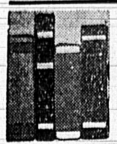


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Succeeds Mrs. Sleeth; Child Welfare Aided Panel Discussion Held by Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Charles Woodcock was elected president of Torrance high school Parent Teachers Association at a meeting held in the school music room last Friday. She succeeds Mrs. R. S. Sleeth, who has served as president of the group since their organization Feb. 17, 1936. During the past year Mrs. Woodcock has served as corresponding secretary and membership chairman for the local unit and as health chairman for the Gateway council. Her outstanding work was her election to the highest office in the organization.

Other officers elected were: Miss Elizabeth Parks, first vice-president; Mrs. Wallace Post, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Prowten, recording secretary; Mrs. Ed Schwartz, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Keefe, auditor; Mrs. W. H. Tolson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. J. McDonald, historian, and Mrs. Woodcock was elected to serve as delegate to the state convention to be held in San Francisco next month.

Mrs. J. O. Bishop, whose election to the office of first vice-president of Gateway council brings honor to Torrance high association, was introduced at the meeting. She is a past president of local elementary unit and an active worker in the high school group. For the past year she has served as finance chairman for Gateway council and as magazine and emblem chairman in the high school.

A panel discussion in which parents and students discussed the younger generation proved interesting and entertaining. Students stated what they expect of parents and what they think parents have a right to expect of them. Their views offered much that was sound logic. Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock and Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, speaker for parents, were bolstered by members of the parent audience. Students in the discussion were Virginia Traller, Marion Spieberger, Marjorie Paige, Phyllis Sears, Jean Bordeaux, Donald Seematter, Leroy Benner and Arthur Woodcock.

TODAY'S FASHION TIP

"Strip tease" technique enters the fashion field with evening skirts which slip off to reveal afternoon dresses, and wrap-around skirts which can become capes.

Outstanding in this week's social affairs was the 19th District American Legion Auxiliary's annual child welfare bridge party held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium yesterday and attended by some 300 women from the 22 units in the district.

Lucille Lowellen, 19th district president; Ruth Tucker, district child welfare chairman, and Fan Wilkes, district secretary and Bert S. Crossland Unit child welfare chairman, served on the general committee.

Outstanding entertainment furnished during the dessert hour included novelty dances by Virginia Crandall and pupils of her dance studio. Master Bobby Crandall and Lee Allen Carvello gave an interpretation of the "goofus dance."

Diminutive Misses Patty Bletcher, Patty Findley, Patty Moore and Janet Lowellen were enthusiastically received when they danced a novelty tap number to the music of "Easter Parade." Mrs. Jean Findley accompanied the dancers. Vocal solos were given by Miss Margaret Kibbe of Torrance and Mrs. Margaret Decker of Lynwood.

Mrs. L. M. Fernley, 1552 Post avenue, was the only local woman to receive a prize although 32 were awarded during the afternoon.

JERRY HARDER HOST AT PARTY
Jerry Harder, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder, 1604 Greenwood avenue, called in ten young friends last Saturday afternoon to help celebrate his third birthday. The party was held in the patio at his home, with an Easter egg hunt and simple games for entertainment, followed by delicious refreshments. Guests included Sharon Felker, Tommy DeFour, Patty and Marguerite McCandless, of Redondo Beach, Roger McCandless, of Whittier, Julie Rhone, Mary Elizabeth Ashley, Donald Mitchell, Erlene Simonson, and Connie Smith.

CLUB WILL VISIT CALIFORNIA HOME
Mrs. Edwin Morang, 1437 Post avenue, entertained the Friday Morning club Tuesday evening at a beautifully appointed party at her home. The Easter motif prevailed, with spring flowers in profusion as added decorations. The club members devoted most of the evening to a business session, and planned a trip at an early date to visit the Eastern Star home at Brentwood and the California house, a model home, at Westwood Village.

MRS. FLETCHER ENTERTAINS CLUB
Mrs. A. E. Fletcher entertained members of her bridge club at her home on Acacia avenue Tuesday afternoon. Prizes were awarded Mrs. Albert Isen, Mrs. Ellis Owens and Mrs. W. Putnam. Others included were Misses Disario, Tom Shriver, Mary Smith and Raymond Rogers.

MISSIONARY WHITE CROSS WORK
The Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet Thursday, April 21, at 10 a. m. Luncheon will be served at noon, and the afternoon will be devoted to white cross work.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT CLUB SPEAKER
Bessie Stewart, whose dynamic personality and power of speech have made her an important personality in the Los Angeles District Federation of National Business and Professional Women and who Saturday was elected president of the district at the convention held in the Pacific Coast club at Long Beach will be guest speaker at the dinner meeting of Torrance club National Business and Professional Women, Monday, April 18, at 7:00 p. m. in McDonald hall.

