

# PTA

The

## Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

**ANZA**  
The Anza PTA paper drive has been postponed until Jan. 9.

Ratified at a recent meeting were Mrs. William DePauw, treasurer and Mr. Niel Lewis, first vice president. Mr. Lewis is the new vice principal of Anza school.

The board members of Anza PTA made bows and emblems for the Anza chorus robes they had presented to the chorus last year.

Parents of Anza students enjoyed a Christmas program of music by the Anza band and chorus and a play presented by Howard Hurley's English class.

**ARNOLD**  
At the November meeting, the Arnold PTA voted to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 1064 in addition to the Club Scout Troop they have sponsored the past three years.

Mrs. Darrell Larson, ways and means chairman, has announced there will be a paper drive on Jan. 10.

**CALLE MAYOR**  
"Christmas in Our Small World," was the theme of the Calle Mayor PTA program, presented by more than 200 students both afternoon and evening.

Featuring the school band directed by Mr. Dave Sherman and the 7th and 8th grade chorus, directed by Mrs. Paula Difere, the program of holiday music included offerings by individual classes.

The flag ceremony was conducted by Boy Scout Troop 486.

**NORTH HIGH**  
Six hundred parents enjoyed the vocal and instrumental talents of North High students, directed by Robert Jones and Daniel Waiker, when North High PTA held its "Together We Rejoice" Christmas-meeting and program.

Welcoming the parents, Mrs. A. J. Stilwell, president, conducted a brief business meeting at which time the association voted \$50 to the Torrance Council Milk Lunch Fund.

Refreshments of fruit cake made by Mrs. Harry Ringer, student welfare chairman, were served by the Junior Mothers at the close of the program.

**SEASIDE**  
Seaside PTA collected sev-

en cartons of candy from students after Halloween, and donated them to the Torrance YMCA to be distributed to the Navajo Indians in Arizona for Christmas.

During the week of Dec. 11 through 15, canned goods were collected from students for distribution to the Head Start Program.

The PTA board Christmas party to which Room Mothers were also invited was held at the home of Mrs. John Thayer on the evening of Dec. 8. Mrs. Edward Carroll, president, was hostess for the party.

Seaside PTA will be having a paper drive again in January.

**SEPULVEDA**  
Highlight of the annual Christmas program of Sepulveda PTA will be the musical entertainment provided by the children of the fourth through eighth grades in the form of choral singing. Each class will be under the direction of their own teachers.

**HOWARD WOOD**  
Some of the coming events of Howard Wood PTA will include a paper drive in January; "Country Store" sale in February; Bike Rodeo and Licensing in February; and, mid-winter conference in Inglewood on Jan. 31.

On Jan. 16 at 9:30, Mrs. Carl Kildoo and Mrs. Donald Darrow will attend the President's and Historian's meeting held at the Educational Materials Building in Torrance.

The sale of Defense Stamps will begin in January. These stamps are purchased by the students, put in a book that is provided, and when the book is full, a savings bond is given to them. Anyone interested in helping the PTA with this worthwhile project is asked to contact Mrs. Kildoo or Mr. Harinski.

**FERN GREENWOOD**  
The Dec. 14 PTA meeting was under the direction of Mr. William Peters. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students sang Christmas songs. The pledge of allegiance was led by "The Traveling Blue Birds."

The Fern Greenwood PTA Welfare committee under the direction of Mrs. John Musulin held a Christmas Canned Goods Drive.



Willing Santa Helpers

Torrance Junior Woman's Club, in the role of Santa Helpers, brought Christmas to the children at the Headstart school at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon. Loaded with toys and refreshments of punch and cookies, the Juniors visited the school and held a party from 9 until 12 noon. The school has been a Junior project directed by Mrs. Alex Bishop, education chairman. Helping her with the party were Mmes. James Bartz, Richard Leonard, Martin Coyle and Michael Myers. Mrs. James Brown was Santa. Children, with stars in their eyes, gathered around Santa are from left, Mary Marta, Freddie Flores, Elizabeth Wallace and Cynthia Ramirez, with Mrs. Bishop, Santa's helper.

### New Officers Preside at OES Meeting

New officers, headed by Worthy Matron Emma Ratzloff and Worthy Patron Arnold Ratzloff, presided at the first meeting of the new year for the Torrance chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Thursday at the Masonic Temple.

All women attending the meeting were presented with pin-on open Bibles and the men were given pin-on emblems. These were distributed by Carole Fowler, Donna Halquist and Patty Fowler.

Mrs. Ruth Hardin, past matron, was chairman for the evening. The theme, the open Bible, was used in decorations. A large open Bible held the inscription "Only Love Can Make Us Kind."

The open Bible replicas were the work of Mr. and Mrs. C. Outcalt.

A social hour followed the meeting. The dining tables were decorated with the pink carnation, flower of the year, placed in pink net down the center of the tables.

Mrs. Olen Halquist and Miss Donna Halquist were in charge of refreshments. Assisting them were Rolive Bever, Carolyn Peterson, Cheryl Peterson, Vivian Cook and Charlotte Outcalt.

Pouring coffee were Fred Bever, Joe Hardin and Homer Morgan. Cheryl Peterson was hostess for the evening. Helen Carpenter assisted with making the pin-ons.

### Ed Brandts Entertain At Holiday Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brandt, 22913 Fonthill Ave. entertained approximately 40 guests at a Christmas party at their home on Saturday evening.

Enjoying cocktails, guests sang carols with piano accompaniment and were entertained with Polynesian dances by Mrs. William Hunt.

At midnight, a holiday buffet supper was served.



