

STROLLIN' THRU SOUTHWEST PARK

Kiddies, Kites Cavort As Balmy Breezes Blow Through Torrance

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While walking my babies back home from our daily stroll I was impressed with the popularity of kite-flying this week.

You can't walk a block without tripping over a thin, abandoned kite stick, or a ragged muslin tail that once soared high above Southwest Park. Some fliers are successful. The kite goes up, flutters obediently, and avoids the fatal snare of the power lines. Other youngsters scoot home to tearfully explain why they just "gotta have 'nother dime."

Apparently there are several in the latter group, causing brisk sales at the corner supermarket. We were told that over 500 kites were sold there in the past two days. Now wouldn't Ben Franklin be interested to know that?

"Steele Belles" . . . that's the name the mother singers chose to identify themselves.

They say that music soothes the savage beast. And honestly, after roaring around this little geranium-bordered cage all morning, I need lots of soothing music. In which case, one needs but to cart the kiddies to the Carl Steele School. They'll be sat with while their mothers are sung with. Tuesday . . . 2:00.

Mrs. Wesley Christian, Jack Ekberg, Paul Foster, and C. B. Morrison.

A banquet to install the new officers (and enjoying a good steak dinner and dance) is scheduled for March 2. Mrs. Robert Weibel, FR 9-8747, and Mrs. Jack Ekberg, FR 2-9643, have the tickets. They're \$3 per person. Place? . . . Club Alondra.

Geraldine Kosita Vale may run across this clipping in her baby book some day and recognize it as the announcement of her birth on Feb. 2, 1957. She is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Vale, and sister of Alan Shawn. The Vales live at 19433 Anza.

First Aid and Civilian Defense is a course to be given at the Church of the Brethren, 190th St., starting Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. The study is expected to cover a six or seven week period.

Going places and "skiing things" were Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Stenberg, 4726 W. 191st St.

At San Moritz, Lake Gregory, they spent the first three days of February brushing up on their skiing and observing their ninth anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dove were their snow-loving companions.

House guests, Ben Springer, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., added a happy touch to the last week's activities of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Jurco, 4718 Darien.

Ben had just returned from Japan where he was stationed for two years. While there he took pictures which he showed in the Jurco home. The friends have been well acquainted for many years.

Snow use denying it . . . Minnesota's earmuffed population pine over reports of our high temperatures while local residents flock to the mountains to take a look at that stuff they use to shovel out of the lane, off the porch, and from under the car.

Take Ekbergs, for example. Jack, Pat, Paul and Mike persuaded Pat's mother, Mrs. O. G. Peasley, to leave balmy Seal Beach to explore Mt. Baldy. They tobogganed, tossed snowballs, and even brought home a bagful of the vanishing stuff.

Into the cafeteria of Carl Steele danced the 300 . . . if we may paraphrase some rather heavy verse. And nothing could be "verse" for a dancing teen-ager than to miss these dances the Civic Assn. sponsors.

Door prizes the last time were won by Mike Shargo and Janet Fiderio, while prizes for

dancing went to Dixie Shamblyn and Don Punsell. Next time the rocks roll it'll be Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22.

The Pre-Teens had a wonderful evening their first game night. Plans for holding these events at Flavian School are under way. Twice a month on the same evening youngsters up to 13 will gather for dancing and games, both at Steele and Flavian.

Games will be purchased with the gate receipts as well as prizes. Remember, if your child is under eight you'll want to remain at the school with him. Regardless of age, parents take the children to school and home afterwards.

Next event: Friday, Feb. 15, 7-9 p.m.

Filling an entire row of seats at the theater were not the children of the legendary old woman of the shoe, but birthday guests of eight-year-old Susan Coleman, enjoying a matinee Martin and Lewis film.

Had the children signed a guest list it would have read like this: Elaine DeOrto, Janice Thompson, Janet Shaw, Trudy Camel, Lorena Pierce, Christine Stone, Paula Partello, Pam Hayman, Lollie Hennessey, Sheri Hollerup, and Susan's sister Vicki. For those who weren't too excited to eat there was lots of ice cream and cake at the Colemans after the show. You see, for lots of the young ladies this was their first experience as attendants of an indoor theater.

St. Valentine would have been proud of the party Mrs. Clancy held for her intermediate Sunday School class from the Southern Baptist Church at her home.

Sheryl Oller, Janice Duncan, Nancy Baker, Ruth Scott, Kay and Jean Shipley, Rolene and Patrice Brown, Sheila and Donna Clancy, and Mrs. Scott (wife of the minister and assisting helpfully) were guests. The Southern Baptists meet at Carl Steele School on Sunday morning.

TV Roller Derby fans in our vicinity may have been surprised to see Diana Ainsworth appear. She helped present a lovely cake to the team observing its anniversary.

A party for friends was the Rex Tibballs' way of marking their anniversary of Feb. 14. The party took place Saturday night in their home at 4627 Halison.

Keene, N. H., is a long, cold trip. But to Mrs. Cora Gauthier, visiting her son Glen and his family at 20034 Burin it was worth every chilly step to the snowbound station.

Debbie and Glennie, the Gauthier children, not only have a grandmother's attentions, but "Aunt Jane" Girard of Keene, N. H., is also visiting for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Barto attended the Saturday morning wedding of friends and the reception which followed in the evening.



IN SWEETHEART RACE . . . Gerry Terheggen, former North High School student, is competing in the annual Sweetheart of Trade-Tech contest which will be announced Saturday. She is a student at the Los Angeles Trade-Technical Junior College.

Ballots of the Southwest Park Civic Association revealed these results: Arthur Kinane will wield the presidential gavel; Paul Mitchell will assist as vice president. Taking minutes at the meeting will be Mrs. Leo Fischer, secretary. In charge of the group's finances . . . William Freeman, treasurer.

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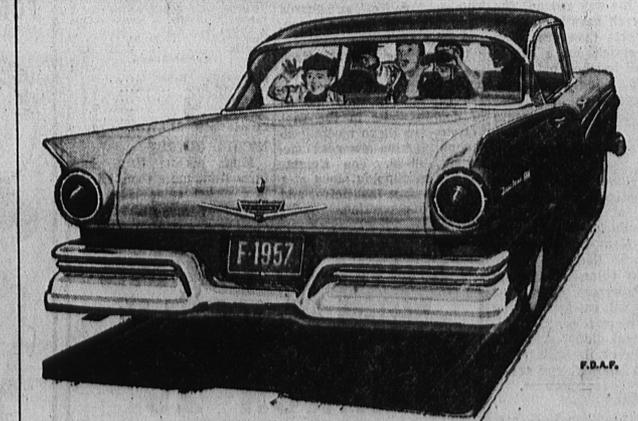
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