

# The Social World

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**WORLD FELLOWSHIP . . .** Mrs. Phelan Foley, chairman, shows the scarf local Y-teens will send to a teen-age club in another country as a token of world fellowship this year. Seated left to right, Mesdames Thomas McCutcheon and Thomas Clinkenbeard, and standing, Mrs. Victor Benstead. The scarf, porcelain dog made in Germany, metal work from India, and other articles displayed on the table will be on exhibit tomorrow night at the YWCA's All Nations Christmas Family Festival. (Herald photo)

## Yule Family Festival

# All Invited on Trip 'Round the World' At YW Tomorrow

Tomorrow night men, women, and children from throughout the Torrance area will gather at the YWCA's Carson St. headquarters for the second annual All Nations Christmas Family Festival.

The all-community event, slated to begin at 7:30 p.m., is being sponsored by the YW for two purposes, according to Mrs. F. P. Foley, chairman—to raise money for the World Fellowship Fund and to increase understanding of the people of other nations. Program, decorations, and refreshments will carry out an international theme.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Dressed in stocking caps and furry mittens reminiscent of Old English carolers will be Debutante Y-teens, who will open the program by singing carols outside the large picture window at the east end of the hall. Guests will join in the carol singing later in the evening.

Lending an American touch to the program will be the local chapter of the SPEBSQSA's.

### Harbor YW To Observe 'Christmas in Norway'

Members of Torrance branch, YWCA, will be among many guests attending the Harbor District YW's "Christmas in Norway," slated for next Monday night, Dec. 14, at the headquarters building, 437 W. Ninth St., San Pedro.

Emma L. Anderson, in Norwegian costume, will take the program spotlight, telling of the Christmas traditions of Norway, her native land. In addition, a musical program with Helen Ward Jeffs as whistling soloist will be presented.

who will sing old "barber shop" favorites, dressed in costumes of the "Gay Nineties," the era when this type of singing reached its peak of popularity.

The audience will travel through the YWCA's in the Near East through a talk by Mrs. G. Gilbert Myers, learning how the associations there operate and the part the World Fellowship fund plays in their work. Mrs. Louis Ledra, World Fellowship chairman for Harbor District YWCA, also will talk on world fellowship.

Presentation of the World Fellowship Gift by Scotty Y-Teens, and an opportunity for guests to contribute at a dona-

tions table supervised by Mrs. Kenneth Clutter, will follow.

### GUEST ROLE

Each guest will take a part in the program as the Yule log is

### Shoppers Get Break

Another Yule activity being sponsored by the YWCA this week is a "Coffee Break for Shoppers" today and tomorrow at the headquarters building in San Pedro. Members of the San Pedro membership committee will provide coffee and cookies for shoppers between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The YW facilities will be available to wrap packages, address cards, and relax.

lighted from a splinter of the log used at last year's fete. Each will take one twig and file past the burning log, throwing the twig into the blaze to symbolize the destruction of last year's follies and sorrows and a wish for a better New Year.

Also scheduled to take a program spotlight with authentic Swedish folk songs are Mrs. Lois Gettmann, vocalist, and Wilbur Johnson, accordionist.

Johnson, in cooperation with Olaf Thorstensen, also will take a feature spot in the decoration scheme of the evening, which will be highlighted by booths exhibiting articles from many foreign countries. The Redondo Beach men will display many antique Scandinavian works of art as well as more modern pieces.

Colorful items collected by Mrs. J. P. Montague on her recent tour of Mexico; Mrs. Paul Shinoda's collection of Japanese dolls; articles from China and the South by Mrs. M. J. Thomas Clinkenbeard, will be among the many exhibits lining the walls of the building.

**INDIAN SALE.** Another feature attraction will be sale of articles from India, brought back by the guest speaker, Mrs. Myers, with proceeds earmarked for the World Fellowship Fund.

