

Hi-Lites of Seaside

Seasiders Have Fun Christmas Shopping

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Don't know if it is a waste of time, money or energy, but everyone seems to be enjoying themselves while shopping for Christmas. There are the kiddies, mommy and daddy, aunts and uncles, cousins, and don't forget those far-away relatives. For your convenience the little store on Roberts Rd. will have stamps and also a place to mail your packages. Ethel Donahue tells me that the package mail will begin tomorrow and continue until the 19th from the hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Give yourself a step or two and mail at the little store.

Another "Don't Forget" item. Don't forget the Christmas tree sale by our Boy Scouts of Troop 728 at the corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvd. which started Friday.

New Scoutmaster is Bill Morris of the Rancho. Bill has been the assistant Scoutmaster, and since Floyd Holstein is leaving for Hemet, Bill is our new guide.

Sorry to report that little Walt Ansley Jr. of MacAffee Rd. has the mumps, Old "Swollen Jaws" and little brother, Steven Donald, haven't been any bother and don't even act ill, the only way you can tell is to see the jaws.

Mike Renz, five-year-old, of Zelon, returned to school the latter part of the week after several days with a terrific cold. We hear mommy isn't feeling any too well, either. Best wishes for health for you all.

Not much visiting last week in the Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Gansen and daughter Virginia have had company from Oakland. Mr. and Mrs. Burk and family have had relatives from Playa del Rey.

Betty and Rosemary McClune of Doris Way recently celebrated their fourth and eighth birthdays respectively. The December 5 guests were: Cynthia Jennings, Sheryl and Carl Petty, Sherry Myers, Dorene and Kathleen Briener, Carol Brady, Jenny and Galen Baird, and Mary Ann Remish. The children played games and prizes were awarded to Jenny Baird for pinning the red nose on Rudolph; to Sheryl Petty (in the jelly bean race) and to Cynthia Jennings (penalty toss). The cake and other decorations had a circus motif and there was enough ice cream for everyone. Both Betty and Rosemary are enjoying their story book dolls.



FINAL TOUCHES . . . Miss Mildred K. Walker, art instructor of El Camino college, prepares to put the final touches on a copy of Botticelli's "The Virgin and the Child," which will appear in the college's annual Madonna Lane display beginning tonight on the campus.

Rites Held for Christmas Season at El Camino To Begin with Madonna Exhibit

Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Ruth Jesmer, 27, of 1835 Santa Fe Ave., who died Tuesday at her home following a long illness.

The Rev. Walter Graham, pastor of the Western Avenue Baptist Church, conducted the services, which were held at the Gamby Mortuary in Lomita. Interment followed in Green Hills Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband Chester, of the same address, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bray, of 1720 W. 282nd St., Harbor City.

When El Camino College's Madonna Lane is illuminated tonight, the college will mark the official opening of an active Christmas season for students, faculty, administration, and other campus employees.

Highlighting the seasonal functions will be such activities as the Christmas musical, faculty children's party, Christmas Ball, and the Spanish-American party, as well as Madonna Lane. Employees in all departments will join students, instructors, and administrators in most of the Yuletide projects, according to Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino College.

Added to the traditional Madonna Lane display this year is a copy of Botticelli's "The Virgin and the Child," recently completed by Art Instructor Mildred K. Walker. Assisting in the completion of the project were students of the art department, Miss Anna Olney and Miss Carole Ingles of Gardena, and Miss Ada Van Fleet of Inglewood.

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BIKE CHAMPIONS . . . Champion bicycle riders in the Hollywood Riviera were selected recently in a contest sponsored by the Riviera PTA. Junior Bike Club winners included (front row left to right) Roberto Hole, Jean Pharris, Wendia Gettman; and (back row) Robert Hole, John Dowling, Frank Reynolds, and Richard Perla.

City Now Has Elevator Girl, Needs Elevator

Torrance will have to grow a little more yet for one job applicant at the local Department of Unemployment.

Among the 648 job seekers listed this week by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the local office, was an elevator operator—and there isn't an elevator within 10 miles of the place.

Other jobseekers are asking for employment in positions ranging from accounting to sewing machine operators.

Among the 648 listed in the final report for 1953 were 279 women and 369 men. Mrs. Ellis reported. She said 46 per cent of the men are veterans, some of them disabled.

"General increases may be attributed to seasonal layoffs and to aircraft workers seeking temporary employment during labor negotiations in their industry," Mrs. Ellis said.

