



Jane Patton and Renee Haal, shapely RKO-Radio starlets, aren't a gift from Santa, but they're going to help him when he comes down the chimney to this Hollywood tree Christmas Eve. Who says Santa has such a hard job?

If You Want a Joyous Christmas Play Safe!

Too often the Christmas season, which should be an occasion of unmixd cheer, becomes a time of tragedy in many households because of death or serious injury by fire. The highly inflammable evergreen trees and decorations or the cotton beard of a thinly disguised Santa Claus frequently ignite from a lighted candle or match and serious results ensue.

Store Workers Asked to Leave Parking Open

"A substantial courtesy and convenience to shoppers in the downtown area would be offered as much auto parking space as possible on the streets," Chairman Robert T. McCallum of the Torrance Businessmen's Association pointed out Saturday in postcards sent to all business and professional people in the city.

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"Therefore, if you would ask your employees to cooperate by parking their cars away from the downtown area until after Christmas, it would be helpful and appreciated," his suggestion said.

C.C.M.O. Community Ushers in Yuletide Tones with Festivities

It will be "lights on" and Christmas music by the traditional chimes and treats for the youngsters and a drawing for turkeys by adults tonight (Monday) at the C. C. M. O. community. After this evening, residents there invite the public to see their lighted Yule lane and hear the chimes that ring out every 15 minutes beginning at nightfall and continuing to 11 p. m.

The celebration tonight is reserved for residents of the C. C. M. O., and they are planning a good time. Santa Claus will distribute treats to resident youngsters. The C. C. M. O. chimes home-made out of oil-field equipment, have rung out every Yuletide there for the past eight or 10 years.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT GERRING, Neb. — When 2,500 fancy paper food containers arrived at the office of the Scottsbluff county draft board, members were puzzled. Now they're waiting for something to put in the containers. The board had ordered 2,500 envelopes.

MARCH OF RIMES PHANTOMS IN THE FIRE — By H. F. NOAKE

It's fun to sit before the fire and watch the logs a burning bright, as hand in hand, the smoke and flames dance gaily through a wintry night. What images a fire creates, appearing in its cheerful glow, almost as real as folks we know and loved, those many years ago. Approaching softly toward the hearth, is mother, dressed in silks and lace; perhaps she just came back to tell of having found a better place. There's Aunt Bedella, on the log, a knitting, probably a shawl; and lo, her squeaky Southern voice inquiring, "John, how is you all?" Now up jumps Dave and Phil and Mike, why they were buddies over there; imagine them right in my grate, but those Marines get everywhere. At last the embers burn no more, and all phantom friends depart; the logs are remains, a pleasant glow, around the heart.

Bank Manager Tells Why 1941 Will Be Notable

Looking into the coming year with a spirit of optimism, Dean L. Sears, manager of the Torrance Branch, Bank of America, today released facts and figures upon which he based the belief that the year 1941 would be a prosperous one throughout the Torrance district.

"I have gone back three years, and have charted our deposit and loan totals," said Sears. "As I project the ever-ascending curve of these totals into the coming year, I am filled with a spirit of optimism as to what 1941 holds in store for the entire Torrance district."

"While our increasing deposit total shows that the great rank and file of local residents are prosperous, I do not consider this fact as indicative of business



DEAN L. SEARS... emphasizes folks' fine manner conditions as loans made.

When conditions are on the upgrade, people look ahead with confidence and borrow money for a great variety of purposes and undertakings.

"During the past three years, we have made 4,008 loans, totaling \$1,886,000."

Loan Totals Itemized The tabulation released by Sears shows that these loans were for the following purposes, and amounts:

Real estate, home building and modernization, 228 loans, \$388,000; Business and industry, 914 loans, \$661,000; Automobile, 440 loans, \$187,000; Household equipment, 884 loans, \$115,000, and Personal requirements, 1,592 loans, \$240,000.

"There is another fact which I wish to emphasize," said Sears, "one which is especially significant as we look ahead into the coming year. I refer to the fine manner in which the people of Torrance meet their obligations when due. We have practically no past-due paper in our loan portfolio—in fact, it is almost nil."