A huge Christmas tree, decorated by the Coquette Y-teens, will carry out the Yule theme of the festivities. Table decorations



**"WAIT A MINUTE . . .** Let me fix his tail," says Connie Walton as twin sisters, Marilyn and Carol Poeske prepare to cut off the colorful red, green and yellow pinata which will be a part of the All Nations Christmas Family Festival at the YWCA tomorrow night. The girls are members of the Torrettes, junior-senior Y-teen club at Torrance High School. Other members assisting in making the pinata were Gloria Palm, Peggy Meacham, Mary Lou Sass, Mary Ann Notman, and Pat Hanover. (Herald photo)

symbolizing the holiday season and international friendship will be supervised by Mrs. Warren Hamilton, and floral arrangements with the same keynotes will add further touches of beauty to the hall.

The flower pieces are being created by Torrance Terrace Garden Clubbers, including the president, Mrs. Victor Benstead, and Mesdames Carl Hood, Douglas McClay, and Thomas McCutcheon.

Cookies and pastries from many foreign lands, plus the old German tradition of the wassail bowl, will be featured at the refreshment tables which are being arranged by Mrs. Karl Mohler. Children will get their own special treat—a pinata, which is the highlight of Yule festivities in Mexico.

The program will close with community singing of "Silent Night" to piano accompaniment played by Johnson, and a solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by the concert pianist.

**ALL INVITED** Mrs. Foley stressed that everyone interested is invited to attend the celebration, bring articles for exhibit, donate refreshments, and wear their own native costumes. Special invitations, she said, have been mailed to many foreign-born residents of Torrance and to exchange students, now attending El Camino and Long Beach colleges. Mrs. Alejo Alcalá designed the festive invitations, which were

# Festive Dances to Highlight Holiday Season Here

The holiday is traditionally the flint setting off a fire of gaiety in all communities, and Torrance is no exception. The social calendar is filled this week-end, and will continue to be filled until the New Year arrives, with many gala dances and other festivities.

## Dine, Dance Tomorrow

First on the agenda with Yule dancing will be Las Vecinas Woman's Club, which has scheduled its sixth annual Christmas ball for tomorrow night at Portuguese Bend Clubhouse. Although active in charitable programs, the club tries to keep a balance between philanthropic and social projects, and so has dubbed this affair "strictly social."

Members, their husbands, and guests will gather at dinner tables before the orchestra takes over at 9 o'clock. Jolly-faced Santas, master-minded by Mmes. David Hurford, president, and Robert Pinkney, first vice-president, will highlight clubhouse decor.

## Y Scene for Teen Fete

The younger set, namely teenagers at Torrance High School, also have scheduled a Christmas ball for tomorrow night. Setting for the fun will be the YWCA on Carson St., with crisp snowflakes, bright red stockings, and evergreen boughs added to give it a Yuletide air.

Dress is suits for the guys and formals for their dolls. Doris Popovich, commissioner of publicity, reported. Tickets at \$1.25 per couple, may be obtained from any member of the sponsoring Student Council.

The orchestra will start the Fausie at 9 p.m. and will continue playing until midnight.

## Style Show Ball Feature

Another affair, which promises to be one of the high points of the Yule season, is the "White Christmas Ball" to be staged by North Torrance Fuchsia Society at Club Alondra Saturday night, Dec. 12. Dancing, entertainment, a fashion show, and a late buffet supper are included on the evening's agenda.

Heading the list of entertainers will be Douglas McClay, member of the Torrance Chapter, SPEBSQSA, who will act as emcee. Frances Palumbo will do several interpretive dance numbers and Miss Joan Hanson and Seaside School Vice-principal Lloyd Jones will do a bit of vocalizing. A spark of humor will be added by Mrs. Douglas McClay, who will present a comedy skit.

Holiday wear will be emphasized in the style parade, featuring costumes from the local Mari Lynn Dress Shop. Listed models for the show are Mmes. Clinton Beedon, Merton Stiles, Hernan Cortez, Peter Bruce, Leslie Matson, Norman Hale, Ralph Gastelum, Thomas Fannon; and Wendell Towell.

In keeping with the White Christmas motif, there will be a huge white Christmas tree adorned with fuchsia balls to night club decorations. A large white snowball, decorated with fuchsia sequins, will be suspended from the center of the ceiling, and 500 small snowballs will fall from the "heavens" over the ballroom floor.

