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NORTHWEST PASSAGE

Kenneth L. Roberts: The central figure of this story is little known, but historically true, Robert Rogers—American ranger, scout, explorer, Indian fighter and the most skillful commander of Colonial Rangers during the French and Indian wars. He led the almost miraculous expedition against the Indian settlement of St. Francis in 1759, but his dream was to find an overland passage to the Pacific.

The narrator of the story is Langdon Towne whose ambitions were to paint the Indians as they really looked and to follow Rogers. The book is captivating for when you finish you will have the sense, not of having read a good historical novel, but of having actually lived through the stormy days of our French and Indian Wars. There is flavor in the story, in the full meaning of the word.

LIFE WITH MOTHER

Readers of Clarence Day's "Life With Father" will not have to be told that this, a further chronicle of the "red headed Day family" is a delectable book. Indeed, despite the title, Father holds the center of the stage still, and by his robust personality dominates the book as he did the family.

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LANCER AT LARGE

Francis Yeats Brown: The author of that widely read "Lives of a Bengal Lancer," which also made a remarkable motion picture, has revisited India after an absence of 15 years. He writes with sympathy and authority of the life in India. This is a thoroughly entertaining book; full of meaty commentary.

To some, his accounts of Hindu mysticism and Yogi practices will be of particular interest. The chapters on social and economic conditions, education, sanitation, medical care are written with first rate powers of observation and sympathetic understanding.

JOHN DISARIO JR. FETED AT PARTY

The birthday of John Disario Jr. furnished the incentive for a prettily appointed party at the Disario home on Engracia avenue, Saturday evening.

The affair arranged by Mrs. Disario was attended by members of the younger set and came as a complete surprise to John. Dancing furnished diversion until a late hour, when dainty refreshments were served. Included were the Misses Jeanne, Phyllis and Marion Sears, Irma Herring, Marie McHenry, Messrs. Kenneth Hull, Melvin Smith, Junior Lane, Joe Gossiaux and John.

DOINGS OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Berna Todd, district deputy will be an honored guest at the meeting of Job's Daughters to be held in the Masonic temple, Tuesday evening, December 7. A class of candidates will be initiated.

DINNER GUESTS AT TREZISE HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Trezise, 2019 Arlington avenue, had as their dinner guests Thursday Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Linder and family and Mr. Sheldon Blatter of Redondo Beach and Mr. and Mrs. August Schultz of Lynwood.

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Vivian Knudsen Charles Montague Betrothed

Miss Vivian Knudsen and Charles Montague announced their engagement at a dinner dance held in the Wilshire Bowl Saturday evening, at which time the orchestra complimented the couple by playing a selection in their honor.

In the party were Misses Mary Ann Taylor, Jayne Traller, and Virginia Berek of Torrance, Emma Erickson of Lomita, Jackie Warner of El Centro, Messrs. Park Montague, Bud Bradford, William Schneider and Carl Paxman of Torrance, and Jack Christy of Glendale.

Miss Knudsen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knudsen of Lomita. She is a graduate of Narbonne high school and Compton Junior College and a member of Delta Psi Epsilon. Mr. Montague graduated from University of California at Los Angeles in June '37 and is now a member of the El Centro Elementary school faculty. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

No date has been set for the nuptials.

MRS. LEWIS HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Mary Lewis, 1830 Marina avenue, entertained for members of her bridge club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Prizes were captured by Misses Cleora Stanger and Bettina Miller. Others present were Misses Tom Kendrick, J. F. Dalton, Jennie Miller, Julia Neelands and Anna McFarland.

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Exchange of Gifts Features Woman's Club Luncheon-Program Here Yesterday

Joy of the Christmas season was fittingly exemplified at the luncheon meeting of Torrance Woman's club yesterday when, for the first time in that organization's history, gifts were exchanged. Gertie Ralston acted as Santa Claus.

Long tables where some 50 were seated were decorated with sprays of red berries. A small Christmas tree graced the center of the speaker's table.

Mrs. Florence Ohleson, an authority on world events spoke on pertinent questions of today and reviewed several well-chosen books. Among these were "The Far East Comes Nearer" by H. Hessel Tilton, "So Great a Man" by David Tiltgim, "The Citadel" by A. J. Cronin and "Of All Places" written by the three Abbe children.

A musical program presented by Leland Pisel, who played on the electric vibraphone, was enthusiastically received.

Michael Strasser, city editor of The Herald, urged club members to support the organization's project of conducting an outdoor Yuletide decoration contest. This event, for which all entrants must fill out the coupon published on the front page of today's Herald, will be in charge of Mrs. Gertrude Ralston, according to Mrs. Lillian Barrington, club president.

Mrs. J. B. Shaw presented the program of January events which include a luncheon and bridge party in the club-house Wednesday, Jan. 19. The luncheon will be served by the Homemakers' Guild of Los Angeles. An evening meeting of the club is planned for February.

HAROLD RITMILLERS WELCOME SON

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ritmiller, 1951 Carson street, are the proud parents of a son born Monday at the Seaside hospital in Long Beach.

The infant tipped the scales at eight pounds, two ounces. He and his mother are reported doing nicely.

CENTRAL CHURCH GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Central Evangelical Guild will hold their annual Christmas party at the W. J. Neelands home, 1333 Engracia avenue, Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. D. N. MacCormack, guild president will assist Mrs. Neelands as hostess.

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