Toyland characters came to life and the Torrance high school singing groups gave one of the best presentations ever seen here last Thursday night to entertain about 700 in the school assembly hall. The two-part program was given by the Girls' Athletic Association, Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke's singing groups and was sponsored by the High School P. T. A.

The colorful spectacle of "Christmas Eve in Toyland" reached a climax as blue lights played on four couples ice skating amid drifting snowflakes while in the background a roguish audience of toys watched from shelves.

This scene quickly merged into the finale in which the toys gathered around a realistic Santa Claus to sing Christmas songs before Santa left for a tour of chimney tops.

Community singing, led by Mrs. Cooke, high school musical director, opened the program and the concluding part of the annual presentation was a splendid arrangement of carols by the junior, middle and senior choral and soloists. Jean Yoder played the piano accompaniment.

RING LOST 23 YEARS VAN WERP, O. (U.P.) — A wedding ring Mrs. M. N. George lost 23 years ago was found by her daughter, who discovered the ring gleaming in the mud near the milk house on their farm.



The Greatest Story Ever Told

Foreword—Micah v, 6

BUT thou, Bethlehem Ephrathet, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that shall be the ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

The Fulfillment—Luke 2:1-7

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife,*** And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

The First Christmas—Luke II, 8-19

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all which they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

And Wise Men Came—Matthew, II, 1-11

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem.

Saying: Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his Star in the East, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his Mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Conclusion—Acts xx, 85

I HAVE shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Promise of the Christ

THEREFORE thus said the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the water shall overflow the hiding place. Isaiah xxviii, 16 and 17.



Masons Install Officers Monday

Clifford Ruppel will be installed as Worshipful Master of Torrance Masonic lodge, No. 447, tonight (Monday) at ceremonies starting at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple on Sartori avenue. Samuel E. Burke, 33rd past grand master of the grand lodge of California, will be installing officer at the open meeting. Keith M. Schaefer, inspector for the 99th district, will preside as master-of-ceremonies.

Other officers of the lodge who will be installed are: E. A. Day, junior warden; W. H. Bremmer, master; J. H. Fess, past master; treasurer; Jesse H. Sprout, past master, secretary; William E. Ruppel, chaplain; Homer B. Morgan, senior deacon; Carl Gunnar Holmes, junior deacon; Lee G. Nelson, marshal; Delbert J. Thomson, senior steward; Ellsworth (Bud) Phillips, junior steward, and Harry C. Ainsworth, Sr., tyler.

Five Mexicans Held for Gambling Here

Five Mexicans were arrested by a local police for gambling at a Pueblo poolhall late Saturday afternoon. They were reported playing "blackjack" when the officers entered the place. All but one of the men were released on \$50 bail each and their trials have been set for Dec. 28.

Women's Groups May Organize 'United Front' for Boy's Club

Formation of a committee of P. T. A. and women's club leaders to help promote establishment of the proposed Boys' Club here was announced Friday by City Judge Robert Lessing following a conference at his office.

Those present were Mrs. J. O. Bishop, president of the High school P. T. A.; Mrs. William H. Tolson, president of the Elementary P. T. A.; Mrs. J. J. Millard, president, and Mrs. C. R. Hammaek of the Fern Avenue P. T. A.; Mrs. Effie Palmer of WALTERIA P. T. A.; Mrs. Flora Wright, National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, and Mrs. E. A. Miles, president of the Torrance Woman's club.

Lessing, chairman of the Torrance Coordinating Council, outlined the scope of the youth center project. The group agreed to report back to their respective organizations and seek a "united front" in behalf of the proposal. Lessing is scheduled to address a number of P. T. A. meetings on the Boys' Club project after the first of the year.

RELIEF HEARING

LOS ANGELES. — The next public meeting of the joint legislative committee, investigating the state relief administration will be held in Sacramento Jan. 3, Chairman John Phillips has announced.

Alien Registration Ends on Dec. 26

Aliens have only today, tomorrow and Thursday, Dec. 26, until 6 p. m., to register at the postoffice. Warning has been issued that severe penalties will be meted out to those non-citizens who fail to register according to terms of the National Alien Registration Act.

All aliens, 14 years of age and older, must be fingerprinted. Alien children under 14 must be registered by their parents or guardians. The work of registering and fingerprinting aliens is being carried out at post-offices throughout the nation.