Convention reports will be given by the club president, Nettie Parks; Bettina Miller and Lute Fraser, who were delegates.

MRS. MCCORMACK HONORED AGAIN
Mrs. D. M. McCormack was re-elected president of Central Evangelical guild at a meeting held in the J. Miller home 1217 Cota avenue, Tuesday. Other officers chosen were Mrs. Roy Winters, first vice president; Mrs. Julia Neelands, second vice president; Mrs. Marie Quigley, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Lewis, treasurer and Mrs. Howard McDonald, corresponding secretary.

The success of the past year was celebrated with a potluck luncheon in the Miller home prior to election.

STAG PINOCHLE FRIDAY
Pinochle furnished diversion at the stag party held in the home of Bud Edwards, 2208 Andree avenue, Friday evening. Those included were Messrs. Frank Thompson, Chas. Chicoine, Clarence Barnett, Louis Hankins, Wallace Gilbert, D. A. Barnard, Kelly and Fifield. Chicoine and Kelly were winners.

CARD PARTY BARNETT HOME

The home of Augusta Barnett, 2007 Andree avenue, furnished the setting for a dessert card party Tuesday. Prizes were awarded to Loretta Miller, who held high score in bridge, and Elsie Smith, who was second high. Katherine Gossiaux captured the prize for high score in 500 with Olive Javens, second.

DOINGS OF WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Women of the Moose will hold their regular business meeting in their hall, 1526 Cravens avenue, Friday evening, April 15. Members of Thimble club will meet for potluck luncheon at the home of Anna Wilken, 1442 216th street, Tuesday, April 19.

FACULTY HONORS PRINCIPAL AT TEA

Last Thursday Torrance Elementary school faculty met in the home of Mrs. Helen Berry, 1750 Martina street, for a reception and tea in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Merle R. Helbach. Helbach is principal of the school. This faculty group meeting proved inspirational to all who attended.

EASTER EGG SALE NEXT SATURDAY

The St. Cecilia Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church will offer foods for sale Saturday, April 16, at the entrance to the Torrance National Bank. A novel feature of the day will be the sale of colored Easter eggs, with names applied free.

MRS. SCHWARTZ GIVEN SURPRISE

A surprise party was given for Mrs. Ed Schwartz at her home, Monday, in honor of her birthday. Many beautiful and useful gifts were bestowed. A delicious luncheon was served, not by the honoree, but by the guests. Some 20 friends were present.

SCOUT MOTHERS MEET MONDAY

Regular meeting of the Scout Mothers Auxiliary will be held Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p. m. in the Scout hall, El Prado.

Mrs. Leah Bratton, president, extends a special invitation to all mothers of Boy Scouts to attend.

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GAY PARTY MARKS FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Janis Haarer, five years old on April 8, celebrated her birthday with a grand party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Haarer, 1217 Beech avenue. Easter baskets and balloons were favors, and games of skill entertained the guests, with prizes in the contests going to Betty Peterson, Nancy Ann Whyte and Juanita Ritchie. Other guests to enjoy the happy affair were Ann Gallimore, Marjory Roos, Arlene Godwin, Patty Jo Moore, Anne Olson, Jeanne Marie Hamack, Patsy McCall, Helen Clark, Diane Larava, and Marilyn Ann Haarer. Dainty refreshments were served.

P. E. AUXILIARY LADIES PLAN PARTY

Eighteen members of the Pacific Electric Auxiliary met Friday evening at the home of Mrs. H. A. Green, 715 Columbia Court. Plans for the annual May day party held here for all Pacific Electric clubs in the district was discussed. Special guests present were Mrs. Frank Miller and Mrs. Cora King both of Los Angeles, but former residents of this city.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS VISIT MRS. EBERLY

Mrs. Grace Aberly, developer of the Torrance Heights tract off Figueroa in the Keystone area, is entertaining her aunt, who has been a missionary in the South Seas for a half-century, at her home, 21219 South Figueroa. Earlier in the week, Mrs. Eberly enjoyed a visit from J. C. Grant, of the Veterans' Bureau in Washington, D. C.

JUNIOR MUSICIANS RECITAL MONDAY

Junior Musicians of America will be presented in recital at Moneta Presbyterian church, Gardena boulevard and Manhattan streets, Monday evening, April 18, at 8:00 p. m. A special invitation to the public to attend is extended by the Woman's Missionary Society of Moneta Presbyterian church.

L. O. J. M. CARD PARTY APRIL 22

Loyal Order of Moose announce a card party to be held in their hall, 1526 Cravens avenue, Friday evening, April 22. Prizes will be awarded for bridge, pinocle and 500. The public is invited.

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