

IN SOCIETY

State Officer Visits With Lodge Chapter

Officers of Whittier, Los Angeles, Maywood, Long Beach and Covina Women of the Moose lodges filled the chairs at the local chapter Friday evening when annual visitation night was observed.

Isabel Haller, state president of Women of the Moose came from Maywood to conduct initiatory work.

The annual Christmas party will be held Jan. 7. Gifts will be exchanged. A mock wedding will furnish a part of the entertainment.

No meeting this Friday evening.

Girls Fete Mothers at Christmas Party

Mothers were special guests at a banquet recently given by the Girl's Friendly Society of St. Andrews Episcopal church.

Tables played in the form of a T were easily decorated with snow covered houses, chocolate Santa Clauses and peppermint stick candy. The head table was graced by a miniature Christmas tree. Attractive cards marked places for 19.

Patricia Janice Doan, president of the society, served as toast-mistress. Anna Watson gave a toast to the mothers and Mrs. C. A. Carsten responded. Mrs. Mina Shidler was an honored guest at the dinner with Mrs. Thos. Marshall and Mrs. James Howe guardians of the group. Musical numbers were given by Rosic Disario and Margaret Beech.

N. B. P. W. Club Christmas Party

Singing of Christmas carols, tables decorated in the conventional Christmas style and a lovely tree laden with gifts for every member of the club made the party held Monday evening in the McDonald hall by National Business and Professional Women one of the week's loveliest affairs. Covers were placed for 30 including three new members, Mmes. May Leake, Ruby Brown and Julia Lynn McManus and a former member, Margaret Shoberg, who recently moved to a new home in Bellflower.

Addie Parks acted as toast-mistress and F. L. Parks as Santa Claus distributed gifts.

FORMER TORRANCE GIRL MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Trousdale (Pearl Gilbert) are the proud parents of a son, Robert Merton, born Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Methodist hospital, Los Angeles. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert, 1631 Cota avenue, are the proud grandparents. The Trousdales reside in Maywood.

LEGION AUXILIARY RADIO PROGRAM

American Legion Auxiliary Department of California will broadcast over radio station K.F.L. this evening from 6:15 to 6:30 p. m.

Ben Bowie Glee Club will sing.

BILLIIS HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Billini, 1304 Portola avenue, welcomed some 60 visitors to their home Sunday, when they held their annual open house.

BROOKS WELCOME GUESTS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, 1328 Portola avenue, held open house Sunday. It is an annual custom at the Brooks home to observe the Sunday preceding Christmas as greeting day. Friends come from far and near to share the joy of the occasion. Sixty-five called Sunday.

RELIEF CORPS WILL PARTY AT EVANS HOME

Annual Christmas party of Stephen A. Phillips Relief Corps will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Evans, 1024 Portola avenue, Thursday, Dec. 23. Rot-luck luncheon at noon.

MRS. WILKES HOSTESS TO BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. J. R. Wilkes, 2019 Gramercy avenue, entertained members of her bridge club at a luncheon and Christmas party in her home Friday. Covers were placed for Mmes. Michael Strasser, Dean Sears, R. L. Lewellen, D. A. Murphy, J. B. Scotton, Herman Mitchell and R. S. Sleeth.

Gifts were exchanged and prizes for high scores awarded to Mmes. Murphy and Lewellen.

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Torrance Personalities

Today: Jim Hitchcock

... with words by Herald, drawing by Roy Kawamoto



JAMES E. HITCHCOCK ... attended Judge's cow

If he donned the white whiskers, red suit and boots of Santa Claus, James E. Hitchcock, city councilman and shop foreman for the C. C. M. O., would be a living prototype of that character who is the Man - of - the - Hour now. Jim, as he is known to scores of friends here, has everything that St. Nick is supposed to have—geniality, humor, understanding and suitable girth.

He was born at Okaloosa, Iowa, in 1887, one of the six boys and four girls that kept his Iowa Central railroading father humping to fill their tummies and keep shoes on their feet. When he was three years old the family moved to San Marcial, New Mexico.

where Father Hitchcock continued his railroad job with the Santa Fe. San Marcial was a small division point for that road.

"My first paying job was milking the city judge's cow and driving it to and from pasture at \$1.50 a month," Jim recalls. "My earnings went to help out the family budget."

After graduating from high school he went to Mesilla Park where he enrolled at the New Mexico Agricultural College. But college life did not appeal to Jim so he went to work as a machinist's helper in the Santa Fe shops there and soon became a full-fledged machinist. When he was 19 he continued west and landed in Los Angeles where he went to work for the Pacific Electric.

Later he entered the service of the Petroleum Development company at Olinda. This firm was absorbed by the company now known as the C. C. M. O.—Chancellor-Canfield Midway Oil company. In 1915 he married Miss Esta Van Ness of Washington, Pa., at San Diego.

Their two children, Mildred, now a 19-year-old U. C. L. A. student, and Donald, 14, who attends Torrance high school, were born in Fullerton.

In the latter part of 1923 the Hitchcocks came to Torrance with the opening of the oil field here. They now reside at the C.C.M.O.'s beautiful "suburban annex" to Torrance.

