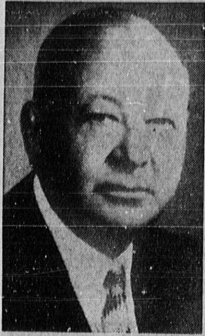


AROUND THE GARDENS AND PLAZA

Merry Group Does Everything in Reverse at 'Backwards' Party

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Great Lakes Firm Names Walt Gramm

Election of Walter Gramm as chairman of the board of directors of Great Lakes Carbon Corp. was announced Monday by the firm's board of directors. He succeeds the late George Skale, Sr.

Also elected as a director of the corporation was James C. Skale, of Greenwich, Conn., who first joined the company in 1943 and has served in various capacities including the office of president of Great Lakes Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Gramm, one of the company's founders, began his career as a salesman for coal producing companies. In 1919 he became a partner with George Skale, Sr., in the formation of Great Lakes Coal & Coke Co., Chicago, Ill.

That company was incorporated in 1923 under the laws of the state of Illinois and Gramm became vice president and a director. He continued in those positions but remained in the company's general offices in Chicago when the company subsequently moved its headquarters to New York City. In 1939, the company was reorganized as Great Lakes Carbon Corp., a Delaware corporation and in 1947, Mr. Gramm became senior vice president.

hilarious party idea was the "backwards" party held last Saturday by the "Monthly Pot Luck Group" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolson, of 1322 Teri Ave.

Greeting her guests at the back-door in a smock, turning backwards, a mask on the back of her head, and her apron worn rakishly in back, Mrs. Tolson escorted them over a welcome mat-spelled "emoclew" of course.

Following through on the clever idea guests arrived in utility, turned inside out, and outfits turned inside out, outfits worn with overclothing first and underpinnings over that, and one partner turned up with gloves on her feet, cardigan sweater around her legs, peasant skirts on top and silk stockings over her hands.

Amid black and orange table decorations, guests were served barbecue spareribs, baked beans, green salad, sherbert and cookies. (The hostess tried to serve the dessert first, but this they didn't want to go backwards.) However, the table was set with namecards printed backwards, plates and silverware turned backwards, cups upside down.

Even the planned games were topsy-turvy! Bingo was played with everyone's card covered with beans instead of the other way around. Novelty prizes were awarded for this and the other games played.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mrs. John Harrington, George Post, James Post, Ken Miller, Robert Leech and R. D. Bolen.

Entertaining her Bridge Club last Thursday in an autumn theme, Mrs. Jack Kinsling, of 2829 Onrado, decorated her home with chrysanthemums and fall greenery.

Prior to playing bridge guests were served dessert of Norwegian Charlotte (an all-day project in preparation) and coffee. Later as they played cards, fruit drinks were served. Those attending were Aileen Capps, Bev. Dyer, Madeline Zaborowski, Pat Peters, Pat Clark, Audrey Pipkin, and Alice Perkin.

Attending the quarterly meeting of the State Board of Directors of the Jaycees held in Bakersfield over the week end were neighbors Elliot Nohr, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. The convention was held at the Bakersfield Inn and those who attended, stayed in the surrounding area.

At the Saturday night banquet all were impressed with a speech made by Ben Alexander (renowned for his portrayal of Frank Smith on the "Dragnet" series). Following the banquet, there was dancing.

Proud winner of the Lion's Associated Drag Strip Trophy for a 73.64 mileage in the C-Stock competition was Jack Clifford of 2822 Eldorado.

There were hundreds of cars entered in the various races—stock cars, hot rods, and even home-made cars. Even though his 1950 auto won, the old is soon going to be replaced by a new 1956 car.

Out in the country, last Saturday night, the Girl Scouts of Troop 1293 held their Halloween celebration.

The party took place in Linda Lewis' garage which was decorated with straw on half of the floor and cement for dancing on the other half.

A scary "ghost walk" was rigged up and managed to frighten even the heartiest of the teenagers. They popped popcorn, danced mixer dances, and played Halloween games, including ducking for apples. For refreshments they were served cakes, cookies and apple cider.

Chaperoning the girls and their young men were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Osterlind.

Bonnie Burns of 926 Fonthill, celebrated her ninth year last Friday afternoon with a party held in the Halloween masquerade theme.

She served her friends a delicious Nut roll, with an orange center filling, little cupcakes with pumpkin decorations on top, and apple cider. They dunked for apples, played games, gave prizes for the funniest and one for the prettiest costume.

