



SINGERS OF HOPE . . . The Singers of Hope, a newly formed group of Christian women who will sing at various church functions in the area, will entertain at a meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Council of Church Women United. The session will be held at Walteria United Methodist Church, 3646 Newton St., at noon. Members of the group are (front, from left) Janet Barker, Rosalyn Stoles, and Sarone Holt and (back, from left) Margie Weisser, Paddy Myers, and Joy Smith. Joyce O'Bright, also a member of the group, was not present for this photograph. (Press-Herald Photo)

First Baptist Church Organ Recital Slated Monday

PATRICIA OUWENDIJK To Give Recital
Mrs. Patricia Ouwendijk, organist at the First Baptist Church of Torrance, will play an organ vesper program of Christmas music at the church Sunday at 6:45 p.m.

The public is invited to the program. The church is located at 2118 Carson St.

Mrs. Ouwendijk, a graduate of Torrance High School, attended El Camino College and received her degree from California State College at Long Beach. She studied music under Colette Nance, a concert pianist, and the late Dr. Peter Slack.

Organist at the First Baptist Church for the past 13 years, she also has served as organist at the First Methodist Church of Torrance and at the First Christian Church of Torrance, as

well as at churches in Long Beach and Huntington Park.

Mrs. Ouwendijk is a member of the Long Beach Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She has taught in the Torrance schools for the past 14 years.

She will play works by Benoit, Matthews, Purvis, Guilman, and Bach during Sunday's vesper program.

Following the organ concert, the 50-voice Campus Choir will present "An Evening of Christmas Music." The choir will be accompanied by the Youth Handbell Choir under the direction of Mrs. Michael Medved.

Pueblo Fiesta Slated

Residents of the Pueblo section of Torrance will begin their annual fiesta honoring the Virgen de Guadalupe will be an 11 a.m. mass tomorrow at St. Joseph's Mission, 2314 Del Amo Blvd.

A procession will form following the mass and the fiesta will open at 12:30 p.m.

Special events for the afternoon will include a demonstration of Mexican folk dances by youngsters from the Pueblo and entertainment by a Mexican band from 2 to 6 p.m. Game and food booths will be open throughout the afternoon.

The events will be held at the Pueblo Community Center and are open to the public.

Fr. John LaCerna will celebrate the mass which will open the annual fiesta.

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'Creator' Subject Of Lesson

"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God Himself that formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain. He formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else."

These words of Isaiah are part of the Scriptural readings in the Bible lesson-sermon titled "God the Only Cause and Creator" to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday.

One of the correlative passages taken from the denominational textbook will be the following: "Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress. The age seems ready to approach this subject, to ponder somewhat the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem of Truth's garment." ("Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy)

The Sunday service at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 218th Street and Manuel Avenue, begins at 11 a.m.

Women's Guild Slates Annual Holiday Lunch

The Women's Guild of Central Evangelical Brethren Church will hold a Christmas luncheon meeting Wednesday, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

The event will be held in the Guild Hall, Marcelina and Arlington Avenues.

Following a brief business meeting, potluck luncheon will be served. Mrs. Walter Stanton, guild president, is in charge.

Teacher to Direct Christmas Program

This year's Children's Christmas program at Ascension Lutheran Church has been written and will be directed by a member of the Sunday School Staff, Mrs. Robert Bernard.

"A Child of Hope," a pageant featuring readings, songs, and group recitations, will be presented at the church, 17910 S. Prairie Av., at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 and 24.

The program will encompass the Christmas Story as revealed through prophecy, the Annunciation, and in the Nativity scene. Done in semi-darkness

with spotlights focusing upon the individual scenes, each of the six Sunday School Departments will contribute to the program.

Mrs. Bernard, a resident of Manhattan Beach, is a graduate of Concordia Teachers College of Seward, Neb., and has taught in public and parochial schools in this area. At Ascension Lutheran she is head of Sunday School's Pre-Teen Department.

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Sermon of the Week Faith Will Help Solve Life's Little Problems

REV. H. MILTON SIPPET
First Christian Church

Lord C. P. Snow, outstanding British scholar, delivered an address at Westminster College the other day. In his address he confessed that he is near despair at the state of the world in general. He suggested that a major catastrophe will descend upon the world before the end of the century.

He is not the only one who is expressing such fears today. But then we have always had prophets of doom. If there were no God in the universe, the people of the earth probably would have exterminated themselves long before this, but God has a purpose and a plan for this earth and man cannot thwart it.

