



TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . Hospital Committee of the Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose, met for a pot-luck luncheon and workshop at the home of Mrs. James Baudin, 2208 Arlington Ave., on Thursday. The group spent the day filling gift bags for the patients in G13

ward at Harbor Hospital which they adopted three years ago. Working on their project are, from left, Mmes. Gus Drake, chairman; Floyd Peterman, chaplain; Cordie White; James Evans; Marie Koshak, and James Baudin.

Noble Grands Elect Officers

Past Noble Grand club of Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, elected new officers for 1962 at a recent meeting.

Retta Nelson was named to serve as president. Others are Amy Savage, vice president; Ruth Deems, secretary; and Maud Milburn, treasurer.

The chaplain will be appointed on the installation night in January.

The Christmas party for the club will be held this afternoon at the home of Lula Wood, 13819 Cornuta Ave., Bellflower at 2 p.m. All members are requested to be present. There will be a gift exchange.

Graduation

Dance Dec. 13

Members of the senior class of the Northrop Institute of Technology held their winter graduation dinner dance Dec. 13 at the Inglewood Country Club with more than 75 couples attending.

Class president Kenneth E. Getzen was in charge with Professor and Mrs. Nathaniel Huggard of Northrop acting as faculty sponsors.

Formal graduation ceremony was held Friday at the Institute of the Aerospace Sciences in Los Angeles.



IN THE HOLIDAY MOOD . . . Madrona PTA Executive Board will hold its Christmas party Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at the home of Mrs. James W. Cassidy. Husbands will be special guests. A gift exchange will be held. Planning the event are, from left, Mmes. Roy Houser, president; Leonard H. Radford, publicity chairman, and James Donald, ways and means chairman.

Oracles Club Will Install

South Bay District Past Oracles Club of the Royal Neighbors of America will have their annual Christmas party at the Western Club in Gardena on Monday, Dec. 18.

6:30 p.m. followed by a gift exchange. Installation of officers will highlight the meeting. Installed will be Mary E. Chiara of Torrance, president; Ele-

nor Myers, Redondo Beach, vice president; May Wilson, Redondo Beach, secretary-treasurer; Leona Smith, Ocean Park, sunshine chairman.

The group will sing Christmas carols following the installation.

Dianas Slate Christmas Party for the Children

Mrs. John Hansford, first vice president of the Redondo Beach Dianas, has planned a Christmas party for the Diana children on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Women's Clubhouse. All Diana members are asked to have their children participate by bringing a wrapped present to be put under the tree. These gifts will then be taken to Juvenile Hall and distributed among the children there, and to the club's needy family.

The program for the afternoon will be directed by Miss Louise Wellington and her "South Bay Players." The presentation of "Old King

Cole's Christmas" will star the following fourteen children: Nancy Foley, Barbara Zerkie, Bill Mullen, David Johnson, Greg Page, Terri Haney, Debra Sullivan, Susan Boyd, Judy Matte, Tim Purpus, Jimmy Haney, Douglas Morgan, Susan Webb, and Terri Foley.

Mrs. Wallace Opstad will lead the Diana children's chorus in a medley of Christmas tunes.

Santa Claus will be on hand to greet and pass out stockings to all the youngsters present.

Hostess for the event will be Mrs. James Mitchell.

Local Camp Adopts Ward

Torrance Royal Neighbors of America, Camp 8908, have adopted a ward at the Harbor General Hospital for the second year.

According to Mrs. William Hoy, president of the Past Oracles club, the members are decorating and filling boxes for the women in the TB ward.

The Royal Neighbors Camp donated money for four six-foot aluminum trees and the decorations.

The trees and the boxes were transported to the hospital Friday afternoon by Mrs. Hazel Hutton and Mrs. Susie Walker.

A Foursome

Localites recently noted at Marineland Restaurant in Palos Verdes were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Necasek of Lomita and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Padgett of Rolling Hills, who formed a foursome for cocktails and a seafood dinner.

