

**STORES OPEN NIGHTS** . . . Nearly all retail stores in Torrance are open every evening now until Christmas. Shoppers are still assured of abundant varieties of all types of merchandise.

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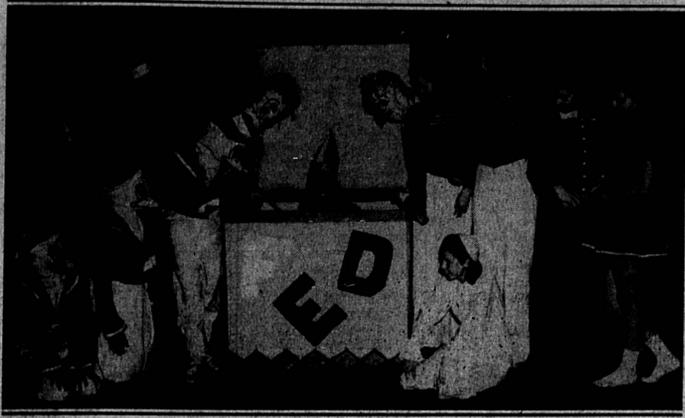
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## H. S. Yule Show Tonight



**FOLLOWS TOYLAND THEME** . . . Some of the young entertainers who will be seen in the annual Christmas program at the high school assembly hall tonight are shown above. Jack-in-the-Box (Glen Hall) seems

to be getting a lot of attention from the 'Kittie Maid, Sailor Girl, Donald Ducklings, Raggedy Dolls, Toy Soldiers, Jack Frost (on the floor) and the pair of Dancing Skaters at the left.

## Better Matinee Movies Sought by Civic Group

In a move designed to secure motion picture programs for children's matinees that are more suitable to young audiences, a group representing most of the civic bodies in the city met at the city hall last Friday. They received assurance from Manager Stanley Tobin of the local theatres that he would cooperate and do all he can to secure films approved by recognized review boards.

However, Tobin pointed out that the local theatres, like many others throughout the country, are subject to "block" and even "blind" booking which makes it difficult for a theatre manager to obtain movies that merit children's interest.

Manager Tobin announced later that beginning Saturday afternoon, Jan. 4, the approved matinees will be presented at the Grand theatres. These afternoon shows will consist of an approved feature picture and short subjects and will not be over three hours in length. There will be no serial, "trailers" or news reels and after the matinee the theatre will be cleared of all children. The evening show will be an adult program.

Judge Robert Lessing, head of the Torrance Coordinating Council presided and at the close, arranged for another conference with P. T. A. representatives when they will supply an approved list of films for showing at matinees. It was agreed by all present that a "healthful junior matinee" should have the following requirements:

- Work With Theatres**
- (1) Both feature and short subjects must be approved.
  - (2) Program should not exceed three hours in length.
  - (3) Use of (Continued on Page 6-A)

## PUEBLOANS PAY TRIBUTE TO PATRON SAINT



**HONOR PATRON SAINT OF MEXICO** . . . Here is a view of the procession which wound thru the Pueblo Saturday afternoon carrying the decorated portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The tall priest is Monsignor Josef Gutierrez.

## 826 Fail to Vote at 1940 Elections in Torrance Area

There were 826 residents of this community who for some reason or other did not vote at either the August primary or the November general elections this year, according to the records of Registrar of Voters of Los Angeles County.

Kerr's staff has just completed weeding out the names of persons who did not vote at either of the two state-wide elections. His books show that removal of the non-voters, as required after each general election, left 4,537 registered voters in this community.

Local registration is divided as follows among the two principal parties—Democrats 3,066 and Republicans 1,268.

**Bourbons Lead 8 to 5**

In all of the county there were 268,084 names dropped from the great register of Los Angeles county, Kerr said. This put the county's total registration below the 1,500,000 mark, which it well exceeded early in the summer. There are now 1,453,696 names left on Kerr's books.

