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Christmas Story Portrayed by Church Members

The Christmas story is being portrayed each evening on the front lawn of the Torrance Poursquare Church, El Prado and Torrance Blvd., and will continue until Christmas, according to Rev. and Mrs. William Clayton, pastors.

Tonight's performance will start at 6:30, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday performances at 7:30.

The pageant consists of six angels heralding the birth of Christ from clouds on the roof of the church.

Shepherds are awakened from their sleep and the wise men are shown bringing gifts to the Christ child. A touch of realism is added in a live, white donkey in the stable and the live sheep which are grazing on the lawn.

The Sunday School department of the church will present a program this evening in the church at 7:30. Candy gifts for everyone attending will be handed out. A tape recording from Rev. and Mrs. Ben Griffith, former pastors who are now serving in Somalia as missionaries, will be played during the morning worship service today.



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PREPARE FOR CANTATA... This quartet will play an important part in tonight's presentation of "Chimes of the Holy Night" at the Walteria Recreation Hall. Left to right

are Bonney Gooler, Janice Baker, Doralee Chaffin, and Janet Van Dyke. Mrs. Robert Cramer is at the piano.

Toastmasters Adjourn for Yuletide Season

Torrance Toastmasters entered into holiday adjournment following their meeting last week, and will not meet again until Jan. 6, it was announced.

Tuesday night's Christmas meeting at the Flash Shanty was featured by a special event in which three speakers competed for the prize. Sam Neely, Murray Hamilton and Bill Evans were the orators, with Evans topping the other two. His subject was "What I Want For Christmas" and was a warning of the driving hazards to expect during the holiday season.

U. S. Marines Yell for Help

The U. S. Marines are calling for reinforcements for one of the first recorded times.

The Leathernecks of the Long Beach Marine Corps Reserve still need more toys in their drive to supply needy children, Major John H. Maher, Fifth Signal Co., reported yesterday.

He stated that the Reserves need 500 toys to reach their goal of 2000 in the "Toys for Tots" drive. Fifteen hundred toys have already been distributed by the Marines, with the aid of certified welfare agencies in Long Beach and vicinity.

The Reserves have until Dec. 23 to reach their goal, Maj. Maher said. Collection barrels, located in Long Beach and neighborhood theaters will be picked up on Dec. 24. No more toys will be accepted at Long Beach fire stations after Dec. 23.

Walteria Choir To Give Cantata

The 28-voice choir of the Walteria Community Methodist Church will present Fred B. Bolton's "Chimes of the Holy Night" cantata tonight at 7 in the Walteria Recreation Hall.

Under preparation since early last month the cantata will be staged under the direction of Robert Cramer.

Appearing as soloists during the evening will be Sopranos Clair Williams and Colleen Gordon; Mrs. Robert Cramer, mezzo-soprano; Mrs. William Mitchell, contralto; James Birmingham, bass; and Robert Sleeth, tenor.

Also slated for an important role in the program is the girls' quartet composed of Bonney Gooler and Janice Baker, sopranos, and Doralee Chaffin and Janet Van Dyke, altos.

Accompanist for the cantata will be Carolyn Harline. Rev. Edwin Bolling will offer an invocation and the scripture.

Others taking part in the cantata include Carol Gooler, Gwen Chaffin, Betty Wickstrom, and Joyce Beers, sopranos; Joyce Radtke, Betty Essex, and Mary Pearson, altos; David Herrera, Dale Wickstrom, Dr. H. Essex, and Eugene Gwynn, tenors; and John Monaghan, Don York, Irving Radtke, John Nishimoto and Mike Trantham, bass.

The robes which will be worn

Mystery Blasts Rock Torrance

Blasts which rocked the Torrance area yesterday about 1 p.m. were caused by experiments being carried on in the

Pacific Ocean off the Portuguese Bend shoreline, it was reported. The explosions are shrouded in mystery, but are believed to be caused by experimental weapons being tested by the U. S. Navy.

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Christmas Greetings

FOR many of us the Holiday season is also "inventory time." This is a happy coincidence. Because, when we come to count our assets... none is quite so valuable as the one that never appears on our books, but which is always written large in our hearts... the friendship and loyalty of those whom we are privileged to serve. To one and all of you we say most sincerely: "Thanks a million... and may the happiness of the season abide with you and yours throughout the New Year."

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