

Torrance Welcomes Children to Christmas Show!

Lions Invite Kids To Christmas Party

More than 2500 children are expected to file into the Torrance civic auditorium for the annual Lions Club CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, which starts at one o'clock this afternoon, Warren Hamilton, chairman of the affair revealed this morning. Hamilton is in charge of special services for the Torrance Board of Education and child welfare is part of the program.

"This is a free party for all the kids in Torrance," said Hamilton. Civic minded people throughout the city have been cooperating with the Lions Club to put this affair over.

Talent on the program is being provided free of charge by the American Broadcasting Company and Paramount Studios, it was disclosed.



WARREN HAMILTON,

The program will open with Nancy Wible and her talking doll. She is seen every Monday through Friday at 4:30 p. m. on KECA-TV.

SISTERS APPEAR

Rosemarie and Patricia Iannone who appear on KTLA's "Fantastick Studios Ink" over television every Saturday evening at 6:30 will also be there to entertain the kids.

Santa Claus will be there to distribute more than 1000 pounds of candy. Each child present will be given a bag packed with fruit, candy, and a little surprise trinket. All bags have been packed by Chief J. J. Benner's fire crew.

Lion George Colburn has been in charge of purchasing for this occasion. Hamilton revealed that Colburn had gotten some unusual buys for the program.

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STEEL STRIKE LOOMS

Contract Expires Midnight, Dec. 31

Whether or not there will be a steel strike closing down the Columbia Steel Co. plant in Torrance on January 1, 1952, was the subject of conferences being conducted in Washington and Pittsburgh, Pa., this week.

Steelworker contracts with the industry expire at midnight Dec. 31. The steelworkers are free to strike one minute later.

Crux of the situation is what the government will allow in the way of price increases. Sources insist the industry has made no wage offer since it doesn't know how much it can get on prices.

While all major basic steel producers are involved, Phillip Murray, CIO Steelworkers president has chosen U. S. Steel Corp.—bellwether of the industry—as the immediate opponent. Talks with other producers are marking time since U. S. Steel usually sets the wage pattern.

According to officials of United Steelworkers of America, Local No. 1414, at the Torrance Columbia plant of United States Steel Co., workers have had no increases in pay since 1949.

They feel that they are entitled to the 10 percent allowable under the Wage Stabilization Regulations plus cost-of-living increases, and other benefits allowed to other major industry members.

The local officials expect a call to go to Pittsburgh to lay strike plans, or discuss possible settlement of the issues.

The steelworkers have advanced a 22-point plan including substantial wage increases, paid holidays, premium time pay, increased hospitalization and pension plans, time and one-half for Saturdays and Sundays, new incentive programs, provision for local plant decisions on grievances, and other points.



NANCY WIBLE and her talking doll Candy Sugarplum who have made a big hit with the younger generation over KECA-TV playhouse from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Today Miss Wible entertains more than 2500 children at the Lions Christmas Party which will get underway at 7 p.m. today in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

400 PHONE USERS GET REDUCTION

Elimination of mileage charges on certain exchange rates in the Torrance-Lomita area was disclosed today by A. B. Smith, local manager of the Torrance-Lomita-Wilmington area. He said that approximately 400 telephones in Torrance and Lomita will be effected.

Smith pointed out that the lower cost for the few phones involved in Lomita became effective December 10. In Torrance the mileage charges will be eliminated on December 26, the day after Christmas.

Smith said that Lomita telephone users are billed on the 10th of the month while consumers in Torrance receives bills on the 26th. He revealed that this was the only reason for the different effective dates of the mileage charge elimination in these two areas.

Armstrong Heads "Y" Campaign

Donald Armstrong has been named to head the Torrance YMCA 1952 current support campaign and membership drive, according to John Steinbaugh, chairman of the YMCA board of managers.

The goal for the 1952 drive will be \$13,500. The funds are used locally to carry on a YMCA program of clubs, athletics, camping, special events, a learn to swim campaign and to maintain the newly acquired YMCA building. More than 800 young people participated in the program last year.

Armstrong, an active member of the YMCA board and who was recently appointed expressed appreciation for the importance and magnitude of the task and will call on the best volunteer workers in the community to meet the challenge of a successful campaign.

SCHOOL BOARD REHIRES HULL

Chairman of the Torrance Board of Education Judge John Schilder left no doubt in anyone's mind, this week where Board members stood on the rehiring of Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Emmett W. Ingram at the regular meeting Tuesday evening.

"There seems to have been some questions raised by a letter that appeared in the local newspapers," said Schilder. "My understanding is that we have to give notice before January 1 if we decide to terminate Hull's contract. As far as I know all the Board members are solidly in back of Hull. Am I correct?"

Four Board members present at the meeting nodded in the affirmative. They were Mrs. Grace Wright, Carl D. Steele, Dr. Rollin Smith, and Schilder. William H. Tolson was absent, still recovering from a broken ankle. It was understood that he was also in back of Hull.

"Since we are all in back of the Superintendent, there is no reason why we should take any action," declared Schilder. "Hull and Ingram will automatically have their contracts renewed."

Schilder also said that the automatic hiring of Hull and Ingram at this time does not preclude them from receiving a salary raise around next June or July.

Action by the Board this week, merely assured Hull and Ingram that Board members are pleased with administrative handling of personnel, the economical school building program, and the sound educational policies, it was revealed.

Rain Ahead of 1950 Schedule

Torrance's weather seems to be running on an even keel. Temperatures for the past week have averaged in the sixties for the maximum and fallen down to a 40-degree average for the minimum.

