



## PTA News

### VAN DEENE AVENUE

Dressed in white robes, chorus of 60 boys and girls sang at the Dec. 12 meeting of Van Deene Avenue PTA. Those attending brought canned goods and wrapped toys to be placed in welfare baskets for this area.

Mrs. C. M. Larson, president, welcomed parents and thanked them for their donations.

Donald Flentge, legislation chairman, gave a short report on the luncheon he attended. He also discussed "Bill of Rights" month and reviewed the first ten amendments of the Constitution.

Mrs. Robert Hainline, program chairman, introduced Miss Mary Holt, music teacher, who directed the choral program.

The school orchestra played several selections. Students from Mrs. Guenther's room related the story of the birth of Christ.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dragovich, vice principal, was piano accompanist.

First grade mothers were hostesses for social hour after the program.

### CASIMIR

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" was presented by second and seventh grade students at Casimir Elementary PTA meeting last week.

James Thompson, Pam Johnson, Roger Maddaford, Creig Wennstrom, Marc Salomone, George Wiser, Danny Burgum and Mike Dearing were in the cast.

Miss Mary Starrett, second grade teacher, directed. The Misses Olive Marshall and Katherine Oliver, second grade teachers, assisted. Executive board Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Keberlein. Members enjoyed carols and a gift exchange.

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

### EDISON

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

The El Camino choir and Edison orchestra were featured at the recent PTA Christmas program.

An Edison school choir, organized by Edison teacher Miss Patricia Perry, shared the program with guest speaker Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson. Topic was "In Defense of Parents."

### SEPULVEDA

Sepulveda PTA members heard annual Christmas program featuring 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 direction of Mrs. Marian Bartlett and Mary Davis was highlight of the recent PTA program.

Robert Simon of the Torrance School District directed the school orchestra and chorus. Second grade mothers were hostesses.

### TOWERS

Towers chorus, under the direction of Jerry Andrews, and the Flavian-Towers Mother Singers provided entertainment for the Towers PTA Christmas program.

The class of Mrs. Thomas Norwood took part in the program, coordinated by Mrs. Ethel Huntzicker.

A Christmas cantata, "Night of Miracles," by John W. Peterson, was performed by the Mother Singers and narrated by Thomas Meehan.



LIGHTING UP the area for the holidays in preparation of their annual decorations contest in Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance are members of Las Colinas Garden Club. Mmes. Sidney Hall, Frank Petersen and Herman Schepler

(left to right) begin putting together decorations they will use in their own homes. Judging will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. Prizes will be awarded immediately afterwards.

—Press Photo

## Children Perform ...

# Santa's Sleigh Slides In for Dianas' Party

Santa Claus will be on hand to pass out stockings and treats Tuesday to children of Redondo Beach Dianas.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. in Redondo Beach Woman's clubhouse. Mrs. John Hansford is chairman. Mrs. James Mitchell will

be hostess for the party given by the club, a member of California Federation of Women's Clubs, Marina District, junior membership.

Each child will leave a wrapped gift under the Christmas tree, according to Mrs. Arthur Callen, publicity chairman.

These gifts will be taken to juvenile hall and distributed to children. Remaining gifts will be given to the club's needy family.

Miss Louise Wellington will direct the South Bay Players in a production of "Old King Cole's Christmas."

Featured in the cast will be children of members. Included are: Nancy Foley, Barbara Zerkie, Bill Mullen, David Johnson, Greg Page, Terri Haney.

Others are: Debra Sullivan, Susan Boyd, Judy Matte, Tim Purpus, Jimmy Haney, Douglas Morgan, Susan Webb and Terri Foley.

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

## St. Nick Arrives At Harbor General

Jolly old St. Nick will arrive Tuesday at Harbor General Hospital when Volunteers for Children surprise the hospitalized youngsters with a party.

The women have been busy checking and rechecking lists to make certain no

children are overlooked.

Santa's exact arrival is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. He will bring gifts, fancy cookies and punch for all.

Girl Scouts of Troop 2255, Torrance, will provide the tree and all the trimmings. The girls will also donate place mats, gifts and candy for the children.

"We are most grateful to this wonderful group and its leaders. Their thoughtfulness will help make this Christmas a very happy one for boys and girls in the hospital," Mrs. G. B. Cameron, publicity chairman, said.

## Local Duos Noted on Dining Dates

Arrival of the festive Yuletide season was noted at Pen & Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach when Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Clark of Torrance entertained recently for the Charles M. Clarks of Fullerton, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Miller of Hollywood Riviera, Torrance.

Mrs. and Mrs. Harry W. Winchell of Torrance, joined by Kathy Winchell, recently dined at the Polynesian Restaurant.

Recent dinner hosts at the Polynesian Restaurant in Torrance were Rev. and Mrs. Douglas B. Northrop.

## Woman's Club Dedicates Social Center in PV

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 Blvd. near Silver Spur Rd., the building was made available by Edward K. Zuckerman and Barney R. Morris of the Grandview Building Co., who converted one of their basic floor plans.

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

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

## Color Sings With Tone For Spring

Colors for spring are singing colors, clear, lilted, lovely, ranging in tone from pale but never insipid to bright but never brash. Color combinations are legion — delicate, gay, unexpected and sometimes — especially in sports weaves — even a bit impudent.

Gay are the patriotic, the American, the soul-stirring red, white and blue combinations of which there are many. Signal flag colors also find many expressions.

### Vary Color

The color variety is such that selecting the winners is no small job but white, creamy white, naturals both by themselves and in combinations are, in racing parlance, in there and running. Their influence in frosting, toning down, enlivening and adding elegance to other colors is notable.