Sample forms which show exactly what information is desired are available. There is no charge of any kind.

Aliens are advised to register at once to avoid the last minute rush.

It's Good for Police That Everyone's Good

"It's a good thing that nearly everyone is on his or her good behavior these pre-Christmas days," Police Chief John Stroh said yesterday. "My force has been considerably curtailed by influenza."

Council to Meet Christmas Eve, Adjourn Early

Tuesday night may be Christmas Eve to everyone else but to members of the city council, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and other municipal officials it will be just another city council session.

Councilmen may attempt a carol or two and perhaps there'll be a sprig of mistletoe hung over a door—something, anything should be done to give that session a Yuletide atmosphere.

The meeting won't be a long one—in fact, various members of the city board declare it will last just long enough to adjourn because "we want to spend Christmas Eve with our families just as much as all the rest of our people."

Schools Reopen Monday, Dec. 30

All schools will reopen Monday morning, Dec. 30 for the classes that day and Tuesday, Dec. 31. Then the New Year's Holiday will be enjoyed and on Thursday, Jan. 2, classes will be resumed to continue Friday, Jan. 3.

Firemen Have Treats for 1,000 Monday Night

Beginning with a band concert at 7 o'clock, Torrance city firemen will be hosts for the 16th Yuletide to local youngsters at a gala Christmas program in the Civic Auditorium tonight (Monday). At the conclusion of the stage show firemen will distribute more than 1,000 bags of candy, nuts and oranges to their young guests.

It took the "smoke-eaters" all day Saturday and most of Sunday to fill the bags so that every one was equal in size and quantity. The containers were filled from 390 pounds of hard broken mix candy, 210 pounds of candy creams, 25 pounds of gumdrops, 150 pounds of walnuts and nine big boxes of fragrant oranges.

The Torrance Municipal band will open the Christmas show by giving a half-hour concert and then, at 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. Lorene Ulrich will lead the carol singing by the audience.

Santa to Appear

The Fern Avenue school's Rhythm band of first and second graders will present several selections, followed by a Christmas reading. The Torrance Elementary school chorus is to sing some Yuletide numbers and the band will play some familiar Christmas music.

Miss Virginia Hay will read a Christmas story in a scene showing a glowing fireplace surrounded by youngsters and Santa Claus is expected to appear along about this time.

Following more carols by the audience, the firemen will begin distribution of their treat to the youngsters and the 16th annual Yuletide program will be over.

Charge Six with Illegal Operations at Arraignment

Charged with conspiring to violate laws prohibiting illegal surgery, three women and three men were arraigned before Municipal Judge Wilbur C. Curtis late last week and ordered to preliminary hearing Jan. 7.

Mrs. Mae Ramsey, 57, and William Crissman, 50, at liberty under writs of habeas corpus returnable Thursday, were not arraigned.

Released on bond following their appearance at the arraignment were Claude Ramsey, 39, his wife, Esther, 29; Grace Balch, 51; Lillian Foster, 30; Stanley Watson, 33, and Antone Jackson, 32. All were arrested in a series of raids on so-called "hospital" establishments in the Palms Verdes, Wilmington and a house at 1011 23rd street, near Torrance.

Most of the alleged operations were performed at the Palms Verdes place, known as "the farm" where two young women patients were found in a critical condition, according to the raiding authorities.

N. S. Building Welding Shop

Another item in its expansion program to speed production of warplane parts is an \$18,000 corrugated steel welding shop building which the National Supply Company is now building at its plant on Border avenue. A building permit for the structure was taken out late last week.

The addition will be in two sections, one 50 x 120 feet and the other 40 x 160 feet, according to the city engineer's office. Also under construction at the National Supply plant is a \$50,000 office building which will house the company's present headquarters in Los Angeles.

Other building permits issued during the past few days were: Carl V. Carlson, repairs to residence at 1723 Andree avenue, \$400; E. R. Buckley, four-room frame stucco house and two-car garage at 1611 Date street, \$1,650; Coast Insulating Corp., sheet metal storage building at 500 Arlington avenue, \$250; G. Downing, re-roof building at 1333 Post avenue, \$250, and Le-Bow McNece, 550-gallon underground gasoline tank at 23740 Walnut street, WALTERIA, \$50.