

Juniors Honor Former Members at Lovely Christmas Tea Sunday at Melville Home

A beautiful holiday motif was used in decorating the lovely home of Mrs. John Melville, 1512 El Prado, thrown open last Sunday afternoon, for the annual Christmas tea given by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, honoring all former members. Effective Christmas arrangements were used throughout the rooms and the lace draped tea table was centered with an arrangement of gold chrysanthemums and gold Christmas balls flanked with tall white candles.

Mrs. R. R. Dexter was chairman of the tea assisted by Mmes. Allen Hofferber, Robert Hauck, R. W. Stellar, J. Helpand, J. A. Barrington, Charles Rippey Jr., Charles Schultz, Jr. and Miss Gerry Wood. A musical background was furnished during the tea hours from 2 until 4 by Mrs. Earl Peterson. In the receiving line were Mrs. Robert Mowry, president

of the Junior club, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, president of the Senior club, and Mmes. J. Helpand, Charles Rippey Jr., and R. R. Dexter. Presiding at the tea services were past presidents Mmes. Ralph Rugraff, E. E. Clayton, Parke Montague, Robert Morton, C. E. Wallace, H. P. Jensen, Douglas Baldwin and J. A. Barrington.

Signing the guest book were: Mmes. Robert Mowry, R. R. Dexter, W. O. Clausing, Ralph Rugraff, E. E. Clayton, C. M. Trezise, H. L. Mitchell, J. Burchett, R. D. Evans, Fred Smith, Ralph Pettitt, Claire Johnson, Charles Blahnik, D. G. Paul, J. K. Leopold, Alice Robison, Robert Hauck D. J. Thomson, Earl Peterson, Allen Hofferber, Robert Morton, Paul Winn, Kenneth McBreen, W. C. Boswell, B. T. Whitney.

'Be An Angel' is Theme for Auxiliary's Holiday Ball

"Be An Angel" is the theme of the fourth annual Christmas Tree Ball to be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in the grand ballroom Dec. 17. The holiday event is sponsored by the Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the proceeds will benefit the hospital building fund.

Arriving guests will be greeted in the entrance of the ballroom by a ceiling-high green Christmas tree trimmed in clusters of golden ornaments and one hundred angels representing patrons and patronesses who donated \$100.00 or more to the hospital building fund. On the tables will be gold trimmed Christmas trees.

Mrs. Howard L. Holtzendorff, auxiliary president, has appointed Mrs. Frank Barsocchini

as chairman with Mrs. Robert M. Woods assistant chairman. Ivan Scott's orchestra will play for the dancing.

Preceding the ball will be a 7 o'clock cocktail hour in the Nordic and Caribe rooms. Receiving will be Messrs. and Mmes. Frank Barsocchini, Howard L. Holtzendorff, John A. Toland, Drs. and Mmes. Robert M. Woods and Oscar Harvey.

Also planning this outstanding party are Mmes. Elvin E. Carter, George Arnold, John Preis, Victor Tillmanns, Joseph E. Young and Ernest G. Hargett. Also are Mmes. Cecil Garton, Al Esswein Jr., Robert K. Kerland, J. Stewart St. John, Vernon Trider, Vincent W. Smith and Albert W. Howe.

Others present were: Mmes. Philip Hoffman, G. S. Nedros, William Rogers, Charles Schultz, Jr., James Van Dyck, C. A. Frederickson, Richard Brundin, Robert Waddell, Russell Clawson, Richard Beecher, J. Helpand, Charles Rippey, Jr., John Melville and Miss Gerry Wood.

Also attending were: Mmes. Earl Eckert, William Walmsley, and Frank Williams.

AT AUTO SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boylan of Grand Summit Rd., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson at the auto show and dinner held at the Pan Pacific auditorium. Mr. Thompson is with the Nash division of American Motors. The group enjoyed dinner and music by Spike Jones and his orchestra along with other entertainers.



