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MASONS TO INSTAL NEXT WEEK

Hundreds Attend City's Christmas Program Thursday

A four minute earthquake at Rome shook down houses and large buildings...

Chinese pirates, who for years have been the scourge of the China seas, plundered the French steamer...

A fusillade of pistol shots rang out in the business district of South Pittsburg, Tennessee...

In no country in the world were the protests against the Sacco-Vanzetti execution more severe than in the Argentine...

News dispatches from Hong-kong, China, declare that during the crushing of the Communist revolt in China during the past two weeks...

From Detroit, automobile capital of the world, comes news of the first move by the General Motors Corporation in the competition against the new Ford model...

Scientists of Harvard university announced the discovery of a new member of the solar system which brilliantly lighted the eastern sky just before sunrise during Christmas week...

Whenever President Coolidge takes a trip he is accompanied by a host of newspaper correspondents and batteries of photographers...

Miss Fannie Broyles is very much alive although she has attended her own funeral and listened to a funeral sermon preached over the coffin in which she spent several hours...

CAROLLING FEATURES EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Totten Present Nativity Tableau SANTA IS THERE, TOO Orderly Handling of Crowd Credit to Torrance Fire Dept.

The hundreds of boys and girls and the hundreds of adults, too, who enjoyed the Torrance Community Christmas tree and program Thursday night voted it the best in the history of the city.

From the full-voiced singing of the carols to the orderly manner in which the little folks filed out to receive their presents the program was a marked success.

Rev. H. H. Linsafere opened the program as master of ceremonies. Words of Christmas carols were thrown on a screen and sung by the audience.

Rev. G. C. Schmidt of the Central Evangelical church delivered a message while the crowd stood with bowed heads. After the singing of more carols it was announced by Chief Ben Hannabank that Santa Claus was close at hand and sure enough, he belted the old fellow on the stage.

Especially impressive was the Christmas tableau presented under the auspices of the First Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Totten, representing Joseph and Mary, were the center of attraction.

Under direction of Boy Scouts supervised by Scout Commissioner Moore the little folks filed out in two lines and received goodies and toys.

Adults were high in their praise of the manner in which the firemen arranged the program and the manner in which the Scouts handled the little folks to prevent crowding, pushing and possible accidents.

What Little Girl Wrote Note for Cream Wheat Doll?

What little girl in Torrance wrote to the Cream Wheat Co. of Minneapolis, inclosing two packages of soap and asking the company for an 18 inch Rastus Doll?

The staff at the Torrance post office and the Cream of Wheat Co. would very much like to know. It was this way, some little girl in Torrance wrote a very nice letter to the company at Minneapolis dated December 15 inclosing two packages of soap and asking the company for an 18 inch Rastus Doll?

Shortly after New Year's there will be made public tests of an... (Continued on Last Page)

Observations

Quick Punishment for Hickman—His Crime and His Mind—The Absurd Tendency to Save Insane Murderers—Capital Punishment for All Killers By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN the whole revolting book of American crime no such a record has ever been written as that which has come piece by piece and unwillingly from the lips of William Edward Hickman.

HICKMAN committed a crime not only against one member of society, but against society as a whole. The case brings home forcibly the fact that mortal emotions almost solely govern human conduct.

IN this case surely even the sickly sentimentalists will be among those who are demanding swift, sure punishment for Hickman. Let us have no heart touching pictures of Hickman's suffering mother. Let us have no word wearing concerning her agonies.

WE are given to understand that the courts are promising a speedy trial for Hickman subject to a minimum of delay. However under legal practice there will be some delay.

THESE are the questions to which the public must now be giving some thought, but questions to which the answers are obvious.

IN several states including California efforts have been made to rectify this wrong and we may hope that before long the remedy will be effective.

OF Hickman, himself, and his particular case there is only one conclusion. He is too dangerous to be allowed to live even though the balance of his life were behind the bars.

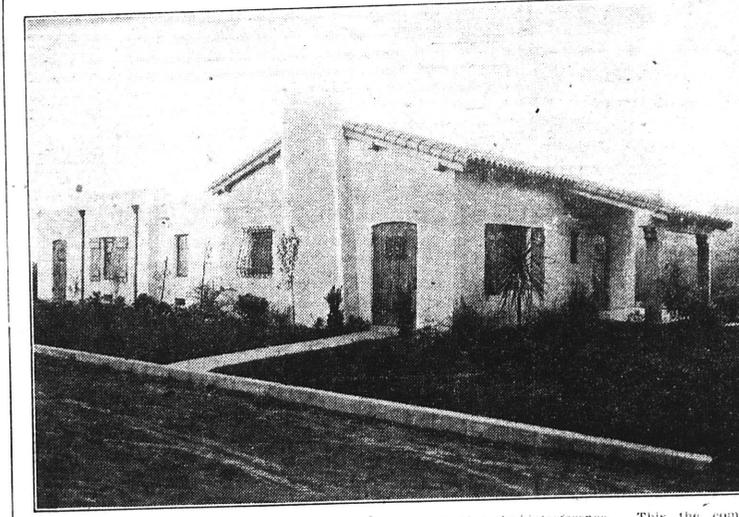
ONCE upon a time I was among those who regard capital punishment as a social murder. Time, age, mature judgment, and the study of a few murder cases have changed my mind.

At a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fix of Palm street, were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Price of Topeka, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Fix of Torrance, and Clarence Fix of San Francisco.

"The Good Samaritan"



Controversy Arises Over Sub-Station



A public hearing on a proposal to rezone two lots on Madrid avenue from the residence to the industrial zone so that the Southern California Edison company may erect a sub-station on the property will be held on Tuesday night, Jan. 3rd.

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NOTICE TO MERCHANTS

The Herald wishes to inform the public and particularly merchants of Torrance that we are in no way connected with solicitors who are promoting a cash discount proposition in Torrance.

Relief Society Puts Out 40 Baskets to Needy Ones

Christmas was merry for every one in Torrance this year, according to members of the Torrance Relief Society who distributed 40 well filled Christmas baskets to homes which otherwise might have known only a drab Yuletide.

EVENT IS SET FOR JAN. 9

Brother of Worshipful Master-Elect to Be Installing Officer MASONS' FRIENDS ASKED Impressive Ceremony Will Be Staged at Masonic Temple

Two Local Men Severely Hurt as Car Crashes

George Watson, Jr. and Carl Burmaster Injured Near Venice

Grandson of Local Woman Winner of High Art Honors

Richard Earle of Los Angeles, grandson of Mrs. Nettie Steinbiller of Torrance and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor of Torrance, was awarded first prize for the best costume designed in a contest conducted by the Art Teachers' Association of Southern California last week.

WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE?

- Sunday, Jan. 1—Services in all churches. Evening, "The Light Eternal" at Central Evangelical Church. A cantata at First Christian church. Tuesday, Jan. 3—Trustees meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 4—Regular meeting Torrance Masonic Lodge. Regular meeting Women's Club. Friday, Jan. 6, 10 a. m. to 12—Mothers' Educational Center at Women's Club. 8 p. m. Masonic Installation, Masonic Temple. C. S. Lecture, KFON. January 9—Brotherhood dinner, Methodist church.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS A married couple is the original debating society