



LOOK OUT BELOW! ... Torrette Y-teens struggle to break open the pinata while hordes of children scurry below for the fruits and candies which will rain from the big red, green, and yellow bird. Breaking of the monster crepe paper fowl was the climax (for the children anyway) of Friday night's All Nations Christmas Family Festival, held at the YWCA. (Herald Photo).



YOUNG AND OLD ... Two foreign students and one of the oldest Torrance residents, a native of Denmark, admire a fan from the Near East, one of the many foreign articles on exhibit at Friday night's All Nations Christmas Family Festival held at the YWCA. The little Danish woman, who is 84 years old, is Mrs. J. Sands. She makes her home with her daughter, Anna (Mrs. Fred W.) Sandstrom, at 2323 Eldorado St. At her right is Liesolotte Kramer, visa student from Germany who is now majoring in languages at Palos Verdes College; with them is Chong Thiam Choy of Malaya, who is studying engineering at El Camino College.

FILL XMAS BASKET AT CHANUKAH FETE
Gardena Valley Jewish Sisterhood members worked to spread holiday cheer among the needy families in the community and enjoyed a gift-exchange party at the same time last week when they held their annual Chanukah party.

Each member brought gifts to fill a basket which will be presented to the Social Service Clearing House for distribution at Christmas, with Leona Mitchell and Mary Fein taking charge of the contributions and the assembling of the basket.

All Nations Xmas Family Festival Draws Over 250

More than 250 men, women, and children went on a trip around the world, all within the four walls of the Carson St. YWCA, Friday night when the YW sponsored its second annual All Nations Christmas Family Festival.

They traveled through the South Pacific, Mexico, India, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, and many other lands as well through the medium of exhibits from these countries which lined the walls of the Y.

SWEDISH MUSIC
Longer stops in Sweden were enjoyed when Lois Gettmann, accompanied on the accordion by Wilbur Johnson, sang several folk songs, and a closer look at India was obtained through a talk presented by Mrs. Gilbert Myers.

Mrs. Myers told the story of the YWCAs in Indian, Turkish, and Egyptian cities, relating how the group, through the World Fellowship Fund, provides housing for young women working in the cities and trains them for secretarial positions.

In India and other countries of the Middle East women don't move about as freely as they do here, Mrs. Myers said. Parents believe that their daughters shouldn't go away from home to work, and there are really no housing facilities, other than the YWCA, for these girls in the city.

Even at the YW, three or four girls are housed in one room, and as there is not much space for personal belongings, each one keeps her things in a box, the speaker continued—but they consider the setup pretty wonderful. "This made me realize how fortunate women in this country are, and how little we appreciate it," she said.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS
"In the United States we have all kinds of organizations to help us develop ourselves; in the Middle East there is only the YWCA. It's no wonder that women in these lands are grateful for the kindness and friendliness that they find in the YWCA. We more fortunate Americans should continue to aid them through the YW World Fellowship Fund," Mrs. Myers concluded.

The crowd rallied to the speaker's appeal, donating over \$80 to the fund. Children and parents also came to work, and there are really a little closer to the traditions of Mexico as a colorful pinata, filled with fruits and candies, was split at the climax of the evening they also enjoyed the tra-

ditional wassail of the English Christmas as well as pastries from countries throughout the world.

COLORFUL DECOR
Adding to the color of the festival were floral arrangements created by Torrance Terrace Garden Club, Christmas greenery and brilliantly-shaded apples were festooned above the mantel, while decorating the refreshment tables were arrangements of brown and gold magnolia leaves, pine twigs, and white candles. In the foyer were two striking arrangements, a gilded branch hung with green gal proof of their birthplace.

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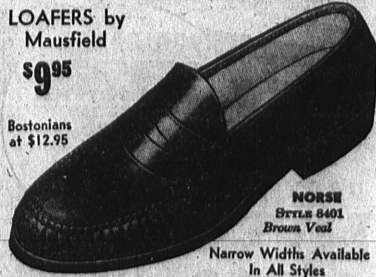
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