

P-TA Board Meet Slated

The December executive board meeting of the Perry School P-TA will be held this morning, December 4, at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. D. W. Dorn, 16931 Eastwood avenue. Welfare work will be discussed by Mrs. Jack White, Child Welfare chairman. Distribution of Christmas baskets will be made by her committee this year. Short business meeting will be held and at the conclusion of the meeting a Christmas party will be held with exchange of gifts being made by all board members.

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HOBBYIST—Mrs. Jack Kessom displays one of her many hand-made porcelain dolls at a tea held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Porter of Hollywood Riviera. The doll held by Mrs. Kessom is one of the few in which the color black has been successfully executed in porcelain.

Gold Star Mother Displays Collection of Porcelain Dolls

Delicate porcelain dolls dressed in fairy-like lace gowns were the center of attraction at a tea last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Porter, 157 Via Los Altos, Hollywood Riviera.

The creator of the dolls, Mrs. Jack Kessom, Gold Star Mother of 1815 W. 185th St., was on hand to greet numerous guests and tell about her family of dolls and figurines.

Mrs. Kessom began working with porcelain and ceramics four years ago after her doctor advised her to find a hobby. Her interest and equipment grew, until now she has a very complete workshop with special firing kilns for the delicate porcelain.

The figures, she related, are formed of clay. They are subjected to intense heats to harden them, then glazed, painted, and refired. Often the figures are fired three or four times to bring out the colors.

An eighteen-year resident of Torrance, Mrs. Kessom was born in Los Angeles, and spent most

of her youth in Redondo Beach. The mother of four, Mrs. Kessom has seven grandchildren. A daughter, Miss Gloria Noble, is vice principal of Barstow Union High school. Her son, Kenny Noble, will teach at Barstow after his graduation next year from Santa Barbara College.

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