Applicants available according to the local office are classified as follows:

Professional	14	12	20
Clerical	79	98	96
Sales	19	20	19
Service	43	54	83
Agricultural	18	20	38
Skilled	51	82	117
Semi-skilled	72	72	140
Labor	88	88	187
Totals	382	443	648

Student Wins Speech Honor

Donna Wolf, of 21084 Halldale Ave., tied for third place in the women's lower division discussion event in the Southern California Championship Speech Tournament held recently at Pepperdine College.

Miss Wolf participated in the event as a student of Santa Barbara College of the University of California. Nineteen colleges and universities throughout Southern California participated in the event.

Students to Get Two Weeks Off

Christmas vacation will run from Dec. 18 to Jan. 4 in all Torrance schools, the Board of Education announced this week.

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IN KOREA . . . Pfc. James Y. Yonesawa is now serving in Korea where he is a translator with Korean Communications Zone Headquarters. He entered the Army in September, 1952, and was stationed at Fort Ord before going overseas last January.

Narbonne Ranch Water Rate Hike Okayed by State

Customers of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 can count on getting slightly higher water bills from the company after the first of the year.

The Public Utilities Commission announced yesterday that it has approved a new rate schedule for the company which calls for a charge of \$1.25 for the first 500 cubic feet of water used instead of the present 800 cubic feet.

In hearings before the PUC on the application which was filed just over a year ago, it was brought out that the water company needed the additional rates to bring in enough revenue to provide adequate service to its customers.

The PUC granted the increase which becomes effective at the company's notice after Dec. 28 on the condition that water pressure be increased by the rehabilitation of mains and other parts of the system.

The company serves about 700 customers, about 15 per cent of them in Torrance and the balance in Lomita.

Stolen Checks May Show Here

Checks stolen from an auto brake firm in Harbor City may begin turning up in the local area with forged signatures, merchants were warned this week.

In a burglary of the 101 Bear Service at 2555 S. Vermont Ave., a book of checks drawn on the Farmers and Merchants Bank was stolen. The checks were numbered 10801 to 11100. A check protector machine also was taken in the burglary.

Final Services Held For Sam L. Haefel

Funeral services were held in Long Beach Thursday afternoon for Sam L. Haefel, 47, of 715 Border Ave., who died at his home Saturday.

Haefel leaves his widow, Norma Haefel; a daughter, Mrs. Norma Haefel; a daughter, Mrs. Norma Ala.; and a son, James L. Haefel. Two grandchildren also survive him.

Burial in Melrose Abbey in Santa Ana followed the services at Christiansen-Pino Mortuary in Long Beach.

Home Loan Realty Sells Office to Alter Realty Co.

Alter Realty announced this week the purchase of the Home Loan Realty office, Torrance and Crenshaw Bldgs., which will now become Office No. 10 of the Alter Company, according to Gerald Alter, president.

The new office will be under the management of R. K. "Bob" Clayton, long-time Torrance resident and former sales manager for the main office of Alter Realty. He will be assisted by his father, Phil Clayton; his brother, Jack; and Florence Sommers, formerly with Home Loan.

A purchase agreement was reached between Alter and H. B. Bolas, owner, and R. G. Miller, sales manager of Home Loan Realty.

The new office will specialize in homes in the Torrance Gardens and Plaza area, as well as handling general real estate, Alter said. Harry Peterson, formerly with Home Loan, is now associated with Alter Realty and will work out of the main office at 1436 Marcelina Ave.

Miller left the firm to accept a position as west coast sales manager for the Promat Division of Ecor and Co. of Chicago. He now maintains offices at 16919 So. Broadway.

Bid to Dismiss Phone Co. Rate Increase Denied

A motion entered by the City of San Francisco to dismiss the application of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. for an increase in rates will be denied when the Public Utilities Commission open public hearings next Wednesday, it was learned here yesterday.

A letter signed by Peter E. Mitchell, presiding commissioner in the hearings of the phone company application, told all protesters and interested parties that cross examination of the company's witnesses will begin Wednesday in San Francisco.

The motion to dismiss the application was filed last spring at the commission's first hearings and has been under consideration since that time.

It's the Law!

According to City Ordinance No. 300, it is against the law to manage or conduct a game of "Draw Poker" in the city of Torrance for which a fee of compensation is charged or payable by the player of such game.

According to City Ordinance No. 382, everyone under the age of 18 who loiters about the public streets or places between 10 p.m. and sunrise of the following day when not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or spouse, over 21 years of age, is guilty of a misdemeanor; and so, also is the parent or guardian of such minor.

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