

### Kids to Get Letters from Santa Claus

Torrance kiddies can get a real letter from Santa Claus this year, with an authentic postmark from Fairbanks, Alaska, Santa's post office.

As they have in previous years, Pan American World Airways and The Globe Trotter will do everything but write the letters and lick the stamps. Parents must do that. Promises in the letter are made by the parents, the company notes.

Last year, more than 100,000 children received letters from Santa Claus this way. Santa Claus writing paper and envelopes may be obtained from any Pan American office, or The Globe Trotter, travel agents, 201 S. Pacific, Redondo Beach.

### Cole Porter Show Slated

Cole Porter's "Panama Hat" will be the next production of the South Bay Civic Light Opera Assn., director Melville H. Tully announced yesterday.

Oral readings and auditions for the production will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the music room of Redondo Union High School, El Redondo and Incent Sts. The show will be held in February and March. The group will welcome donations of a piano. Persons interested may call FR 4-3766.

The association is an activity of Redondo Union High School's adult program.

### Another Bum Check Passed

Stolen checks from the "Redwood Center" of Manhattan Beach still are showing up in the area, resulting in a "gift" to the cashier from local merchants of big sums of cash, according to Torrance police.

Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett said one of the phony checks, written for \$83.68, was cashed at a local market, this week. It was made payable to Sammy Arridondo, he said.

Any "Redwood Center" checks should be reported to the police department at once, he urged.

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### Mock Up Court Study Planned

Borrowing a leaf from the pages of aircraft manufacturers, the Board of Supervisors Tuesday approved the construction of a completely equipped "mock-up" courtroom, to be used as a model for the more than one hundred courtrooms that will be located in the new County Courthouse.

Purpose of the model, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, is to be certain that when the time comes to construct and furnish the courtrooms in the \$17,000,000 courthouse, "we have all the kinks ironed out." Chace said the model courtroom will be located in the Hall of Records and will actually be used for trial work at various times by each of the Superior Court judges and by some of the Municipal Court jurists.

### Pairailed For Railroad Office Heist

Two youths have been arrested on suspicion of burglarizing the Pacific Electric Railway office at 3200 Border Ave., according to Detective Sgt. Percy Bennett. He led on the charge are Charles L. McCorkhill, 18, of 1508 1/2 207th St., and Raymond M. North, 21, of Inglewood. They were to be arraigned in South Bay Municipal Court late yesterday.

Bennett said McCorkhill entered the railway freight office breaking a skylight, then opening a door and let North inside. They ransacked the office, taking eight checks, all made payable to PE, the detective reported. One of the checks was made out for \$1057.

Also taken, Bennett said, was a railroad impact recorder, valued at \$200. They were arrested at their homes after the detective received an anonymous tip over the telephone.

LOWEST POINT  
The lowest point of land in the United States is Death Valley, Calif., 276 feet below sea level.

### Gal in Distress Turns to Man, Er Men, for Aid

When a four-year-old gal gets in trouble, to whom can she turn?

A man, thought Judy McGuire, daughter of Mrs. A. McGuire of 2307 Border Ave., when she got a little metal disc stuck on her index finger, Wednesday morning. So her mom put her in the car, sped to the Torrance Fire Department, and in a matter of minutes Fire Engineers Jerry Holloman and Mike Barosh had the situation in hand. A careful snip with a pair of cutters removed the disc. They applied a bandage. While Captain Frank Tuttle offered a few candy drops to soothe the injured feelings.

### Two Ordered To Trial On Rape Charges

Two local men were ordered held for Superior Court Trial Dec. 17, on charges of kidnaping and forcible rape, it was indicated yesterday.

Released on \$2000 bail were Jack L. Neathery, 21, of 1528 W. 222nd St., and Ernest G. Dandoy, 23, of 1506 W. 251st St. The alleged victim, Mrs. Marilyn Hitchcock of Harbor City, a widow of five months, broke down several times during questioning in Judge Otto B. Willett's South Bay court.

The pair is represented by Attorneys Kenneth Garcelson and Peter Mirich. Trial was set for Dept. 44, Superior Court, Los An-

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