

James M. Hall

COUNCIL PICKS CITY ATTORNEY

James M. Hall, 36-year-old former lawyer in the U. S. State Department, was named City Attorney Tuesday night by a 4-0 vote of the Torrance City Council.

Hall, a resident of 5405 Sharynne lane, Seaside Ranchos, was appointed to succeed the late C. Douglass Smith, who died December 4.

Mayor Bob L. Haggard and Councilmen Willys G. Blount and Harvey B. Spelman Jr. voted for Hall. Councilman Drake declined to vote.

WINS OVER TWO
The new City Attorney, former lieutenant in the U. S. Navy Intelligence Department, won the nod for the job over Tom McNary, 6304 Reese road, Seaside Ranchos, currently a Deputy Prosecutor in the District Attorney's office, and W. E. Kalbfleisch, 2014 Torrance boulevard, with law offices at 1308 Sartori avenue.

McNary, Kalbfleisch and Hall were rated in that order on the

current civil service examination eligibility list.

NATIVE OF L. A.

Hall, a native of Los Angeles, attended Manual Arts High School where he was student



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body president in 1933. He attended UCLA, USC, Southwestern University, and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast College of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1944 while still in the Navy. Out of the Navy in 1945 after touring Egypt, Algeria, Iran, Bagdad, and many other parts of Africa and the Middle East, Hall joined the legal department of the Union Oil Company. A job with the State Department in Washington summoned Hall eastward in 1946, returning to Union Oil in 1947, at which time he purchased a home in Seaside Ranchos.

At present he is associated with the legal firm of Dolley, Knight, Woods and Hightower in Los Angeles.

HEADED GAS PANEL

Earlier this year he headed the Gas and Oil Panel during the State Bar Association Convention in Los Angeles.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Torrance.



IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM . . . The lovely Rosemary DeCamp Shidder, famed for her role as the nurse in the Dr. Christian radio series and other TV and movie appearances, will read the popular Yuletide classic "Why the Chimes Rang" this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. during a community-wide Christmas musical program to be presented in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

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Hundreds to See Christmas Music Programs Here

Final rehearsals were being held this week for what may easily turn out to be a "standing-room-only" program of Christmas music to be presented Sunday afternoon, December 17 at 3 p.m. in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Featured on the program are the augmented Los Cancioneros singing group of Hollywood Riviera, Rosemary DeCamp Shidder, and the Torrance Concert Orchestra.

The entire program is sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, headed by Frank Carpenter, and the Torrance Adult Education Department, of which Donald Manshaw is the director.

Barbara Mabin will direct the Los Cancioneros, supported by several local church choir members, in singing "Carol of the Bells," "O, Holy Night" and "The Sleigh." Approximately 100 voices are expected to participate in the singing.

Rosemary DeCamp, famous for her role as the nurse in the

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Chest Goal Now 15 Per Cent Short of Quota

The Torrance Community Chest campaign is still short \$2904, according to Dean L. Sears, campaign chairman. Total production this week stands at only \$16,556.63 which is only 85 per cent of the \$19,460 goal.

"We know that there are people who have been missed by our volunteer solicitors," Sears said. "Urge them to send in their gifts now. Every gift, large or small, is needed to help put this campaign over the top." Pledges and contributions may be sent to Dean L. Sears at the Torrance branch of the Bank of America.

A second campaign division reached its quota this week. The Public Employees Division reached 100.57 per cent of their \$860 quota. Chairman is Councilman Willys G. Blount. The Advance Gifts Division of which Mayor Bob L. Haggard is chairman, has now raised 116.25 per cent of their \$1200 quota.

Other campaign divisions with their chairman and amounts raised to date are: Residential, Mrs. Edward Schwartz, \$1669.52 or 87.87 per cent of a \$1900

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THANKS!

Fatherless Family Knows Spirit of Christmas Lives

There is one family, if none other, who knows the spirit of Christmas is alive in the hearts of Torrance residents.

Last week an appeal was made in a story in the Torrance Herald for a family who needed a baby crib for a month-old tot with five brothers and sisters and whose father died before the new arrival was born.

According to Mrs. Esther Miller, president of the Torrance Elementary PTA and through whom the appeal was made, the family now has one crib and mattress for the baby, another crib and mattress for the next youngest, a high chair, a play pen and a folding baby buggy—all offered during the past week by local residents.



DOYE O'DELL
... Shares Billing With Santa

Doye O'Dell, St. Nick To Share Spotlight

Doye O'Dell, six-night-a-week television star of "Cowboy Thrills," will share the spotlight with Santa Claus, star of a gigantic production known as "Christmas" at the Annual Christmas party here on December 21.

According to Paul Diamond, chairman of this Third Annual Kids' Party, the TV star of KTLA's video horse operas will thump his guitar and sing songs of the range for an expected crowd of 2500 youngsters at the Civic Auditorium the day of the party.

Santa Claus, always an easy touch for a handout, will come show will be emceed by Jack O. loaded with a gift for each and Baldwin, local newspaperman.

