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# DECORATION WINNERS NAMED

## Jaycees Pick 'Best in City'

Winners of the Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored Christmas decorations contest were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harmon, 22317 Warmside Ave., in the religious classification; and Mr. and Mrs. William Lindner, 233 Via Los Miradores, in the novelty judging.

Acting as judges, board members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce selected the above two after considering 80 entries in the best exterior decoration contest. Plaques were presented the two winners at City Hall Wednesday night.

Honorable mention went to Art Mitchell, 19414 Beckworth; George Hodges, 517 Paseo De Las Estrellas; Laurence Sargent, 1613 Cota; Charles Davis, 2702 W. 180th Pl.; Charles Smith, 5107 Lee; W. G. Harvey, 22318 Avis Ct.; and A. R. Deravin, 17228 Wilkie.

A spokesman for the Jaycees said they hoped for a bigger entry list next Christmas and also that more people would decorate their front yards in the religious theme. (Photos on Page 3)

## Water Area Must Pay Own Way if Annexed

Annexation of the area now served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2 to the County Water District No. 13 would not cost the present County district subscribers — it would pay them, a county engineer reported this week.

In a letter to Mrs. Dessie Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters Assn., R. G. Lunt, division engineer for the county's waterworks and utilities division, said water users in the area proposed for annexation would have to assume all of

the \$600,000 indebtedness for acquiring and rehabilitating lines, and would also assume about one third of the present obligations of the district. Residents of the area of north Lomita and south Torrance are scheduled to vote Jan. 5 on the proposal to annex to the county water system. A move by the city of Torrance to block annexation of areas within the city were rebuffed by Superior Court Judge Ellesworth Meyer last Friday.

### A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you want for Christmas?" is the question the HERALD inquiring photographer asked for today's question.

Sharon Ward, 14, 4904 Reynolds Rd.

"I want a record album of songs from the movie 'South Pacific' for Christmas. I think the songs from picture are terrific. I also want some of Debbie Reynolds' records. She is real cool and one of my favorite singers. I am also hoping for a hi-fi record player."

Ted Weyer, 2, 4572 Mindora Dr., watchman-dog that is:

"I want a Ford. No, I think every dog should be a Ford owner, but I am named after a news editor. He thought for himself and owned a Ford. I also would like a few bones and a cat to chase, just to prove that I am a dog."

Larry Schaffer, 8, 22702 Anza Ave.

"What I want for Christmas is a baseball bat. I'd like to get a ball and a glove, too, then I will have a complete outfit. I play on a Little League team so I need these things. I'd like to have an organ, too."

Kathy Young, 9, 4913 Reese Rd.

"That's easy. I want a Patty Play Pal doll for Christmas. I still play with dolls and if I got this one it would be my favorite all year long. I want an alarm clock of my own and that is all I want."

Terry Tekben, 7, 22605 Anza Ave.

"I want a bike — a real one. A two-wheel bike. I'm big enough to ride a real bike and I don't ride my old tricycle. It's for little kids and the big kids won't let me ride with them. I want a toy gas station, too."

(We hope you all get what you want and have a Merry Christmas. — Penny Photog.)

## Torrance Saluted On National Show

Torrance's "Queen for a Day" is Mrs. Leona Plunkett of 23851 Park Street. Mrs. Plunkett was selected by a record-breaking attendance of 1000 Torrance women at Tuesday's "Queen for a Day" program at the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Plunkett is the mother of four children, Bonnie Lee 13, Betty Jean 9½, William Carl Jr. 7½ and Gerald Wayne 11 months.

Christmas 1959 will be a much brighter one for the Plunketts and their four children — much brighter than Christmas 1958 when they were saddened by the death of a 9½-year-old son.

IF THIS WASN'T enough, Mrs. Plunkett had surgery, her daughter three surgeries in the past six months.

Jack Bailey, M.C. for the popular NBC Program presented the "Queen" with a "Carte Blanche" account at a department store where she can buy anything and everything she wishes for the family, also a new refrigerator, a kitchen dinette set, complete silverware, crystal and dinnerware sets, gift certificates, 100 towels and sheets, bicycles and toys for all the children and numerous other surprises.

RUNNERSUP were Mrs. Ruth Ballard of 1221 Enggracia, Mrs. Betty Dehn, wife of Reverend Robert D. Dehn, 23727 Lucille, of the First Baptist Church on Carson and Manuel, and Mrs. Betty Pettiz, 2507 Brian. All received numerous gifts.

Following the show, the Torrance Chamber told Bailey they would see that Mrs. Ballard received a stay at Apple Valley which was her wish — and one that won her second place. Bailey quickly arranged for a three-day all-expense

tour for the couple. Mrs. Ballard who works for a downtown Torrance mortuary at night and as a crossing guard days, was injured, along with two children by a truck on Nov. 25. In addition her son has just suffered a heart attack.