That the world is in a precarious condition no one will deny. Many Christians believe conditions are ready for the physical return of Jesus Christ to the earth to rule and reign and to correct the evil which now exists. But Christians have believed this from the days of the Apostles. God may enter history in this way once again as He did 2000 years ago, or He may enter in some other cataclysmic manner, but God will not be defeated.

Mankind has always faced major and minor problems. It is my opinion that we, as individuals, need to concentrate on the relatively minor problems we face as well as those that are worldwide in scope. It is possible to emphasize the really big problems and become defeated by little problems in our own lives.

There are many problems we have to face which cannot be resolved. They remain with us through life. If we allow them to do so they can completely defeat us and it is these problems I want us to consider. What are some of them?

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THERE IS the problem of limited ability. We are continually being counseled to hitch our wagons to stars. We should have goals and ambitions which cannot be completely attained and are always beckoning us on to heights beyond, yet, there are some areas in which we cannot excel because of physical or mental limitations. Here is a student who has always had the desire to be a doctor. It has been an all consuming passion with him, but in spite of the fact that he has done his best, his grades in college are not high enough to admit him to a medical school.

ANOTHER problem is the adjustment we have to make to the other members of our family. We can choose our friends, but we cannot choose our blood relatives. I am not inferring that this is always a problem. Fortunately many family relationships are very happy, but frequently in my ministry I have wished I could go to some parent and say very bluntly: "You are a real problem in the life of your child" or "You are the basic cause for unsocial behavior on the part of your child."

I am thinking particularly of with business or social affairs the parents who are so occupied that they have little or no time to be concerned with their children's activities — or of the over-indulgent parents who never allow their children to bear real responsibilities and learn the meaning of discipline.

However, the greatest number of domestic problems arise between husbands and wives. Whoever composed our traditional wedding ceremony showed great wisdom when he included that little phrase "for better or for worse." Some people think it has always been "for worse."

Marriage isn't always "for worse." It should be and it can be "for better." There are many happy, successful, well adjusted homes and the majority of them have some vital connection with God. But even in happy homes, adjustments to personality differences must be made and in spite of all you may have done as an individual there may be problems in your life because of parents, or in-laws, or children, or just because of the person you married.

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WHAT CAN we do about tragic life situations or problems over which we have absolutely no control. Let me make three brief suggestions.

• Accept that which cannot be changed. Worrying and fret-

ing certainly will not help. You might just as well be frank with yourself and accept that which you cannot change. But first make certain that it is absolutely beyond your power to change.

Concentrate your attention and energy on your present opportunities instead of on your present problems. Some people have allowed one problem to defeat them and thus have failed to develop their opportunities in other areas.

Remember that the future is unpredictable, never give up hope. Miracles do occur. Certainly this is true in regard to the physically handicapped. Medical science has wrought miracles and still greater ones will be performed in the future. Your future is unpredictable and therefore hope should never be abandoned.

You may not have a problem in your life today — I hope you don't — but unless you are most unusual you will be called upon to face one or more sometime in your life. What I have said could have been stated by a psychiatrist, but truth is truth whether it comes from science or religion.

What do Christians have which psychiatry, as such, does not have? Just this — there is a God and God rewards those who diligently seek him. He gives us wisdom and courage and strength far beyond our own. There is much that we do not know about God but we do know that He is like Jesus Christ.

Jesus identified himself with people in their sin and in their suffering. Their problems became his problems. It is a priceless privilege to believe in a Christlike God. Such faith will enable us to accept those problems which we cannot change.

Appeal for Funds Ends On Dec. 31

The Torrance World Service Appeal will end on Dec. 31.

The World Service Appeal is an annual campaign conducted by Seventh-Day Adventist support Adventist welfare, disaster relief, educational, medical, and mission work in 190 countries.

Our local goal is \$2,900,000. All solicitors for the Torrance campaign will be identified, unpaid, Seventh-day Adventist volunteers. By using volunteers and already existing channels for handling the funds, the church is able to eliminate overhead expenses. All money goes to further the church's humanitarian activities.

Wayfarers' To Light Candles

Christmas candles "to shine in your window Christmas Eve" will be lighted at the altar of the Wayfarers' Chapel following a special vesper service Sunday evening.

The church choir will be featured at the evening vesper service.

Lighting of the candles this year will mark the revival of a Christmas tradition which began in the early days of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, when lighted candles and carols were an integral part of the Peninsula Christmas observance.

New Look Theme of Sermon
"A New Look at You" will be the subject of a sermon by the Rev. Dr. — Frank E. Richelle, pastor at the Church of Religious Science, Sunday. Services are scheduled at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

The church is located at 807 Knob Hill Ave., Redondo Beach. Nursery care is provided for all services.

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