



KITCHEN CREW of the Torrance Woman's Club takes time out for tomfoolery as they complete preparations for a luncheon to be served at the club bazaar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the clubhouse. Tickets are \$1 per person. Board members will prepare

and serve meal. Pictured are, from left, Mmes. J. G. Louvier, president; Delbert Thomsen, luncheon chairman; and Robert Moffitt, ways and means chairman. —PRESS photo

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Columnist Counts Blessings as Thanksgiving Approaches

By BECKY SCHAEFFER

Remember when you were a child and your teacher asked you to write a composition or speak before the class on what Thanksgiving meant to you?

It was pretty easy, then. In your high and embarrassed voice, you said something like, "Thanksgiving means lots of good things to eat, like turkey, and pumpkin pie, and you're supposed to think of all the things you're thankful for."

If we were to ask a police officer, now, what Thanksgiving means to him, he might say, "Another hundred

red traffic deaths."

The market man or the butcher might say, "Good business."

The kids might say, "No school."

Losing Flavor?

We're all embarrassed, these days, to discuss anything that touches us closely.

Some of us, in these times of high prices, taxes and uncertainty, might even be inclined to doubt that there's anything to be thankful for.

Whatever our individual feelings, our reasons for taking a new view of the holiday, I believe we are losing the flavor we used to cherish so much.

Our excellent mixes have taken the hard work out of preparing the feast, and some of us, in fact, simply eat out.

Do you have an old-fashioned Thanksgiving in your home? It is one time of the year when Mom is sure to make bread and real mince and pumpkin pies? Does Dad say grace at the head of the table, and are the children encouraged to count their blessings?

Count Blessings

With the assurance that no one else will show, if it embarrasses you, why not try the old tradition of listing your thanks, this year. Mom can do it over the stove and Dad can retreat into his thoughts while helping the children watch the rerun of the Santa Claus parade.

If you have trouble starting your count, begin with

those you love individually.

For your parents, old age is not the useless, miserable existence it used to be. Their health is guarded by a long line of defenses against the pneumonia and crippling arthritis that were once such bitter enemies of the elderly. The tired old heart is now protected from many of its ancient enemies.

What about your children. They'll never have diphtheria, polio, smallpox. They go to schools that are clean and comfortable, where teachers are the best trained in the world, and no child is denied an education because of a handicap.

And your children aren't hungry.

Why Complain?

Like my neighbors, I complain about the fact that I can't afford new carpeting, and that we must so often stay home because there is no money for an evening out. Strange that so many of us lie awake, worrying about what we can't have, in snug, warm beds with good mattresses and soft blankets!

The trick in learning to appreciate what you have is to make yourself look honestly, once in a while, at what others do not have.

If you haven't the patience to compile a list of things you're thankful for, then pick one, and give thanks for it.

Will it be a loving mate who has lived up to the marriage contract, and done his or her full share in making a home?

Perhaps it's a job that pays well enough, and holds both interest and challenge for you.

Or it may be a large family of healthy children, for parents who want, love and deserve them. Have you any idea how many women weep in despair for the lack of a single child to love?

On Thanksgiving day, as my kitchen fills with the smells of cooking apples, the rolls and the browning haunches of our turkey, I will be trying to count my blessings. Probably one of them will be playing under my feet and making it very hard to count the rest.

PTA News

PANEL DISCUSSION

Sepulveda School PTA members will assemble to hear a panel discussion at the next regular meeting on Wednesday night, November 20. In keeping with the theme of the month "Color Me Busy," the panel will discuss the modern trend toward keeping our children overly busy.

Panel members include Mrs. Carol Hunter, Torrance School District psychologist; Mrs. S. R. Saunders, Parent-Education Chairman; and Alfred J. N. Henrikson, rector of Pacific Unitarian Church. Moderator will be Lee Roy Steffey, principal of Sepulveda School.

Refreshments following the meeting will be served by room mothers Mmes. J. Connerly, W. H. Neese, R. Ferguson, S. Brancaccio.

DADS' NIGHT

Columbia PTA will feature Dads' Night Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Fathers will work with Mr. Foster, principal, on workshop plans. Mothers will paint and sew Indian costumes.

Rummage sale will be held at Hitchrack Rummage Center on 15636 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale, Tuesday, Nov. 26th and Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Donations will be accepted at the Hitchrack after 6:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25th.

Mrs. Joseph Kettering will head a Christmas candy sale. Columbia PTA was one of three in the Torrance Council that had 100% teacher enrollment in membership during the recent membership drive.

It was one of nine PTAs that had a 5% increase in membership.

TO HOST BOARD

The Board of Education of Torrance Unified School District will convene Monday, at 7:30 p.m. in the North High School cafeteria, 3620 West 182nd Street.

