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Christmas Spirited Persons Here Provide Gifts For 'Little Man'

A 12-year-old Torrance youth, who in a letter to Santa Claus Dec. 19 described himself as not being a little boy but a firm believer in Santa, this week has an even firmer grip on his belief.

The youngster told Santa of his father's illness and the family's poor circumstances, of his need for a bicycle, and didn't forget to make a request for additional toys so that his two small sisters and three brothers might also keep the faith in St. Nick's annual visit to all small children throughout the world.

"I have always wanted a bike, Santa," the "little man" wrote, "and my little sisters want dolls and sewing boxes with needles and thread. My little brother, Gump, 6 years old, wants a little wagon and a pair of shoes to go to school. Little brother, Tito, wants a little train and a ball and would like to have a chair to sit on. Well, Santa Claus don't forget us, please. Merry Christmas — yours truly," and signed his name, which the Torrance Herald withheld from publication.

But the Herald kept the letter on file and requested those interested to contact this office.

Many were interested and contributed toys requested in the letter. Two kindly women, Mrs. Anna Hauck, 2388 Sonoma ave., and Mrs. C. Carson, 1723 Andreo ave., started the ball rolling by canvassing the community to raise funds for a bicycle.

The bike was purchased from funds raised through the contributions of Mrs. Ellen Guyan, Ervin Kasten, L. J. Brooks, manager of Sontag Drug Co.; Mrs. Sam Levy, Grand Theater, National Home Appliance, Vurp's Cafe, Daniels Cafe, the Gay

shop, Dorothy Reddington, Flower Shop, Nadine Bay, Benson's, Thelma Hauck, William Hauck, Mrs. William Hauck, Flikt Shop and the Torrance Lions club.

Shoes, so that little Gump can go to school, were donated by Bernard Lee; a beautiful doll was donated by Mrs. Hauck for the boy's eight-year-old sister, Marie; a fine sewing kit for 10-year-old Dolores, was given by Mrs. Margie Holloway; a painting set, contributed by Mrs. Clare Farrell, went to the "little man's" youngest brother; Mrs. Roy Tarket gave two dolls, dishes, washer, jig-saw puzzles and a construction set.

Many other gifts coming into the Herald's office responding to the youth's plea, which were sufficient to spread good will to additional needy children in the area, were handled by Dale Riley, Recreation director, and members of his department. These were contributed by Christmas-spirited persons, many unidentified, but whose thoughtfulness will not be forgotten by these children receiving the gifts.

and his spirit embraces a lot of good folks right here at home.

Governor Will Ask Rainy Day Fund For State

Governor Earl Warren favors setting aside a substantial part of state surplus as a "rainy day" fund to meet possible future depression needs.

In a press conference the governor made the following points:

1. He will ask the legislature to renew the tax reduction law passed in 1943 and 1945, which he said has already saved California taxpayers \$296,000,000.
2. He advocates a "rainy day" fund for the state because "business runs in cycles and tax revenues rise and fall accordingly. A 20 percent drop in business would affect state revenues by \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 per year."
3. Because the increased cost of living has affected state as well as household budgets, the new state budget will be much higher than in the past, although balanced.
4. The governor opposes increasing the state sales tax and refunding a portion of it to city governments, on the grounds that no basic change should be made in existing state tax structures until a thorough study has been made of the actual tax needs of local as well as state government.



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Right Guide

This column is designated to give official VA answers to veterans' readjustment problems. Send questions to RIGHT GUIDE, 1380 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California.

Veterans' letters:

Hundreds of letters are received daily by the VA about subjects over which it has no jurisdiction. Veterans would get information if they would write first to the agency concerned.

A survey of just one day's mail included 61 letters from veterans and veterans' dependents asking information about rental property, terminal leave bonds, state of California benefits, surplus property, building material, emergency maternity and infant care, home, steading, income tax and many other matters NOT handled by the VA.

If it is about schooling or on-the-job training, pensions, compensation, dependency benefits, vocational rehabilitation and guidance, home loans, farm or business loans, hospitalization, insurance, death benefits, then the VA is the right agency to contact. All other veterans' problems are processed by other agencies.

If in doubt about the right agency, veterans should call their nearest VA office. They will be given the name and address of the office with whom they should deal.

