



ALL SET . . . with poster, decorations, and decorated boxes for their Valentine Box Social, scheduled for Feb. 6, are these members of the Mothers Club, Boy Scout Troop 761. Left to right, Mesdames Reese Holbrook, Duane Sherwood, Vic Wintner, James Snell, and Delbert Alford. Admission to the event will be one box supper per couple; suppers and eating partners will be auctioned off to the highest bidder 'round midnight. 'Be sure to decorate your boxes,' Mrs. Holbrook, press chairman, said, 'but don't let anyone know what they're going to look like or you'll ruin the surprise!'

Spaghetti Feed Slated by PTA

A spaghetti dinner is on the Wednesday evening slate for 186th St. PTA, Mrs. B. B. Burrus, press chairman, announced this week. Site of the feed will be the Gardens Community Center, 1651 Market St., and serving hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

MRS. BOOTH NEW YWCA SECRETARY

Mrs. Miles Booth, appointed last Tuesday's business meeting, will serve as secretary of the Torrance branch YWCA committee for the remainder of the current term. Made by Miss Nell Colburn, chairman, the appointment was unanimously approved by each member of the committee.

"Mrs. Booth has distinguished herself as a faithful worker in many phases of YWCA activities," Miss Colburn said. "She did a particularly fine job as Community Chest chairman for the YW in the last Red Feather campaign."

WHAT'S DOING

"Triple-duty" truck speeds pole-setting

Telephone poles now go up faster than ever, thanks to the specially designed truck at right. Equipped with a fast rotary digger, a long arm, and a winch line, the "triple-duty" truck digs pole holes, sets in the poles, and straightens them . . . all in a jiffy. This versatile vehicle also has many other jobs, including salvaging used wire on its special reel. We're using it in many places throughout the Pacific West today.



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More and more people here in the Pacific West are finding out what a value long distance telephone service is . . . to keep contact with friends and relatives in distant places, to get business affairs handled quickly. One reason — it costs so little to call. You can now talk for three minutes, day station call, all the way to New York for only \$2.50 plus tax. And your calls over shorter distances—like Chicago or Salt Lake, or up and down the Coast, naturally are even lower. And here's a tip about long distance calling. You'll be surprised at how much you can say in three minutes if you'll prepare your notes beforehand and make notes while you talk. Today, a long distance call is surely one of the best buys you can make. Pacific Telephone.

New 'Thrift Shop' To Add To Notable Service Record Of Local Soroptimist Club

As its next ways and means project to raise funds for philanthropy, the Torrance-Gardena Soroptimist Club plans to establish a "Thrift Shop" owned and operated by members. The proposal was discussed following a talk by Beatrice W. Johnson, secretary of District One of the Pacific Region, at last Tuesday night's social meeting, held at the ranch home of Mae Jones, 3736 Newton St. Walteria, with Addie Parks sharing hostess honors.

RECREATION TOPIC FOR 'FIRELADIES'

Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department will get a word picture of recreational facilities in Torrance tomorrow night when Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director, speaks on that topic at a 7:30 o'clock meeting in McMaster Hall. The setting for both pioneer-flavored events will be the American Legion Hall. As its first and largest project, the group adopted Little Sharon Hart as its Soroptimist, giving her many presents to make the last two weeks before she died of leukemia happier. Through various projects, the club also raised nearly \$650 to be used for research in the dread disease. Many other things, including purchase of a membership in the United Nations Association, donation to UNESCO, and contribution to the Army and Navy Academy which is being built in memory of Virginia Atkinson, life member of the Soroptimist Club, are included in the club's welfare program. Members also have made a donation to the Fellowship of American Federation of Soroptimists, giving Christmas presents to Rev. Penner at Harbor General Hospital, to be used to the best advantage for the patients, and presenting a set of all paints and enamel to 12-year-old Shery Hamilton, poetess for nearly six years. Money for these service projects has been raised by selling articles in the Bello Club, operating a booth at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce's Street Dance, sale of a fruit basket, electric deep fryer, and stoves, rummage sale, club dues and gifts from many Soroptimist clubs all over the world as well as local men's service clubs.

