

# Seaside Ranchos

By BETTY LOU SPARKS

The holiday spirit is on us all and through most of the social activity in the Ranchos this week has been in the nature of television visits to the neighbors, and community activities, we are all busy mailing packages, shopping, and getting ready for the festivities to come.

One busy community group is Las Cancioneros, well known group of choristers, who are planning a Christmas program at 3 p.m., December 17, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. The Torrance Adult Education band will perform as well as several other choral groups. Christmas carols and selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be presented Saturday night, December 23, will find the group caroling through the Ranchos and Hollywood Riviera with a short stint for the invalids at Harbor General Hospital. To warm red noses and loosen chilled fingers will be hot drinks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey B. Spelman for the group. Incidentally, for those who partook the hospitality of the group at their Spanish dinner November 14 it is gratifying to know that the returns, a goodly sum, will be used to buy music, and to increase the repertoire of the group.

Strictly for the women will be the Las Vecinas meeting this afternoon which will be in the nature of a Christmas program and tea. The women's sextet of Los Cancioneros will present some carols and group participation in some of the evergreen carols will be featured. The annual Christmas dance

will be held December 16 and the members of the club and their husbands will make merry at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club at 9:00 p.m. with the proceeds to go to the children's ward of the Harbor General Hospital. A midnight luncheon will be served.

It is hoped that the Ranchos will be an even more gala sight this year with the stimulus of a \$25 prize offered for the best outside decoration in the Ranchos through Las Vecinas Civic Committee which, by the way, has grown to three times its original size through the added participation of such groups as the Seaside Homeowners Association and the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association.

Planned by the Girl Scouts of the area for Christmas is the party for crippled children at the Harbor General Hospital in cooperation with Las Vecinas, the group is making and dressing dolls, decorations for noon trays at the hospital and trying in various other ways to make the day pleasant for the bedridden tykes there. At the weekly meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Torrance, plans were formulated for the annual Christmas party. Attending from Seaside were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hyder, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mewlorn.

### LONGEST CANAL

The Grand canal of China is believed to be the longest and in some sections the oldest artificial waterway still in current use today.

## Noted Director Heads Torrance Nursery School

Top qualifications as teacher were brought to the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School when Mrs. Mary Ellen Long was appointed director, according to Mrs. Henry Well, president.

A degree in pre-school education from Teachers' College, Columbia University, work with well known progressive schools such as the City and Country School and the Banks Street School in New York City, and training in Europe form Mrs. Long's background. She has taught in nursery schools for a number of years in eastern states.

## Shoestring Group Names X-Ray Aides

Final arrangements for the Shoestring Association and Hall-dale PTA-sponsored chest X-ray survey to be held in the Shoestring area were made at the hostess meeting last Monday at the Hall-dale School.

The Mobile Chest X-ray unit will be in the Shoestring Strip December 18, 19 and 20, and will be located at 1643 W. Carson street, the hours to be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Mrs. J. D. Edens, health chairman for the Shoestring Association and the Hall-dale PTA, invites everyone over the age of 15 living in the community, to take advantage of this opportunity to have a free chest X-ray.

This is a chance to help in the prevention of the spread of T.B. in the Los Angeles County, and Mrs. Edens urges every one's cooperation in helping to make the survey a success.

Mrs. John Wright, hostess chairman, announced that the following women will act as hostesses during the three-day period the unit will be here:

Mesdames John Blackmon, Emilie Spitz, E. M. Bernardin, E. A. Martin, W. C. Sidwell, C. C. DeVore, M. D. Hiebert, W.

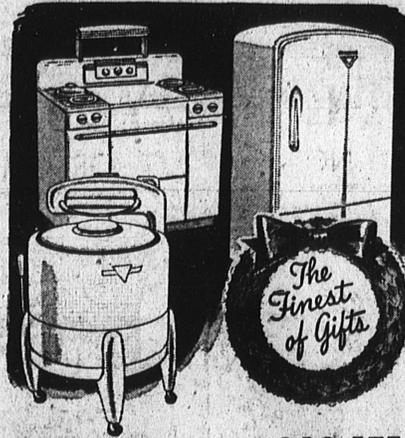
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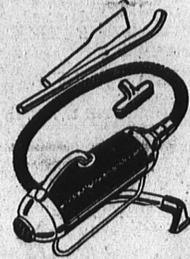
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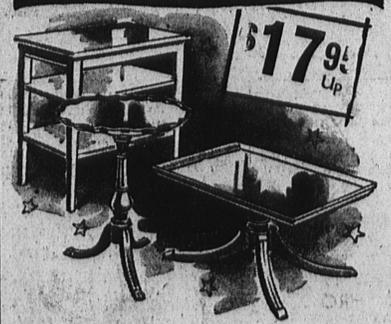
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