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Christmas Activities Slated in Schools Here

Torrance schools are planning a variety of Christmas programs during the next few days. Following is a breakdown by individual schools:

EL NIDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The El Nido Parent-Teacher association will have a Christmas program at their regular meeting on December 12. The primary class children will present a play, "The Littlest Christmas Tree." During the week prior to December 18 classroom Christmas activities will be held.

CARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On December 18 the children in Carr school will hold an assembly with the theme, "Why Christmas?" Santa Claus will visit the primary grades on December 18 to be followed with a caroling program by children in the primary grades. The PTA mother singers are planning to entertain the Carr neighborhood with carols.

MEADOW PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Christmas PTA meeting will be held on December 12 with a pageant consisting of the girls' choir and tableaux presented by children from the various classrooms. During the week before December 18 the school orchestra will provide special Christmas music.

FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The PTA will hold its annual Christmas meeting on December 13. Children from the fifth to the eighth grades will present a program, "Christmas Under the Western Skies." Special instrumental music will complete the program.

SEPIVEDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The children from Sepulveda school are planning to bring special "White Christmas" food gifts for the needy. Each classroom will have a short Christmas program on December 18.

STEELE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Steele PTA will meet on December 13 with a program of instrumental and choral music presented by students in the school. Special assemblies are planned for the school on December 18.

WALTERIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Christmas program under the sponsorship of the eighth grade will be held at the Walteria PTA meeting on December 13. The PTA is providing Christmas trees for the classrooms and one for the auditorium. Students in the school are planning to bring "White Christmas"

gifts for needy families to be placed under the tree in the auditorium. Community Christmas singing will be held on Friday, December 14 at 11 o'clock.

RIVIERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The school chorus will present a musical program at the regular PTA meeting on December 17 with tableaux and choral speaking by the various classrooms. The Riviera PTA is holding a clothing drive during December for needy Navajo Indian children.

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A special Christmas assembly, "Christmas Around the World," is being planned for students in the school and also for the PTA meeting to be held on December 13.

WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Student Council and PTA are sponsoring a collection of food items for needy people and in addition are collecting toys for the Marine Corps program. On the afternoon of December 18 the school orchestra and glee club will provide choral and instrumental Christmas music at various locations in the school so that all children will have an opportunity to enjoy the activities. Christmas parties for children will be held in each classroom on December 18.

SEASIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday, December 18, approximately 175 children will participate in a special program featuring Christmas carols. A special "White Christmas" offering will be made by students in the school at the weekly school assembly.

CASIMIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The PTA of Casimir school will hold its regular monthly meeting on December 12 with the program theme, "Keeping the True Spirit of Christmas Alive." Beginning on Monday, December 10 through December 18, a special canned goods food drive for needy families will be held. An assembly will be held on December 18 with Christmas carols and choral reading taking place.

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A 100-voice student chorus ranging from students in the fourth grade through eighth grade will provide two programs on December 12 for the PTA. The theme for this program will

be "Christmas Carols From Many Lands."

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

During the week before Christmas a special assembly sponsored by the Girls' League will be held in the North High school cafeteria. The program will include Christmas music and dramatizations. Student chairmen for the program are Elenore Russell and Carol Atkins.

MADRONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On December 13 the Madrona PTA will have its Christmas meeting with students presenting a Spanish play, "Posada." Choral music will be presented by the kindergarten and primary grades. On December 18 special Christmas plays will be presented at the school assembly.

CRENSHAW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The PTA of Crenshaw school will hold its annual Christmas meeting on December 12 with music and plays presented by students of the Crenshaw school. On December 14 the students will hold a "White Christmas" offering for needy families.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL

The Girls' League at Torrance High school is conducting its annual assembly program with Christmas songs, dramatizations, Santa Claus, and a large Christmas tree. High school students are planning to collect canned goods which will be made available to the PTA for distribution to the needy. A special choral group will present music at various locations around the school and offices.

ARLINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Each classroom will have its own Christmas program and party. A school assembly for students will be held with Christmas songs and dramas presented.

NEWTON SCHOOL

On December 18 the PTA Christmas program will be held. The theme for this meeting will be "Christmas in Early Jamestown." Early American Christmas carols will be presented, as well as medleys of Christmas music by the school orchestra.

