

### Central Church Classes To Hold Tree Trimming

The Sunday School of Central Evangelical United Brethren Church will present the annual "Trimming of the Christmas Tree" program at a vesper service Sunday at 5 p.m. Each person attending will bring an ornament or homemade decoration for the tree, a white gift to fill baskets for the needy, and an offering for the denominational benevolent homes.

Thursday evening, the Adult Christian Endeavor Society will have a Christmas party following its regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Culley, 2226 W. 236th Place.

The church choir will sing Christmas carols Wednesday at the Nativity scene displayed at Stone and Myers Mortuary.

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### Law In Action

When a person is arrested, he needs legal representation at once. California law gives the accused the right to complete one phone call as soon as he is booked. An officer who refuses to allow an attorney to visit the accused who has called him commits a misdemeanor.

Under due process, says the U.S. Supreme Court, a person can have proper legal representation. Failure to provide counsel for him in any capital case violates the Fourteenth Amendment. In other cases the Constitution is violated if denial means an unfair trial.

THE CALIFORNIA law provides for aid to those accused of a crime who cannot afford a lawyer. Large counties have a paid public defender; and the courts in smaller counties name lawyers to speak for the accused where he is too poor to pay.

One's right to counsel applies when he is arraigned before a judge, often weeks before trial, even before he pleads guilty or not guilty. It is best to get a lawyer soon so that he can prepare an adequate defense.

THE ACCUSED has the right to counsel in misdemeanor cases in municipal or justice courts until the charge is dismissed or he is sentenced. In many such cases the accused who does not ask for a lawyer is said to have waived his right to one.

When a case is appealed, the accused can often get legal counsel even if he cannot afford it. The court may name a lawyer to prepare and complete his appeal if the court decides the appeal has some merit. In addition, convicted persons may have a free copy of the trial transcript and of papers necessary to appeal to a higher court.

IN THE LARGER counties, the public defender's office hires investigators to help the counsel prepare a case. After wards, the public defender may decide to ask that the charge be dismissed, or he may decide if he decides not to try the case, the accused may plead guilty and ask for probation.

For the administration of the criminal laws, the rich and poor alike need and may have legal counsel.



TOY COLLECTORS . . . Maj. R. H. Harter, USMC (left), officer in charge of the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program in this area, discusses the project with Margie Reed, Miss Toys for Tots, and Chief J. J. Besser of the Torrance Fire Department. Toys are being collected at all Torrance fire stations.

### NHS Debate Team Enters Tournament

Twelve North High students will attend the Southern California Debate League Qualifying tournament to be held Jan. 6, at the University of Southern California, according to Lehr R. Mushrush, president of the SCDL and North High's speech coach.

Qualifying to compete in debate are Elias Baumgarten, Peter Gregora, Sandra Rayes, and Kathy Golphenec. Entering in impromptu are Carol Robinson and Jerome Lemberger. Students speaking in original oratory will be Peter Gregora, Maureen Bereskin, and Dale Basinger; extemporaneous, Sandra Rayes and Judy Morgan; oratorical interpretation, Bronwen Crewell; and in humorous, Yvonne Colletti.

Airman S.C. Ralph Q. Morrison of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel M. Mora, 22127 Archibald Ave., is being assigned to March AFB for training as a transportation specialist. He recently completed United States Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.



CELJA HAWLEY Has Role in Film

### Local Girl Has Role in New Movie

Celja Elaine Hawley, 13-year-old Torrance youth, will attend the invitational World Premiere of "The Children's Hour," at the Fox Wilshire Theater in Beverly Hills, on Tuesday.

Celja, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn F. Hawley, appears in the picture as a student pianist in the opening scenes, as well as in the light school girl role of "Patricia," one of several children playing in scenes with film stars Audrey Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine, James Garner, Fay Bainter, and Miriam Hopkins.

The young artist has made previous professional appearances on such national television shows as "Buckskin," "Leave It to Beaver," "The June Allison Show," "Ford Spectacular," "The Juggler," "Love and Marriage," "D.A.'s Man," and "Family Films."

"The Children's Hour," produced and directed by William Wyler, his first major production since "Ben Hur," is a feature film presentation of the Mirisch Co. for a United Artists Release. The screen play is an adaptation by John Michael Hays, from Lillian Hellman's classic play.

The entire production, under the direction of Wyler, was photographed on location, and at the Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood.

### Obituaries

#### MARTHA BROMLEY

Funeral services for Martha Louise Bromley, 75, of Long Beach, will be held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel at 11 a.m. Monday. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Alice Lash. Monday's services will be private, mortuary officials reported.

#### NATHANIEL MOORE

Funeral services for Nathaniel Wilford Moore, 65, of 2434 W. 229th St., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Saturday with the Rev. Ponder Gilliland of the Nazarene officiating.

