

TOWNE TALK

"Just for Fun"

By RAS BERRY

Well, Christmas has went by and now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their New Year resolutions. I have made one resolution that is gonna be kept and this is it. You see among other things the boss at our house give me a nice set of lace curtains for Christmas so I am making a resolve to next yr. give her a set of 12 inch trays.

They is plenty of other—I started to say bozos, but I ain't gonna say bozos any more because Mrs. Bill Booth says she simply hates that word—they is plenty of other bozos which should ought to make and keep some New Yrs. resolutions. And following is some that should ought to be made and kept.

Verne Babcock—Never no more to send out them notices that says you is overdrawn, and you better come in pronto and the other ones that says your note is due and what are you gonna do about it.

Officer Brundette—Never to buy no more water.

Hurum Reeve—Never to make no more speeches before the Women's Club.

Mrs. Bill Booth—To skip every item that has the word bozo in it.

Bill Gascoigne—To buy side bumpers for his car and carry a first aid kit under the seat.

Bob Deinger—To not cheat the barbers no more.

Sam Levy—To always do what my wife tells me and never leave the store on Saturday.

Sam Rappaport—Not to go to no prize fights in 1926.

Don Findley, Grover Whyte and Bill Bolles—To get married and quit pretending to feel sorry for the (Mrs. Booth, please skip) bozos that is married when all they got to do themselves nights is get around and wish they had something to do.

Tom Foley—Not to insure nobody against fire after death.

Spud Murphy—Next Fall pick the football teams each Sat. that I think is going to win and then bet against my judgment and clean up some money.

Charlie Vonderahe—To never leave Calif. again.

Gene DeBra—To carry a sign on my forehead telling people that I am growing a moustache.

Me—To quit razzing Bob Deinger about his whiskers. (See Footnote.)

 EL TORO THEATRE
 Ananias LeBoeuf, Manager
 Our Motto: Bully for You

 Coming Attractions
 J. C. Smith in "Dirt Cheap,"
 by Leah Les Tate.

 Lovelle Ott in "Sausage," by
 Mister Howins.

 Gene DeBra in "The Tiekler,"
 by Downey Lipp.

I wish that Everett Malone hadn't sold out to Geo. Probert. Everett he lived next door to me and our foomal cat et plenty of his baby chicks and we was gonna kill that cat and Everett says No I'll take her down to the drug store because they is a lot of mice down there and she can kill them for us which was O. K. with me. Well we took the cat down to the store and she et all them mice and was getting along nicely. Then Everett sold out. And the cat got pretty fat, suspiciously so. So the other night I hears a meow out on the front porch and I went out and there was a box with the cat in it and a card on the box says Here is your cat back WITH INTEREST. The mice is all gone. New Year Greetings. Now ain't that a nice present. I wish Everett hadn't never sold out. He was good to cats.

The expectant felina is now somewhere in the oil fields.
 (FOOTNOTE—Providing he gets a shave.)

Ask School Girls To Club Meeting

Mrs. Johnson, district chairman of Junior work, will speak at the Women's Club on Tuesday, Jan. 5. The girls of the High School are cordially invited to be present and hear her.
 Another speaker will be Miss Jennings of Los Angeles, formerly of New York, who will discuss interior decoration.

TORRANCE HOSPITAL
 Beulah Russell, 10, of 2912 Carson street, and Mrs. Leslie Sanger of Los Angeles are recovering from major operations.

"Pete" Richey is able to get about in a wheel chair, and hopes to return in a few days to his home on East Chestnut street.

CHARMEEN



This latest gown creation of black charmeen is charmingly ornamented with bronze and silver on the sleeves and skirt. The hat is made of black taffeta. They are worn by Eleanor Boardman.

BRIEF NEWS

The Torrance Relief Society announces that a needy woman in Torrance has for sale a White rotary sewing machine. Any person who is interested in the purchase, at a reasonable price, of such a machine is requested to communicate with Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, Post avenue, phone 217-J.

Mrs. Ruth Steele, local agent for the Southern California Edison Company, attended a meeting of managers and local agents held Monday in Los Angeles. At noon luncheon was enjoyed at the Billmore Hotel.

Ernest, month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter of 2933 Camino Real, died at the parents' home Dec. 29. Funeral arrangements, in charge of Stone and Myers, have not been completed.

SOCIETY

MRS. DORA SCHMIDT HOSTESS AT CLUB

A most happy Christmas party was given last Saturday evening at the Redondo Golf Club in Clifton by Mrs. Dora Schmidt of Carson street, Torrance, who was assisted by her five daughters, Mrs. Dora Greb of Palms, Mrs. Florence Holthaus of Torrance, Mrs. Mamie Stock of Clifton, Mrs. Rose Wiese of Hermosa, and Mrs. Alice Springer of Torrance.

The clubhouse was tastefully decorated with Christmas greens, and a 25-foot tree laden with gifts for the "kiddies" attracted much attention. Tables were laden with the delicacies of the season and everyone enjoyed the Christmas dinner. Dancing followed, with the old steps, the Virginia reel, quadrille and polka, as well as the modern ones.

Friends and relatives gathered from a wide circle of Southern California towns, with representatives from San Fernando Valley, Ontario, Orange, and the nearby towns. At midnight a buffet supper was served, and all went home very much delighted with the pleasant evening.

MRS. ROY WINTERS GIVEN A SURPRISE

Mrs. Roy Winters was very completely and agreeably surprised last Tuesday afternoon. Calling for Mrs. John Guyan, who, she supposed, would accompany her to Long Beach, Mrs. Winters was invited in to inspect Christmas purchases, and was greeted by about forty friends assembled in her honor.