Strength of the two major parties in this county is now divided approximately 8 to 5, with Democrats leading. For the November election it was approximately 10 to 5, or two to one. There were 180,172 Democratic non-voters dropped, as against only 67,901 Republicans.

Remaining registration in some of the other areas is shown to be as follows by Kerr's books: Lomita, 2,988, and Gardena, 2,660.

## 82 PERCENT VOTED AT NOV. ELECTION

Eighty-two percent of the registered voters in Lomita, Torrance, and the rest of the communities making up Los Angeles county availed themselves of the privilege of voting at the Nov. 5 general election, Registrar of Voters W. M. Kerr announced this week. This percentage was slightly better than the 81 percent average for the entire state.

## California, No Longer Nation's Step-child, Leads U.S. in Defense Fund Allotments

Lying far beyond the tall, craggy mountains and endless plains, the "Golden State" once looked a long way off to men gathered around the conference tables in Washington, 3000 miles away. In those days, when the plums were passed around, California was a step-child.

Even as a fledgling State, California couldn't get used to it, and as the years rolled by she polished off a few callow corners and climbed the ladder, rung by rung. Lifting her head a little higher each time, she placed her name at the head of hundreds on hundreds of national roll-calls. Her "firsts" extended even farther into the diversified fields of agriculture, education, art, engineering, music, mining, statesmanship and social legislation.

Today if there is any doubt that the strippling State has grown up and gained an important place in the eyes of the nation, California is no longer a distant relation—one need only glance at the defense

## Rites Followed by Gay Fiesta Saturday Night

Torrance Pueblo was gay last Saturday with its one street bedecked with bright banners, its people in their finest holiday clothes and homes trimmed with flowers to do homage to the patron saint of Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Joining with dozens of other Mexican colonies in the Southland in celebrating this most important feast day, the Pueblo swept from deep religious fervor to an evening of fun and frolic in the open air under a brilliant moon that lent romance and mystery to the scene and brought to the fun-makers nostalgic dreams of similar nights in the homeland.

Francisco Ordaz as president and Josefina Arrellano as vice president headed the committee on arrangements for the fiesta which started with a procession scheduled to start at 4 o'clock. It was nearer 5 when the pageant finally got under way, marching with Monsignor Josef Gutierrez of Hermosa Beach at the head, followed by little boys and girls, young men and maidens, the older folk in their soberest bringing up the rear.

**Celebrate Sunset Mass**

In the center of the group was an altar flanked by calla lilies and a small desert scene in front. This was surmounted by a large portrait of the Holy Virgin. The whole, mounted on a litter, was carried by Sabina Alvarez, Marie Louise Ardath, Kate Rios and Margarita Romero, all attired in their finest Mexican fiesta costumes.

The procession made its leisurely way to St. Joseph's church, pausing here and there for brief prayers at the wayside shrines, erected in front of Pueblo homes. It was just sunset when the procession entered the church for the celebration of the Mass. Father Gutierrez the celebrant assisted by Father Cornelius Sierra of Watts.

More than 400 years ago, in December, 1531, a poor Indian, (Continued on Page 6-A)

## C.C.M.O. Chimes Usher in Yule Season Monday

Perhaps the tones are not as true as the famed Westminster chimes . . . perhaps the mechanism that produces the sounds is not an engineer's dream . . . but the C. C. M. O. chimes that have rung out over that West Torrance community for five years or more will again sound their melodic greetings during the holidays beginning next Monday night, Dec. 23.

At that time the C. C. M. O. community will gather for the annual Christmas celebration when Councilman James Hitchcock (are there any children present?) will don the bright red costume and long whiskers of Santa Claus and distribute gifts to all C. C. M. O. children.

**Open to All After Monday**

That party is reserved for residents of the community itself but on the following nights, from the time darkness falls until 11 o'clock, visitors are invited to tour the Christmas lighted main street and listen to the chimes that ring out with age-old Yule carols every 15 minutes for the same length of time.

