

### Baby Cared for By Local Mexicans Returned to Mother After Probe

The mystery of the abandoned baby, which involved a local Mexican family in a Redondo Beach investigation for the past two weeks, was solved late last week.

Found on the night of Dec. 5 in the automobile of Cerillo Martinez, of Torrance, when arrested for drunk driving, and later taken to the Los Angeles Children's Home Society pending

solution of the mystery, a three-year-old girl was identified to the satisfaction of Redondo police last week as Dorothy Dow, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Dow, of 1740 1/2 East 60th street, Los Angeles.

Martinez told the police the baby was left at his home by an unknown woman and that he and his wife took pity on the child and cared for her along

with their own family of children.

**Another Claims Child**

A searching investigation was conducted by Redondo police and county juvenile authorities, resulting in the conclusion that Mrs. Dow was the rightful mother, and the child was returned to her.

Mrs. Dow said she had two other children, and being unable to obtain county welfare, for some reason or other, left the baby with the Martinez couple, expecting to reclaim it after she found steady employment.

A double dose of mystery was injected into the case when a

woman, who gave her name and address as Mrs. R. Plumley, 606 East Kensington road, Los Angeles, came to the Redondo police station and said that she had taken care of the child for six months in her home, and that the baby's mother was Irene Carmen, of 1362 East 62nd street, Los Angeles. She produced a picture, claimed to be that of the baby, taken when 13 months of age.

**Tale Not Unusual**

She further stated that she had been to the Children's Home Society and had identified the child by marks on its body.

Later it was revealed that the

baby had no distinguishing marks, and the authorities completely discounted Mrs. Plumley's story. They advanced no reason, however, as to why she should be interested in the child.

Officials of the Children's Home Society, however, were reported as having said that often women without children come to the home seeking a baby by claiming to have at some time or other cared for the child.

**Every Dog Allowed One Bite**

SHANGHAI (U.P.)—“Every dog should be allowed one bite,” a judge in a local police court has ruled here.

### Rites Held for Aged Harbor City Resident

Funeral service was held for the late John Edwin Clark, resident of Harbor City, Saturday afternoon at Stone & Myers chapel with Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, life-long friend of the family, officiating. Interment followed at Roosevelt Memorial park.

Mr. Clark, who was nearly 73 years of age, passed away Dec. 14 after a long illness. He was survived by his wife, Mary, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Preston, Harbor City postmaster.

### ENTERTAINMENT STARS TYPED by Public Demand

#### Cagney Must Be Tough Guy, Chaplin Must Wear His Derby, and Pearl Must Be Baron Muenchhausen

**JIMMY CAGNEY**, according to Hollywood insiders, would love not being a tough guy, at least just once. If Charlie Chaplin discarded his familiar dented derby, the public would, they say, give us a story almost as old as the theatre itself.

The public insists on typing its amusement favorites.

There's the case, for instance, of Jack Pearl, the comedian,

whose catch-phrase catches on, for no particular reason.

This sort of thing went on for a long time. The Baron reigned long as one of the air's favorites, and people continued to ask if Charlie was dere. At one time the comic decided that it was time to bury the Baron, and he bobbed up in a new radio venture as Peter Pfister, inn-keeper and central figure of a comedy drama. Pearl found, in short order, that he couldn't just snap his fingers, do away with the Baron and become



"Ach mein future, Sharlie!" groans Jack Pearl, whom the public commands to remain forever "The Baron Muenchhausen" first liar of the land.

Since his boyhood, he has been a trouper, gaining his seasoning in every branch of show business. Burlesque, vaudeville, revues, musical comedies, Hollywood, and radio. In that time, he's done more types of characterizations than he can remember. But the greatest he ever did was that of the Baron Muenchhausen, the role he adopted in his first radio series. The Baron became a sensational hit. All over America boys and girls and grown-ups and old folks were saying "Was, you dere, Sharlie?" as one will do when a

someone else. Hordes of Muenchhausen fans demanded their Baron back.

"I've learned a lesson," Pearl says. "You simply can't desert a successful characterization in radio and turn to something else, letting it down. I thought listeners would like me in a different character just for a change, but they soon let me know that Jack Pearl had no right to be anyone but the Baron. So I guess, as long as I'm on the air, I will be Baron Muenchhausen."

### Penney Store Workers Get Yule Bonus

Announcement was made today by the manager, Hillman R. Lee, of the local J. C. Penney Company store, that the associates of this store will share in a Christmas bonus. The Penney Company recently authorized an extra payment for over 25,000 associates in all stores, offices and warehouses. All regular employees who have been with the company over a year will receive two weeks' extra pay. Those employed for shorter periods will receive proportionate amounts.