USHERING IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON . . . Members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club entertained at their annual Christmas Tea last Sunday afternoon at the El Prado Avenue home of Mrs. John Melville. Former club members were honored guests and past presidents presided at the tea services. Pictured around the beautifully decorated Christmas tea

table, are from left, Mmes. R. R. Dexter, tea chairman; Mrs. W. O. Clausing, Mrs. C. M. Trezise, Mrs. John Melville, Mrs. E. E. Clayton and Mrs. Ralph Rugraff. The Junior Christmas tea ranks as one of the most brilliant social events on the Christmas season calendar.

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Christian Women to Stage Seventh Annual Yule Party

Christian Women's Fellowship will stage its seventh annual Christmas party at the church on Thursday, Dec. 15. Mrs. Olive Rodepouch and Mrs. J. B. Mosley and their committees are planning to begin the festivities with a Christmas devotional program at 11 a.m.

There will be a covered dish luncheon at noon followed by fun and games for all. Hopi Circle, Mrs. T. M. Saine, leader will be in charge of arrangements, and will be the hostess circle for the day.

The Christmas party series began in 1949, when Mrs. Olive Rodepouch entertained the Fellowship at its first Yule party in her home. About 20 persons attended this first affair. During the following three years, Mrs. Rodepouch entertained with the annual party and in 1952, sixty-seven persons signed the guest book.

The increase in attendance became so great that the party was moved to the church in 1953, and Mrs. J. B. Mosley took over the games and programs. At this time, the first unit of the building was under construction and Lew Culler enclosed one of the Sunday school rooms in time to hold the party there.

All women of the church are invited to attend the affair. Each person is asked to bring her own table service and her Christmas offering which goes to help some worthwhile organization.

St. Catherine's Council to Stage Holiday Party Dec. 15

St. Catherine Labourer Women's Council will hold a Christmas party on Dec. 15 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Arni Remmlinger. Santa Claus will be present to distribute the gifts. Approximately 300 members and guests will attend the affair.

The Ladies of Columbus will present a skit, "The Music Store," written and directed by Mrs. Millie Mark. The cast includes Mmes. Sheila De Cuire, Theresa Krojewski, Loretta Meyer, May Nair, Carol White, Kamel Pagnini and Millie Mark.

The choral group includes Mmes. Margie Lucero, Pat Paulson, Mary Lococo, Betty Karis, Lucy Erlandsem, Margaret Blommer and Helen Nieland. Cappie Capponelli will sing the Christmas carols. Decorations for the stage and hall are being designed by Mrs. Dorothy Sutton.

Mrs. Hazel Ehrsam and Mrs. Charlene Capponelli are co-chairmen of the refreshment committee and Mrs. Marion

New Officers Preside at OES Meet

Torrance Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star, met Thursday evening in the Masonic Temple with Dorothy Flyken, Worthy Matron, and Edward Morgan, Worthy Patron, and their corps of newly installed officers in charge. The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Patron, and the Worthy Matron presided.

Special escort was given to Phyllis Peverley, Junior Past Matron, and Earl Wells, Junior Past Patron. Bea LaFrance, Deputy Grand Matron was also given escort, as were the following Matrons and Patrons of the District: Ella France of San Pedro Harbor Chapter, Dorothy Sawyer and Harry Bates of Point Firmin Chapter, Betty Meredith of Carnation Chapter, Phyllis Hamilton and Oliver Hamilton of Lomita Chapter, Agnes Lillegraven of Playa Linda Chapter, and Isabel Benham and Fred Cain of Wilmington Chapter. Past Matrons and Past Patrons were also escorted. A large group of members and visitors were present to witness the work of the new officers, and the many visitors were introduced from the sidelines.

During the business session plans were made for the Christmas Party which will be held at the next Chapter meeting. There will be a gift exchange, and each member is to bring a gift for exchange, with donor name inside.

After the business meeting a social hour was held in the banquet hall with Florence Viellenave as Chairman. Tables were decorated with large vases of yellow chrysanthemums and delicious refreshments were served by the chairman and her committee composed of: Althes Smith, Gordon Smith and Vincent Viellenave.

GUILD TO HOLD YULE PARTY

St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's parish will hold its Christmas party at the guild hall, Dec. 14. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a gift exchange. Hostesses for the event will be Mrs. D. A. Murphy and Mrs. Sid Hopkins.

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