Hitchcock is a Mason, a member of Fullerton lodge No. 339. Jim's prime hobby is fishing and he'll go after the finny ones

Sisters Reunited After 38 Years for "Best Yule"

This is going to be "the best Christmas ever" for Mrs. William Taylor of Lomita.

It started to be just that last Sunday morning when her sister, Mrs. E. N. Neal, whom she had not seen for 38 years, arrived from Marienville, Pa., to spend the winter with the Taylors.

Mrs. Neal's trip west was her Christmas present from her Lomita sister—the "best ever" goes double. For the Pennsylvanian and the Lomitan.

Will Put on Disc Record BRISBANE (U.P.)—After his death, the will of a well-known Brisbane man will be played on a gramophone in the hearing of his relatives and friends. The record has been placed in a bank vault for safe keeping.

at sea or on lakes and rivers. As a city councilman he takes keen interest in street improvements and he says that the improvement of Cabrillo avenue and Torrance boulevard and the completion of Sepulveda boulevard thru the city are the three most important projects before the community.

His definition of an average American: "A man who can look the whole world in the face."

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HERE IS A FULL LIST OF PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS AND PRIZES IN THE CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT

Noon to 9 P. M., Thursday, December 23

ALCORN DRUG STORE

- (1) \$5 in Merchandise; (2) Two Quarts of Alcorn's Own-Make Ice Cream, \$1 Box of Candy and a Carton of Cigarettes; (3) Eight Quarts of Alcorn's Ice Cream.

BAKER SMITH JEWELRY

- (1) Beautiful Banjo Wall Clock; (2) Men's Leather Wallet; (3) Women's Vanity Set.

BEACON DRUG COMPANY

- (1) Langois' Lavender Bath Set; (2) Cara Nome Toilet Soap; (3) Evan's Pocket Cigarette Lighter.

DOLLEY DRUG COMPANY

- (1) Bottle of Coty's Perfume; (2) Moon Glow Manicure Set; (3) Parker Fountain Pen.

ED THOMPSON CHEVROLET

Three orders for Mobilubrication and Mobiloil Crankcase Drain and refill.

ELLWOOD'S

- (1) Lady's Pure Silk Nightgown; (2) Three Pair Berkshire Hosiery; (3) Lady's Sleeping Pajamas.

FIRESTONE AUTO SUPPLY STORE

- (1) Appleton Fog Light; (2) Bersted Chrome Waffle Iron; (3) Four-Slice Electric Toaster.

HAIG and HAIG PHOTO STUDIO

Three Agfa Box Cameras.

HARRIETT LEECH FLOWERS

- (1) Large Cyclamen Plant; (2) Boston Fern; (3) Pottery Flower Bowl.

HARVEL'S SERVICE STATION

Three Orders for 15 Gallons Each Union 76 Gasoline.

HOWARD'S JEWELERS

- (1) Telechron Electric Clock; (2) Wahl Pen and Pencil Set; (3) Men's Leather Zipper Bill Fold.

WORRELL'S HARDWARE

- (1) Food Chopper; (2) Orange Juicer; (3) Cast Iron French Fryer.

J. C. PENNEY COMPANY

Three Wool Blankets.

R-B CUT RATE DRUG

Three Nice, New, Crisp \$5 Bills.

NATIONAL HOME APPLIANCE CO.

- (1) 20-Piece Metlox Pottery; (2) Pyrex Cooking Set; (3) Four-Slice Electric Toaster.

PAXMAN'S HARDWARE

- (1) Complete Badminton Set; (2) Bancroft Tennis Racket; (3) 50-Foot of Quality Garden Hose.

LA MODE FURNITURE

- (1) 32-Piece Set Dinner Ware; (2) Smoking Stand Equipped with Electric Cigar Lighter; (3) Occasional Magazine Table.

SAM LEVY DEPARTMENT STORE

- (1) Men's Blue Melton Zipper Jacket; (2) Onyx Table Lamp; (3) Collapsible Doll Buggy.

STAR DEPARTMENT STORE

- (1) Table Lamp; (2) Pair of Women's Slippers; (3) Men's Silk Handkerchief and Tie Set.

TORRANCE ELECTRIC SHOP

- (1) Westinghouse Electric Iron; (2) Westinghouse Waffle Iron; (3) Westinghouse Electric Heating Pad.

TORRANCE GIFT SHOP

- (1) Hand-Made Mexican Feather Picture; (2) Year's Subscription Woman's Home Companion; (3) Copy of Esquire Magazine.

TORRANCE PHARMACY

- (1) Kaywoodie Carburetor Pipe; (2) Three-Piece Pyralin Ivory Toilet Set; (3) Men's Yardley's Travel Set.

TORRANCE PLUMBING COMPANY

- (1) White Toilet Seat; (2) Swing Spout Sink Fixture; (3) Set of Revolving Refrigerator Dishes.

J. LEPKIN, TAILOR

Three \$5 Credit Orders on Tailor Made Suits (Not to be applied on suits being purchased on \$1-per week plan or on order).

WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY

Three All Wool Auto Robes.

ADAMS DRESS SHOP

- (1) Ladies' Silk Robe; (2) Ladies' Rayon Dress; (3) Ladies' Wool Skirt.

ROBERTS LIQUOR STORE

- (1) One Case 7-Up; (2) One Case Caliente Ginger Ale; (3) One Case Lime Rickey.