The green family may be ahead in the color race by a nose such shades as pale almond, willow, apple, chartreuse, lime, mint, leaf, blue-tinged water greens, spring grass.

Close indeed are tones of peach, light apricot, salmon, shrimp, whitened orange ice, deeper but soft orange and the pure sunny yellow, sometimes creamy, sometimes tinged with green, highest fashion in clear daffodil.

Blues are important in clear sky, porcelain, various shades of turquoise and aqua, a lively navy.

## Association At Hickory Joins Council

A new Parent Teacher Association has joined Torrance Council. The recently formed group is composed of parents and teachers at Hickory Elementary School.

Mrs. William Hussey is president of the group.

Although the group is new, plans for activities have been formulated and some activities are already being carried out.

Holiday plans are varied at Hickory School. This week children and adults will go caroling throughout the Southwood area of Torrance.

Children of the school have donated canned goods to provide baskets for needy families.

The association has provided trees for all classrooms and the cafeteria.

Other plans announced by Mrs. Benjamin Wallace, ways and means chairman, include: kidnap breakfasts, potluck dinner, paper drives and a carnival.

A unit theme is being discussed by Mrs. William Flack and members of the Program Committee.

Hickory PTA also hopes to sponsor a nationally recognized youth group.



# Women

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Thursday Evening ...

## Yule Log Flames Glow For Auxiliary Party

A burning yule log will add atmosphere Thursday evening to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lewis III, 1016 Via Palestra, Palos Verdes Estates.

The Lewises will be host and hostess for Las Madrecitas' Christmas party. Members of the auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild will gather for their annual party to exchange the season's greetings.

A Christmas tree and background music will provide a festive air as members enjoy punch and buffet supper.

A waterfall splashing into an ornamental pool will add color to the outside of the house, according to Mrs. R. B. Friedson, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Horace LeCuyer is chairman. Assisting are: Mmes. George C. Lewis III, William Hoffman and Er-

nest Dahlman Jr. All fund-raising activities of Las Madrecitas are devoted to benefitting the pediatric ward of Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles.

## Sportswear Speaks Fun In Inspired, Bright Weave

As always, sportswear fabric captures attention with colors and designs that bespeak fun and laughter, lighthearted hours, youth and energy. This is the group in which the inspiring and inspired weaves, in patriotic red, white and blue are strongest.

Shades a bit more flattering than the true flag colors combined with liberal amounts of white in large and small plaids, broken and even checks, various stripes including ticking effects.

Here, too, are plaids and stripes with 10 inches or more to a repeaty long, rectangular blocks in plaids engineered for splitting for lengthwise effect or for pleats; patterns that combine checks, stripes and plaids in unexpected manner.

Damask effects and jacquards continue, also the embroidered and appliqued look, best in small to large stylized flower patterns.

Intricate patterns such as a combined spiral and chevron stripe; a big block pattern with diamond shaped overlay both in hand-run effect; a plaid over-plaid with a thicker, twisted yarn seemingly whipped on by hand notably in shades of pink and white with butterscotch, spark the imagination.

### Meshy Weaves

Many meshy weaves are used in wools and worsted designed for skirts, suits,

coats and in firmer construction for pants fashions, as well. One striking design forms a bold diagonal breaking through a horizontal stripe, effective in white with butterscotch.

A lacy, spongy mesh weave has a waffle-textured surface made of long, loose stitches actually well anchored ... beautiful in three tones of green-tinged blues. An intricately woven light weight coating of town and country type combines thin, uneven lines of black with shades of beige to butterscotch.

In a white and aqua plaid mesh weave skirting a bold over plaid of bright navy appears. Note-worthy is the amount of white, beige and the various camel, cinnamon, vicuna and the like combined with each other in sports weaves, often with accent of apricot, coral, lime or mint green, turquoise or aqua sometimes clear yellow or pink.

### Coordination

Most of the handloomed type mills continue to show various coordinating weaves, patterns and textures, also knits to carry out the wardrobe idea.

The dyed - to - match demand is still important in monotonous but it's rumored that something like "kissin cousin" color combinations may be in the offing ... like tone on tone, perhaps?

## 'Voices' Add Holiday Joy At Hospital

Southern California's biggest-name, most unusual choral group is being organized again this year to provide operating room equipment for St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica.

Les Brown leads the "Voices of Christmas" group and the vocalists include Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Burke, Margaret Whiting, Stumpy Brown, Joanne Greer, Axel Stordahl, Charles Bud Dani, Mr. and Mrs. John Vrba and a score of other film, television and recording industry executives and talent.

Musical arrangements are by Burke, Brown, Stordahl, Vic Schoen, Frank Comstock, Mel Torme, Dant and others.

Robert Breckner, vice president and general manager of KTTV, is president.

### Two Shows

Two special, sponsored half-hour telecasts of "Voices of Christmas" have been scheduled by KTTV for Dec. 24, at 6 and 10 p.m. It will be the eighth annual TV appearance and the 14th year of entertaining during the holiday season for the group.

In 1953 Michael Burke, age 3, lost his life on the operating table due to a cardiac arrest during minor surgery. The foundation was created in his memory in hope of avoiding similar surgical accidents.



TOYS FOR CHILDREN at Harbor General Hospital will be presented by members of Girl Scout Troop 2255 of Magruder Elementary School, Torrance. The youngsters, including Carolyn Hagmaier, Roberta Ragland and Leslie Hoffman (left to right), have

"adopted" a ward at the hospital and recently entertained the hospitalized children by caroling through the corridors. Troop leader is Mrs. Walter Miller Sr.

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