TEN BUSLOADS of women made the trip from Torrance. Heading the group were Mayor and Mrs. Albert Isen; Councilman and Mrs. J. A. Beasley; Councilman and Mrs. Willys Blount and daughter, Margaret; Councilman and Mrs. George A. Bradford, Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull and Mrs. Hull, City Manager George Stevens, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens' Mother, Mrs. Essie Hicks of Washington; Treasurer Jack Phillips and Mrs. Phillips of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Manager Dick Fitzgerald and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Bailey told the group it was not only the largest ever but also the most enthusiastic. He spent much time in a pre-show and added many remarks following.

### Parking Permits May be Obtained From City Jan. 4

Parking permits may be obtained from the Business License Department, starting January 4.

The permit will cost four dollars for each month, and a new permit must be obtained for each month the permittee desires.

Permit will entitle "permittee" unlimited parking on City owned off-street parking lots.

The parking permit is a decal which is placed in the lower right hand corner of permittee's automobile.



WATCHING AND WAITING . . . Robbie Miller, 3, peers up chimney at his home, 1027 Patronella, ready to welcome that jolly old gent with the white beard, whom he knows will arrive tonight, bringing presents and filling his stocking. Yoga Bear and all Torrance children join Robbie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Miller, in anticipating Santa's visit. (Herald Photo)

### GOP Names Chapel To Executive Body

Charles Edward Chapel, Republican of Inglewood, has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee, Republican State Central Committee of California.

### An El Camino Tradition

## 11 Famous Reproductions Of Madonna, Child Shown

Eleven famed reproductions of Madonna and Child are currently being featured in an outdoor Christmas display on the campus of El Camino College, 16007 So. Crenshaw Blvd.

Known as Madonna Row, the famed reproductions will remain on public exhibit for 24 hours daily through New Year's Day. Constituting the college's gift to its community, the project was initiated in 1949, when Miss Mildred K. Walker presented her first painting "to preserve the true meaning of Christmas".

This year's addition to the row is the reproduction of the Nativity Panel from the Isenheim altar-piece. The original work of Matthew Grunwald, the painting was on the high altar of the Antonite monastery at Isenheim, Germany.

DATED 1515, the original is now in the Unterlinden Museum in Colmar.

Work for this year's presentation was planned and executed by Miss Walker with the assistance of two art students, Mary Lehman and Rosemary Dumas.

"The college, 11 years ago," Miss Walker reminisces, "was a new place and there were no traditions set for Christmas. We thought it would be nice for

the community to bring back the beauty and quietness of Christmas."

DURING THE 11-year history of the row, the college has presented eight paintings, two mosaics and one stained glass window to the public. People passing the campus at any hour of the day or night may enter the periphery road of the campus for a close view of the paintings, which are attractively framed and lighted.

"We study the original painting to the exact square inch then reproduce it in oil on canvas," Miss Walker explained.

MISS WALKER selected Raphael's Madonna as the first picture to be reproduced, choosing it because it represented to her the idea of Christmas and the reason for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The famed picture, one of many Madonnas by the great artist, is known as the "Cowper Madonna" for the original is a part of the Cowper collection.

An El Greco, "The Virgin of Santa Inez and Santa Tecla" was the choice in 1950. The original of the well-known El Greco hangs in the National Museum in Washington, D.C.

In 1951, a Madonna which hangs in Melbourne, Australia's National Gallery, "The Ince Hall Madonna" by Jan Van Eyck, was reproduced and added to the collection.

"THE VIRGIN and St. Jon," a Botticelli original of the Medici Florentine school, was the art treasure of 1952.

From the pictures in the Academia di Venice—"Virgin and Child" by Gian Piazzetta, Miss Walker made the selection. (Continued on Page 2)

## Christmas Music Program Slated at Sports Arena

The spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will be spelled out in Christmas music at the Sports Arena today as Southland church choirs, soloists, and organists join together in presenting a 12½ hour program of Yule carols, sacred music and popular secular tunes on the Christmas theme.

In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, the program will be presented free of charge to the public, with all participants donating their time and talents in bringing the gift of music to Southern California.

Free parking will be provided, for all who attend, on the parking lot immediately south of the Sports Arena, fronting on Santa Barbara avenue.

THE COLISEUM Commission, acting on a suggestion by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, authorized the program and named Commissioners B. Jack Ansley and A. E. England to assist him in working out the details.

It is hoped that this first program will establish a beautiful new Christmas tradition for Southern California," Supervisor Hahn said.

"I can think of no better way to observe the true meaning of Christmas than by listening to lovely Christmas carols at the new Sports Arena," he continued. "I hope that it will prove an inspiration to all and that it will ultimately replace office parties where liquor is served and drunken drivers turned loose on our streets and highways."



HAIL QUEEN . . . Mrs. Leona Plunkett, 23851 Park St., was selected by 1000 Torrance women attending "Queen For A Day" program Tuesday. The show was sponsored by Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Albert Isen (left) and Jack Bailey, emcee of the popular NBC program are pictured with the local mother of four children.