

## Theme Set At Narbonne

"A Seed of Good Will" is the theme Mrs. J. O. Blackmon, program chairman chose for the December meeting of

Narbonne P.T.A. The business meeting was held in the Little Theater at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 17, and coffee and doughnuts were served with the Halldale area members acting as hostesses.

At 11 o'clock the program was presented in the auditorium by the students with the musical portion under the direction of Miss Alice Sturdy; the dramatic under the direction of Stanley Johnson; and the rhythmic part under the direction of Miss Doris Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Carrow, of 913 Madrid Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Janice Lynn, weighing 8 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces.

## BPO ELKS' OFFICERS NAMED

At the recent election of officers held by the Torrance BPO Elks, Joseph E. Yates was elected to the office of exalted ruler. The three knights named were F. W. Fahnestock as leading knight; Ralph Jakubowski, loyal knight; and Roger Holmes, lecturing knight. Secretary is C. W. Lackey. Marvin Pike was named treasurer, and Sager Low tiler.

Trustees are C. P. Olson, Frank Jakubowski, Harry Carlson, Mike Fenwick, and Jacob Turpel.

According to F. W. Fahnestock, chairman of the Elks' Christmas charity program, there is a fine response to the call for food, money, and clothing to go to the needy. Donations may be made any time up to December 24, and Fahnestock's phone number is FR. 5-2640.

# Children's Annual Christmas Party Scheduled for Wednesday

## Placement Stressed By Principal

"Just as all children don't start walking at the same age, neither do they all start reading at the same age," announced Harry Sams, principal of Leland Street school, at the recent P.T.A. meeting held at the school. "A child can be helped to do a thing a little faster, but not pushed too fast."

The faculty hosted the meeting, and decorations were done by Elbert Backus, Mmes. Douglas Brazell, president, and Harry Foat, Jr., vice-president, were asked to pour for the social hour that followed.

## Dear Santa Claus...



(Editor's note: These are the last letters to Santa Claus which will be published. All letters which have been received so far have already been turned over to Santa Claus. If we should receive any more before Christmas we shall turn them over to Santa Claus, even though they cannot be published any more.)

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Wendy Matthews. I am four years old. I will be at my grandma's, in Santa Ana, this year for Christmas.

Would you please bring my things to her house. I would like to have a typewriter, a doll, a doll house, and maybe a bicycle.

My brother is almost two years old and he wants some toys that he can push around.

And, please, don't forget my cousin, Debbie. We will have our stockings hung so that you can fill them.

WENDY MATTHEWS,  
22922 S. Berendo,  
Torrance, Calif.

Hello Santa Claus

Pat is fat. Pat smiles all the time. Pat wants a cowboy suit. Pat eats all his supper. Pat is a good boy. Pat plays outside all the time. Pat got a haircut. Louise gave Pat a haircut. Bobby hit Pat on the head with a ladder. Pat wants a cowboy tie on his shirt. Pat wants two guns and a holster. Pat wants a cowboy hat.

Goodbye

PAT McDOWELL  
1855 254th St., Lomita  
(Note: My 4 1/2 year old son dictated the enclosed letter to me for Santa Claus. I wrote it down word for word as he said it.—Mrs. H. McDowell.)

Dear Santa Claus

My name is Iris Jean Hutchison. I am 6 yrs. old. My two little sisters and I have tried very hard to be good this yr. For Christmas we would like some musical bells and a doll. We are not asking for too much as we want to be sure you have plenty of toys for the sick children in the hospital and the poor and needy ones.

We love you and hope you have a merry Christmas.

(Signed)  
IRIS JEAN HUTCHISON  
2450 W. 237th Pl., Torrance  
P.S. I hope you don't mind my mother writing this for me. I haven't learned to write a letter yet.

Dear Santa Claus

I am writing for myself and my little brother Tommy who is three years old. He wants a wreckner, and a truck, a shovel, and a steam roller. I want a book, about Abraham Lincoln, and a model destroyer, and a book, for my brother.

Sincerely Jimmy and Tommy  
3510 227th Place, Torrance

Dear Santa  
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some dishes, and some cake play mixed and some melody bell.