Joe Boyd, who is in charge of the C. C. M. O. electrical department, reports the home-made chimes—made of old field equipment—are still "as good as ever" and will be in fine working order come next Monday. Adult members of the community will draw for fat turkeys that night and all children will receive treats.

## Costly Camera Stolen From Shop

A thief who leaned over a showcase and slid back the glass door took a specially equipped motion picture camera, valued at \$297, from the Haig and Haig photography shop at 1124 E. Prado, F. R. Haig told local police late last week. He said the camera was taken sometime between Friday and Saturday when he discovered it missing.

## Tells a Vivid Story

Los Angeles county builds over 50 percent of all American aircraft; employment there has been increased to 50,000 men in five plants; another 20,000 soon will be employed at Long Beach.

San Diego's plants employ 14,000 men, with a payroll of two million dollars—which will be doubled by June, 1941, if the strike situation doesn't intervene. San Francisco and East Bay shipbuilding orders now total over half a billion dollars. Experts say the program will employ tens of thousands over a period of from five to seven years.

That is only a fraction of the picture, but it tells a vivid story, California, admittedly grown up, occupies a place at the head of the parade in the national family of States. And even to the man who protests that the tax bills, along with the New Year, are just around the corner, the Christmas story in California is years to complete—and will cost a happy one.

## NAB 19 IN OPERATIONS RING RAID

Four establishments, including a home near Torrance and a fine Palos Verdes estate, were raided by state, county, Los Angeles and Torrance officers Tuesday and 19 men and women taken into custody for questioning as a climax to a year's investigation into an alleged "white carnation" illegal operation ring.

Four men and four women were booked on suspicion of operating an illegal surgery syndicate. District Attorney John Dockweiler was to decide today whether to name them in felony complaints or submit the case to the grand jury. Included in those held were Mrs. May Ramsey, 57, also known as "Ma" and "Doc," owner of the home near here at 1011 227th street; her son, Claude, 39, and Mrs. Esther Ramsey, 29, wife of Claude. Mrs. Ramsey was later released on a writ of habeas corpus and posted \$10,000 bond. Eleven others apprehended in Tuesday's raids were released yesterday.

The alleged operations were performed at the Palos Verdes establishment known, the officers said, as "the farm" where two young women patients were found in a critical condition and sent to the Los Angeles General hospital.

**Three-Way Phone Hookup**

At the same time, authorities declared they were searching for two physicians suspected of performing or supervising many of the operations while another set of officers proposed to involve aid of Federal authorities on the ground that a large mail order business was done in connection with the alleged ring, said to be the largest ever uncovered in the west.

The places visited by representatives of five state, county and city law enforcement agencies, headed by Walter Anderson, chief investigator of the State Board of Medical Examiners, were 1608 Margate road, Palos Verdes; two private residences in Wilmington and the 223rd street home.

At the latter place, Police Chief John Stroh, who with three other local officers participated in the mass raid, said that a Negro maid and Negro man were found. A three-way telephone hookup between an office in Los Angeles, the house near Torrance and the Palos Verdes place was discovered. The house was elaborately furnished and showed evidence of good housekeeping, Stroh said. He refused to comment on articles found in the house which may be used as evidence in the case.

**Identified by Flower**

District Attorney John Dockweiler's aides had a physician and a nurse examine the critically ill patients found at "the farm" and pronounced them victims of illegal operations. They questioned the 19 suspects and possible witnesses Tuesday night and yesterday.

Those questioned included alleged nurses and attendants. The so-called syndicate was dubbed the "white carnation" ring due to the devious method used to establish contact between prospective clients and headquarters. Field agents, operating like salesmen for a large mail order or wholesale establishment, would make the first contacts thru their numerous connections.

