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**Christmas Tableau Is Presented**

The highlight of the Christmas program of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church was a Christmas tableau, the theme of which was "We Would See Jesus Today," and was under the direction of Mrs. Lee Denton. Miss Misshimoto, director of the Junior Choir of the First Methodist Church of San Pedro, was the soloist, and Mrs. Lois Balsley, the organist. Those who appeared in the tableau were Misses Paul Slyn, Robert Almond, Thomas Thornton, Lawrence Blakeley, Adley Champion, King McFadden, John Taylor, Rev. Don Shelby and little Miss Linda Blakeley. At the close of the tableau to the strains of soft organ music, members placed their gifts for the Plaza Community Center on the altar. Mrs. J. W. Lie Van led the group in the devotions. The morning session was opened with prayer and the singing of Christmas carols, followed by a business meeting.

**LEAGUE PARTY FRIDAY EVE**

Women's League of Ascension Lutheran Church will entertain with a Christmas party, Friday evening in the church hall at 18002 Perry Ave.

An invitation is being offered to all ladies of the church to be guests at the party. After prayer and the singing of Christmas carols, there will be a program of games, followed by refreshments and exchange of gifts.

Free will offerings will go to the Lutheran Welfare Association for Lutheran institutional work.

**HOUSEGUESTS**  
Mrs. Roland Homolka of Clovis, N. M., is here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bever, 2520 Eldorado. Her husband, Roland Homolka, who is serving with the Air Force, will arrive for Christmas.

The speaker for the morning was Mrs. J. A. DeJaiffe, on the subject of "Human Rights."

The tables for the luncheon at noon were made festive with Christmas greenery and winter berries, and the decor at the head table was a miniature Christmas tree beautifully decorated. Luncheon was served by Martha Circle, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Blandford Meyer.

**Chapel Rites Unite Couple Here Dec. 10**

Miss Marie Helen Sanchez became the bride of Carlos Castillo in a 3 o'clock afternoon ceremony, Dec. 10 in the Halverson-Leavell Chapel.

Given in marriage by her brother, Frank J. Sanchez, the bride recited vows in a white lace gown styled along princess lines and finger tip veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of white orchids and carnations.

Attending her as matron of honor was Mrs. Amy Muro in an aqua crystalline gown of princess design. Her flowers were yellow carnations.

The Rev. Walter M. Stanton of the Central Evangelical Church officiated at the ceremony and a program of bridal music was played by Virginia Jones, organist.

Bridegroom who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Grijalva of 2233 W. 235 St., Lomita, was attended by Abram Muro.

A reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents followed the ceremony. Presiding over the guest book were Gloria Jean and Stella Garcia.

**Past Matrons Hold Annual Holiday Party**

The annual Christmas dinner party of the Past Matrons Club of Torrance Chapter was held last Friday evening at a restaurant in Waveria. The tables were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme by Jeanette Clark, chairman of decorations, assisted by Billie Kerber and Edith Kaspar.

After the dinner, the president, Myrtle Clayton, conducted a short business meeting. The remainder of the evening was turned over to the committee composed of Florence Villanave, chairman, Jean Mosher and Mildred Edwards.

Phyllis Pevelevy, Junior Past Matron of the Chapter, was initiated into the Club by Mildred Edwards. Games were then played.

Present to enjoy the party were: Myrtle Clayton, Phyllis Pevelevy, Edna Babcock, Jeanette Clark, Bertie Conolly, Vivian Cook, Lillian Dye, Mildred Edwards, Hazel Fossum, Estelle Graham, Evelyn Howland, Mae Jones, Edith Kaspar, Billie Kerber, Helen Miller, Jean Mosher, Gladys Mothersell, Addie Parks, Garnett Sattfield, Kate Sledgebottom, Joan Simpson, Alethea Smith and Florence Villanave.

**Club Hostess**

Mrs. John Melville entertained her bridge club on Tuesday evening of last week at her home 1521 El Prado. The group presented Mrs. Robert Moff with a baby pon for her new baby. After the bridge games, a dessert course was served.

Mrs. Melville's guests were Mrs. Kenneth Dudley, Laura Felker, Lee Kendall, Ralph Ruffraff, Delbert Thomsen, and Howard Schott.

