

AQUARIAN UNIT MEETS TUESDAY

Harbor Aquarian Society will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the Gardena Community Center, 1651 Market in Gardena. Charles Wade, president, will be in charge of the meeting. The program will consist of films and a speaker. "Cats" is the show fish of the month. A five gallon tank and hood will be given as a door prize. Refreshments will be served.



FILLING CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS... are Scout Mothers of Troop 753 who gave the stockings as Santa's treat to the boys. The mothers are also packaging home-made candy and cookies. To assist the Troop the mothers completed ear-

Nurses Describe Christmas In Their Own Native Lands

A gay holiday spirit prevailed at the Christmas party given by the Harbor Nurses' Assn. of District 21 in the staff room at the San Pedro Community Hospital. President Rose Smith conducted a short business session after which the program took place. The group enjoyed accounts of Christmas in other countries described by three association members.

Dorothy Ursich of Dalmatia Yugoslavia said that in her native country the Christmas celebration begins three weeks before Christmas, Dec. 6 is St. Nick's day and at that time the children find gifts under their pillows. During the two weeks, people gather around a huge fire in front of the church to sing Christmas carols. There is no gift exchange but there is feasting and religious services.

Yolanda Castola of Mexico described Christmas in that country. Christmas celebration begins nine days before Christmas, during the time Mary and Joseph were seeking shelter. The "posada" is enacted on Christmas eve and festivities begin.

Svenhild Stettene Eidanger of Telmark, Norway, said that preparations for Christmas begins weeks in advance but no one sees the Christmas tree until Christmas Eve. Christmas celebration continues until Jan. 13.

After a gift exchange, refreshments of coffee cakes, nuts and other dainties were served from a table covered with a silver cloth and decorated with miniature carolers. Sarah Regan was in charge of refreshments.



MRS FANNIE PITTS
... Eastern Star 50 Years

Mrs. Fannie Pitts Presented Fifty-Year Eastern Star Pin

New officers for 1956 of Carnation Chapter 171, Order of the Eastern Star, held their stations for the second time, last Tuesday evening in the Redondo Masonic Temple.

Mrs. Betty Meredith, worthy matron, and Donald Meredith, worthy patron, introduced many past matrons and past patrons, and the Deputy Grand Matron of the 70th District, Mrs. Charles T. LaFrance.

The highlight of the evening came when Mrs. Fannie Pitts was escorted to the east, carrying a bouquet of red carnations, a gift from the past matrons of the Chapter, and was presented a fifty year pin by Mrs. Meredith. Mrs. Pitts joined the Chapter on Nov. 29, 1905, and served the Chapter as worthy matron in 1917, and has been a continuous member for the full fifty years.

In the absence of Mrs. Denny Crooks, who is ill, the Junior Past Matron and Junior Past Patron; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford

Reidel, served in the west for the evening.

Under Good of the Order the Worthy Matron extended a cordial welcome to members present and expressed pleasure that so many attended to honor Mrs. Pitts, on this very memorable occasion.

Mrs. Oliver F. Fate was general chairman for the evening, and in announcing the line of march, asked that Ralph Vise, a long time friend of Mrs. Pitts, escort her to the banquet room, followed by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Thomas Alexander escorted the Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. LaFrance to the banquet room, which was beautifully decorated in gold, as was the cake which was presented to Mrs. Pitts.

It was announced that the OES Club would hold its annual Christmas tea in the Temple, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Chapter will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Mothers' Club Plans Party For Scouts

Mother's Club of Boy Scout Troop 753 held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Virginia Kern. Attending were Mrs. Atelia Yarnell, Naomi McVey, Elois Capps, Vaughn Miller, Ida Moschel, Shirley Bush, Edith Beck, Beth Jackson and Delores Andlichochea.

Mrs. Yarnell and Mrs. Kern volunteered to take charge of refreshments for the Christmas party held on Dec. 23 for Boy Scouts and their fathers.

Arrangements were made for members to take their turn at selling Christmas trees on the lot at Prairie and Redondo Beach Blvds.

The mothers exchanged gifts and were served pie and coffee. Stockings were filled for the boys and homemade cookies were baked.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Naomi McVey, Jan. 18.

