

### THAT CAR OF YOURS

Underinflated tires cause more difficulty in steering than lack of lubrication.

Occasionally clean the strainer at the bottom of the carburetor. If mixture is suspected of excessive richness, have it adjusted by an expert.

Inspect the cartridge or straining unit of the oil filter before starting on a long tour. If it has seen 10,000 miles of service and is the non-cleanable type, buy a new one.

In some gasoline gauges an allowance of one or two gallons for reserve in the tank is made deliberately by manufacturers in order to protect the car owner against running out of gas.

It is a good idea to have your steering gear checked and adjusted once in a while by an able mechanic who can replace all worn parts, take up looseness, release binding and lubricate thoroughly.

Rubbing of wire against some part of the metal chassis is frequently the cause of short circuit. To obviate the danger where a wire is exposed, slip rubber tubing over the section of wire where contact might be made then tape firmly in place.

Don't tempt fate with tires that are badly worn. Wear out the old ones in day-to-day service, not on trips. Higher speeds call for higher tire pressure. From three to five pounds over the normal is essential. A blow-out in front when driving at high speed can turn the car over.

M. Yamoto reported to the police that he had found four stray horses on his property.

## SOCIETY

### WHAT'S ON IN TORRANCE

Today, Dec. 17—Odd Fellows, City Council meeting and American Legion Auxiliary. \* Wednesday, Dec. 18—Masons, Moose and Women's Club. \* Thursday, Dec. 19—W. R. C., Episcopal Ladies Auxiliary, Lutheran Ladies Aid. \* Friday, Dec. 20—Torrance Relief Society, Royal Neighbors and Woodmen.

**O. E. S. OFFICERS ARRANGE PARTY**  
Officers of the Eastern Star gave a farewell party to the chapter in the Masonic Temple last Thursday evening.

A 6:30 dinner was served, for which the tables were beautifully decorated in Christmas colors. A length of red crepe paper was placed down the center of each table, and one this was a huge bowl of poinsettias placed on a large silver star. Red poinsettia cups filled with red and green tinted mints were placed at each place.

During the business meeting following the dinner, the past matrons and past patrons, as well as the newly-elected matron, Mrs. May Sidebotham; patron, J. H. Fess; associate matron, Mrs. Juliette Johnson; associate patron, Kenneth D. Mitchell; were escorted to the East; Mrs. Minnie Smith, Mrs. Edith Davis and Mrs. O. E. Postum were initiated into the chapter.

A large Wilton rug, with a star woven in, was formally presented to the chapter by the Betsy Ross Star club. Mrs. Gwendolyn Knudson, president of that organization, made the presentation speech, which was answered by Worthy Matron Mrs. Joe Stone. The rug will be used in the lodge room.

Mr. Clifford Simpson, departing worthy patron, gave a farewell talk to the chapter, after which he presented Mrs. Stone with a dozen knives and forks in the new Deauville pattern. Mrs. Stone presented Mr. Simpson with a lovely leather traveling bag.

### CELEBRATES 7th BIRTHDAY

Emmilla Carr celebrated her seventh birthday recently when a party was given for her at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr on Andree avenue.

Christmas decorations were used about the house with tall red and green tapers on the table. Favours were Santa Claus baskets and candy canes. The birthday cakes were iced in red and green and was topped by seven lighted candles. Games furnished the amusement for the afternoon.

Present were Barbara and Virginia Hall, Mildred Kehoe, Rosalie McNeil, Maxine Clark, Dorothy

### RETURNS TO FIND SURPRISE PARTY

The birthday of Mrs. John H. Rose of 1523 Amapola avenue, was the incentive for a delightful surprise party Saturday evening. The surprise was sponsored by Mr. Wesley Rose and Mrs. Alfred Kerber, who, during the absence of Mrs. Rose on a shopping tour, decorated the house in Christmas festoons and flowers. A huge basket of yellow chrysanthemums formed the floral note in the decorations. Games of various types, dancing and cards amused the guests during the evening. Noisemakers were given as prizes for both pinocle and bridge.

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### MRS. HARDER HOSTESSES TO CLUB

Mrs. Al Harder entertained the Friday Afternoon club with a lovely bridge luncheon at her home on Amapola avenue last week. A Christmas tree, trimmed and lighted, and with a small gift for every guest placed on it, was one of the features of the day.

Honors for high score at bridge were awarded to Mrs. B. R. Smith, with consolation to Mrs. Lou Deinger.

Present were Mrs. Fred Palmer, club guest; Mrs. Ellis Harder, Mrs. Raymond Young, Mrs. E. W. Hudson, Mrs. Floyd Evans, Mrs. W. H. Stanger, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. Joe Stone, Mrs. Frank Palmer, Mrs. Lou Deinger, Mrs. Ray Leslie and the hostess, Mrs. Al Harder.

### YOUNG PEOPLES' BENEFIT

The Young Peoples' Benefit held a meeting on the evening of Dec. 9 at the home of Miss Doris Worrell on El Prado. A part of the organization's constitution was read and discussed.

### WOMEN'S CLUB PLAN DINNER FOR MEN

Young Master New Year has several interesting things in his little bag of tricks for the Women's club of Torrancia.

