

Here at Home

By Maude Miller

We Love Torrance!
In the mailbox this week... a delightful letter from the Mayor of our town, Albert Isen. We quote: "By now I am sure you are aware that I am a faithful reader of your column 'Here At Home.' I was interested in your recent comment regarding Torrance's beautiful Christmas decorations and the hint that the parking stripes on Sartori needed painting badly. I agree.

However, the City Painting department is quite occupied at present marking the new yellow school crossings, as required by state law. In fact, the painters have not been able to keep up with the demands of residents in various areas of our extended city for these crosswalks.

Things eventually get done, however, and I'm hoping one of these days the painting department will be getting back to painting parking spaces." Thanks, Mr. Mayor... we love hearing from you, and all our other good neighbors who may have a word for the column!

In fact, we love Torrance... and shopping in Torrance, with or without parking stripes. There's everything to delight the eye and heart... and so easy to get at! Lay-away plans, credit plans, charge accounts... and everything in stock to help you and yours to a Merrier Christmas! And especially at Sam Levy's there's the special gift for that special person... as for instance:

Woman Side
Robes, robes, robes... quilted, lined nylon housecoats as glamorous as party dresses, yet warm and washable! Full-length nylon classic robes, that look and feel like pure silk, with deep shawl collars softly edged with Alencon lace. Stunning, tailored wool jersey ones with white and gold knitted waist bands for perfect fit. Robe her in beauty and she'll be so nice to come home to!

Sweaters... The Sweater Bar is running over with Christmas joy! Beaded or plain, big, little or in-between, eye-opening colors or demure classics... we've got the best selection we've ever seen! Warm her with your love... and a lovely sweater!

Jewelry... The Jewel Counter has been moved. There it sits at the front of the Store, and the glitter is positively blinding! From frankly fun stuff to perfectly set "semi-precious" we've got 'em and you'll grab 'em... Grabbed myself a great big hunk of costume pin... copy of an old French medal set in 'antique silver' that everyone thinks is a souvenir from Paris. Honest, it's at Sam Levy's... along with fabulous lipstick cases, cigarette cases, bracelets and earrings.

Lingerie... dainty unmentionables in colors snatched from a rainbow. They won't keep her warm... but they're sure heart-warming!

Man Side

Sweaters... man or boy, he'll love those new colors (turq or coral, for instance) in classic pull-over sweaters of finest wool or orlon and wool. Sweaters are more important than ever for the California male... and always perfect for that gift that goes back East!

Ties... so he's got a bunch of them! But none as handsome or easily tied as ours! They look like you really care... not like something Mama picked up as a last desperate resort.

Shirts... McGregor long-sleeved sport shirts. A luxury to give... a treat to get! And you won't believe that low, low price tag. For work, sports or semi-dress, he'll wear 'em constantly! And for dress wear... snowy white shirts, by nationally advertised manufacturers, or the fashionable light colors. Add a set of cuff-links from our good-looking collection and you've got super gifts for that super man!

Our Side

Christmas shopping can be fun... if you're not exhausted from a long drive, or pushed, bumped and jostled when you get there, and then ignored by over-worked sales help. In Torrance it's fun... so why not get what you want... everything you want... right here at home. Especially at 1311 Sartori, Sam Levy Dept. Store. Naturally!

Civic Group Notes Rapid Progression

Torrance Hills Civic association, Inc., was recently formed by homeowners in the area south of Highway 101 and east of Hawthorne Blvd. Meetings held in September and November resulted in the election of officers, and the passing of by-laws and articles of incorporation.

The purpose of this group, already totaling more than 400 members, is both social and

Play Begins Tonight

"Two Blind Mice," a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the drama class of Harbor Junior College, tonight and tomorrow night, December 8 and 9, at the Banning high school auditorium, Raymond J. Casey, Harbor Tech's director, announced. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

civic; being dedicated to the "health, welfare, and safety of all residents."

Interested persons in the area may secure information from Mrs. H. O'Malley, of 2942 Winlock rd., or Mr. T. Abrams, president, of 2659 Loftview dr.

Powell Gives Pointers On Community Clean-Up Drive

Pointers on how civic associations can aid in the present community-wide clean-up drive were presented at a meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement association recently by George Powell, secretary of the Torrance Planning Commission.

Powell listed four vital points to remember: 1) Do not throw anything out of a car; 2) Do not dump unwanted rubbish in vacant lots, and report rubbish as soon as you see it on vacant lots; 3) Know the services and regulations of city pick up services. For loads that cannot be picked up residents should use the city dump.

Open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the dump is located north of Torrance boulevard on Madrona. There is no charge for use of the dump.

Information on pick-up services is available in the Torrance Business Directory, or may be obtained by calling Torrance City Hall, FAirfax 8-4214. Collections are made weekly.

4) Report "litterbugs" to the authorities. Do this by taking the license number of the car, a description of the car, and be sure to get a look at the person in the car, so that positive identification is possible.

Secretary Powell pointed out that a Torrance resident was the first offender caught in the clean up campaign, and that our tendency to think "someone else did it" is one of the biggest problems in keeping a clean city.

North Torrance Civic Improvement association pledged to actively support the Torrance clean up drive.

