Social Chatter Takes Back Seat As Area Turns Out for Firemen

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Not all our news is social chit-cat . . . no sir . . . we had a real honest to goodness fire here in the tract. Complete with fire department and everything! However, to be honest, it was, luckily, only a small fire. The James Hills, of 1315 Teri, were cleaning out their fireplace and after taking a small box of papers outdoors, returned to find that the fire was getting too big for the fireplace. The fire department was called in and quickly had it under control. The family reported no major damage and no loss.

It hits me as a coincidence that our family had the same thing happen a year ago to us right after Christmas. We overloaded our fireplace and didn't have the presence of mind to call in the fire department. We cleverly put it out ourselves, ruining a new shirt, and splashing water on the painted walls around the fireplace. It really wasn't to expensive . . . repainting the living room.

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Tally-Hi Bridge Club met for the first time after Christmas last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Madeline Zaborowski. Members were served peach torte, topped with whipped cream and garnishes. After coffee the hostess presented each one with a typed horoscope according to their individual birthdays, which were read aloud and enjoyed by all. Later, the clubs annual gift exchange was held . . . a delightful extension of Christmas. Those attending were Mmes. Jack Klinzing, Pat Peters, Pat Clark, Alice Perkin, Audrey Pipkin, Ann Wills, Aileen Capps.

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Since New Year's Eve was the time to be with old friends, the Wayne Normans, Phil Pattons, and William Crookers, of Cranbrook Ave., along with the Nolan Stuckeys, all friends of long standing . . . celebrated together. They began festivities at the Stuckey home for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. From there they went on to a local restaurant and dined out, only to return afterwards to the Stuckey's for dancing and seeing in the New Year. The home was decorated with streamers, balloons, and confetti. Guests were put in an even more gala mood with noise makers, party hats, and lots of horns. Refreshments were served.

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Houseguesting for the past few days with Mr. and Mrs. William Boswell, of 2842 Onrado, is Miss Tommy Moffett, from Kansas City. Employed with Braniff Air Lines, Miss Moffett flew out to stay with the Boswells, and visit with Mrs. Boswell's brother, Jack Hudson.

Hudson is well known in the t act, and in Torrance, for his work as a novelist, his civic work, his teaching, and for his part in the founding of Accent! Theatre.

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Enjoying the company of their intimate friends on New Year's Eve were the Charles Coes, of 2854 Eldorado. Guests were served a buffet of baked ham, cheese spreads, relishes and cocktails, as they played cards and later welcomed in the new year. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowden, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips of Inglewood.

Enjoying some of the best that Southern California has to offer are the William Edstrom family, of 2934 Opal, and their houseguests, Rev. Albert Sippert and family, Paul, Ruth, Nancy, and Carol. Arriving New Year's Eve the Edstrom's and his brother, the Rev. Sippert, were entertained at a family and friends gathering at a sister's, Mrs. O. Eisenbiess, of Compton. Over 50 guests attended the large party and were treated to a holiday buffet and cocktails. During their five day stay the houseguests were feted to a trip to Disneyland and the colorful Rose Parade. They left the 4th of January.

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With a flair for enjoying herself, Mrs. William Crooker, of 809 Cranbrook, ran true to form last week. She and Mrs. Robert Davenport, of Westchester, spent a fine day doing what most women enjoy most . . . shopping at one of the big downtown stores. Later in the afternoon they lunched at the Bali Room in the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and, I'm sure, got some keen new ideas for future shopping sprees, as they watched the current fashions parade by in the fashion show held at the same time.

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Mrs. John Brewer, of 1315 Kornblum, wasn't surprized on New Year's Eve when in tromped none other than Frankinstein, a maid, Father Time, the New Year, Raggedly Ann, and Andy, a doctor, and many others in strange outfits. You guessed it, a costume party! Over 50 guests enjoyed the gay costumes, the decorations of streamers, and balloons and confetti. A buffet of baked ham, salad and relishes was served. Guests danced and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, dips, and cocktails. Movies were taken by Jack Clifford. Prizes were awarded to best costumes . . . Vampira and Raggedy Andy Those attending from our tract: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clifford, both of Eldorado St.

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