At the very beginning of the year on January third the members will entertain their husbands at the annual Husband's Night dinner. And it will be a regular he-man dinner, too, Turkey and everything. Mrs. L. B. Kelsey, Mrs. J. W. Neelands and Mrs. P. G. Briney will be in charge of the culinary department. (Better speech class please notice). Mrs. L. H. Dolley is arranging a peppy program, and in every way the ladies are going to do their best to please their better halves.

If there is any lone lady whose husband is away, or who has not yet acquired that useful commodity, she may bring a man or woman friend as guest, so there is no reason why anyone should stay away.

### WOMEN'S CLUB TEA THIS WEEK

The regular meeting of the Torrancia Women's club will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. It will be an informal meeting, and the afternoon will be spent in a friendly interchange of ideas. The roll call, which has proven so popular, will again give each member an opportunity to express herself, as everyone present will be asked to give a current event, or to quote a bit of verse or story.

Tea will be served on card tables at the conclusion of the meeting.

### FOUR GUESTS OVER SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Maxfield entertained Mrs. A. Babcock of Los Angeles, and Mrs. E. Maxfield of Hollywood at their home Sunday. Little Bobby Maxfield had Alice and Phyllis Anderson of Los Angeles as his guests.

### ALFRED HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Alfred Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Rose of 1523 Amapola avenue, celebrated his fifth birthday last Thursday when he was given a surprise birthday party.

Jolly games were played during the afternoon, after which refreshments were served from a table decorated with a tiny Christmas tree. Unique favors, combining candy and a horn, were presented to the little guests.

Present were Wayne Elsenhour, Bert Harder, Jay McGill, Jackie Jensen, Billy Murray, Ruth Kerber, Victor Rose and Alfred Rose.

### LEAVE SEALS OFF FRONTS OF PACKAGES

Postmaster Gourdir Warns Public on Rulings of Post Office Department

All seals used with Christmas letters or packages should not be placed on the same side as that which carries the address, Postmaster Al Gourdir pointed out today morning during the busy holiday season. Christmas seals or stickers carrying the words "Don't Open Until Christmas" should rather be placed on the back of parcels.

Never should such seals be placed over the strings or in any way to prevent the postal department from easily opening packages. Sealed packages can only be mailed as first class rates which are much higher than parcel post rates. Addresses should be very plainly and explicitly written and every parcel or letter should also carry the sender's address. In sending sealed bags of nuts or similar material it is required that a cloth label be sewed (not tied on the sack or bag). The department will not allow them to be shipped when the label is only tied to the package.

### Penney Company Sales Show 26 Percent Increase

Gross sales of the J. C. Penney Co. during November showed an increase of \$5,101,958.65 or 26.43 per cent, as compared with gross sales for the corresponding period last year. Sales for last month totaled \$24,405,975.37, against sales of \$19,304,016.72 in November, 1928. Cumulative gross sales for the year, up to and including November 30, were \$180,087,463.42, as compared with cumulative gross sales of \$151,598,696.69 for the first eleven months in 1928. This represents an increase of \$28,488,766.73, or 18.80 per cent.

In releasing the sales report of the J. C. Penney Company for November 1929, E. C. Sams, president of the company said:

"This represents the second largest increase registered by our company in the past nineteen months. November's 26.43% increase being exceeded during that period by last August's gain of 28.07%. This showing indicates to us that the buying power of the country has been little affected by the most recent slump in the stock market. Early December reports are most favorable, and we confidently expect a Christmas business that will set a new high in volume for our company."

### FIVE YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper

Dr. J. S. Lancaster will return Thursday from an extended trip through the East, including a course of study at the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minn.

### HONORS GUEST AT BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. J. Forbes Anderson entertained with an afternoon of bridge last Tuesday afternoon, honoring her mother, Mrs. Jennie Goodfellow of Ohio, who is spending the winter at the Anderson home on Engracia avenue.

A huge basket of poinsettias graced the home on provided holiday atmosphere.

Honors for high score at bridge were awarded to Mrs. F. B. Dilley, with second to Mrs. Paul Kaaper. Present were Mrs. F. B. Dilley, Mrs. V. L. Maxfield, Mrs. George Watson, Mrs. J. H. Fess, Mrs. Paul Kaaper, Mrs. Helen Miller, Mrs. O. W. Hudson, the honoree, Mrs. Goodfellow, and the hostess, Mrs. J. Forbes Anderson.

### BRIDGE CLUB AT MRS. HUDSON'S

Mrs. O. W. Hudson entertained a number of guests and members of the Thursday Afternoon bridge club at her home on Andree avenue last week.

Christmas decorations were used on the refreshment tables, which were centered by miniature Christmas trees, and red and green colors were carried out in the refreshments.

Guest bridge prizes were awarded to Mrs. George Watson, Mrs. W. C. Andrus and consolation to Mrs. Jennie Goodfellow. Other guests were Mrs. Thomas Kendrick, Mrs. Clarence B. Kyle and Mrs. John Dennis.

Honors for high score among club members were awarded to Mrs. Harry McManus, Mrs. F. B. Dilley and Mrs. Arthur Hodge.

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Progress Club Will Consider Water Question. (Note—This was 5 years ago.—Editor)

John G. Wilson was elected worshipful master of the Torrancia Masonic lodge for the ensuing year, and W. H. Stanger was chosen secretary.

"Why don't you want to appear before Judge Hunter?" an oil worker who had imbibed too freely was asked. "Why, he'll cement me off" And he did.

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