Moose Group Board Bus for District Meet

Approximately 30 members of Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, will board a chartered bus today at noon bound for Culver City, where they will attend the Mid-winter District conference.

Honor Future Mrs. Crawford With Showers

Two pre-nuptial events last week honored Maxine di Cristina, who will become Mrs. Crawford at 1 o'clock ceremonies in Greenwich Wedding Chapel this afternoon. The first, a miscellaneous shower hostessed by Mrs. Mitchell Homa, was held Thursday evening at Vurp's Dining Room. Sharing in the festivities were Shirley Howard, Nadine Sawyer, Opal Patton, Georgia Marlow, Rose Craig, Ruth Sorensen, May Lewis, Carol Nedon, Marie Val-lantingham, Margaret Alter, Holmes S. Ryan, Eliza Travoli, Edna Sanders, Pearl Jacobs, Catherine Majack, and Fairy Whitner. Friday the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. Jack Freeman, opened her 1444 W. 218th St. home for a luncheon shower. A white umbrella formed a canopy over a miniature bride and groom centering the table and further nuptial touches were provided by the luncheon cloth and napkins, done in wedding bell motif. Presenting the honoree with gifts for her trousseau were her mother, Mrs. Laura Freeman; Mesdames Carl Gotts, Robert LeBlond, Edward New-ton, Herb Dugger, and Fred Reinhardt of Torrance; Calvin Swilling and J. C. Swilling of Pomona.

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Bowl Group Seeks Aid Of Women

Women in the community who are interested in aiding the Pacific Bowl Association's work for the Southland are invited to meet with Mrs. Charles Sexton, Torrance director for the group, at her 507 Calle Mayor home Saturday, Feb. 6. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Sexton said. Among prominent women who already have signified their intention to attend is Mrs. Mervin M. Schwab, wife of the city mayor. "Others interested may call me at FRontier 5-6784," Mrs. Sexton said.

Gurrola Gets Life Scout Badge at Troop 219 Court

Going a step higher on the Scouting ladder Thursday night Michael Gurrola Jr., son of the Gurrolas Sr., 1640 W. 223rd St. received his life badge when Boy Scout Troop 219 held Court of Honor by candlelight at the Moose Hall. Presentation of the pin, made by Tom Wilkes, Scout committee-man, climaxed the evening, which opened with presentation of the troop charter.

Introduced by Attorney John Willd, emcee for the affair, Dr. Howard Wood, Harbor area chairman of Scouting and a past lieutenant governor of the Kiwanis Club presented the charter to J. B. Scotton, Kiwanis vice-president. Scotton in turn presented the parchment to Ernest Swift and Gurrola, Scoutmaster and assistant, respectively; Ben Vaughn, Explorer adviser; and four committeemen, Fred Cameron, Leo Robertson, Stanley Gilbert, and William Sells Sr. Star Scout William Sells Jr. opened the candlelight award ceremony. Presentation of merit badges by Gurrola and awarding of a star badge to Sheridan Swift by Sells Sr. followed. Mrs. Gurrola and Mrs. Ernest Swift received replicas of the pins awarded to their sons. In addition to the life pin, Gurrola received wood brotherhood, nature, dog care, citizenship in the home, and citizenship in the nation merit badges. Merit badges Swift received were home repair, book binding, cooking, and fingerprinting. Home repair badges were also presented to Leo Robertson and Frank Montez, the latter also receiving a woodwork badge. Other awards were a safety badge to Jackie Hedberg and cooking and public speaking badges to Wayne Blisshoff.