Kiddie Rides Due Monday

Although they may not be wearing the familiar red suit and white whiskers, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and local merchants have teamed up to play Santa Claus to Torrance tots in bringing "Tinkertown" and a pony and dog circus to town next week.

Nearly 18,000 free tickets for rides on a ferris wheel, an airplane ride, a double-decker train, and an auto ride will be given to adults by the merchants participating in the event.

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE

The rides will be set up on a lot directly across the street from the main post office on Marcelina avenue on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. The rides will be open from 2 to 8 p.m.

In addition, the Jaycees and merchants have arranged for John Strong to bring his much-loved pony and dog circus to town on Tuesday and Wednesday on Monday will be honored for half-fare (20 cents) to the circus. Billed as the "Greatest Little Show on Earth," the circus was brought here at additional expense by the Jaycees and merchants to provide a "super" holiday attraction.

ST. NICK TO APPEAR

Santa Claus will visit the Tinkertown each day from 6 to 8 p.m., according to Charles Schultz Jr., general chairman of the pre-Christmas activity.

The circus includes William Dedricks' famous trained ponies, "Toto" the juggling clown, "Silver" of television fame, "Rowdy" the high diving pup who leaps from a 16-foot ladder, "Cheeta" the baby monkey, and

Home Decorators Urged to Enter Lighting Contest

Homeowners planning to decorate the exterior of their homes this year were urged to enter the Annual Christmas Outdoor Lighting Contest sponsored by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club.

Nothing to buy, no entry fee is required to enter. Simply phone Mrs. Meiba Hartley, president of the sponsoring club, at Torrance 323-J or Mrs. Mabel Smith at Torrance 270-R. Call before Wednesday, December 20.

Prizes to be awarded on Christmas Eve will be based on the best theme and for the most outstanding set of decorations.

Hugh Wellington and his trained dog act. The show has received wide endorsement by the Parent-Teachers Association. Regular price (without a half-fare handbill) of admission to the is 40 cents.



RIGHT IDEA; WRONG CHEST . . . Five-year-old Sharon Radl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Radl of 2032 Middlebrook road, has been hearing the slogan "Okay . . . Let's X-Ray," and decided to get into the act. The Torrance Elementary school first grader took her dog Suzy down to Lomita earlier this week when the unit was there and was going to have him x-rayed. Technician Morris Washington points out that what they're really after is all the adults over 15 years of age. He commended her for the idea, however. (Herald photo).

Idea Okay But Patient Led A Dog's Life; Could Not Qualify

Suzy nearly had her chest x-ray all taken care of the other day when one of the mobile units of the Los Angeles County X-Ray Foundation was in Lomita, but two small entries on her birth certificate kept her from making the grade.

One: She was much, much younger than 15.

Two: She was a dog—a collie pup, to be more accurate.

It all started when 5-year-old Sharon Radl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Radl, of 2032 Middlebrook road, decided the

slogan "Okay . . . Let's X-Ray," meant everybody.

"We're actually interested in persons over 15 years of age," Technician Evan Dains told the little blonde when she showed up with her pup, Suzy, to be

x-rayed.

Nothing her interest in the matter, however, the personnel at the mobile x-ray unit were not going to let such an opportunity to pass the word along slip by them.

"If you want to help," Technician Morris Washington told the crestfallen lass, "here's what you can do."

TELL EVERYBODY

"You can tell everybody that we will be in Torrance all next week!"

And, without batting an eyelash, Dains broke in and told the little first grader just where the units would be in Torrance next week:

Torrance National Bank
Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Newberry's
Monday and Tuesday, 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Manor Market (No. Torrance)
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Duarte's Market (Pueblo)
Thursday, 12 noon to 8 p.m.
Roth's Market
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Daniels Bus Depot
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Haggott's Real Estate (Seaside Ranchos) Friday, 10 t.m. to 6 p.m.
Bill's Barber Shop (Wateria)
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Think you can remember all those places?" the technician asked Sharon.

"Woo! arf, and bow wow," Suzy answered for her mistress.

What little Sharon didn't

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Merchants Open Evenings 'til 9

Although most downtown Torrance stores will remain open until 9 p.m. between now and Christmas, the merchants who are usually closed on Sundays will be closed the day before Christmas—a Sunday, according to James L. Squires, president pro tem of the Better Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The stores open in the mornings at 9:30.



TOTALLY FOR TOTS . . . Energetic Junior Chamber of Commerce members hoist a billboard-sized sign in place on the lot opposite the Post Office to call attention to the location as the spot where "Tinkertown" will settle for three days next week. Tickets for free rides are available from local merchants. A pony and dog circus will stage shows Tuesday and Wednesday. Acting as step ladders for their buddies are muscle men Bob Downs (left) and Dick Tuttle. Skybound with the sign are C. J. Meadway (left) and Charles Schultz Jr., chairman of the event. Posing with the red-suited gentlemen in the center is Ed Karlow, president of the Jaycees. (Herald photo).