The club will hold its annual Christmas party with their husbands as guests tomorrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kendall in Hollywood Riviera.

**Courtesies**

Mrs. W. I. Laughon and her mother, Mrs. Lolly Aherns entertained at dinner Monday evening at their home, 1538 El Prado, complimenting Mrs. O. A. Kresse on her birthday. Enjoying the dinner party with the two hostesses and the honoree were Mrs. Selma Keefe and Mrs. James Stavert.

On Saturday afternoon of last week Mrs. Laughon and Mrs. Aherns entertained at a luncheon honoring Mrs. A. H. Silligo who was celebrating a birthday. Guests at this affair were Mrs. Earl Miles, Mrs. Raymond Rogers and Mrs. Chris Jones.

**Favorite Recipes**



MRS. WILLIAM HARDESTY and Claudia

**Yummy Cookie Recipes for Your Holiday Baking Venture**

Most in demand these days are recipes for Christmas cookies and this week Mrs. William Hardesty, 23021 Huber Ave., has contributed a delicious fruit and nut cookie that will be welcome on any festive board.

Mrs. Hardesty has two daughters, Gayle Anne, 8, and Claudia, 5, with whom the cookies are a popular treat. The Hardesty family moved to Torrance four years ago from Ohio. Mrs. Hardesty is grand regent of the Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, and is a member of the Nativity Mothers Club.

Mr. Hardesty is a member of the Knights of Columbus, DAV, and is a social worker for the county of Los Angeles.

Now for the Christmas cookie:

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| Mix well:                              | 1 tsp. soda              |
| 1 cup shortening                       | 1 tsp. salt              |
| (butter or margarine)                  |                          |
| 2 cups brown sugar                     | Add:                     |
| 2 eggs                                 | 1½ cups pecan nut meats  |
| Stir in:                               | coarsely chopped         |
| ½ cup sour milk or                     | 1½ cups candied cherries |
| buttermilk                             | (cut in bits)            |
| Sift together:                         | 2 cups dates             |
| 3½ cups sifted flour                   | (cut in bits)            |
| Mix thoroughly and chill for one hour. |                          |

Drop by tap ½ inch apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated oven at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes.

Another favorite with the Hardesty family is this recipe for:

- HOLIDAY NUGGETS**
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| Sift together:   | ½ cup confectioner's sugar |
| 2 cups sifted flour, and   |                            |
| ½ tsp. salt  | Blend in:                  |
| Cream thoroughly:  | 1 tsp. vanilla             |
| ¾ cup shortening   | 1 tsp. almond extract, and |
| ¼ cup butter   | ½ cup chopped nut meats    |
| Add gradually: Dry ingredients, mix well until dough is smooth and well blended. |                            |

Shape into balls (1 tbsp. dough for each); place on greased baking sheet and flatten slightly. Bake in slow oven at 325 degrees for 25 minutes.

Roll in confectioner's sugar while cookies are hot. For color, mix confectioner's sugar with colored crystallized sugar.

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**Mrs. Jansen is Society Head**

Mrs. William Jansen is the newly elected head of the Altar Society of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

She was elected to office at the annual potluck dinner given by the group last Wednesday evening in the school hall. Ninety four members were present at the combined dinner meeting.

Assuming official duties with her in January will be Mrs. Joe Foral as vice president; Mrs. William R. Christian as secretary; Mrs. Frank Scherer as treasurer; Mrs. K. Wojcik, financial secretary; and Mrs. Francis Derouin as press chairman.

New officers will be installed at their first meeting in January.

**NANCY SHANKLIN**  
Christmas will be unusually delightful for Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Shanklin, 836 Sartori

**Eastern Star Yule Party**

Torrance chapter 350, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet this evening at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1321 Sartori Ave., with Worthy Matron Dorothy Fytken and Worthy Patron Edward Morgan presiding.

After the business meeting the annual Christmas Party will be held. Each member is asked to bring a gift, with the donor's name inside, for the gift exchange. Chairman for the evening is Frances Reiser with Ila Gilbert and Doris Willott as co-chairmen.

All members of the chapter and visiting members are invited to attend this evening's party.

this year, as their first child a daughter was born Dec. 12, at the Harbor General Hospital. The baby who weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., has been named Nancy Ellen.

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