Those attending were Norma Jean Root, Phyllis Tatum, Sandy Davis, Linda Chuman.

Gifts overflowed the decorated bassinet filled for Mrs. Martha Jean Potts, of 911 Fonthill.

at a baby shower held for her last week.

Co-hostesses Mrs. Neal Vooke, of 827 Fonthill, and Mrs. Bernice Keltz served guests a white cake with little pink booties for decoration, strawberry and vanilla ice-cream, coffee and tea. Clever favors of inverted pink umbrellas were filled with candies and nuts. The guests played games pertinent to showers, bingo with baby definitions and guessing games.

Those attending were Meses. Cathryn Savage, Charlotte Smith, Melba Sparks, Jean Anderson, Coleen Young, Pauline Carntenson, Leslie Pocha, Doris Roberts, Thelma Burns, and Bernice Keltz.

An outdoor patio party featuring the Halloween spirit, was held for the younger set at the William Crooker home, 809 Cranbrook.

After dining the group enjoyed ducking for apples, (won by Billy Stuckey), a pin the stem on the pumpkin game, (won by Steven Fuller), and an unusual game played with a corn-cob, (won by Patricia Crooker).

The guests roasted marshmallows outdoors and enjoyed the decorations of lighted pumpkin faces and eerie black cat and witch candles. Since this was Halloween night the party broke up with the guests going "trick or treating."

Those attending were Barton Ottoson, Pat and Beverly Crooker, Jean and Mike Fenton, Steven Fuller, Andrea Wallace, Mark Patton, Chris Lowry, Bruce Norman, Diane Battershell, Bill and Sharon Stuckey.

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By Margie Lane

If an outsider were to browse around the EC campus some day in future weeks, he would probably be puzzled by some of the things he saw.

He would not know that the girl carrying books stacked up to the bridge of her nose was only a "pledge" from one of the sororities, transporting "actives" books to class for them.

The first "pledge duty" of the girls of Gamma Phi Delta sorority was to kiss a lineup for Warrior football players.

Anyone who was confronted by a full-grown individual and in Bermuda shorts on Halloween night repeating "Trick or treat," should not be confused. Again, it must have been another humble "pledge" gathering "goodies" for the commanding "actives" by the night time.

However, if there's any "odd jobs" to be done around the campus you can be sure there's a "pledge" doing it.

There are only two Torrance men "pledging" fraternities (as far as I was able to find out) and they are: Bobby Ross for Sigma Phi Kappa and Carlton Beck for Rho Delta Delta.

Torrance "pledges" for the Gamma Phi Delta sorority are: Sandy Sanders, Joy Pearman, Joan Laskaris, Carol Fitzgerald and Pat Rogan.

Those "pledging" the Chi Theta Chi sorority are: Jennine Rogers, Leah Stanton, Pat Hanover, Eileen Dowling, Judy Bleser, Peggy Meachum, Jan Stevens, Dee Gibson, Joan Blac Blackman, and Diane Larson.

Last Tuesday, in competition involving 14 ECC coeds, two of whom were Torrance girls, El Camino's Homecoming Queen was chosen. Representatives from Torrance in the contest are Elaine Cuddy and Marti Moulton, president of Chi Theta Chi sorority. A committee of community leaders and college officials judged the girls at morning tea, each one personally. Results were not known at this time.

El Camino College went home heartbroken last Saturday night after losing the Metropolitan Conference lead to La Valley JC in a hard fought tilt which ended 26-13.

The spirit of the Blue and Red Grey rosters and the velocity of greatness in the Warrior 11 that night could not be exaggerated.

Tapia Tromps Roadster To Win at Drag Strip

Bob Tapia, of Torrance, topped entrants in the Class B street roadster rading Sunday at the Lions Associated Drag Strip in Wilmington.

Tapia piloted his 1932 Ford roadster at a top clocking of 98.68 miles per hour to take the division award.

Although ECC led the major part of the game 13-7, the determined Monarchs thrust forward to chalk up three more TDs in the fourth quarter, ending the hopes of 6500 Warriors to see their team in the Junior Rose Bowl again this year.

Board OKs \$2,190,000 Sale of School Bonds

Sale of \$2,190,000 worth of bonds for the Torrance Unified School District was authorized last week by the Board of Supervisors.

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