Parents Hear Making Sense of Life Most Important Lesson for All

"We must learn to make sense out of life. We must learn our place not only in the group of the world but in the wider sense — our place in the universe." This was the message of Dr. Robert B. Haas in opening the second of his audience-participation discussions at the Fern Ave. Cafeteria last Wednesday morning. "We learn not only from our teachers and parents but also from our religion," Dr. Haas pointed out. "There is a great need in all religions today for family worship, where the parents and children pray together," he said, adding that the saying, "Families who pray together stay together" is very true. "There are a number of things that stop human beings from listing, Dr. Haas continued, in human beings have basic needs and that the presence or lack of these needs make us do what we do. Among them he listed the biological needs, freedom from guilt, the need for love, freedom from fear, the need for more success, economic security, and the social need—the feeling of belonging. "While one needs to belong, one also needs to be an individual," he said.

Harbor District Camp Fire Girls Hold First Annual Meet, Seat New Leaders

"Let's Be Different Together" themed the program presented by groups representing the three age divisions of Camp Fire at the first annual meeting of the Harbor District of Camp Fire Girls, held last Monday evening at the Gardens Teen-Age Center. Morning Glory Blue Birds, led by Mrs. Leonard McDade, presented an explanation of Blue Bird activities, while the Okonkya Camp Fire Group, supervised by Mrs. O. D. Barnard, explained Camp Fire's seven crafts. The Odakonya Horizon Club, advised by Mrs. H. V. DeMott, gave a short panel discussion which showed the purpose and work of Horizon Clubs. A talk on "What Camp Fire Means to Me," by Kathy McCowan, the district's "Red Feathers or Kid" in a recent Community Chest drive, opened the program. Election and installation of officers for the district board of directors followed, the 1953 slate of officers being reelected for 1954. Leaders are William H. Averill, chairman; H. V. DeMott, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Thomas G. Smith, secretary. A member of the Los Angeles Area Council Board of Directors, Mrs. Enid Case, congratulated the district on its progress and organization, and installed the incoming officers. New board members include F. D. Dahl, DeMott, and Mrs. J. T. Chay. A. B. Hartle, and J. M. Phelan. The Camp Fire Leaders Association representative for the year will be Mrs. L. J. Stevenson. Board members previously elected and still serving are Averill, Mrs. Smith, Cecil O. Johnson and Mesdames Herman Eisenhais, F. P. Foley, and Miss Ruth. A social hour, with Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. W. O. Hoy sharing hostess honors, followed the meeting.

Record Book Chiefs Meet

Requirements necessary for 10th District and State awards were stressed by Mrs. Richard Seden, Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA record book chairman, when she held a workshop for unit chairmen at her home. A minimum of 50 newspaper or magazine articles is required, and all record books must be submitted to Mrs. Seden on April 1 for the April 8 judging. Outstanding books will be taken to the 1954 California Congress of Parents and Teachers convention in San Francisco for display. Unit chairmen represented at the workshop were Mesdames Theodore Brink, Lomita Elementary; Amado Tapia, Halldale; James Triffin, Harbor City; Frank Christensen, Normont; Gordon Gooden, Seventh St.; Russell Calkins, Bandini; Joseph Lorenzen, Cabrillo; and Buster Cavarero, 15th St.

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PERRY PTA ACTIVE IN WELFARE

"Charity begins at home" is truly an adage practiced by Perry School PTA, Mrs. D. D. Kern, press chairman, said this week in reporting Christmas welfare activities of the association. Under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Wright, welfare chairman, members gave eight families in the Perry District a Merry Christmas, she said. Each family enjoyed a roast chicken dinner with hot rolls and homemade apple and pumpkin pies plus a basket chockful of canned food, fresh fruit, vegetables, candy, nuts, cookies, soap, coffee, sugar, milk, chocolate, bread, and margarine. Twenty-eight children were provided with new underclothing, socks, dresses, shirts, and blue jeans. The association also provided each family with a decorated tree complete with toys for the children and as an additional gesture took snapshots of one family to send to grandparents living in the east. About 77 per cent of all fatal motor vehicle accidents occur on straight roads, most of them dry and in daylight.

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