Purchase Of Sewing Center Told

Sulo Jansson, who has had many years of experience in the sewing machine field, announced this week the purchase of M&S Sewing Machine at 1621 Cravens, formerly owned by Miller and Sanderson.

Jansson, stated that the store will be known as Jansson Sewing Machine Center. The store will specialize particularly in repairing every kind of sewing machine.

He has been in the sewing machine field for the last 12 years and was a service manager for Belvedere Sewing Machine company, who are Adler distributors in this country, for the last eight years.

Jansson spent ten weeks last year in Europe, visiting the Adler plant in Bielefeld, Germany, largest sewing machine center in the world, and other leading factories in Europe.

He is personally responsible for some of the improvements and additions on the Adlermatic.

The local store will carry new and used Adler, Elna, and Necchi sewing machines.



SULO JANSSON, new owner of M & S Sewing Machine, to be known as Jansson Sewing Machine Center, 1621 Cravens, looks over one of the machines featured in his store. Jansson has been in the sewing machine field for 12 years.—Press Photo.

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Burglary Told

A burglary of articles and money totaling \$485 in value was reported to sheriff's deputies at Lennox by Daniel H. Rosenthal, 41, of 26216 Monte Vista avenue, Lomita.

Final MD Drive Set For Tonite

Scores of determined volunteer workers will make their final house-to-house calls in Torrance tonight, December 8, in a final drive to help the Los Angeles County Muscular Dystrophy Association reach its \$110,000 fund appeal goal for 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ingalls, Southwestern Avenue chairman for the solicitation, said yesterday that their volunteers met with good success at the opening of the five-day march which started last Sunday. They expressed optimism that the goal would be attained adding that much depends on the success of the final effort tonight.

"Funds will be used to finance the 1956 program which includes operations of the MD center at Good Hope Clinic, 1241 Shatto street in Los Angeles, under the supervision of the University of Southern California school of medicine. At this clinic diagnosis, therapy and counseling is available and wheel chairs, braces, corrective shoes and other mechanical aids are prescribed and provided.

"Therapy also is provided in seven hospitals and medical centers throughout the county and in patients' home.

Press to Collect Christmas Gifts for Kids in Hospital

Torrance residents will again have a chance to make a lot of little children happy at Christmas time this year. As in previous years, the Torrance Press is issuing a call for Christmas gifts for children at Harbor General Hospital.

These gifts are now being brought to the Press office, 1406 Cravens ave., and will be taken to the two children's wards Thursday afternoon, December 22. They will be distributed by Santa Claus and members of Volunteers for Children, a local group whose members are spending time daily at the hospital cheering up the children.

There are two children's wards in the hospital. One is for children from a few hours old to two years. The other includes children from two years old to 13 years.

Gifts may be left at the Torrance Press any time starting today.

A small note should be attached describing the kind of gift it is and the approximate age group for which it is intended.

Santa Claus will also be glad to pass out gifts for the TB and adult wards, if any individuals so desire.

Cigarettes and candy have been suggested as appropriate gifts.

Here are some gift suggestions:

Baby Swallows Tongue, Dies Of Suffocation
Funeral services were held Monday for a 2½-year-old baby who suffocated after swallowing his tongue, it was reported. Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital last Thursday, was William Carl Walberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Walberg of 2603 Ridgeland road.

The youngster allegedly swallowed his tongue shortly after 8 a.m. Thursday morning. Prolonged efforts to revive the boy by the Torrance Fire Department's resuscitator squad failed.

Gifts for children released by the hospital:

Suggested items for girls—furniture, costume jewelry (new), toy wrist watches, hair ribbons.

Suggested items for boys—small cars, boats, trucks and airplanes, mechanical toys, toy animals, cowboys, soldiers and so forth.

Children two years and under—rubber dolls and balls, rattles, stuffed soft toys (remove buttons and bells).

Pre-school children—Holgate type educational wooden toys, musical wind-up toys, wooden puzzles (large pieces), play stores, farms, doll dishes, cooking pans, large beads to string (lead-free paint).

School-age girls—dolls and clothes, doll furniture, paper dolls, games, craft kits, musical toys.

School-age boys—building and construction toys (no sharp edges or toys requiring cutting tools), tinkler toys, trucks and cars, viewers with strips, games.

Older girls—costume jewelry, manicure sets, handkerchiefs, purses, cosmetics, cosmetic bags, scarves, kits for making sequin, felt jewelry and purses.

Older boys—harmonicas, solid wood models, wallets, toilet kits, belts, leather craft kits.

Pediatrics—toy steering wheel with suction cup; extension cords 6-9 ft. length; fingerpaint and paper doll clothes for dressing skills with buttons and holes of varied sizes, zippers, grippers, buckle and tie fastenings; assorted colors in airplane dope or enamels; simple construction toys; plastic airplanes, cars, boats without sharp edges; cloth slippers, socks, coveralls, T-shirts (sizes 2, 4, 5, 6); Christmas wrapping paper, ribbon; Christmas tree decorations; small vials of glitter.

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Santa Needs Cigarettes And Candy

Santa Claus this week issued a call for cigarettes and candy to be distributed December 22 at the TB ward in Harbor General Hospital.

Santa needs 200 packages of cigarettes, 200 candy bars, and maybe one box of cigars. These may be brought to him at Santaland in El Prado park, corner Cravens and El Prado.

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