

Lomita Eastern Star Officers Installed at Masonic Temple

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New officers of Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 591, conducted their first meeting Dec. 7 in the Lomita Masonic Temple. Worthy Matron Alice Hansen and Worthy Patron Ed Peterson presided.

Escort was given to Alice Deatherge, deputy grand matron of the 71st district of Grand Chapter.

The matrons and patrons of visiting chapters who were escorted to the East and introduced were Sarah Crooks, Agnes Hunick, Edna Neely, Joyce Miller, Peggy McElroy, Jean Sangster, Joseph Kilma, Robert Neely, and Harry Bates.

Past matrons and past patrons of Lomita introduced were Lucy Kergen, Dorothy Faulkner, Cecile Goheen, Jo Parsons, Jack Graham, Cecil Dowling, and Les Parsons.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by Carolyn Graham, chairman. Committee members helping her were Jane Horton, Merle Osborne, Bessie Pratt, Winnie Flagg, Lola Nielsen, Ragna Hansen, and Estaline Bunch.

The Women's Organization of the Lomita Presbyterian Church installed new officers during its last meeting of the year on Dec. 6.

Mrs. Nick Betz replaced Mrs. Jay Gasser as president. Mmes. Ed Stambaugh, John Johnson, Lee Sivard, William Edwards, and Donald Harbert were elected to the offices of vice president, secretary, treasurer, fellowship and world service, respectively.

Theme for the evening was "The Light That Followed the Way," presented by Merle Gasser, program chairman.

Taking part in the program were Jackie Shelhart and Lynn Wetzel who recited biblical verses dressed as angels. The Women's Quartet sang several Christmas selections. Singing were Mmes. Vernon Gossett, H. Reeves, William Haddock, and Mlle. Sharon Gossett, accompanied by Mme. James Willacy at the piano. Dorothy Gorman also took part in the program.

Rev. Eldon Durham introduced Mr. Terlink, father of the Holland refugee family sponsored by the church. Gifts for the family were brought by the members of the Women's Organization.

The social hall and tables were decorated with poinsettias and red berries. Mrs. Merle Wilson was chairman of Circle 1, who was the hostess. Refreshments were homemade cookies and nut breads with coffee and tea.

At the close of the meeting the women presented out-

going President Merle Gasser with a place setting to match her china set.

Members of the 259th Place

PTA executive board combined their regular business meeting with a dinner at a local restaurant on Dec. 5. Business included the voting

to adopt a school. Mrs. D. E. Dunn, day chairman, gave a brief outline of the program to be given at the evening meeting Feb. 21. Mrs. C. L.

Wilson, honorary life chairman, explained the receiving of honorary life memberships which will be presented at the February meeting. Child welfare chairman, Mrs. R. A. Stal-mack, gave a report on the child welfare program. After the dinner and business meeting, which was

planned and executed by Mrs. R. W. Gerhart and Mrs. J. W. Creager, "white elephant" gifts were exchanged.

The men of St. Margaret Mary's Church will sponsor a card party Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. in the parish hall, located at 255th St. and Eshelman Ave.

Bridge, 500, pinochle, and canasta will be played. There will be prizes and refreshments. The public is cordially invited.

The Past Noble Grand Club of Trio 240 will hold their

Christmas party Dec. 15 in the rumpus room at the home of Betty Norris, 24672 Woodard Ave.

The club members will entertain their husbands with a turkey dinner, followed by an exchange of gifts.

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