CHRISTMAS FANTASY LAND

Palos Verdes Arts Association and the Southwest District Los Angeles County Medical Association auxiliary joined forces to make and present a castle for the children at Harbor Hospital. At the presentation are Mrs. Warren Amster, of the Arts Association and Mrs. James C. Hodge of the Medical auxiliary, watching Adriana Garcia as the princess in the castle. Mrs. Amster was assisted by Mrs. Dale Cox with the project.

### Circle Meet

Phoebe Circle of the First Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Katherine Boughton for its Christmas luncheon with 13 members present.

Mrs. B. Moyer conducted a short business session after which a gift exchange was held. Mrs. Moyer, chairman, was presented with a gift of appreciation.

The next circle meeting will be a potluck luncheon at the parsonage with Mrs. Arthur Nagel, hostess.

### Here for Winter

Mr. Arthur Gmur of New Glarus, Wis., has arrived to spend the winter months here with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gmur, 2317 W. 177th St.

### Houseguest

Mrs. J. W. Weber of Yucaipa spent several days here recently as the guest of Mrs. Vernice Davis on Western Ave.

### In Pacific Grove

Mrs. W. L. Shanklin, 23701 S. Western Ave. is spending the Christmas holidays in Pacific Grove with relatives and friends.

## Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I just read a financial study made by the Chase Manhattan Bank which attempted to compile all of the jobs a housewife performs daily and how much her salary would be if she were paid regular wages. Since the list ran fairly long, being that a wife is a combination cook, laundress, chauffeur, etc., it amounted to \$159.34 a week.

But I say the sum is a mere pittance, because the list failed to include a wife and mother's most valuable talent: that of being a performer of Academy Award ability in order to best cope with the unending dramas she confronts daily.

*I first became aware of my histrionic skills when I was trying to force pablum down the palate of one of our kids who was a baby at the time. As every mother knows, you plead, you exhort, you scrape two spoonful off the face to one from the bowl. Thus, try to imagine Bette Davis in "The Letter," only have her stating emotionally, "Peter, Peter, Peter. Eat your pablum. You must eat your pablum."*

Every morning I have to become an arm-waving, screaming Anna Magnani in order to get my kids off to school.

"Mamma-Mia!" I rant, fingers running through my hair, "LOOK for your other shoe! . . . NOW you tell me to wash the gym suit! . . . No, I don't remember which sandwich doesn't have mustard!"

Naturally, I would prefer to portray a more subdued type. Even Jane Wyman in "Johnny Belinda," that is, until after my first cup of coffee.

But not for long, because as so frequently happens in this household I often portray still another role—all smiles Doris Day, as I did just yesterday when the repairman arrived to fix the oven door.

"There seems to be just a little bolt missing from the hinge," I announced brightly, humming a few bars of "Whatever Will Be, Will Be."

"You're right," he replied, handing me a bill later for \$12.97. I don't know whether he noticed the one, lone tear tracing down my cheek.

Although no critic was around to appraise my performance, I turned in another stellar one not too long ago. One of the kids was sick, which was my cue to become calm, confident Rosalind Russell portraying the woman doctor. Anxious eyes awaited my medical diagnosis as I assured them in the corridor next to the bathroom. "It's only the 24-hour flu."

I could go on and on. My kids like me to be Lucille Ball, laughing off the fact that the living room looks like a wreck.

At least I can relax when my husband returns home from work in the evening and be myself. No frills. Just me.

Elizabeth Taylor.

### Christmas Guests

Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomsen on El Prado will be Mrs. Thomsen's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Meacham and sons, Paul, Jr., and Todd of Hermosa Beach; her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rugraff, a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hunt; Tom Thomsen; and Mrs. Marjorie Monstead, Redondo Beach.

### Visits Parents

Miss Christine Pederson, student at the University of California at Santa Barbara is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peder Pederson on Osage Avenue.

### European Trip

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fields, who make their home at the Knolls Lodge on S. Western Ave. in Torrance, returned recently from a three months vacation in Europe.



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## Arts and Crafts Club Celebrates Yuletide

Mrs. Oscar Fossum and Mrs. Hazel Ward were co-hostesses for the Christmas Dinner Party for the Arts and Crafts Club at the Fossum home on Cota Avenue Friday evening.

Dinner was served at tables festive in the yuletide decorations.

A gift exchange was held at the Christmas tree and "secret pals" for the past year were revealed. Names were drawn for new "secret pals" for the coming year.

A Christmas "postoffice" for a holiday cards exchange was another highlight.

Club members attending were Mmes. Maybelle Banks, Melvina Beckwith, Rolive Bever, Helen Carpenter, Florence Childs, Vivian Cook, Leila Everly, Fran Snodgrass, Vena Hamilton.

Also, Mmes. Ruth Hardin,

### Knolls Club Has Annual Yule Dinner

Knolls Lodge entertained with its annual Christmas dinner at the lodge, 23701 S. Western Ave., on Saturday evening Dec. 16. The "Harris Four and Mala" orchestra provided music for dancing.

The Thursday Club, a group of women living at the lodge, knitted and made articles of clothing and collected canned goods to be given to the Salvation Army.

The Knolls Travelers Club chartered two buses on Friday and made the trip to Sierra Madre to see the Christmas tree lights.

The Club also selected two names from the "Angel Tree" sponsored by the Palos Verdes Junior Women's Club and provided clothing for the children.

The "Mello Tones" orchestra will play for the New Year's Dance to be held at the clubhouse.

### Family Gathers At Gmur Home

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gmur will entertain relatives at the annual Christmas dinner at their home on 177th St.

Gathering around the festive table will be Messrs. and Mmes. Donald Papp, Mark and John of Laguna; Ira Burrus, Lance and Brock, Lomita; O. L. Chapman, Palm Desert.

Others will be Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yunker, Covina; Mrs. C. Dyas and Andrew, Grover City; and George and John Yunker, Covina.

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