

## Las Vecinas Club Brings Cheer to Children's Ward

Children at Harbor General Hospital were again made happy at Christmas by Las Vecinas' youth and welfare committees. The youth committee, under direction of Mrs. Lena Howey, chairman, organized the local brownie and Girl Scout troops in the making of stuffed dolls, and puppets, bed slippers, picture cards, material for scrapbooks and the making and filling of Christmas stockings for each child.

Las Vecinas Welfare Committee, under direction of Mrs. Florence Washington, chairman, prepared and delivered to the children's ward: a scooter, dolls, stuffed animals, wood puzzles, arm, toy bags, games and supplies and equipment for the children's ceramic work. The welfare committee also under-

took the assembling and delivering of ten Christmas baskets to needy families in the nearby areas.

## C. E. Guild Plans Meeting

Central Evangelical Guild will meet Wednesday, January 9, at 2 p.m. in Guild Hall, Arlington at Marcellina avenue.

Mrs. N. D. Smith, president, will conduct the business session and hostesses for the social hour will be Mesdames J. S. Lancaster and W. H. Haslam.

## OES Matrons Initiate at Gay Party

Past Matron Club of Torrance Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, celebrated the holidays with a delightful party which began with a delicious Chinese dinner served in Ding How Cafe.

At tables set in the private dining room of the cafe, places were arranged for Mesdames Edna Babcock, Frances Buckley, Jeannette Clark, Myrtle Clayton, Lillian Dye, Mildred Edwards, Persia Fess, Hazel Fossum, Estelle Graham, Jean Guyan, Juliette Johnson, May Jones, Billie Kruber, Helen Miller, Gladys Mothersell, Jean Mosher, Kate Sidebotham, May Sidebotham, Cleora Stanger, Edna Stone, Garnett Satterfield, Lillian Shriner, Lola Mae Tomkins, Naoma Brown Winner, and Vivian Cook, junior past matron member.

The ladies later adjourned to the Beech avenue home of Helen Miller where they were entertained with games. Feature of the evening was initiation of Vivian Cook, junior past matron of Torrance Chapter, into the matrons organization.

Next meeting has been scheduled for January 11 at the home of Mrs. Edna Babcock. Election of officers will be conducted by the president, Mrs. May Sidebotham.

## AAUW Plans Meetings

American Association of University Women, San Pedro branch, will meet at 9:30 tomorrow for a book section meeting at the home of Mrs. L. F. Loring, 417 Miramar drive, Redondo Beach. Members are asked to call the hostess.

On January 7 a bridge section meeting has been called at the home of Mrs. W. Madison Taylor, 4020 Carolina street, San Pedro. Call hostess.

On January 10 juniors will meet at the home of Mrs. Jean Felder, 1110 Trotwood, San Pedro. Terminal 24512. Prospective members are welcome.

## VACATION ENDS

Miss Jeannette Probert will enplane Saturday for Walla Walla, Wash., to resume her duties at Whitman College, where she is a physical education instructor.

## Adelle Davis, Nutritionist Engaged for Lecture Series

Torrance Elementary PTA announces the engagement of Adelle Davis, well known nutritionist, for a series of four lectures on the general subject of "Guarding Your Family's Health." Miss Davis will speak Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 beginning January 10, in the Fern Avenue School auditorium.

All adults interested are cordially invited, as the course is a part of the Adult Education program of the Torrance Unified School District.

Miss Davis has lectured in this area many times in the past few years, with marked interest and well-filled auditoriums. She says, "The health of yourself and your family is a mirror which reflects your intelligence, your efficiency and your cooking methods. With health come beauty, clear thinking, cooperativeness, cheerfulness and freedom from bickering and quarreling, as well as freedom from illnesses and infections. To the mother of such a family come pride of accomplishment and deep satisfaction of a job well done. To her comes ego-gratification infinitely more satisfying than she may once have obtained from such trifles as preparing fluffy-textured cake or delectable white bread. She has shouldered her tasks and has seen to it that good health has come from good cooking."

Miss Davis, now a consulting nutritionist in Palo Verde, knows her field thoroughly, both through practical experience and extensive professional training.

Christmas activities of the Elementary School PTA included a colorful Christmas pageant which was presented by students and teachers at the regular December meeting. The old, old story was portrayed skillfully and with a spiritual emphasis which public schools are often accused of neglecting. Welfare Chairman Mrs. Bill Martin reports the packing of three Christmas dinners for families whose misfortune had troubled. Each box included meat, canned staples, dessert and toys for the children.

Board members are requested by the president, Mrs. H. E. Curry, to attend the PTA board meeting Wednesday January 9 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. M. A. Bauman, 1504 Post avenue. Plans will then be made for the January meeting, which will be a pot-luck supper on the evening of January 17.