Here are the temperatures for the past week through Tuesday:

	Max.	Min.
December 14	63	39
December 15	68	40
December 16	64	38
December 17	69	44
December 18	63	39

Rain inches are far ahead of last year. The rain figures through December 26, 1950, were a total of 74. Through December 18, this year, Torrance had 1.59 inches of rain, fire department statistics showed today.

Hurt in Korea

KEYSTONE—Pvt. Henry A. Mounts, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Mounts, was wounded seriously while serving in Korea but is now recovering in a Tokyo Army hospital.



HONOLULU, HAWAII — EUGENE L. COOK, member of the Rotary Club of Torrance, California, is presented with the traditional Hawaiian lei of friendship by Duke Kahamamoku, Honolulu Rotarian. Mr. Cook, one of 450 Rotarians from 46 states and 12 foreign countries entertained in recent months by the Honolulu club, met well-known Island businessmen of this city of a quarter million people at the weekly luncheon of Honolulu Rotary. (Hawaii Visitors Bureau Photo.)

Stroh Returns From Vacation

Chief of Police John Stroh returned to his desk this week after spending part of his vacation with his wife in Phoenix.

"Am I glad to be back," declared Stroh. "It got so cold in Phoenix that I had to drain my radiator."

Stroh also gave a warning for Christmas: "Don't drive if you drink during the holidays," he said. "Above all, be careful. Remember the life you save may be your own."

Stroh said that he hoped that everyone will be on guard this Christmas. He revealed that last year 15 drunks were jailed during the two day holiday.

Editorial

Season Greetings From the Press!

Christmas greetings to our many friends and customers. Residents of the Torrance, Lomita, Shoestring, Harbor City and Keystone area have a great deal to rejoice about this year. Our community has grown and prospered. Thousands of new homeowners have occupied tracts in new subdivisions. Hundreds of businesses were started to meet the needs of the population influx. And many new schools and churches were constructed.

All of these things are evidence of progress, and we have every right to be thankful for these blessings!

However, as we take a little time out to think about the total picture, there were also some tragedies within our community. Letters from Korea often made parents in this area hold their breath as they opened them—particularly if they had an official government seal. It wasn't pleasant for us to report news about casualties on the battlefield. Nor did we feel any better in recording auto accidents which maimed and killed hundreds in this area.

Even with the unpleasant aspects of our job within the community, the total picture was not morose. We still maintained our democratic way of life. Freedom of thought and speech, while threatened occasionally was not jeopardized.

We have a lot to be thankful for this Christmas. True, there are tensions, but we can still count our manifold blessings and feel free to express ourselves as we sit down to our Yule dinner.

SCHOOL TAXES JUMP

The \$3,000,000 school bond issue scheduled for February 8 received more discussion by the Torrance Board of Education members this week, at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening.

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull pointed out to Board members that if the bond issue was paid off at the rate of \$50,000 the first year and \$100,000 per year after that, the tax rate would jump 29 cents. Under this program, it was disclosed, it would take 25 years to retire the bonds.

Hull, however pointed out that since the property valuation may jump, the tax rate may be held down to 25 cents per year. He said since the El Camino Junior College five-year 25 cent tax will soon end, this may mean that the new Torrance Board of Education bond issued would merely replace the junior college tax.

The superintendent informed the Board that a need existed for selling \$2,400,000 of the bond issue as soon as it was passed in order to get enough classrooms for the mushrooming student population.

Interview Conducted By Powell

Assistant Civil Defense Director George Powell conducted an interview with Mrs. Alice J. Cooper from London, England at Civil Defense Headquarters in Torrance. Dignitaries from neighboring cities and Torrance city officials were present.

Mrs. Cooper was a Civil Defense Instructor during the last war, Powell revealed. He said that in the latter years of the war she went to British Columbia where she became a municipal organizer and instructor. She has traveled extensively throughout the country in the interest of Civil Defense always stressing the importance of training civilians.

During the interview, Powell asked Mrs. Cooper to give space (Continued on Page 11)

Store Display Judges Chosen

The first annual Christmas store window judging contest conducted by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce is moving into the home stretch, according to Jim Wood, a member of the Junior Chamber.

He revealed that a committee of five has been chosen for judging the store windows. (Continued on Page 11)

Korean Soldiers Arrive Locally

Two local men were among 2465 passengers who arrived home from Korea last week. They sailed by means of a big troopship. The men are Sgt. Kenneth N. Mesh of Torrance and Private George S. Herrera of Harbor City.

Harvey Machine Plans Expansion

Torrance may lose the benefit of a \$50,000,000 expansion program which will entail the employment of 2000 more workers at the Harvey Machine Corporation if public transportation does not improve in this area, Leo Harvey, president of the firm, revealed in an exclusive interview with the Press, this week.

Harvey disclosed that his plants in conjunction with Anaconda had landed a huge government defense contract for aluminum extrusions.

POOR TRANSPORTATION

"The poor transportation system in Torrance has seriously made my firm consider moving the expansion program to the east side of Los Angeles," Harvey said.

"Of course, we'll keep our present plant at 190th and Western," he declared. "However, the new buildings necessary to accommodate the aluminum expansion program will not be constructed on the border of Torrance unless we can be assured of decent transportation."

Harvey pointed out that due (Continued on Page 11)



LEO HARVEY
Pres. Harvey Machine Corp.

Does It Take a Hound to Track Officer's Hound?

Law enforcement officers have often used hounds to track down people, but now Officer D. C. Cook would like people to help him find a hound.

Cook, an ardent hunter, lost one of his prize blue-tick hounds Friday near Western avenue and Lomita boulevard, Harbor City, and the dog hasn't sniffed his way homeward as yet.

Cook may be contacted through the Torrance police station if someone should spot his pooch.

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