After receiving telephone calls from prospective patrons, it was revealed by the investigators to Chief Stroh, the headquarters would make a "substone" pickup in an automobile. The prospect would be taken to a place where they would be questioned by the investigators. (Continued on Page 6-A)



## Harbor Chambers Select Finkle As '41 President

Fred Finkle of West Hollywood was named 1941 president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce to succeed L. J. Gilmeister of Torrance at a meeting held in Long Beach last Thursday. The associated chambers also elected the first woman officer in its more than 18 years when Mrs. Gertrude Austin of Compton, wife of Irving Austin, a former Los Angeles municipal judge, was chosen to serve as one of the five vice-presidents. The others elected were: Ed. MacDonnell of Gardena, R. T. Hutchins, El Segundo (city engineer); Charles Bland Long Beach steamship freight rate specialist, the Charles Gummere of Huntington Park.

Fred Cleland of Willowbrook was named secretary and Gilmeister was made treasurer. Finkle, a member of the Southside and George Washington Chambers of Commerce and of the Harbor District group since 1922, was elected over Mayor Colfax Bell of Redondo Beach.

**Admiral Is Speaker**

He and the other successful candidates were the choice of the nominating committee headed by Judge Austin and composed of H. H. Halladay, Lomita chamber secretary; Louis Hamilton of Huntington Park, Dr. B. (Continued on Page 4-A)

## N. S. Office to Cost \$48,000

The new National Supply office addition at 1524 Border avenue will be 50 by 125 feet in size, according to a \$48,000 building permit granted late last week to Kenneth Payne, the contractor.

With completion of the stucco structure early next year, the Los Angeles office of the firm will be transferred to Torrance. Other permits issued last week were: H. Blackman, 833 Sartori ave., to reroof his residence, \$54; Vern's cafe, 1401 Sartori, to install a neon sign, \$200, and Lebow-McNee Oil Co. to sink a 550-gallon gasoline storage tank at 23740 Walnut ave., \$50.

## Fantasy and Carols Linked in Presentation

"Toyland, toyland, little girl and boyland  
Who dwell within it you see  
Ever happy they,  
Childhood, joyland, mystic, merry  
toyland,  
Once you pass its borders you can  
never return home."  
—Victor Herbert's "Bebes in Toyland."

That delightful Never-Never Land of childhood will be re-created in all its color, costumes and characters tonight at the high school assembly hall when "Christmas Eve in Toyland" will be staged by the Girls' Athletic Association in conjunction with the annual Yuletide musical program.

The opening number will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and all residents of the community are cordially invited to attend this free entertainment.

Always an integral part of the Yuletide festivities, the annual Christmas presentation at the high school, with its splendid choral work directed by Mrs. Margaret Eischen Cooke, is far above the usual "high school entertainment" and every year attracts a larger appreciative audience.

**Cast Announced**

This year the presentation is divided into two parts—the Toyland show, directed by Miss Muriel Duncan and sponsored by the High School P. T. A., and the Christmas concert, directed by Mrs. Cooke.

Those participating in the Toyland episodes are: Kathryn Quimby, Scotch Doll; Reba Matthews, Virginia Zamperini and Relda Briggs, Sailor Dolls; Enid Weis, Raggedy Ann; Patsy Whitney, Raggedy Andy; Glen Hall, Jack-in-the-Box; John Batsovsky, Bavarian Doll; Barbara Quimby, Christmas Fairy; Georgia Billingsley, Jack Frost; Joan (Continued on Page 6-A)

## MARCH OF RINES

FOR INSTANCE, EMPTY—By H. F. NOAKE

What drama lies in certain words; what hellish parts they find to play; for instance, EMPTY, serves us well, to prove the truth of what we say. First,—EMPTY stomachs all about, where hunger has no right to be; abundant food for everyone, yet thousands seeking charity. Next,—EMPTY every passing day for men adrift and unemployed, in search of non-existent jobs, their confidence about destroyed. And now, those EMPTY promises of foreign countries, once in need; to whom we loaned a goodly sum, which, sad to say, has gone to seed. The world is full of EMPTY things, a heart, a purse, a rocking chair; and EMPTY sleeves are back again, to show what armless soldiers wear. If man applied the golden rule to all his dealings, every day; then EMPTY, with its kith and kin, would fold its tents and steal away.

