



**CROWDED CLASSROOM** . . . Students of the weekly Bible Class of Mrs. Richard Long, at 1417 West 215th street, sit with eyes glued to illustration of Bible story as Mrs. Betty Myers points out Bible scene under discussion.—Herald Photo.

## 'Good News Club' Members Get Valuable Lessons for Living

A number of Torrance area children recently learned the story of Christmas direct from the source—the Bible—as they have learned the story of Easter and other holy occasions in months past.

Meeting in the home of Mrs. Richard Long, at 1417 West 215th street, the children are members of the "Good News Club," and are spending one afternoon a week learning of the stories which the Bible has to tell.

The class, which has an average attendance of 35, studies the Bible stories with the help of a lesson series and illustrations made available by the Child Evangelism Fellowship Series.

The work is interdenominational, according to Mrs. Long, who is director for the South Bay area for the classes.

"We have children in this class and in other classes in the area from nearly all of the various churches, and many children who are receiving no other religious instruction," Mrs. Long said.

Teachers meet each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 at the First Baptist Church of Torrance for training classes.

Helping Mrs. Long with her large class, which nearly fills the comfortable living room of the Long home, is Mrs. Leah Douglas, who also conducts a class with Mrs. Betty Myers in her home.

Melva Estes, a Torrance High School senior, does the secretarial work and makes the reports for the "Good News Club."

"We are not trying to teach them any special rites or rituals observed by any church," Mrs. Long explained. "We are just trying to pass on to them some of the many lessons which the Bible has for them in the hope that it will help them to grow up to be better men and women."

Melva Estes, who now does the "book work" for the group, was one of her first students eight years ago, when she started the class, Mrs. Long said.

"The welcome mat is always out at class time," the teacher said. Her classes are held each Thursday afternoon in her home at 1417 West 215th street.

## Reynolds Named Harbor District C of C President

Wallace D. Reynolds will be installed as president of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting January 10 in Keystone.

Reynolds, director of public relations for the Dominguez Estates company, succeeds W. W. Jones of Lynwood as president. He is a member of the executive board of the Harbor District Welfare Council.

Vice-presidents forming the board of governors of the district chambers will be installed as V. D. McGuffin, Long Beach; T. W. McGowan, Hermosa Beach; Carl Hoffman, South Los Angeles; Thomas Shaheen, Compton, and Paul Cololucca, Gardena.

Continuing as secretary will be Charles A. Bland, Long Beach.

## Last Rites Today For W. C. Mattern

Final rites will be held today at 2 p.m. for Walter Carl Mattern, 54, who died at his home, 1726 West 234th street, on December 29.

Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church will officiate at the service in Stone and Myers Chapel. Interment will follow in Green Hills cemetery.

Mr. Mattern, a resident of Torrance for the past seven years, is survived by his widow, Alice Mattern, 1726 West 234th street; two sons, Walter, who lived with his parents, and Robert, now in the Navy, and a sister, Mrs. D. S. Tobias of Los Angeles. He is also survived by four nephews and two nieces. A native of Omaha, Neb., Mr. Mattern had been employed here by Standard Oil Company.

## Riviera Home Wins Outdoor Decor Contest

An outdoor display of Santa going down a chimney won first prize in the Torrance Terrace Garden Club's fifth annual Christmas home decorating contest.

W. A. Garribrant, 305 Camino de las Colinas, Hollywood Riviera, had the best display entered, the club's members almost unanimously agreed.

Second prize went to Howard Black, 1735 West 234th street. Black's front yard had a huge cotton snowman, flanked by two large candles.

A special prize was given to Ralph Shaffer, Trailer 12, 1820 Torrance boulevard, for the best decorated trailer house.

All winners will receive a year's subscription to a national garden magazine, the club announced.

Mrs. John Eriksen, 22407 Denker, was presented with a potted plant for having the best outdoor display of any club member. Mrs. Minot Rugg, club president, said.

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