Old Friends Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bradford and their three children, Maurine, Richard and Frank, were hosts at a buffet supper on Sunday evening at their home, 1233 Beech Ave. The guest list included old school friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford whom they had not seen for several years.

The buffet table was decorated with red carnations, holly and red candles. The children in the group were served at decorated tables in the den.

Together for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Faxman, Sherman Oaks; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Claus and sons, Bernie and Kim of Pasadena; Mrs. Olive Belle Schroeder and daughters, Sue and Charlene of Long Beach; Mrs. Maxine Jensen and daughter, Carolyn, and Melvin Smith of Torrance.

Holiday Decor Sparkles at Lomita Fuchsia Unit Party

A Christmas party was enjoyed by members and guests of the Lomita Fuchsia and Garden Society on Dec. 16. The affair was held in the American Legion Hall, 24702 Narbonne Ave., which had been decorated with a brilliantly lit Santa Claus in the window and arrangements of pine cones, ever greens and colored ornaments. Mrs. John Slaughter was in charge of decorations and refreshments.

Entertaining the group was Sam Puccia, a magician. Adding to the program were accordion selections by Miss Lois Shurgot and Miss Victoria Alonge sang several numbers. The group singing of Christmas carols was followed by the visit from Santa Claus, who distributed gifts.

Members brought toys and a well filled box was given to the Lomita Optimist Club for distribution to needy children of Lomita.

Rho Xi Unit Holds First Yule Dance

Rho Xi, Beta Sigma Phi, international sorority's first Lawndale chapter, held a dance Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dawson, 4900 W. 118th Place, Hawthorne. The dance was a get acquainted dance for new members and their husbands.

Mrs. Palmer Hakala, social chairman, and Mrs. Paul Hebert conducted the games for the evening.

Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. Ray Jenning, Donald Dawson, Paul Hebert, Bill Jackson, Walter Brown, Clarence Dawson, Palmer Hakala, Robert Reynolds, Dave Dawson, and Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder of Xi Alpha Mu.

Mr. and Mrs. James McEwen and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crella were unable to attend.

Activities for the evening were concluded with sandwiches and coffee.



THE MANGER SCENE... as presented by students of the Hillside School at their Christmas program for their parents and teachers on Dec. 15. Pictured, from left, are shepherds, Robert Tellock and Jerry Hopkins; at the manger in the role of Mary, is Sandy Davies; Joseph, Bob Krout; and angel, Johnny Kay Titus; at right, wisemen, Jerry Jones, Steven Ramirez, and Frank Moore. One of the shepherds not pictured, was Richard Melver. (Louise Vander Meld foto)

Hillside Students Present Yule Program for Parents

Parents and children enjoyed the Christmas program given by Hillside school children on Thursday, Dec. 15. The program began at 2 p.m. with the offering of the White Christmas gifts. Each child placed his gift beneath the Christmas tree. These were given in baskets to needy families.

A. C. Thom's 8th grade recited as a verse choir while three different tableaux were presented. These were "The Shepherds in the Fields," "The Wise Men" and "The Manger." During the program the Glee Club sang and the school band played several selections. This was their first public performance since being organized. Primary classes also sang a group of songs.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the PTA before the start of the meeting. Mrs. W. E. Inman presented all the members of her board with Christmas corsages which she had made. The board in turn presented Mrs. Inman with a gift.

The last day of school Santa Claus visited each class during their room party and presented each child with candy.

A special board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Inman, Monday, Dec. 12, at which time Mrs. Robert Trimble was elected as a delegate to the Torrance Council Nominating Committee.

Christmas Party Held

Imperial Order of Redman, Mohawk Tribe 297, Sachem Earl Houston, Chickopee Council 267, Pochantas Lucille Robertson held their Christmas party for children of members. John Nicely served as master of ceremonies. He introduced students from a dance studio who put on the program.

Santa Claus then arrived to distribute candy, fruits and nuts.

Ice cream, cup cakes and coffee were then served around the Christmas tree.

Kelley Home Setting for Buffet Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley and children, Kathleen and Susan, at 926 Federal, was the scene of a Christmas buffet supper attended by relatives on Christmas Eve. After the supper, served from a brilliantly decorated table, a gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree.

