

Here At Home

By Maude Miller

Our Favorite

What's your favorite Christmas story... next to Dickens' "Christmas Carol"? Ours is about the three brothers and a sister, all grown, who decided to spend Christmas with their mother, now seventy years old. They bought her lovely gifts and took the train together to the little old town of their birth. Such a day they had, stuffing on Mother's cooking and basking and rejoicing in the gifts she had knitted for them! And Mother was pleased with their gifts... though protesting they "really shouldn't have been so extravagant."

She saw them all off at the station, but just before the train left, Mother took each of them aside and whispered urgently. They were still smiling as the train pulled into the starry night and they watched the frail old lady standing straight and proud.

Then they compared notes. She had asked a favor of each of them. The pure silk dress from Ed... might she give it to the minister's wife?... The congregation was very poor and paid their leader very little. The rug for the parlor, Grace's gift... well, her old one would do for a while, and the parsonage had none at all. The books from Ralph she herself might never get to read... and the new town library could really use them. The watch from Ben... well, Ralph was about to become engaged, and she had slipped it into his pocket for his fiancée. And the flowers from all of them... in the morning she would visit their father's grave on the hill... "Did they mind?"

They thought for a moment in the swaying train. Then Grace said slowly, "We thought we were bringing Mother a happy Christmas. And she's given us the most wonderful Christmas in the world!"

WOMAN SIDE

How to say "I love you" to HIM... whether it be Pop, Husband, Son or Friend... Co-ordinated gift. Fringed, hand-knitted broadcloth pajamas and a pair of slippers. A perfect fit, long-sleeved McGregor sport shirt, and that fabulous, unlined Drizler jacket, water repellent and windproof. A French-cuffed dress shirt, and a new, narrow tie, and Swank cuff-links and tie-tack. All wool flannel slacks with that Ivy League look, and a good-looking belt. Socks (wool, cotton or nylon... what a selection!) French-designed ties, and a box of three initialed handkerchiefs. They all add up to gifts that look custom designed for the special guys in your life. And don't forget... sweaters go everywhere with everyone! And if you get stumped on what to get for the teenagers, ask Ray. He knows all the answers!

MAN SIDE

How to say "I love you" to HER... whether it be Mom, Wife, Daughter or Friend... coordinate those gifts! Fringed: A stunning all wool skirt (pencil slim or gracefully full) and a bright sweater, jersey, or tailored blouse, and a wide colorful belt too. A quilted cocktail skirt with jewels or flowers or silly dogs, and a sheer blouse or jeweled sweater. A nightie as soft as the whispering breeze, and a cuddly robe, and a pair of slippers... like the famous Daniel Green's in black velvet or colors. A just-for-her purse... tiny, fitted one for parties, or a Theodor box or pouch for everywhere in the daytime. And tucked in one or two of our pure linen handkerchiefs and you've got it made! And if you talk real nicely to Ella, she'll let you buy some of those pure silk hand printed scarves and matching jewelry by a famous designer. And if you really want to make Mom's eyes sparkle... take home some of that sparkling jewelry. They may not be diamonds but they'll make her best friend!

OUR SIDE

We love the song "Jingle Bells." But it always seems sort of out of place in Southern California... Maybe that's why our seven year old, instead of singing "bells on hobbits ring," always shouts, "bells on cocktalls ring." Anyway, it's a particularly Merry Christmas season this year. Maybe because stocks are plentiful... and so much is good looking and not too expensive. And so easily bought... and so prettily packaged for you right here at home... at 1311 Sartori... Sam Levy Dept. Store. Naturally!

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Obituaries

Roy Lloyd

Private inurnment for Roy Lloyd, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lloyd of 4639 Hallison St., Torrance, and formerly of Inglewood, was held Thursday at Pacific Crest Cemetery, under direction of the Hardin and Flanagan Mortuary, Inglewood. The child, who died a birth, in Daniel Freeman Hospital, Inglewood, on Dec. 6, also is survived by a sister, 4, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crumb, of Earlimart, Calif. His father is a wing assembler at the Hawthorne plant of Northrop Aircraft Co.

Henry M. Coburn

Henry M. Coburn, 91, a resident of Torrance for several years, died yesterday in a Los Angeles rest home. He formerly made his home with a son, George Coburn, of 640 Sartori Ave. Mr. Coburn had been retired for 25 years. He was a member of the Townsend Club. Arrangements are still pending at Stone and Myers Mortuary. Other survivors include a daughter, Grace Smith, of Torrance; Dora Quinliss, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Glen Gates, of Corey, Pa., and a son, Oscar, of Corey, Pa.

County Changes School Boundary

Redondo Beach school officials will have to start looking for classroom space for their own elementary school students in the El Nido area beginning next July as the result of school boundary changes approved before the Board of Supervisors this week. Acting on the recommendation of County Superintendent of Schools C. C. Trillingham, the Supervisors approved the reshuffling of seven parcels of property between the Torrance and Redondo Beach school districts. Four parcels were shifted from the Torrance Unified School District to the Redondo district, and three were shifted to Torrance. Six of the seven parcels were along the Torrance-Redondo boundary in the beach area where school boundaries had not been changed to conform with new alignments of the city boundary recently.

Eugene Gribben

Final rites for Eugene Morgan Gribben, 70, of 1573 W. 216th St., were held Tuesday at the Church of the Nativity, with the Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating. He died Friday at Harbor Hospital. A native of Canada, he was born March 17, 1885. Rosary was recited Monday night in Stone and Myers Chapel. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. He is survived by six sons, Harry, of Japan; Vincent and John, both of Compton; Eugene of Baldwin Park; Morgan, of Los Angeles, and Joseph, of San Diego.

Chief Issues Warning About Sex Offenses

Police Chief Willard H. Haslam issued a warning to young girls, children and parents yesterday as an aftermath of several recent vicious sex attacks in this area. Chief Haslam pointed out that a cycle of sex offenses has been noted in Torrance, the South Bay area and the entire Southland in recent weeks. He urged teen-aged girls to be extremely careful when talking to men they don't know and under no circumstances to get in a car with strangers. A 12-year-old Hawthorne girl, who was on her way home from Sunday school, was kidnapped and made to commit lewd acts by a Long Beach man here two weeks ago. The man later was captured by Torrance detectives and is being held on the charges.

Attack Here Monday
On Monday two teen-aged Gardena girls were forcibly raped by three Torrance boys here. One of the suspects, Paul Jones, 19, still is at large after he fled officers at the scene of arrest. Monday afternoon, a 38-year-old woman was knifed and attacked in a Hermosa Beach book store by a merchant sailor, who gave himself up after the attack. The woman is in critical condition.

Watch Children
Chief Haslam urged all youngsters not to talk with strange men in cars. He also requested that parents not let their children get out of their sight while at play. He punctuated the warning by asking residents to report suspicious incidents to the police department. "Even if the tip doesn't materialize, we'd feel much better and we're sure the parents would too, if all suspicions are reported promptly to the station," he concluded.

Forgiving Wife Gets Husband Off Hook Again
Here's a new twist to the age-old story of the forgiving wife. David S. Burton, 40, of 2314 W. 233rd St., was taken into custody Sunday by local police after his wife charged he tried to run her down with the family car. Agnes J. Burton later told police she would not prosecute her husband if a only wanted authorities to "tell him not to hit me anymore," they said.

Alleged Litterbug Faces Jury Trial
A Manhattan Beach man will face jury trial in South Bay Municipal Court, Jan. 12, on charges he dumped trash on Hallison St., here recently. Spiro Mitchell asked for trial by jury on a complaint that he turned litterbug and dumped trash on the street.

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