

Soroptimists Plan Yule Fun

Torrance-Gardena Soroptimists will gather at the 2530 Eldorado St. home of Mrs. Addie Parks for a Christmas gift exchange next Tuesday night, Dec. 15. Plans for the fete were charted last Tuesday when the club held its regular luncheon meeting at the Western Club in Gardena. Highlighting the program was a lecture and demonstration of gift-wrapping by George Pasteur of the T-Tile Co.

The club gained over \$100, to be used for philanthropic work, through its recent rummage sale, Mabel Soules, ways and means chairman, reported.

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COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS . . . Doris Mrs. J. H. Hull is just getting ready to bake her cookies while Edwina (Mrs. C. P.) Dillehay, ties a glamorous bow on her package of goodies. The two are among several local Junior Clubwomen who will take boxes of cookies to the District meeting tomorrow night; the sweets will then be mailed to airforcemen for Christmas. (Herald photo)

Rome to Naples Torrance Travelers Say Italian Scenery Like Home; Naples Over-rated; Pope Gracious

The following letter, received by Mrs. Ronald H. Wigg from her mother-in-law, Mrs. Albert Fish, 1719 Cabrillo Ave., gives highlights of the Rome-to-Naples journey of Mrs. Fish and her husband before they left Italy for Tripoli, Libya, North Africa, where they will visit their daughter and son-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Van H. Barnard.

REMINDER OF HOME

"We traveled over the new Appian Way built by Mussolini, passing many Roman ruins of aqueducts, many sections of which were well preserved. Much of the area is reminiscent of Southern California. Houses are new, mainly two-story stucco with tile roofs. Down by the Tyrrhenian Sea at Capri we saw the ruins of the Temple of Jupiter.

"Approaching Naples we saw many fields with poplar trees; on the boundary between these were huge grapevines giving an espalier effect. Then we came in the outskirts of Naples — filthy, muddy, swarming with flies.

"We saw Mt. Vesuvius, and it looked surprisingly like the San Pedro hills from Long Beach!

"Naples was the greatest disappointment, and the only one of the trip. It is a vasty over-rated spot. The view is no better than Redondo Beach and Santa Monica as seen from Palos Verdes, the harbor is no more impressive than San Pedro as seen from Palos Verdes, in fact not so much so. If we were not so used to the view we'd probably feel differently, but this is no more beautiful than what you can see in half-an-hour from home.

MARINE DRIVE

"We drove on down to Salerno, where a beachhead was made by Americans during the war, and then went on to the famous Amalfi Drive of 35 miles to land, and the drive corresponds to Palos Verdes Dr. It is called the most beautiful marine drive in the world, and I believe it!

"The road is very close to the edge of the steep cliffs, and it is very narrow — just wide enough for two cars to pass. Horse carts, kids, men, women, and little cars were in the road all along, but our bus driver just beep-beeped and went right ahead!

"Houses hung to terraced cliffs, and fishing villages clung to canyon sides, very picturesque. We lunched at an inn on the cliff which was like places from the Torrance High School Hwy. near Santa Monica.

SHORT PANTS

"We walked down narrow city streets; it was Sunday, every one was out, especially on the promenade along the waterfront (this skirts almost the entire bay front). Women were dressed in somber colors, men in suits, boys in the shortest pants I've ever beheld on boys. Even 12-year-olds wore these short pants, the motto of males below 12 years seems to be 'if you gotta go go anywhere' — and they do!

"Beggars followed us and peddlers harangued us — it's a mess. We went through the best shopping area, but like to buy European goods, the windows are covered on Sunday so we couldn't see anything. We went through some narrow streets with horse-drawn carts. All the horses have fancy harness with bells that jingle.

"I saw many United States destroyers and cruisers in the harbor, and the effects of war in industrial Naples, which was very heavily bombed. Many of the buildings were half-destroyed, but a large percentage of the city has been rebuilt thanks to Uncle Sam. (However, here, as in France, we have seen many signs on walls that say: "Go home, Americans," or "Go home, U. S. A.")

OLD CROCHET HOOKS

"The soil below Vesuvius is very fertile; I've never seen crops so closely planted and so flourishing. There are actually three layers of production, vegetables, grapevines, and fruit trees, so the whole area looks like a jungle. We came to Pompeii, which has been destroyed 14 times by Mt. Vesuvius, but always rebuilt. About 2000 of the 23,000 inhabitants were killed during the first eruption in 79 A.D. Excavations started in 1860 and are still going on; diggers have found carbonized food, cosmetics, coins, oolanders, cooking utensils, and even crocheted hooks.

"Unearthed city streets had blocks of stone worn by chariot wheels, some houses had furniture, and in bath houses there were fountains and statues. Modern Pompeii has 10,000 people.

SEE POPE

"We went to Castelgandolfo, summer residence of the Pope, and attended his audience. We went into a courtyard, and from one balcony was hanging a huge velvet carpet. At a few minutes to 12, the Pope came out, beckoned to the people, prayed and blessed them and all the things they had with them. He spoke to Italians, Dutch, Germans, French, Spanish, and English, all in their own tongues. I thought him a remarkable man, friendly, kind-looking, very gracious.

"There were many American sailors, soldiers, and airforcemen who gave him three cheers. He smiled and said, "Young men, I wish to say that you and your generation have it in your power to make relations between you and your fellowman more friendly and more nearly like what our own Heavenly Father would have them be."

PTA CONCESSION PROFITS OVER \$700

Loyola football game played here raised the total profits from the Torrance High School PTA concession stand to \$700.55, Mrs. Lloyd Davis, ways and means chairman, reported at a recent meeting of the executive board, held at the school cafeteria.

A check for half the proceeds, \$350.28, was presented by Mrs. I. O. Kasten, president, to Principal Bruce Magner, who in turn will present the money to the student council.