The decorating committee, composed of Mmes. Wendell Towell, Cortez, Gastelum, Richard Perrin, and Maxine Crosley, also have planned individual pin-



**HOLIDAY PUNCH . . .** This formally-gowned feminine quartet, composed of members of North Torrance Fuchsia Society, samples punch which will be served during the refreshment period at the club's "White Christmas Ball" Saturday night. Left to right are Mesdames Peter Bruce, Leslie Matson, Norman Hale, and Ralph Gastelum, who will be among those modeling holiday fashions during a style show which will highlight evening entertainment. (Herald photo)

one and candle arrangements for the refreshment tables. Tickets still may be purchased by calling Mrs. Basil Ball at ME 4-6781, and proceeds are earmarked for the financing of flower booth entries in local spring flower shows as well as the annual fuchsia show at Hollywood Park.

## JayCee Fete 'Day After'

The day after Christmas won't be the usual let-down for Torrance JayCees, JayCettes, and guests, for their best is yet to come. The JayCees will host a post-holiday dance at Club Alondra that evening, with Kenny Perkins and his orchestra providing the music from 9 o'clock until 1 a.m. Wayne Morris is in charge of arrangements.

## Give Aptitude Tests Dec. 12

Torrance residents who want to find out more about their capabilities will have an opportunity to do so when aptitude tests are given next Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Compton Counseling Service, 505 E. Compton Blvd., Leona Prudence, press chairman, said this week.

A special group of nine tests, including IQ, will be offered for a nominal sum at 1:30 p.m., she said.

These timed exams are given to several people at one time, then an appointment is made for each person to have a private interpretation of the results. Mrs. Prudence continued. The tests measure mechanical, clerical, general sales, computational, and scientific abilities.

Further information may be obtained by calling NE 2-8812.



**PRETTY PIN-UPS . . .** Ann Steinbaugh, commissioner of finance, left, and Doris Popovich, commissioner of publicity, hang up a stocking with care—for it tells the story of the holiday dance to be sponsored by the Torrance High School Student Council at the YWCA tomorrow night. (Herald photo)



**SESSION WITH SANTA . . .** Members of Las Vecinas Woman's Club dig up Santa Clauses in various shapes and sizes to use for clubhouse decor when they hold their sixth annual Christmas Ball at Portuguese Bend tomorrow night. Left to right, they are Mesdames Robert Pinkney, David Hurford, Lee F. Washington Jr., and Alex E. Hunt. (Herald photo)

## TODAY DEAFNESS PREVENTION CLINIC OPEN

Deafness Prevention League of the San Pedro Assistance League will be open from 12:30 to 4 p.m. today in the new clinic area of the clubhouse, 1441 W. Eighth St., San Pedro, Mrs. R. Lambie, press chairman, reported.

This clinic is open to all children in the harbor area needing its services. Mrs. Lambie said. Parents may bring their youngsters to the clinic today or contact Mrs. G. A. Robinson, clinic chairman, for an appointment.

Working with Mrs. Robinson on the committee are Mesdames Fred Briggs, Everett Daves, Frank Lightburn, Clifford Stratton, Roy Beverly, Leslie Smith, A. H. Nerad, James Burke, Norvel Soekerson, Cecil Craft, and George Bronaugh.

**PTA BOARD TO MEET** Executive board of 259th PI School will hold a 7:30 meeting at the home of Miss Frances Dastrac tomorrow night. A white elephant exchange will carry out the holiday theme.

## Foreign Students To Give Panel to Walterians Today

Word pictures of life in other lands, presented by foreign students now attending Pepperdine College, will highlight today's meeting of Walteria PTA, slated for 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Plans for the session, revealed by Mrs. Glenn Karhu, press chairman, were charted last week

when the executive board met at the 24430 Ward St. home of the president, Mrs. Carl Cramer. Second grade mothers will be hostesses for the social hour, and room prizes will be given for the best attendance. Plans for Christmas welfare work also were made by the executive board. Included in the philanthropy calendar will be distribution of baskets for needy families and of toys to hospital wards by Mesdames He Fink and Richard Heitmeier. Both toys and gifts of canned food will be collected by children and taken to the school. Attending the meet were Dale Wickstrom and Mesdames Bruce Howey, Wesley Crocheron, E. Pfau, Karhu, C. W. Johnson, Joseph Pene, and W. T. Allen.