

**Kettler's Capers**

**Clown Entertains 18 Kids at Party**

**TEO CUNNINGHAM**  
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Have you been wondering what all the excitement was about last Saturday afternoon over on Santa Fe St.? Well it was little Wendy Lewis' fifth birthday and "Chucko" the clown and his merry-go-round came to entertain her and her little guests. Wendy, the daughter of

Harry and June Lewis, played hostess to about eighteen of her neighborhood playmates at lunch and was as surprised as the other children when "Chucko" drove up and into "her" yard. It was an afternoon that Wendy won't forget for a long time and we doubt that the other small fry will either, for Chucko kept them spell-bound with his tricks of magic, marching games, and the animals he made from balloons. He also gave them favors of leis, fans, the balloon animals, and all sorts of things... and in between times there were rides on his merry-go-round. Reports are that he kept the adults pretty speechless too!

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er regains some of her strength.

Newest member of the Howard household at 1911 Middlebrook Rd. to increase the joys of Earl and Mildred is the new daughter Sandra Les, who was born Feb. 8 in Torrance Memorial Hospital. The couple's third feminine bit of humanity was welcomed home by 11-year-old sister Earlene Kay, six-year-old Larry, and 21 month old Carole Lynn. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Howard of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Lalla Dood of Torrance who is at present making her home with the Howards.

Passing out cigars to his fellow workers and friends at Emco is Gene Chambers, and on them it says, "It's a girl!" for he and wife Charlotte are proudly announcing the arrival of Miss Valerie Jean Chambers. The petite little girl weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. when she made her debut at Torrance Memorial Hospital Friday, March 5 at 8:45. Brother David, who is five and a-half, could hardly wait to tell his playmates of his new little sister. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chambers of Overland, Missouri, have seen the charming miss yet but maternal Grandmother Mrs. Mary Lamphere of Torrance is having all the fun of helping care for Valerie and Charlotte. Bert Lamphere of Torrance is the maternal grandfather.

Mary Lou and Bob Studden of 1719 W. 236th St. were hosts at a dinner recently honoring their daughter Roberta on her baptismal day. The Rev. Father Haggerty of St. Margaret Mary's church in Lomita did the honors with Mary Lou's sister Audrey Caprio and good friend Walter Cook acting as godparents.

Really taken by surprise recently were Jack and Irene Burnham of 23020 Huber St. when they answered the doorbell to find Jack's cousin Seaman S/C Leo Glass standing there. They didn't even know that he was in California let alone as near as San Pedro where he is temporarily stationed. Leo hails from Blytheville, Ark., originally but has just returned from the Far East. It has been over a year since Jack and Irene have seen Leo so there was lots of visiting to catch up on.

Hal and Jo Ray of 1954 Reynosa Dr. enjoyed old friends from Idaho Falls, Idaho, last week. Frank and Rae Hadley who now make their home in Riverside, spent last Monday with the Rays, and the day was spent catching up on the news from home and just plain "gab."

Because their birthdays come within a couple days of one another, Lois and Jack Phillips of Reynosa Dr. incorporated and had one dinner with parents Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Todd of Torrance as guests. Being a birthday dinner, it had to have a decorated cake complete with candles and ice cream to go with it. The rest of the evening was spent quietly with visiting.

We're sure glad to hear that

Jewel Holmes of Falena St. is home now and doing a good job of convalescing after her bout with surgery at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Little Michael Shellhart's birthday comes two days after Christmas so Mom and Daddy Jackie and L. E. of Falena St. think it's a better idea for him to celebrate his birthday at the same time brother Leslie has his, which is on March 13. Last Saturday being the 13th, the boys, who are 4 and 2 years old, respectively, played hosts to Claudia and Gayle Hardisty Kenny and Dean Holmes, Timmy Ferguson, Rita Ellingsworth, Judy Wyrick, Ricky and Michele Morgan and Linda Gelatly. It was a cowboy party with even the invitations following that theme. There were little holsters with guns in them and the nut cups were made into stagecoaches. Finger sandwiches, punch and ice cream accompanied the Western style cake which was adorned by a stagecoach and horses. Games and free play occupied the afternoon. The honorees weren't the only ones to get gifts... each little guest received a favor to take home which further carried out the Western cowboy idea.

More happy news from 33211 Western Ave. comes with the announcement of the arrival of Marie Jeanette, newest addition to the household of Pat and Gilbert De La Cruz. The baby was born Friday, March 12, just shortly after noon—12:32 p.m. to be exact. The couple's second daughter and fifth child, Marie weighed a trim six-and-a-half lbs. upon her arrival at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Brothers Mike, 7 yrs., Gilbert, 6 yrs., and Paul 16 months, and sister Lorraine, 3, could hardly wait to get the new arrival home... nicest doll that there ever was. Grandparents are Mrs. Maude Puno of

Long Beach and Mrs. Dorothy Elliott of Detroit, Mich.

Weekend guests of Earl and Mildred Howard, 1911 Middlebrook Rd. last Saturday and Sunday was Mrs. Stella Saffer of Inglewood. Mrs. Saffer is Mildred's cousin.

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**Daniel Powers**

Mrs. Lillian Powers, of 1808 Mammel Ave., left here by plane Monday evening for Chicago to attend the funeral of her son, Daniel Powers, who died there suddenly early Monday. Besides his mother here, Mr. Powers leaves four sisters, Mrs. Marjory King and Mrs. Evelyn Lynch of Torrance, Mrs. Raymond Clingrich and Mrs. Genevieve Makowald of Chicago, and a son and two daughters.

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