This meeting, an innovation of the Board's policy of holding a fall meeting at each of the Torrance high schools, is in conjunction with the Association meeting of the PTA.

Mrs. Loris Sims, North High PTA program chairman, has invited parents of students attending the 11 elementary schools that feed into the high school to attend.

A brief PTA business meeting, conducted by Mrs. William Cassida, president, will precede the event. Miss Lynn Gibson, Freshman class president, will lead in the flag salute.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting, under the auspices of Mmes. Morgan Simmons, George McNeill, Gerald Cunerty, F. P. Chaille, and Dean Haney, hospitality chairman.

AWARD BANQUET

Mrs. Estin Bashaw, Read-

ing and Library Service chairman for Los Angeles Tenth District PTA, will be one of 325 library chairmen attending the Third Annual Awards Banquet of the Southern California Council of Children's Literature at 7 p.m. Saturday at Los Angeles State College.

Ralph Moody, author of "Little Britches" and "Man of the Family" will be speaker. An exhibit of the selected writings and illustrations from all fields of literary endeavor for children and young adults will be featured. The exhibit, entitled "One Hundred Two, Old and New" will be held in the faculty dining room of the college at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

PTA's role as a cooperating agency with the Coordinating Councils will be discussed along with the philosophy and aims of the Council at a school of information scheduled for Monday, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the by Tenth District PTA.

Featured speakers will be Mrs. Maurice Millard, vice president of the Federation of Community Coordinating Councils; and Mrs. Sarah Kahliner, Department of Community Services.

A question and answer period will follow the session.

PTA TOUR

School education chairmen and presidents of associations in the Los Angeles Tenth District PTA will have an opportunity to observe first hand the work of the Board of Education and tour the facilities of the Board plant.

Shuttle busses will transport the chairmen to the Board meeting and will leave from the Health Center Building, 333 West 22nd St., at 9:30 a.m.

Chairmen attending will also hear a special report of the progress of the Youth Opportunities Board.

Voter Units Set Meetings

Last in a series of meetings dealing with foreign economic policy will be held by the Torrance League of Women Voters next week, according to Mrs. M. B. T. Davies, chairman.

Consensus will be taken on recommendations for next year's national agenda.

Hostesses will include: Mmes. K. J. Lemke, Frank Barnes, Burton Belzer, Charles Piper and P. Schweigert.

Meetings will be conducted as follows: Monday, 7:45 p.m., 2718 W. 179th St.; Tues., 9:45 a.m., 23426 Susana Ave.; Wed., 9:45 a.m., 2926 Sonoma St.; Wed. 7:45 p.m., 1619 Third St., Manhattan Beach; and Thursday, 7:45 p.m., 417 Calle de Aragon.



RIBBONS AND TINSEL are fashioned into holiday decorations by members of the handicraft section of Torrance Woman's Club in preparation for Wednesday's bazaar. Getting under way at 10:30 a.m., the event will feature baked goods booth, Christmas

decorations, white elephants, candy, used books and arts and crafts booths. Bazaar chairman is Mrs. R. E. Moffitt. The events is open to the public. Pictured are, from left, Mmes. John C. Warnock, Francis Shaw and Carl Porter. —PRESS photo

Music Leader to Speak to Secretaries

"Uncultured Americans?" will be the topic of noted music leader John Arnold Ford when he speaks before the South Bay Chapter National Secretaries Association, Int. at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Ford, whose appearance is sponsored by the Southern California Gas Company and Hollywood Bowl Association as a community service project, will discuss the cultural assets of the Southland at the dinner meeting to be held at Halfway House, 3163 Pacific Coast Highway.

Son of retired Los Angeles County Supervisor John Anson Ford, the featured speaker will illustrate his talk with slides and vocal selections.

He has appeared as bass soloist with the San Francisco and Los Angeles Opera Companies and with the L.A. Philharmonic Orchestra and Hollywood Bowl Symphony and has performed roles in opera and light opera productions at the Greek Theater. Ford is producer of the world-famous Pilgrimage Play and founder of the Educational Opera Association.

Information on the Hollywood Bowl and the new Los Angeles Music Center will highlight the talk.

Mrs. Herschel Menager, has invited all secretaries in the South Bay to attend. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Pat Bennett, at 447-2051 during the day, or 671-8341 in the evening.



SURROUNDED BY PRIZES which will be given away Saturday at the Sepulveda PTA carnival is Kenneth Walters Jr. Highlighting the fund-raising event will be free concerts by the school band, contests, and games of skill. Chairman is Joseph Woodward. Pic-

tured with Kenneth are, from left, Mmes. Kenneth Walters, Joseph Woodward, and Robert Charness. Setting for the event will be Sepulveda School, 4600 Merrill St. Carnival hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. —PRESS photo