

Radio, TV Writer to Speak Friday

"Writing for Television, Radio, and Money," will be the topic of Beth Norman, TV-Radio writer, who will be the featured speaker at the Southwest Manuscripters at their first meeting of 1956, on Friday, Jan. 20th, 8 p.m., at Clark Stadium, on Valley Dr., just south of Pler Ave. in Hermosa Beach.

Miss Norman is the writer-fencees of the popular Sunday Brunch radio program, on which she interviews well-known authors, as well as guests prominent in the world of art, music and the theater.

Wide Experience That Beth Norman has a wide knowledge of her subject is attested to by her long record of successful television and radio productions, including "Stag at Eve," "Let's Look at Books," "Buckskin Dan," a children's program, and "Stitches in Time," a fashion program, on television, and "The Beth Norman Show" and "Lotta Noyes at the Switchboard," on radio.

Issues Invitation Because it is his opinion that writers need contact with other writers for the exchange of ideas and mental stimulation, Mark Clifton, president of the Manuscripters, and noted science-fiction writer, issues a cordial invitation to writers, both new and professional, from the South Bay, as well as near-by communities to attend.

TORRANCE GARDENS AND PLAZA

Dad Breezes Along Nonchalantly Until All Shouted 'Greetings'

By ALICE PERKIN
It's not just the women who are unobserving, (as some men will testify in regards to woman drivers) . . . men can be unobserving too! Witness the case of William McDade, of 911 Felbar. His wife prepared a surprise dinner birthday for him and 19 guests and he didn't act as much as faintly suspect any-

thing was going on! It wasn't until guests arrived and wished him a Happy Birthday that he realized he was having a party! Celebrants were served a dinner of baked chicken casserole, salad, hot muffins, ice cream, birthday cake and coffee. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. A. Armitstead, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Eides, and 11 children.

Everyone was clowning at little Elaine Stewart's birthday party. She lives at 2324 Torrance Blvd. and she was three years old. The whole party was a clown party—guests wore clown hats, the cake was a clown cake, even the sandwiches were clown sandwiches! (Elaine's two older sisters helped make the decorations). The little guests were also served

pink lemonade, popcorn, and candies. Games were played and Trudy Sinoock won the prize. Later they fished for individual presents. Those attending were sisters Cathy and Barbara, Tommy and Vicky Bowen, Robin, Wendy and Jill Randall, Jay and Dean Montgomery, and Trudy and Timmy Sinoock.

Just returning from a trip by air to Tulsa, Okla., and Carthage, Mo. was Mrs. E. M. Freeman, of 2817 Sonoma. Her entire family reunited there to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Lula Bradley, Mrs. Freeman saw her brother, while she was there, whom she hasn't seen for quite some time, as he is a member of the Coast Guard.

The Cub Scout den mothers are holding a workshop at one of the big department stores on Crenshaw. Participating at one of the instruction tables are Mrs. W. McDade, Mrs. L. Fuller, and Mrs. R. L. Haginbaugh, all den mothers of Troop 201. The workshop will be held every Tuesday until February. The Cub Scouts have definite year set-up of Tuesday meetings that include crafts, songs, vells, and general fun activities. Interested in further instruction are Mrs. W. Stroman and Mrs. Bev. Dyer from our tract.

Housesitting briefly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Truesdale, of 1005 Felbar, is Mrs. Van Sickle. Arriving Sunday evening on the Chief, Mrs. Van Sickle had first left Bremerton, Wash., and traveled to Green Bay, Wis., where she attended her mother who was ill. From there she went to Rockford, Ill., and visited with her daughter, and then came on to Torrance. She will leave again Thursday to return home.

And old fashioned lady with delicate pink umbrella was the clever decoration used in the center of Karen Ann Hardy's birthday cake. Homemade by Mrs. Hardy, of 2787 Onrado, the little lady was accompanied by pink ice cream, and strawberry punch, and candies. Guests helping Karen to celebrate her eighth year, played games, received favors of colorful fans, and enjoyed the balloons. Those attending included Barbara Bryant, Lynn Beahan, Erica Moran, Susan Meyer, Sharlean Parker, Debbie Dalhan, Rosaire Larsen, and Jacqueline Huff.

Enjoying a festive holiday dinner amongst family and friends were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Freeman, of 2817 Sonoma. The entire clan on Mr. Freeman's side gathered to dine and wish each other the best of the new year. Also attending were friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blount.

Holding a gala open house over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris, of 2810 Eldorado. Guests were served cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and later a buffet of baked ham, potato salad, homemade candies (from a covered recipe), cookies, cherry nut angel food cake (sounds out of this world), and coffee. Those attending were Messrs. and Mmes. O. M. Henry, F. J. Norris, Jack Wyant, J. Clifford, Owen Crawford, Royal McDermitt, Mr. R. Young, and Miss Bonnie Montgomery.

Over a happy luncheon of hamburgers, and all the trimmings, potato chips, fruit salad, ice cream and chocolate birthday cake, little John Knutson, of 2850 Onrado, celebrated his fourth birthday with his friends. After lunch they enjoyed balloons and general party games and toys. Those attending were Pam Klinzing, Stevie and Bruce Day, John Hatzlaff, John Harrison, Mike and Scott Brubaker and Stevie and Cathy Knutson.

Still picking confetti out of the woodwork are the Carl Osterlinds, of 2813 Sonoma St. They had a wonderful New Year's Eve party and are just now recuperating! Surrounded by decorations of balloons, serpentine, and confetti they served guests cocktails, dips, and hors d'oeuvres. Celebrants danced, chatted, and generally enjoyed themselves. Later they were served breakfast. Those attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Karl Smith, Otis Holloway, O. Halst, and S. Jenkins. The last guest left the gala celebration at 8 in the morning.

Enjoying the Rose Bowl game from a comfortable arm chair were the F. Norries of 2810 Eldorado, and their friends. After the game they served a fried chicken dinner and all the trimmings, salads, and dessert. During the game they sipped cocktails and nibbled on appetizers. Later they played cards. Guests included R. Young and Miss Bonnie Montgomery.

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