Vocal solos by Miss Rose Rothleder, with Mrs. A. Zahradnik at the piano, and piano solos by Mrs. Zahradnik contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment.

Mrs. Winters was presented with a beautiful layette and several other gifts. The Guyan home was beautifully decorated with holly and poinsettias. Refreshments of cake, tea and home-made candy were served.

FITZHUGH AT TWO FAMILY REUNIONS

Two family reunions kept the J. M. Fitzhugh family busy during the holidays. Members of the Rowley family gathered at the Fitzhugh home on Arlington avenue for dinner and a Christmas eve party Thursday, and on Friday Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh and family attended a reunion of the Fitzhugh family at the home of Mr. Fitzhugh's grandmother, Mrs. L. M. Fitzhugh, of Highland Park.

Four generations were represented among the 24 members of the family present.

OPEN HOUSE AT PROCTOR HOME

At a family dinner given Christmas Day by Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor of Post avenue places were indicated for Mr. and Mrs. William K. Earle and son Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Redley and son Harold, Mrs. Eva Hopps of Los Angeles; Mrs. J. C. Baker and daughter Catherine, of Whittier; Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steinhilber and son Wallace, and the host and hostess.

In the evening the Proctors held open house. Among the out-of-town guests who called to exchange the season's greetings were Mr. and Mrs. Don Guy, Mrs. Barbara Proctor, and Mr. and Mrs. Bloun, of Los Angeles.

TWENTY RELATIVES AT CREIGHTON DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. William Creighton of Redondo boulevard entertained twenty relatives at an attractive Christmas dinner party. After dinner the guests assembled in the living room, where a beautiful tree laden with gifts awaited them. An enjoyable time followed as the presents were opened by both young and old.

FAMILY REUNION AT BARTLETT HOME

Among the guests at a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bartlett of Gramercy avenue were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes and family, of Lomita, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett and daughter. In the evening the entire party were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kochler of Los Angeles.

TOLSON FAMILY HAS FINE CHRISTMAS TREE

A beautifully trimmed Christmas tree at the J. S. Tolson home bore gifts for the following members of the family, who assembled Thursday evening and had a wonderfully enjoyable time: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tolson and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tolson and family, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tolson and family.

WEEKEND GUESTS AT A. B. WOLFE HOME

Guests who enjoyed a big Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wolfe of Sierra street and remained over the weekend were Miss Mame Hill of New York, Mrs. Helen Guggenheimer of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. E. Weisgold of Hynes, and Jimmy Wolfe.

HAVE YULE DINNER AT ATHLETIC CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. MacAlpine of Gramercy avenue were hosts at a charmingly appointed Christmas dinner at the Women's Athletic

HIKER



Eleanore Sears, Boston society leader and athlete, hiked from Providence, R. I., to Boston to win a bet. She walked the 44 miles in 11 hours.

Club in Los Angeles. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sinclair of Los Angeles, Mrs. W. F. Mentone of Santa Ana, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zimmerman of Pasadena, and the host and hostess.

EMPLOYEES GIVE MR. TOLSON SURPRISE

H. M. Tolson was given an agreeable surprise Tuesday of last week when employees of the Tolson Transportation Company gathered at the Evangelical Guild Hall for a musical evening in his honor.

Mr. Tolson was presented with a Winchester pump gun—"just what he wanted."

Over sixty guests enjoyed the evening, at the close of which refreshments were served.

ODD FELLOWS DANCE AT LOMITA TONIGHT

Don't miss the masquerade dance tonight at the Odd Fellows Temple, Redondo-Wilmington boulevard. There'll be good music, a good floor, and a jolly crowd. See the old year out and the new year in with the Odd Fellows.



AS THE YEAR comes to a close we like to think of our customers as our friends. We feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but the reflection of theirs.

And so on the eve of a New Year, we extend to your our hearty good wishes for a very Prosperous 1926.

Please Note That Beginning Monday, Jan. 4, Rappaport's Will Close at 6 P. M., Saturdays at 9 P. M.

Rappaport's
DEPARTMENT STORE
TORRANCE

Briney Installed By Eastern Star

Perry G. Briney was installed as worthy patron of Torrance Chapter, O. E. S., on Thursday evening, Dec. 24.

Jean Guyan was the installing marshal, and John Winters, patron for 1925, was the installing officer. After Mr. Briney's installation he was escorted to the east, where he thanked the chapter for the honor conferred upon him.

Mr. Briney presented his worthy matron, Persia K. Fess, with a beautiful gavel. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7:30.

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Masonic Families Invited to Attend New Year's Party

All Masons and Eastern Stars and their families—particularly the families—are invited to attend the children's New Year's party to be held in Masonic Temple, Sartori avenue, Thursday evening, Dec. 31. The committee in charge of arrangements has arranged an excellent program, and all who attend are sure to have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Ferguson of Redondo boulevard and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Harden of Monterey Park were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ferrier of Los Angeles.

Fine Gifts Awarded By House of Parr

George Parr, proprietor of the House of Parr Values, announces that gifts in the store's Christmas grab-bag were awarded as follows: Set of 25 pieces of silverware to Mrs. J. H. Crumrine, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 391; 18-piece set of decorated ivory toilet ware to Miss Ruth Mackenzie, 1815 Andree avenue; \$7.50 merchandise order to J. M. Parker of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company; \$5 merchandise order to Mrs. George S. Conley of Moneta; \$2.50 merchandise order to Margaret Tiffany, 2066 Carson street.

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