Beau Jardin Garden Club's Yule Party at Adkins Home

Annual Christmas party of the Beau Jardin Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. William Adkins, 22308 Warmside Ave., on Wednesday, Dec. 14, with Mrs. L. D. Burt as hostess.

Secret pals were revealed and an exchange of gifts followed. The group enjoyed Christmas carols and refreshments of cookies, fruit cake and Christmas wassail served from a table decorated with a tree of cedar branches, surrounded by tall red candles.

It was announced that a donation of \$25 would be given to the South Bay Assn. for Exceptional Children as a Christmas gift. There was also a general contribution made to the Harbor Area Exceptional Children's Foundation from the sales made at the bazaar held in San Pedro, Dec. 10.

Chapter Has Yule Party

Gamma Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teachers sorority, composed of teachers from Torrance and surrounding area, were entertained at a lovely Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Leona Carmichael of Los Angeles with Jane Zartman as co-hostess.

A barbecue dinner in the rumpus room was enjoyed after which a white elephant gift exchange was held. Special Christmas music was played throughout the party hours.

Members invited guests to share the evening's entertainment.

JOIN FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Price of Lawndale, came to Torrance on Christmas eve to be with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bindewald and Vicki Lin, 6245 Bindewald. The family Christmas dinner was held Sunday at the Price home.

Torrance High Student Wins Cherry Pie Baking Contest

Miss Barbara Bielefeldt, 256 Paseo De Grand, has been announced as the winner of the district Cherry pie bake-off for the South Bay area at the Southern California Edison Co. Electric living center on Dec. 15. Miss Bielefeldt is a student at Torrance High School and her homemaking class is taught by Mrs. Betty McKowan.

Barbara will represent this area in the state bake-off to be held at the General Electric building in Los Angeles on Jan. 11. The winner of this bake-off will represent the state of California in the national Cherry Pie bake-off Feb. 21 at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago, Ill.

Other contestants were Carol Ann Lane of Redondo Union High School, taught by Miss Florence Hart; Nancy Harris, Gardena High School, taught by Mrs. Faye Carter; Suzy Towler, Mira Costa High School, taught by Miss Marjorie Burrill; and Carole Sue Jackson, North High School, Torrance, taught by Mrs. Lily Duke.

Miss Bielefeldt was presented with a General Electric clock radio, donated by Earl Cress of Hermosa Beach.

Judging for the contest was done by Mrs. Lorraine Ray and Mrs. Lois Cline. The contestants were judged on method of preparation, quality of pie and personal qualifications on a point system.

Mrs. Barkdull Club Hostess

Mrs. R. D. Barkdull, 3020 Edendale was hostess to her bridge club's seventh annual Christmas party Monday evening at her home.

Pink and silver colors were used artistically in decorating the home. Center of much admiration was the brilliant silver tree decorated in glittering pink ornaments. After a cocktail hour, dinner was served at a table centered with a miniature white tree and flanked with pink candles and pink carnations. A gift exchange was held around the large tree. After dinner hours were spent playing bridge.

Mrs. Barkdull's guests were Mrs. Robert Sleeth Jr., Arthur Woodcock, Robert Cohn, John Minech, John Sasa, W. Windbauer and Robert Clayton.

Party favors were silver Christmas bell earrings, in keeping with the party theme.

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FAMILY AFFAIR

The traditional family Christmas breakfast was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth, Jr., in Waveria. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sleeth of Post Ave. and Mrs. Ruth Clark of Torrance. The family dinner was served at the Sleeth home here.

WEEK END GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Amsley Sr., 5009 MacAfee Rd., entertained as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peterson and sons, of Lakewood.



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Guild Elects New Officers

Election of officers highlighted the Christmas party and meeting of St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrews Church, held Wednesday evening at the guild hall.

Mrs. Robert Sleeth was re-elected chairman of the guild. Serving with her will be Mrs. Donald Wolfe, vice-chairman; Mrs. Leslie Bubar, secretary; and Mrs. John Mulheek, treasurer.

Bridge was then played with Mrs. Sleeth holding the high score and Mrs. Dean Sears, second high.

Special guests at the Christmas party were the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Percy and Mrs. Homer St. Martin, president of the Woman's Auxiliary.