PTA The Torrance Council Way

By Mrs. Eugene Laxton

CASIMIR

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" was the presentation of second and seventh grade students at the Casimir Elementary PTA meeting last week. Cast for the Christmas program included James Thompson, Pam Johnson, Roger Maddafor, Craig Wennstrom, Marc Salomone, George Wiser, Danny Bur-gum, and Mike Dearing. Miss Mary Starrett, seventh grade teacher, directed with Miss Olive Marshall and Miss Katherine Oliver, second grade teachers, assisting.

The executive board Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Keberlein. Members enjoyed carols and a gift exchange.

Canned goods brought to the school by the children and turkey purchased by the PTA were given to needy families in the Torrance area for Thanksgiving. Baskets will be distributed at Christmas time as a PTA project.

EDISON

Edison PTA executive board held its annual Christmas board party at the home of Mrs. Carl Miller. Gifts were exchanged and plans were discussed for a canned goods and toy drive for a Christmas-giving project.

The El Camino Choir was featured at the recent PTA

Holiday Dinner

Gathered for a festive holiday dinner at the Pen & Quill restaurant in Manhattan Beach were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goedecke of Torrance, Miss Gwen Martin of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Erdhaus of Inglewood.

Christmas program along with the Edison school orchestra. An Edison school choir organized by Edison

teacher Miss Perry shared the program with guest speaker, Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson. Topic was "In Defense of Parents."

SEPUVEDA

Sepulveda PTA recently entertained with the annual Christmas program featuring an evening of Christmas music by the school band and carols by the Mother Singers. Santa Claus made an appearance with treats. Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 2372 presented the flag salute.

MEADOW PARK

A Christmas program presented by the third grade classes under the direction of Mrs. Marian Bartlett and Mrs. Mary Davis was the highlight of the PTA program recently. Robert Simon of the Torrance School District directed the school orchestra and chorus. Second grade mothers were hostesses.

TOWERS

The Towers Chorus, under the direction of Jerry Andrews, and the Flavian-Towers Mother Singers provided the entertainment for the Towers PTA Christmas program. The class of Mrs. Thomas Norwood took part in the program, coordinated by Mrs. Ethel Huntsicker. A Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson was performed by the Mother Singers and narrated by Thomas Meehan.

HICKORY

In keeping with the coming holiday season, the newly organized Hickory PTA pleased to announce that it will present a Christmas program, instead of the regularly scheduled meeting.

At a recent board meeting, a vote of approval was given in favor of eliminating student-teacher gift exchange in favor of each child donating a white wrapped canned goods item which will then be used to supply needy families with a white Christmas. Hickory's president, Mrs. William Hussey, also adds that the association will provide small trees for each room and a large one for the cafeteria, and will sponsor a community caroling group now being organized to serve Hickory residents.

Mrs. Benjamin Wallace announces that her Ways and Means committee has planned a busy schedule for the ensuing months. It includes kidnap breakfasts, paper drives, a carnival and a pot luck dinner.

A standing committee was appointed to aid program chairman Mrs. William Flack, who will make her announcements at a future date.

It was voted that any national recognized youth groups formed or formed within the school boundaries will be accepted for sponsorship by the association.

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Building Co. Project Peninsula Community Center Is Dedicated

A community center designed for peninsula social and cultural activities was formally dedicated last week by the Grandview Palos Verdes Woman's Club. Located on Hawthorne Boulevard near Silver Spur Road, the building was made available by Edward K. Zuckerman and Barney R. Morris of the Grandview Building Co., who converted one of their floor plans.

The center contains over 2,000 square feet of activities area, an assembly room seating 125, a fenced-in patio, a garden room, play area for children, and completely-equipped kitchen.

Mrs. Leon Himelton, center chairman, said the edifice is available for meetings of civic and charitable organizations, and special events of chaperoned youth groups.