Mr. Moore died in Los Angeles Dec. 9. He is survived by his widow, Martha. Burial was scheduled in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

#### EMILIO MAGDAY

Funeral services for Emilio Villanueva Magday, 61, were held yesterday with the celebration of Requiem Mass at the Church of the Nativity. Rosary was recited Friday evening at the Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Mr. Magday is survived by a nephew, Cornelio Magday, Redondo Beach. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

#### WILLIAM O. PUTMAN

Requiem Mass for William Otis Putman, 68, of 1008 Cota Ave., was celebrated Saturday morning at Church of the Nativity and burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery. Holy Rosary was recited Friday evening at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel.

Mr. Putman, a resident here for many years, died Thursday. He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth.

#### SIDNEY LEE SELLERS

Funeral services were held Friday for Sidney Lee Sellers under the direction of Stone and Myers Mortuary. Burial was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Sellers, 80, resided at 427 W. Carson St. He died Wednesday. He is survived by his widow, Aima; two sons, Roy and Carl; three daughters, Mrs. Emma Collier, Mrs. Murtie Hall, and Mrs. Vadie Bowman; 18 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

### Sacramento Report

## Metro Bill Called 'Diabolical Plot'

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District  
A vicious bill to promote a particular kind of "metropolitan government" was introduced during the last regular session of the California State Legislature which ended at midnight, June 16.

This bad bill had the support of the League of California Cities, much to my surprise, because that organization is financially supported by many comparatively small cities which would have been damaged if the bill had become law.

Although about 4,000 bills and resolutions were introduced, and it is humanly impossible for any one person to thoroughly read, much less understand the full imports of each bill, I do have a sixth sense for locating the bills which I think may either benefit or damage the people I represent, and also the people of adjacent areas.

WHEN I READ the bill I immediately obtained a large supply of printed copies and sent one to each of several cities, addressed simply "To the Honorable Mayor and City Council," because I did not have time to get our separate letters to individuals, as I would do normally.

In my letter, I asked that each city council read, in open meeting, the bills for metropolitan government, in full, and then write to me as soon as possible, saying "Vote yes" or "Vote no," and why.

WITHOUT checking my records, I believe I sent the letter and a copy of the bill to Inglewood, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance.

Although Westchester (Los Angeles 45) and Playa del Rey are in our district, and a few citizens of San Pedro are in our 46th Assembly District, they are all part of the City of Los Angeles which, if the bill had passed, would have benefited to the detriment of the smaller cities.

At the same time, I invited

to my office in the Capitol, Richard Carpenter, senior lobbyist of the League of California Cities, and his assistant lobbyist, Lewis Keller.

BOTH OF these are fine gentlemen, good husbands, loving fathers, and kind to all children and animals, but they were entirely out of line from the viewpoint of the cities I primarily represent in trying to push through a metropolitan government bill.

I showed them a copy of the letter I was sending to all cities and told them they could get busy and write to the same cities, presenting their side of the story, which they probably did.

Within a few days, each of the cities replied. Each city said "Vote no" on the bill, except that the City of Inglewood wrote "Vote no" on the bill unless you can get an amendment tacked on the bill which will exclude the City of Inglewood," or words to that effect.

SOME OF the answers came from mayors, some from city managers, and some from city clerks, but they all spoke with authority, firmly against the bill. I fought the bill vigorously, obtained the help of other legislators, both Republicans and Democrats, and was happy to see it defeated.

After the defeat of the bill, newspapers from the cities opposed to it carried well-written editorials and news stories, taking the same position I did, but some newspapers attributed the defeat of the bill to a mayor, a city councilman, or a certain county supervisor who is famous for claiming credit for everything except the creation of the Universe.

This was very pleasing to me because I like to have many local officials get credit for things I do for them in Sacramento.

THE METROPOLITAN Government bill was passed upon the erroneous assumption that the comparatively small cities are inefficient, whereas big ones, like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego are very efficient.

The purpose of the bill was to start the gradual absorption of the powers of local cities into a centralized authority, leaving the mayors and councilmen of the comparatively small cities nothing to do but act as "groeters" for their communities, and serve in an advisory capacity to the big, centralized, metropolitan government.

In Los Angeles County, if the bill had become a law, what is now the City of Los Angeles would run all of Los Angeles County and even the county supervisors would eventually be reduced to figure heads.

THIS IS a simplification of the bill. If it had become a law, the people behind the theory of metropolitan government would then move to give the State Legislature more and more power over the details of local government, thereby running everything from Sacramento.

Having reached that goal, the same pleasures for "big government" would move to consolidate the 11 western states into "regional government," thus taking power away from the states.

In future issues, I shall further expose this diabolical plot.

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### Club to See Yule Pageant

North High School's Spanish Club is sponsoring a trip to Padua Hills Theater Saturday to see the Las Pasadas Christmas Pageant, according to Daniel Falcon, club sponsor.

Senior Joan Nash, president of the Spanish Club, stated that the club will pay for the show and dinner for the club members.

Following Christmas vacation, the Spanish Club is planning to see "El Cid" at the Carthay Circle Theater. They will sponsor a popcorn sale in order to earn money for this trip.

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