

Around the Garden 'n Plaza

Plaza Family Walks Home in Dense Fog

By HELEN AMOS FAIRfax 8-1086 MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Freeman Sr. of Little Rock, Ark., are visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. Freeman, of 2817 Sonoma St. They have another son in Torrance, G. H. Freeman Jr. The Freemans will be visiting here for the month of December. Mr. and Mrs. Faye Elzey and son Freeman Elzey from San Francisco will be with the Freemans on Sonoma St. on Christmas Day also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osborne, of 1208 Maple Ave., had quite an experience last Saturday night. While coming home from Long Beach in the fog, the car stopped running at Hickory and Carson Sts. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne had to carry their two children all the way home. They arrived home in the wee hours in the a.m. with sore feet and all very cold.

The last Homeowners meeting was a very interesting one. They decided that any street without 50 per cent participation by Dec. 31 will automatically be dropped from the plan. Bob Haggard, ex-mayor of Torrance who lives in the tract, gave an interesting talk on the "City Government." Coffee and doughnuts were served. Next meeting in January we will have the election of officers. We would like to see a lot of people there.

Mrs. Norm Laverty was very much surprised last Friday. Norm gave her a squirrel skin for Christmas. Little Barry got her blue bike that she ordered from Santa. The Lavertys had their Christmas a week early this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schmidt and family are leaving sometime after Christmas for San Jose and San Francisco, and will spend New Year's Eve with a roommate of Mrs. Schmidt in Sacramento. Gypsy, the family dog, is going along.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Truesdell and Scott, of 1008 Felbar Ave., are spending Christmas Day with friends in Bellflower.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hagenbaugh of 1011 Felbar Ave. had a party last Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur from New Orleans. All of the people present were old school friends who had graduated from Hamilton High School in Culver City.

Mrs. E. E. Belzer, of 1219 Felbar Ave., is waiting for her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. McNichol, who will be here by Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. McNichol are coming from Racine, Wis. and are planning to make their home permanently in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Hardinghaus, of 808 Fonthill, had a party last Monday evening in honor of Chuck's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hattum, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bye, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Belzer, Mr. and Mrs. George Cambon, Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Janasik, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Root.

Norma Jean Root, of 814 Fonthill Ave., is now walking very well with a brace on one leg. Norma suffered from polio some time ago. This will be a Merry Christmas for her family and her friends, who have helped in her recovery.

Peter Rotch A/3c, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. Hardinghaus, at 808 Fonthill. Peter will be on his way to Korea after Christmas. A Christmas Wish: For the past—Happy Memories For the present—Good fortune For the future—Peace on EARTH. This Christmas card message expresses what I would like to wish to everyone.

Torrance Fifth In Southland Building Value

Torrance stood fifth on a list of 73 Southland cities in volume of new construction authorized in the first eleven months of 1953, it was indicated this week.

The only cities that topped Torrance's building permit valuation reports were Los Angeles, San Diego, Long Beach, and San Fernando. Los Angeles County (unincorporated) also topped Torrance.

Los Angeles city led in valuation with \$402,193,782 and Torrance's 11-month figure was \$26,280,080. Fourth place San Fernando registered \$22,522,349.

All of the top five cities showed increases over 1952 figures except San Diego, which dropped over a million dollars in building valuation.

Torrance jumped from \$17,365,629 for the first 11 months of '52 to '53's figure. The city was eighth highest in building valuation for the month of November with \$1,920,722 worth.



PROMOTED... William G. Brown, interior communications technician third class, USN, son of Mrs. Myrtle E. Brown and husband of Mrs. William G. Brown, all of 25615 Lucille Ave., Lomita, was recently promoted to his present rate while serving aboard the radar picket destroyer USS McKean. (U. S. Navy photo)

Youthful Gang Goes on Spree

Six teen-aged Keystone youths were arrested last week by Sheriff's office juvenile officers and accused of stealing almost \$1000 worth of goods during a two-week crime spree.

Officers said they recovered at most \$1000 of the loot which was taken from homes, filling stations, and cafes in Torrance, Palos Verdes, Wilmington and Dominguez.

Five of the boys lived in a trailer court in the Keystone area and the sixth lived in Long Beach. Police said that Long Beach police noticed four of the boys, 15 and 16 years old, acting suspiciously and took them into custody. Later, when turned over to Lennox police the boys admitted the robberies and implicated two other boys.

The stolen goods were recovered from beneath a railroad trestle where the gang had cached the loot to pick up later.

Cubs Take Gifts To Hospitalized

Cub Pack No. 241-C took Christmas gifts to the elderly people's ward at Harbor General Hospital as part of their monthly meeting, it was announced recently.

The boys also sang Christmas carols and Santa Claus popped in to pass out gifts and candy. Awards presented included gold arrows to Tad Ulrich, Gary Dalton, and Jimmy Roberts; silver arrows to Tad Ulrich, George Crane, Gary Dalton, Kenny Preder, Gary Beck, Nelson Lee, and Jimmy Roberts; and gold arrows to Gary Dalton, Donovan Nielson, and Jimmy Roberts.

Infantry Man to Spend Christmas in Korea

Army Pfc. Stephen F. Reynolds whose wife, Lou Ann, lives at 2009 Arlington Ave., will spend Christmas north of the 38th parallel in Korea. Stationed with the 45th Infantry Division, he will mark the festive season with special religious services, Christmas trees and decorations, and the traditional feasts on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Reynolds, 24405 Neece Ave., WALTERIA, is a 67 mm. recoilless rifleman in Company K of the division's 279th Regiment. A veteran of 11 months' Army service, he has been in Korea since July.

