. Hargrave.

The couple's engagement was announced by the bride-to-be's mother, Mrs. Fred A. Savage, 26243 Monte Vista, Lomita.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Hargrave, 25925 Cypress St., Lomita.

Miss Smith, a 1959 Narbonne High School graduate, attends Long Beach State College where she is majoring in elementary education.

Hargrave also was graduated from Narbonne High School. He earned his bachelor's degree at Loyola University and the M.A. at the University of Chicago.

He teaches English and history at St. John Vianney High School, Los Angeles.



MISS GLORIA E. SMITH

. . . will be bride

—Photo by Stanford.

## Of Golden West . . .

## Local Woman Heads Daughters' Gathering

Mrs. Roger Peltz, 4310 Catham, Torrance, is chairman of a Christmas program for Beverly Hills Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

"Happy Holidays" is title of the party scheduled for Thursday at 8 p.m. in Beverly Hills American Legion Hall.

Assisting Mrs. Peltz, who is first vice president of the group, is Mrs. Olson, past president.

Christmas carols will be sung by members, according to Mrs. Peltz. Mrs. Francis Sullivan will accompany on the piano.

## Kiwanians Of Carson Celebrate

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Carson gave an informal party Friday evening at 800 W. Carson St., Carson.

Tom Wysocki and Dick Weaver were chairmen. Miles Kellein provided entertainment.

Food was served and prepared by wives of members. The group has been active for the past few months, having received its charter during the year.

Gifts will be exchanged, games played and dinner served.

Mrs. Peltz said Beverly Hills Parlor is sending cans of popcorn to women veterans at Brentwood Hospital, West Los Angeles, for their Christmas party.

Parlor members recently took part in a Christmas party for veterans at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Center. This is an annual activity given by the Native Sons' and Native Daughters' Inter-Parlor Committee, southern district.

Mrs. Peltz is chairman of Beverly Hills Parlor's NDGW Children's Foundation. This statewide Native Daughter philanthropic project assists ailing children up to 16 years of age.

Children, regardless of race, creed or color, who are in need of surgery, medical care or health aids, and whose parents are in the income bracket above that which can receive state or county aid are helped.

Mrs. Edward Burke, parlor president, said many children throughout the state have been restored to health and the happiness all youngsters deserve, because of this NDGW fund.

A few years ago, Mrs. Burke explained, the state-

wide Native Daughters of the Golden West, oldest Women's patriotic organization in California, decided there was a need for such a fund, which would assist ailing children of parents whose income is too high to get help from the state or county.

Yet, due to the high cost of living, clothing and maintaining a large family and probably caring for aged relatives, these parents are beset with bills.

**Immediate Care** When such a problem is brought to the attention of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and thorough investigation is made by trained by professional workers of the NDGW, the child is immediately cared for.

The money used to aid the child is a gift — not a loan, said Mrs. Burke.

Funds for the maintenance of this statewide project are raised by the approximately 225 NDGW parlors, throughout California.

Money is raised by giving dinners, fashion shows and other endeavors.

Recently, Beverly Hills Parlor held a Christmas bazaar and dinner, and proceeds went to the Children's Foundation.



HICKORY SCHOOL—Parents and children will go earoling this week. The newly formed PTA at the school has organized a choral group that is busy practicing for its debut. Mmes. Josef Ruzek and William Hussey and Miss Patricia Gingell (back, left to right), Gary Mach, Tiny Johnson and Warren Hussey (front, left to right), gather at the door of the William E. Fosters, 2572 230th St., to practice. —Press Photo