In the announcement of the plan, E. C. Sams, president of the company, said: "The year 1936 has been the most successful in the history of our business. The associates have contributed largely to that success. This bonus is not a bonus on any permanent plan. It is additional 1936 remuneration for loyalty and service that have played a part in making this the greatest year for the Penney company."

In the Torrance store 13 associates will share in this bonus. These include Mrs. Vilate Erickson, Mrs. Betty Woodman, Jack Piper, Lendel Elder, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Ann Menconi, Mrs. Estell Kenamer, Mrs. Thelma Newkirk, Clark Foster, Mrs. Barbara Engle, Mrs. Bud Edwards, Mrs. Sarabeth Murphy and Mrs. Evelyn Phillips.

Manager Lee commented as follows when asked about this plan: "I personally was very happy to learn of this decision by our board of directors. The Torrance store, like the entire Penney company, has had a splendid year. Our success is due to the work of all the group in this store. I am sure that our customers, like myself, will

### Tomato Crop Hit By Diseases

Various diseases have led to numerous rejections of local-grown tomatoes in the Los Angeles wholesale markets, it was learned this week from Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner. Supplies of local tomatoes have been light this fall, but diseases have resulted in fruit and vegetable standardization inspectors barring many of them from the market, Ryan said.

Celery in greenhouses intended for winter planting is exceptionally vigorous. The usual damping off has not occurred because of warm, dry weather. Supplies of cold storage eggs in Los Angeles are almost exhausted with holdings far below a year ago. Local egg production is increasing normally.

### Gardena Graduates To Wear Caps and Gowns Jan. 27

It will be caps and gowns for the mid-year commencement Jan. 27, at Gardena high school. The attire will be an innovation at Gardena high where semi-formal dress has always enhanced the beauty of the commencement exercises.

Already three of the larger high schools in Los Angeles have adopted caps and gowns emulating the university graduations.

Log Cabin of 1854 Stands

THE DALLES, Ore. (U.P.)—Oldtimers here plan to reconstruct what they believe to be the oldest log cabin between the Rocky Mountains and the Cascade range.

be happy to see these good friends of theirs in Torrance receive this substantial recognition of their fine service and efforts."

# CLIP THIS NOW:

and use it Wednesday night, Dec. 23, between 6 and 9 p. m. in your search for the . . .

# 84 Grand and Glorious PRIZES

## In Santa's Big Christmas TREASURE HUNT

Don't Overlook a Single Store Listed Below . . . Each Has 3 Winners!