NOAKE

## Firemen Hosts to Youngsters Here on Dec. 23

Arrangements are nearly complete for Santa's visit here at the 16th annual children's Christmas party which will be given by Torrance firemen in the Civic Auditorium next Monday evening, Dec. 23. Dale Riley, city recreation director, is assisting Fire Chief McMaster and his crew in planning the gala event.

A concert by the Torrance Municipal band will open the program at 7:30 o'clock, after which Mrs. Lorraine Ulrich will lead group singing of Christmas carols.

Readings of favorite Yuletide stories, with a novel fireplace setting, will be given between presentation of the Fern Avenue school's rhythm band and the Torrance Elementary school's chorus. Santa Claus is expected to make his traditional arrival at the close of the stage show.

Afterward, firemen will distribute nearly 1,000 stockings of candy, oranges and nuts. All boys and girls living in Torrance are cordially invited to the program.

At Walteria, Roy Palmer is arranging a similar entertainment, which, like the Torrance program will be featured by the appearance of Santa Claus. Distribution of stockings full of good things, a play by the Walteria Recreation Center classes and carols are also on the program.

## Rainfall Total Now 3.84 Inches

Sweeping in gusts of torrential downpours, rainstorms deluged the city this week, bringing the season's total to 3.84 inches as compared to 6.32 inches at this time last year. The daily rain totals were:

Previous rainfall.....	1.64
Dec. 15.....	.42
Dec. 17.....	1.67
Dec. 18.....	.53
Total to date.....	3.84
This date, 1939.....	6.32

## Torrance Girl Hurt In Crash

Miss Mildred Friedman, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Arutoff of 1813 Arlington avenue, is recovering from serious head injuries suffered Dec. 11 in an automobile accident south of Palm Springs.

She was riding with Dick Cowie in a convertible coupe. The machine hit a soft shoulder and overturned three times. Miss Friedman was the more seriously injured of the pair and was confined for three days at the Coachella Valley hospital. She is now at home.

## Next Edition Out Monday Morning

Next week's issue of this newspaper will be distributed at 9 o'clock Monday morning. This will be the only edition printed next week. Offices of The Herald at Torrance and The News at Lomita will be closed from noon Tuesday until 9 a. m. Thursday.

## Co. Delays Action on Buying Bonds of Alondra Park

Blocked by objections from Supervisor John Anson Ford, the board of supervisors Tuesday continued until Jan. 7 any further consideration of the re-financing of the Alondra Park Mattoon Act assessment district. When the County Delinquent Tax committee urged the supervisors to post \$309,000 on the line first to redeem the Alondra Park bonds, Ford balked.

He contended that bondholders should post their money first. A unanimous vote was required for the county's statement of policy on purchase of the outstanding Mattoon Act bonds. Ford held that availability of county money might cause some bondholders to delay surrender of bonds and he declared that subject to the criticism if the policy was adopted.

The policy dealt with the technical methods of spending \$309,730 previously earmarked for purchase of the bonds of the defunct district which was formed to establish a vast park. It provided for the purchase of bonds in two installments.

**Size Delays Map**

Bond houses were reported as accepting the duty of buying up the bonds for resale to the county, but it was declared they did not have sufficient funds to purchase all of the bonds before their resale to the county.

Supervisor Oscar Haug, whose district includes Alondra Park, advocated adoption of the policy on the grounds it would be one solution of the troubles that have been presented after months of study. He said that no other plan appeared to be successful.

Size of the project and legal routine are slowing down re-funding proceedings for Alondra Park assessment district and the new assessment map may not be ready until around May 1, according to Pat MacDonnell, Gardena chamber secretary, today.