Notes on Narbonne

Narbonne Students Scatter for Holiday

May all you Narbonnites have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A very inspirational Christmas program was given by the Girls Glee Club, A Cappella Choir, and the Rhythmic Class, accompanied by the orchestra last Friday during fifth period.

A Christmas party was held at Dot Nelson's home last Friday evening. Those seen exchanging Christmas presents, enjoying cake and ice cream were: Marie Traunfelder, Laura Tolbert, Dorothy Searles, Marge Cullinan, Anett Grafe, Lyla Corray, Millie Childs, Joyce Bernhardt, and yours truly.

The Girls League moon assembly last Thursday was really well attended, according to some of the girls that attended.

Don't forget, candidates for Girls League or Student Body, to study your speeches. Rehearsal for the nominations assembly will be Jan. 5.

Oh brother, this is getting to be something! The faculty basketball team beat the Letterman last week, 37-13, and the Vigilantes were beaten earlier. It is rumored that the Faculty team will challenge the Harlem Globetrotters!

Let's help the Clean Campus Committee by keeping the campus clean all week after the Christmas holidays.

Junipero Serra Masses Planned

A Mass composed by Richard Biggs and dedicated to Father Junipero Serra, pioneer of the Catholic Church in California, will be sung by the Nativity Church choir on Christmas Day at two High Masses.

Under the direction of Laurence M. Sargent, the choir will sing the first High Mass at 5:30 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m. according to Father Patrick J. McGuinness, pastor.

Soldier Gets Sgt. Stripes

Leonard L. Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Nicholson, 3331 W. 190th St., was recently promoted to sergeant first class while serving with the 25th Infantry Division in Korea.

Rushed to Korea during the early days of the conflict, the 25th Infantry took part in some of the most bitter fighting on the peninsula. It is now undergoing intensive post-trace training.

Sailor Advanced in Rate

LeRoy Bowman, fireman USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowman of 1701 W. 254th St., Lomita, recently received an advancement in rate while serving aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin.

SECOND LONGEST

The Amazon River is exceeded in length only by the Nile.

Christmas Fun Club Signups Open at YMCA

Signups are still being taken for the YMCA Christmas Vacation Fun Club for boys 8 1/2 through 14 years old, according to Stan Roberts, executive secretary of the "Y."

Reservations for a day or for the entire program can be made by calling the Torrance YMCA at FA 8-1272.

On Monday the boys visited the Helms Bakery and Foundation on Venice Blvd., and then took an hour's swim at the San Pedro YMCA.

Yesterday the boys took a trip to Angel's Flight Railroad and Chinatown, and finished the day with an hour swim at the San Pedro YMCA. For Monday, Dec. 23, a trip through the U. S. Naval Base at Long Beach.

This trip will be followed by a swim at the YMCA. The snow trip scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 29, will be held if snow arrives. If not there will be an all-day trip to one of the nearby places of interest.

The International Airport will be the destination for the Wednesday, Dec. 30 trip followed by a short excursion through the County Museum, followed by a swim at San Pedro YMCA.

Arthur Wilby Retiring As U.S. Steel Officer

Arthur C. Wilby is retiring Jan. 1 as Vice-President of United States Steel Corporation in Chicago and will be succeeded by Edward C. Logelin, it was announced today by Clifford F. Hood, president of the corporation.

Before becoming Vice President in 1946, Mr. Wilby for eight years was Director of Public Relations for United States Steel in the Chicago District.

AUTO OWNERS

About 65 per cent of families in the United States own automobiles.

Baudin Installed Junior Governor

James Baudin, Torrance cafe owner, was installed as the new junior governor of the Torrance lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose by Dan Desmond, governor, in ceremonies at the local lodge, 1744 Carson St., at 8 p.m. Monday night.

The junior governor-elect was named to his new post in an election held last week to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. W. Sawyer. Baudin resides with his wife Marguerite at 2010 Pacific Coast Hwy., and maintains a cafe business at 1311 Cabrillo in Torrance.

Ralph Fritz, 818 Sartori, was elected to the Board of Trustees in the special election.

FIRE CAUSE

About 13 per cent of forest fires are caused by lightning.

You'll Get The Best Buys In Town By Shopping From The Torrance Herald Display Ad!

New Treatment For Arthritis And Muscle Pain

TORRANCE - If you have been suffering for years from arthritis and muscle pain, do not despair. Dr. Larson's new application of the latest in scientific therapy is promising new hope for relief of the crippling torture of arthritis and rheumatic conditions. You are invited to come in for a complete examination to discover the true cause of your condition. Price for this examination is only \$3.00. Phone FAIRfax 8-3738 before coming to offices of Dr. R. A. Larson, D. C., Ph. C., 1110 Sartori Avenue, Torrance (three doors north of Torrance Blvd.). -Adv.

Advertisements for 'Greetings' (wishing you a Merry Christmas), 'TRESKES MENS WEAR 1319 EL PRADO', and 'Arthur Wilby Retiring As U.S. Steel Officer'.

Large advertisement for 'New 1954 Chevrolet' featuring various models and features like Power Brakes, Automatic Window and Seat Controls, and Blue-Flame 125" Engine. Includes a large image of a Chevrolet car.

Advertisement for 'Home Ownership comfortably yours WITH OUR LOAN!' from 'AMERICAN SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION'. Includes details about 3 1/2% current annual rate on savings and free customer parking.

Advertisement for 'WELCOME TO TORRANCE' from the 'FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT CARSON AND MANUEL STS., TORRANCE'. Lists services like Bible School, Morning Worship, Fellowship Training, and Evening Services.