KATHY KABICA  
2519 Ebony Lane, Lomita

## CHAIRMEN GET SPEECH POINTERS

P.T.A. program chairman of the Lomita-San Pedro Council met recently at the Harbor City home of Mrs. George Weeks, council first vice-president, to hear her report on public speaking classes conducted for four districts, and instructed by James J. Samsell, Los Angeles State College professor of public speaking.

Receiving pointers on public speaking through Mrs. Weeks' report were Mesdames David Goolsby of Halldale; Robert Oster, Lomita Elementary; Earl Teague, Cabrillo; D. G. Cheek, Harbor City; Harry G. Foat, Leland Street; Louis Miller, Point Fermin; and Earl Johnson from 7th Street.

## SANTA CLAUS TO APPEAR, ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED

Torrance children will hold their second annual Christmas party in the Civic Auditorium, corner Cravens and El Prado this coming Wednesday, December 22, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Torrance Recreation Department; it was announced this week.

Special arrangements have been made for Santa Claus to be there at that time.

The entire production, under the direction of Mrs. Bettie Thomas and Herman Boodman, features the Torrance area Youth Band under the direction of James Van Dyck, and the Accordionettes. Members of Boodman's Dramatic club from the Greenwood School have not only been rehearsing the players' parts, but have also been busy building some of the stage settings.

Cast

Among the "cast of over 100" are: Cathy Christian, Robert Bauman, Penny Chill, Toni Green, Delores Smith, Kenneth Teebken, Katherine M. Borges, David French, Richard French, Sherry Lee Mason, Judy Carnahan, Vicki Hoffman, Nancy Jimmy, and Carol Ann Webber, Buttons Janney, and Tommy Green.

Others include Gail Thomas, Sany Spillman, Sandy Gary, and Diane Shore, Gary Beech, Phil Cosby, Emma Irons, Merry Deasy, Sid Epstein, Jessica Baker, Robbie Tipping, Cathy Cassidy, Jackie Fulcher, Bonnie Wood, Georgette Rehfeld, Warren Spellman, Barbara Rich, Sherrie, Linda Balko, Velma Harper and Sharon Eardly.

More are Rick Roberts, Joy Metzner, Linda Larson, Mary Palmer, Marilyn Leone, Jerry Roberts, Billy Cosby, Billy Kainu, Pat Sommers, Carolyn Hess, Faith Matscher, Robin Thomas, Myrna Osnes, David Jenkins, Jeanne and Veronica Carter, Janice Thomas, Rose Mary Mahaffey, Jerry Goddard and Carol Whittington.

Others are Barbara Wilson, Gladys and Colleen Hilton, Steve Palenko, Cathy Oberst, Carolyn Kellam, Pamela Turner, Mary Jane Holley, Susan Glass, Dennis Collins, Regina Carlton, Patty Davis, Kenneth Withem, Grace Acalin, Arlin Green, Beverly Metzner; Hawaiian group featuring Sharon Taitano; acrobatic group featuring Tommy Green, Emma Irons, Bonnie Kuhn; and many more children from Ann Olsen's Dance Studio.

Production

The boys and girls will be featured in the production that tells of the difficulties in getting Santa's delivery schedule set up at the North Pole, and in particular it relates the specific problem of a fogged-in Torrance on a Christmas morn... and the "special Sympathetic beam" that Santa uses in such unusual cases.

Entertainment in the form of songs and dances is supplied by Santa's workers rehearsing for their employees' party in

this original play written by Mr. Boodman.

At this time Santa Claus is scheduled to put in an appearance to say hello and greet the children, but no arrangements have been made to give out free candy or gifts. However, all children and their parents are invited to come to the Civic next Wednesday at 2 p.m. to have a wonderful afternoon any say hello to Santa.

## R. T. Mathews Promoted to Lt. Colonel

Richard T. Mathews, son of Mrs. Gertrude M. Mathews of Torrance, recently was promoted to lieutenant colonel while serving with the quartermaster supply division of the advance section of the U. S. Army Communications Zone in France.



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