Sophomore parents will be honored at the next Association meeting, scheduled for Jan. 12 in the high school library.

WOMEN JURORS

Michigan was the first state to permit women to serve as jurors. The legislation was enacted in 1915. The legislatures of Maine and Utah, followed shortly thereafter.

HIGH-PRESSURE SALES

"Downtown we noted the high-pressure salesmanship of dealers. They came right out on the street and practically dragged us inside. If a man couldn't get us in the store, he'd yell "Maria!" and out would come a female to work on us.

"This area is also one where everybody bursts into operatic singing at the slightest provocation!

"We took a boat to Capri—the vessel was not as large as the "Catalina," but very fast. At the town of Amacapri we saw the Caesar's villa stood. We went in a chair lift to the very top of Capri. The chair was suspended by one bar on cable and we went up over agricultural terraces (I counted 48 on the way down) then over sheer rocks.

"Of Rome I shall write at length from Tripoli. I have really liked Rome. The people are good-looking, stores good, city busy, lots of building going on. There are many fountains here and they play constantly, not as in Paris, where they are turned on Sunday afternoon only. There are ruins everywhere. We saw a Second Century B. C. temple next to a Fourth Century A.D. one, and nearby Ninth Century A. D. ruins, with 20th Century kids playing around all of them!

'Stork Story'

FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Birth of Leann Renee on Dec. 7 added two more tiny feet to the patter of eight now heard at the 23110 Huber St. home of the R. L. Grahams. The new little daughter, who weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz., has three brothers, Gary, Richard, and Ronald, and one sister, Beverly. Father is a sales driver for Laura Bender; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Corrie of Peoria, Ill.

A new little miss who may someday help mother Carmen feed daddy, Fremman Jay Nielsen, from the "Firelades" mobile canteen, arrived at 11:05 p.m. Dec. 8, Named Karen Lynn, she joins a six-year-old brother, Keith, at the 2083 Reynosa Dr. Nielsen home. Marie Nielsen of Los Angeles and Mrs. Harve Slaughter of Marcelino, Mo., are grandparents.

A baby boy, their first child, was born at 2:45 a.m. Dec. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie (hanski, 20525 Elliott Ave., father of the 6 lb. 5 oz. bit of masculinity, who has been named Johnnie Darryl, is an assembler at North American Aviation; grandparents are the J. F. Snuffers, 26083 Elliott Ave., and the Henry Bruhanisks, 20614 Oak Ave.

Newest addition to the 25009 Pennsylvania Ave. household of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ford is a one-year-old daughter whom they have named Jacquelyn Sue. The little miss arrived at 4:32 a.m. Dec. 8 and has one sister, one-year-old Debra Jean. Father is employed at Douglas Aircraft Co.; grandparents are the Joseph Worlandis, 2478 W. 39th St.; Ernest G. Ford of Hartford, Conn.; and Mrs. W. J. Claypool of Middleville, Mich.

MISS KEETH TELLS TROTH

Plans for a January wedding are now being made by Miss Josephine Keeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hill, 306 Harbor Hills, and Morris M. Howell, son of the M. B. Howells of Huntington Park.

Ceremony uniting the couple in marriage is scheduled for 2 p.m. Jan. 29 at the South Broadway Church of Christ.

The bride-elect, a 1952 graduate of Narbonne High School, is now employed at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in Los Angeles. Her fiancé, who was educated at McAdams High School in Kosecuseo, Miss., is in the carpentry trade in Los Angeles.

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Tuesday Deadline to Enter Xmas Lighting Contest; 225 at Candy Cane Fete

Tuesday, Dec. 15, is the last day to place entries in the Christmas lighting contest being sponsored by North Torrance Fuchsia Society, Mrs. Gerald Cunerty, press chairman, announced this week.

The competition is divided into two categories, Mrs. Cunerty continued, outdoor and porch lighting and window lighting as seen from the street. First and second prizes will be given in each division.

The three judges, Mrs. H. E. (Evelyn) Carr, Torrance Council PTA president; Willis Blount, Torrance City Councilman; and Donald Robison, principal of the new Evelyn Carr School, will be given a list of entries by address only. They will tour the homes on Dec. 20 and announce the winners in the Thursday, Dec. 24, issue of the Herald.

Entries may be placed by calling Mrs. Madell Holmes, MElo 4-3781, Mrs. Cunerty said.

Over 225 North Torrance tots, their moms, and their dads gathered in a Christmasy wonderland at McMaster Hall Tuesday night for the first Candy Cane Night sponsored by the Fuchsia Society, the press chairman continued.

Red Christmas bells and candy canes hung from the ceiling over a huge tree gaily decorated with red balls and tinsel. Tables were a child's fairyland, with sugar Christmas trees, a candy house on an icy lake, and trays

and trays of cookies shaped like Santas, Christmas trees, deer, and candy canes.

Santa, played by Robert Payne, gave each child a present, and pupils from the Ann Olson School of Dance entertained with a Christmas revue in six acts. A puppet show, "Little Lost Rudolph," staged by Girl Scouts of Troop 1295, and community singing of traditional carols also highlighted the evening.

Included on the committee planning the affair were Mesdames Ralph Gastelum, Peter Bruce, Wendell Towell, Hernan Cortez, Clarence DeCamp, Cunerty, Maxine Crosley, and Richard Ferrin.

State Representative To Assist AAUW Here

A state representative of the American Association of University Women will be on hand when South Bay women meet in January to discuss the organization of a branch of the club in this area.

Date and place of the meeting will be announced at a later date, according to Mrs. Robert McMahon, press chairman, and all prospective members will be invited to attend. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. David M. Turner, Frontier 9-3465.

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