## 200 Attend Nurses' Party

A total of 200 guests attended the vocational nurses' holiday party and open house at Harbor General Hospital.

The guests were taken through the nurses' classroom ward, where they were shown exhibits of the students' work. Home-made cookies, coffee and punch were served by the 26 vocational nurses attending.

Among the guests were Arthur Thomas, hospital director; Mrs. Frances Scott, director of nursing and Miss Marian Pierce, coordinator.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the presentation to the hospital of dolls and other toys to be distributed to children who would be confined there over the holidays.

## VFW Women Review Yule Activities

Members of VFW Auxiliary to Post 3251 held a most enjoyable holiday party in the Walteria home of their president, Mrs. Beatrice Vaca.

The Auxiliary was represented at Sawtelle Veterans Hospital on December 21 when gifts were distributed to patients in their adopted ward. Several Torrance members also assisted in arranging a bingo party and distribution of gifts at the hospital.

The women are planning to participate in the mass installation of officers to be held in April in Long Beach.

Next meeting has been set for Tuesday evening, January 8, in the YMCA building on Washington avenue.

## Trio Rebekah 240 Elects Mary Smith Noble Grand

Mary B. Smith was elected noble grand of Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240 of Lomita at the annual election meeting held in California hall.

Officers who will serve the lodge next year are Irma Powers, vice grand; Edith Marriott, recording secretary; Dorothy Rogers, financial secretary; Retta Nelson, treasurer and Ada Anderson, who was named trustee for one year.

Noble Grand Leila Sellens opened the meeting with a welcome to several visitors. Dora Rickers, who is a guest of her daughter Mrs. W. J. Schroeder for the winter, was welcomed from the jurisdiction of Nebraska together with Elizabeth Tappin, past president of the jurisdiction of Arizona and guests from Ocean Queen and Compton lodges.

Ruth Jacobs was judged the winner in the recent secret work contest; the auditing committee was invited to meet at the home of the noble grand at 2603 Narbonne avenue Friday night, December 28.

Retta Nelson, president of the Trio Helpers' social club of the lodge, presented a Christmas check of one hundred dollars to the lodge in behalf of the club members, which represented many fund-raising activities throughout the past term.

The holiday spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and so-

## Halldale PTA Calendars Two Meetings

Halldale PTA has scheduled an executive board meeting for 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the school.

Halldale will be hostess to the Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council at a meeting set for 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 8 in St. Andrew's parish hall, 1432 Encarnacion avenue.

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## Fire Loss Victim Is Honoree

Complimenting her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Dowling of Sun Valley, Mrs. Lyle J. O'Hara entertained recently at a household shower. The affair was arranged to replenish the belongings of the honoree whose home and furnishings had been destroyed by fire.

A delicious buffet supper was served following presentation of gifts and an evening of games. Approximately 28 Torrance and out-of-town friends and relatives of the ladies were bidden. Mrs. Dowling is known here, having been a frequent visitor at the O'Hara home.

## 'Safety' to Be Topic At Seaside

Seaside School PTA will present as guest speaker at their meeting Thursday, January 10 at 8 o'clock Lt. M. J. Gebhart of San Pedro Police Department.

Lt. Gebhart will talk about children's safety in amplifying the topic of the meeting, "The Home, First Business of Parents."

Los Caneloneros, talented local choral group will furnish entertainment.

Fathers will act as hosts for the evening, according to the president, Mrs. Byron Johnson.

## Cub Scouts Pick Officers

Cub Scout pack 241-C met last week for a combined Christmas party and election of new officers.

George Graham was elected chairman, Luke Nickol pack leader, Al Wicker, assistant pack leader, Jack Voorhees, treasurer, Howard McDonald, awards chairman, Earl Cook projectionist, and Ronnie Brumbelow, transportation chairman.

Special awards were presented to five members of the pack. Receiving awards were Walter Cotton, Ronnie Brumbelow, Ronnie Cook, Bonnie Strehlen, and Larry Graham.

The Cubs also provided cans of food for a needy family during the holiday.

## 'Health' to Be Meeting Topic

"Good Health Equals Good Living" will be the topic feature when the 186th Street Parent-Teacher Association meets on Thursday, January 10, at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Nellie I. Lewis, of the Los Angeles Board of Education. There also will be a health film shown.

Tea and a social hour in the teachers' room will follow the meeting. Hostesses will be appointed by Mrs. Edith Mathews.

An executive board meeting will precede the general session. Mrs. Oliver Tang, health chairman, attended the December meeting of the National Red Cross, in Torrance.

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