FERN-GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Fern-Greenwood PTA will have its regular meeting on December 13. The program will be furnished by 100 caroling students joined with the PTA mother singers. A special student assembly consisting of the same



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS NOT TO BUY

Be careful when purchasing miniature animals or figures for holiday decorations or table center-pieces, warns fire Chief J. J. Benner. These miniatures may be purchased in two types of material—one of which will burn at a very slow rate, while the other is highly flammable. The items shown here are the highly flammable nitro-cellulose (celluloid) plastic material and may be readily identified, as the plastic material is paper-thin and easily indented by gentle pressure of the fingers being exerted on the sides of the items. To be assured of a safe and merry holiday season, insist that all of your decorations be of a flame-retardant or slow burning material. Seen here is Ed Polston, fire inspector.—Press Photo.

FIRE CHIEF GIVES HOLIDAY POINTERS

Last year fires across the nation killed 23 persons, most of them children, on the eve of the Christmas holiday celebration.

All but 10 of the fire victims were children eagerly awaiting the excitement and gifts of Christmas.

Will it happen again this year, asks Chief J. Jay Benner? And the saddest thing is that such tragedies often occur around the Christmas holiday—sometimes even

around the Christmas tree itself at the happiest time of the year.

The reason the tree burns so fiercely and so rapidly, reports Chief Benner, is because it is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

What can you do about the tree? Chief Benner of the Torrance Fire Department offers these 12 suggestions:

1. Choose a small tree. It is less dangerous than a large one.
2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. This will keep it moist, and fresh.
3. Place it in the coolest part of the house, away from fireplaces and radiators. Don't let it block an exit.
4. Stand it in water.
5. Never use untreated cotton or untreated paper for the decoration on or around the tree.
6. Do not put electric trains under the tree.
7. Use only electric lights, never candles, be sure that the wires are not frayed. Be sure that the wiring sets you choose to light your tree bear the marking of a recognized testing laboratory. That mark indicates that they have been tested for safety.
8. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning the tree lights off and on. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree.
9. Do not leave the lights burning when no one is home.
10. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near

Find New Way To Play Basketball

Amble basketball, a slowed down version of the regular game, as played by members of the Torrance Lions club and a few local Elks club men; received unanimous approval, following a trial run of the new game, staged by the Recreation Department, in the Torrance High school's boys' gym last Wednesday evening.

Rules of the game require a team that gains possession of the ball in their back court to allow the opponent team time to get back in defensive position, up to a maximum of ten seconds, before they may bring the ball across the center dividing line.

A league is being planned for service clubs, or others, having players who enjoy playing but have slowed down to the point that they are unable to keep up the fast pace required of the regular game.

The Torrance High gym is open for practice each Tuesday and Wednesday evening, from 7 to 9 until December 31, 1956, according to Elmer "Red" Moon, athletic director for the City of Torrance Recreation department.

These few simple rules will assure you and your family and your fire department of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the chief stated.

the tree.

11. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights.

12. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

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Yule Gift Workshop For Adults, Children

Are you looking for simple gift items that can be made inexpensively? Perhaps new methods of wrapping gifts or even making special Christmas cards are more in your line. Whatever your particular interest might be, the Christmas workshop has

been designed to assist in these hectic pre-Christmas days. Sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, it will be held on Tuesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 13, in the Victor E. Benstead plunge.

Sessions will be held from 1-4 p.m. on each of those days, and a repeat session from 7-10 p.m. for those not able to attend the daytime sessions. There is a nominal registration fee which covers all of the costs involved for the workshop plus materials used by those participating. All the gifts ranging from un-

usual bookmarks to fluffy candles and unique corsages—can be duplicated at home for less than 30 cents per item by following the instructions which will be distributed at the workshop.

For those who have children, a special workshop has been planned for boys and girls four years and older at no extra cost to the parents.

Registrations are limited. Individuals may reserve a place by calling FA. 8-4108 or by contacting the Torrance Recreation Department at 3031 Torrance blvd., by December 10 at the latest.

Want To Talk To Santa? Just Dial FA 8-8180

Too young to write? Then phone Santa at FA 8-8180. "Just ask Mommy or Daddy to help you dial my number any evening between 6 and 8 p.m. after December 10th," Santa said. "Of course I'll have to get back to my workshop in order to make my rounds Christmas eve, so the phone will only be working 'till December 22. Don't forget now, and be sure to talk loud, 'cause I want to be sure I hear everything you say so that I won't bring a doll to some big boy or a six-shooter to a pretty little girl by mistake. I'll be waiting for your call.

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