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Young Pianists Real Threat to Liberace

By DORIS HERBST

'An open letter to Liberace... Look to your laurels, my good man. You have some stiff competition in the offing! Judy Ryckman and Carolyn Waddingham, of Bidevald Rd., were pianists on Station KGGT at 5:15 Feb. 13. The program was one sponsored by a Los Angeles piano company. Those people in the Heights who heard it say the girls' performance was a real credit to their proud teacher, Mrs. Gertrude Lumsden.

Parties, parties everywhere, and Seaside Heights had its share... First there was the gathering at the Sokolowski household, 5249 Bidevald Rd., on Feb. 8 to wish Tommy, now 6 years old, a happy birthday. Ten of his friends were there.

Valentine's Day prompted an other two parties. Donna and Butchle Burk, 5104 Zakon Rd., entertained at their home. The guest list included Mira and Jim Mitchell, Rosemary and Carolyn Grierson and Michael Renz.

Susan Steele was 7 years old last December, but wasn't home at 5008 Macafee Rd., to cele-

brate it at the time. To make amends, her mother gave her a Valentine party last Saturday which was attended by Nancy Slover, Pat Miller, Judy Bills, Janet Hulseay, Jo Elkner and Carol Sibley.

Leslie Taylor, 5233 Bidevald Rd., was all of three years old on Feb. 10 and celebrated the event on Friday, Feb. 13. Those small fry who were present and helped to make the day more hectic for Nellie, were Marilyn and Billy Meocy, Paul and Craig Herbst, Jean, Wilma and Bobby Bassett, Greg and Jackie Jusich, Jerry Filgiano, Chuckie and Judy Zubuch, Allen Wagstaff, Jerry Wilkerson and Judy and Jimmy Warner.

Many of you know Nellie and Jim Taylor as the couple who do such a fine job of transporting the Sunday School set to and fro via the bus each week. It seems the birthday party was a climax to a busy week for them. Jim's sister from San Diego spent the week here while other relatives of that same city dropped in on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. At last report, Nellie was holding

up well after all the activities

Ruth Waddingham, of Bidevald Rd., was hostess at one of those popular home demonstration parties on Feb. 11. Those who helped make the party a success were Grace Ryckman, Maryon Martin, Dorothy Dwyer, Alice Anderson, Gertrude Lumsden and Helen Slover of Bidevald Rd., Dorothy Gunther, of Vanderhill Rd., and Ellen Marchel of Zakon. (She's Ted Marchel's mother).

Have you seen Tom Robinson around and about lately? He's home on leave now after having finished his basic training at the Naval Training Center in San Diego. Tom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. "Gil" Robinson, 5266 Bidevald Rd., returned home last Tuesday, Feb. 10. No doubt these two weeks will pass all too quickly for the Robinson family and Tom will be off for San Francisco.

Another homecoming took place on Macafee Rd. when George Sibley returned home on Saturday, Feb. 14, after a two-week business trip. Little Carol and Steve Sibley were happy to greet their father and, needless to say, Carol... the mama... was rather pleased to see George, too.

While I'm still on Macafee Rd., there may be some of you who still don't know Mary and Roland Chalfoux who purchased the house recently vacated by the Hughes family. Mary is a niece of Mrs. Rock, 5209 Vandor hill Rd. She came to California, along with Roland and daughter Jerry, just last December and spent six weeks at the Rock Home before moving to her own home.

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If you haven't seen Mrs. Rock around these past days it's because she's in the Magnolia Hospital in Long Beach for treatments and a check-up.

Wally Sokolowski, 5249 Bidevald Rd., was taken ill quite suddenly on Monday night with the gripe, requiring hospitalization. Maybe Wally was trying to "get even" with Mary and son Tommy who spent the week end with friends in San Diego. Though a night in the Veterans Hospital in Long Beach isn't quite the same somehow.

Linda Rosenkrantz, 5229 Vanderhill Rd., is recovering from an unusual ailment. She was afflicted with a case of the shingles. It seems that this particular virus infection of the nerves is usually associated with older people. Linda, who is 6, has the rather dubious honor of being an exception to the rule.

"What's the story on those new homes being built down there near Macafee Rd?" That's a question I hear repeated over and over these days. After doing a little sleuthing, this much I can say. There will be 63 houses — each with three bedrooms and a two-car garage, scheduled to be finished in about three months.

Attention harried husbands: "The woin has toiled." It seems Bud Kessler, 6020 Macafee Rd., in no relation to the woin, has put his wife in the dog house, a complete reversal of the usual situation. Pauline gave Bud a fishing pole for Christmas, but to date the fish are reluctant to join forces with it. Bud suspected his ever-lovin' spouse of putting a curse on it. How about that, Pauline? Many of you already know Mrs. Kessler as our very fine neighborhood seamstress.

Two new families have recently moved to the Heights and settled on Vanderhill Rd. They share the same surname but they are strangers to one another. Cecelia and Earl Harris now reside at 5217 with sons Tommy and Steven, ages 6 and 4. Mr. Harris works at the Douglas plant in Torrance, having recently come here from Stockton. They are friends of

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New Year's Eve Fluke Accident Victim Faces Third Operation

Back to the hospital Tuesday for his third operation went Robert G. Bowen, 16-year old Torrance High School senior, who was injured in a freak New Year's Eve accident.

Bowen, of 17416 Glenburn Ave, already has undergone a back operation and has had a silver plate inserted in his leg from his knee to his hip.

He faces two, possibly three, more operations, hospital attendants said.

The local boy was injured during the first minutes of 1953 when he and a high school pal, Jerry Allison, also 16, got into a scrap over who was to drive. The boys tumbled into the street and were hit and run over by a Pacific Electric employe on his way home from work.

Allison has returned to a restricted schedule of classes at Torrance High School, according to his mother, Mrs. Hene Allison, of 17038 Glenburn Ave., author of North Torrance Tattler—a column appearing in the Torrance Herald each week.

Morning Rites For Resident

Final rites were held Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock, at Stone and Myers Chapel for Thelma Ruth Riddle, 38, who died Saturday at her home, 828 Sartori Ave.

The Rev. C. M. Northrup of the First Baptist Church conducted the services, followed by interment at Roosevelt Cemetery.

The deceased, a resident of Torrance for the past three years, is survived by her husband, Clay Riddle, and son, Thomas C. Riddle, of the Sartori Ave. address; a sister, Mrs. W. P. Garner of Baton Rouge, La.; and two brothers, L. C. Hazel of Willow, Alaska, and A. W. Hazel of Marked Tree, Kans.

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