The New "1950"

Faster and streamlined service for veterans who apply for schooling and on-the-job training under the G-I Bill has been inaugurated by the adoption of a new application form, "The New 1950." Heretofore the application form and the eligibility certificate were two separate documents. A veteran would fill out his application (1950), and then in about 30 days he would receive his eligibility certificate. He was required to wait for this certificate before he could enter school or training.

The new 1950's combine the application form and eligibility certificate in one document. Both are completed at the time of the original interview (if veteran brings photostat copy of separation or discharge certificate).

Those veterans who have the old form eligibility certificates need not apply for the new type. The old ones will serve the same purpose.

For the same reason

There are 548 veterans in this area who, according to a December report, lost legs or arms as a result of their war service. Of this number 483 lost legs and 65 lost arms.

All veterans with amputated legs or arms are entitled to free repairs of their prosthetic appliances up to a cost of \$35 without prior authority from the VA. In order for the veteran to have this free service it is necessary for him to have what is called a Prosthetic Service Card.

Of the 548 veterans with amputations listed with the Los Angeles Regional office only 310 have applied for these important cards.

A prosthetic office has been established to serve amputees in this area. This office is in charge of two amputees, Ed Ruzicka and Herb Rosoff. Their headquarters are at 1041 South Broadway, Los Angeles and amputees in need of these cards should contact them in person, by phone, or mail.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC ASKS FRANCHISE TO SERVE FIRM

The Pacific Electric Railway has made application to the Board of Supervisors for a franchise to construct and operate a spur track across 223rd st. to serve the Marine and Engineering Supply Company. The franchise will run for twenty-five years at \$25 a year per track. The county will receive \$100 for the franchise.

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Letters to Editor

Editor, Torrance Herald:

The Public Relations Office of the Veterans Administration Regional Office takes this means to wish you and your staff "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

By the same token we would like to say "THANKS" for the splendid cooperation you have extended the Veterans Administration during the past year. This support and cooperation which has enabled this office to keep veterans in this area informed of their rights and benefits, is truly a public service to veterans and their families.

DUKE H. BENNETT,
Chief, Public Relations
FRED G. EBERHART
News Bureau

Editor, Torrance Herald:

On behalf of the teachers of California, may I extend our sincere appreciation for the support of your newspaper in the recent successful campaign for Proposition 3 on the November ballot, which established a \$2400 minimum annual salary for the members of the teaching profession in this state, and provided for increased state support of our public school system.

One of the happiest aspects of the campaign was the fact that more than 500 of the 700 newspapers of California gave warm editorial and news support to Proposition 3, and the overwhelming public endorsement of the measure was due, in very considerable measure, to generous assistance from the press.

The passage of Proposition 3, I am confident, will be of immeasurable aid in strengthening our California public school system—and we are hopeful that it will lay the basis for a teacher recruitment program which will gradually relieve the acute shortage of teaching personnel.

Again, many thanks for your aid in the campaign for better schools in California.

Sincerely,
ROY W. CLOUD,
State Executive Sec'y
California Teachers Assn.

LONGER AGE

People who are born and reside in temperate and moderately cold climates tend to live longer than those who stay in the tropics, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Edison Company Torrance Office In New Location

Southern California Edison Company consumers now pay their bills at the office of the Torrance Water district at 1510 Cravens ave., opposite the City Hall.

The Edison company has leased a portion of the Water department office and moved to the new location over the past weekend.

M. L. Anderson, local Edison agent, is in charge of the office, and hours will be the same as those in the past, opening for business at 8 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. The office will be closed on Saturdays.

The Edison company office here formerly was located at 1425 Marcellina ave.

CHALK

Chalk is made up largely of the shells of protozoa, microscopic animals, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

TWO NEW MAJORS ON SCHEDULE OF BRANCH COLLEGE

Courses which will allow students to major in mathematics and botany will be available at Santa Barbara College of the University of California this year, Dr. J. Harold Williams, acting provost, has announced.

With the establishment of these new majors, students in mathematics and botany will be able to study for a higher degree to obtain general secondary teaching credentials, according to Dr. Hazel W. Severy, chairman of the natural sciences department. Other majors already established are in physical science, biology, zoology and chemistry.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

"The fact that you had a legal right-of-way will not absolve you from responsibility, should you be involved in an accident," declares a public safety director. "Such is true in the event others violate your right-of-way. The safe driver will always be prepared to yield his right-of-way to avoid an accident."

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