<p><b>ATLANTIC &amp; PACIFIC TEA CO.</b> 1319 Sartori</p> <p>Three large, overflowing baskets of Groceries.</p>	<p><b>HAIG &amp; HAIG PHOTO STUDIO</b> 1224 El Prado</p> <p>(1) No. 116 "Sure Shot" Special Box Camera. (2) Hand-painted Cocktail Tray of wood and two hand-painted wood plaques to match. (3) A pair of genuine Dresden China Vases.</p>	<p><b>J. C. PENNEY CO.</b> 1269 Sartori</p> <p>You can certainly keep warm with these prizes. Three Prizes . . . each one a 72 x 84 Double Wool Blanket.</p>	<p><b>RE CUT RATE DRUG CO.</b> 1316 Sartori</p> <p>Here's Three Prizes everyone appreciates . . . Cash! Three crisp, new Five Dollar Bills will be given by the RB to three lucky Treasure Hunt winners!!!</p>	<p><b>TORRANCE ELECTRIC SHOP</b> 1421 Marcellina</p> <p>(1) Electric Egg Cooker. (2) Electric Duochrome . . . two-tone chimes with separate tone for both back and front door. (3) Extra heavy Westinghouse Electric Heating Pad.</p>
<p><b>BAKER SMITH JEWELRY</b> 1321 Sartori</p> <p>(1) Expensive Compact and Cigarette Case to match. (2) Lady's lovely Filigree Bracelet. (3) Handsome Dutch Kitchen Clock.</p>	<p><b>HARVEL'S SERVICE STATION</b> Marcellina and Cravens</p> <p>Three Prizes . . . each consisting of 5 Gallons of Union 76 Gasoline and a Complete Crankcase Drain and Refill with Quaker State Motor Oil.</p>	<p><b>MILLER FURNITURE CO.</b> 1513 Cabrillo</p> <p>(1) Modern style Tilt-top Table Lamp. (2) Westinghouse Electric Iron with heat control. (3) Handsome tile top Coffee Table.</p>	<p><b>REE'S FAMILY SHOE STORE</b> 1277 Sartori</p> <p>(1) Pair of Men's Shoes. (2) Pair of Women's Shoes. (3) Pair of Women's Evening Slippers.</p>	<p><b>TORRANCE PHARMACY</b> 1411 Marcellina</p> <p>(1) Colonial Dames 6-piece Toilet Set. (2) Three-pound box Miss Saylor's Chocolates. (3) Sturdy Electric Heating Pad.</p>
<p><b>BEACON DRUG CO.</b> 1519 Cabrillo</p> <p>(1) Delicious five-pound box of Christmas Chocolates. (2) Cara Nome Toilet Set . . . wanted by every woman. (3) Men's Military Brush Set and Williams' Xmas Shaving Set.</p>	<p><b>HOWARD'S JEWELERS</b> 1503 Cabrillo</p> <p>(1) Electric Telechron Clock. (2) Parker Vacuumatic Fountain Pen. (3) Wahl Oxford Pen &amp; Pencil Set.</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL HOME APPLIANCE CO.</b> 1318 Sartori</p> <p>(1) Large, round Platter, Coffee Jug with cover, and 6 Coffee Mugs with handles. (2) Sunbeam Electric Sandwich Toaster. (3) Combination Tray and Coffee Table.</p>	<p><b>SAFEBAY STORES</b> 1513 Cabrillo 1929 Carson 1315 Sartori</p> <p>Each Safeway Store is giving away . . . Three large, heaping, big Baskets of Groceries.</p>	<p><b>TORRANCE PLUMBING CO.</b> 1418 Marcellina</p> <p>(1) Chrome Swing Spout Sink Fixture. (2) White Pyralin Toilet Set. (3) Set of 5 Covered Refrigerator Dishes.</p>
<p><b>DOLLEY DRUG CO.</b> Sartori and El Prado</p> <p>(1) Men's handsome Sealskin Wallet. (2) Famous Shirley Temple Doll for a lucky girl. (3) Coty Shaving Set . . . every man needs one.</p>	<p><b>HARRIETT LEECH FLOWERS</b> 1413 Marcellina</p> <p>(1) Beautiful, large Pottery Flower Bowl. (2) Lovely Christmas Potted Plant. (3) Two dozen Long Stem Roses, boxed.</p>	<p><b>PAXMAN HARDWARE STORE</b> 1219 El Prado</p> <p>(1) 42-piece Set of lovely, desirable Dishes. (2) 50 feet of Torrance-made Garden Hose. (3) Kool Kan . . . perfect for picnics . . . keeps things cool.</p>	<p><b>SAM LEVY'S DEPARTMENT STORE</b> 1311 Sartori</p> <p>(1) Men's or youth's all-wool Sport Jacket. (2) Woman's genuine leather Purse. (3) Sturdy, well made Electric Sandwich Toaster.</p>	<p><b>TORRANCE TIRE &amp; RETREADING CO.</b> 1618 Cravens</p> <p>(1) Torrance Super Tread Tire . . . popular size. (2) 5 Gallons of Refinoll Motor Oil. (3) No. 613 Standard McLaren Battery.</p>
<p><b>ELLWOOD'S</b> 1417 Marcellina</p> <p>(1) Woman's Twin Sweater Set. (2) Box of expensive Hose . . . 3 pair. (3) Woman's Pure Silk Blouse.</p>	<p><b>J. LEPKIN—TAILOR</b> 1320 Sartori</p> <p>Three Prizes . . . each consisting of \$5.00 Off On a New Suit. (On suits of \$45 or up to be delivered after Christmas.)</p>	<p><b>POPPY FLOWER SHOP</b> Cravens and Post</p> <p>(1) Large, healthy Fern and Pot. (2) Pottery Pitcher and 6 Mugs. (3) Set of 6 Pottery Cups and Saucers.</p>	<p><b>STAR DEPARTMENT STORE</b> Sartori at Post</p> <p>(1) Men's all-wool Flannel Robe. (2) Three pair Women's Allen-A Silk Hose. (3) Beautiful Table Lamp.</p>	<p><b>WORRELL'S HARDWARE STORE</b> 1517 Cabrillo</p> <p>(1) Child's sturdy, heavily constructed Wagon. (2) Food Mill. (3) Orange Juicer.</p>
<p><b>FIRESTONE AUTO SUPPLY AND SERVICE STORES</b> Marcellina and Cravens</p> <p>Three Grand Prizes everyone will want to win. Three All-Wool Auto Robes. Deep, rich colors; sizes 37-42.</p>				

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I Wish Them a Very  
**Merry Christmas**  
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