Letters to The Editor

Nov. 24, 1958

The Editor—

When I went downtown this morning, I must say I was pretty disgusted with the Christmas decorations put on the streets.

All over they have tacked up Christmas trees on lamp posts which are cluttered up with trading stamps. I really don't believe that pasting trade stamps on Christmas trees does anything for the holiday spirit.

As a matter of fact, I think that the people who put up the decorations are missing the Christmas spirit if they resort to cheap commercialism like that.

I have lived in Torrance for eight years and do a good amount of my shopping here. But if the people that put up the decorations feel they will put me in a Christmas spirit with these phony decorations, they are very much mistaken. I have never seen such cheap displays either in Torrance or other cities which have put up decorations.

Disgusted
Mrs. R. T.
Torrance

LEAD REALTORS—Newly elected officers of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors discuss plans for the installation to be held Dec. 4 at the Plush Horse. They are from left, Ken Miller, president, Del Vaughn, vice president and Mrs. Rose Craig, secretary. Press Photo

FLOOD CONTROL—Huge crane looms up in silhouette as workmen start installation of a $27,000 storm drain to serve the Hollywood Riviera area. Construction on the job, shared by Torrance and Redondo Beach, is at Calle Miramar Paseo de Playa. Contractor is ABC Construction Co. Press Photo

COMPLETES COURSE

Police Sgt. Don Nash has completed a two-weeks course in traffic supervision at Los Angeles State College.

Set Garrett Hearing

Final hearing on the application of the Garrett Corp. for zone change on 66 acres on 190th St., wil be held before the City Council Dec. 9.

Financial Emergency Faced by YMCA, Seeks Fund Aid

The Torrance YMCA reminded all citizens and firms today that our local "Y" is operating a full program despite reduced funds. The Board of Managers of the YMCA met last evening to consider the financial emergency faced by the local youth group.

The Board voted to continue the full program of the YMCA in confidence that the citizens and firms of Torrance will wish to provide the support needed to serve more than 5000 local youth.

Because of recession problems and the reductions of gifts that came from hardships, the YMCA will end the year in the red unless a number of citizens and firms find it possible to make gifts at the close of the year.

Mervin Schwab, chairman of the Finance Committee, expressed the conviction that if citizens knew of the good work of the YMCA and of the desperate need of the "Y" that many people and companies would wish to send checks to help the YMCA meet expenses.

Schwab assured all parents that staff and activities will not be cut until Torrance has had an opportunity to provide the added support necessary to finish the current year's program.

Schwab pointed out that a donation mailed to the Torrance YMCA can be deducted in 1958 tax returns if it is given before Dec. 31. He reminded all people that the YMCA is not a recipient of Chest funds, and complete support must come from generous gifts within our community.

Drivers can help eliminate traffic jams by not blocking busy intersections in attempts to "make the light". The national Safety Council says don't enter an intersection unless you're sure there's enough room to clear both the intersection and crosswalk.

Torrance High Band Rated 7th In Competion

The Torrance High School marching band was rated among the top 10 by the Southern California Band Association.

Torrance, which rated seventh, and Santa Monica, were the only schools in the Crescent, Pioneer and Bay Leagues to be included among the top 10.

With the judging came an invitation for the Tartar musicians to march in the All-Western Band Revue in Long Beach Saturday. The annual parade of the West's 60 top marching bands will start at 1 p.m. on Ocean Blvd.

The Torrance band is directed by James W. Nichols. Darel Kelly, is drum major, Gary Tiernan, captain, and Mrs. J. Marshall, pep squad, advisor.

7 Entered in Beauty Pageant

Torrance Area Youth Bands, in cooperation with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, will hold its sixth annual "Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant" Dec. 6, in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. There will be no admission charge for the contest, officials announced.

The following contestants have been entered, listed with their sponsors: Betty Baker, 16, Downtown Retail Merchants Association of Torrance; LaRae Phillips, 16, Phillips Photo; Charlene Hackbush, 16, Rotary Club of Torrance; Judith Arlene Raymond, 16, Car Clubs Associated; Dana Hunter, 16, Lewellen Press; Joan Hensley, 16, Josiln Lumber Company; Jacque VanCamp, 19, Windsor Florist.

To qualify, girls must be unmarried and between the ages of 15½ and 30 years. She must not have held the title previously, and must be sponsored by a Torrance individual, industry, business or civic organization with an entry fee of twentyfive dollars.

Entry blanks are still available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado, according to James VanDyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Band.

Saxons Set for Playoffs

A capacity crowd of 7000 is expected at El Camino College Stadium tomorrow at 8 p.m. when North High School meets Long Beach Polytchnic in the C.I.F. play-offs.

The Saxons ended the final game of the regular season last Friday when they trounced Beverly Hills 47-13.

With this victory under their belts, the North High team wound up the Pioneer League standings in a three-way tie with Morningside and El Segundo, but were given the honor to represent the league when they won a straw drawing.

It was the first time in the school's four-year history that they got into the C.I.F. play-offs where they are rated as underdogs to the powerful Long Beach squad.

Coach Bob Shoup's gridders lost their only season tilt to Morningside. They have been consistently sparked by the playing of fullback Ernie Thomsen and Steve Mearing at left end.

If the North High team gets past tomorrow's game, they will travel to San Diego next week.

Torrance Store Opened by Auto Supply Firm

The new Torrance branch of Trojan Auto Supplies will hold its grand opening Monday at 17316 Crenshaw Blvd., Manger Church Murray announced.

The firm which has been in business at 2054 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles for 15 years, will offer a large variety of automotive accessories and a machine shop at its Torrance location.

Murray said that his firm carries all mapor lines of automotive equipment.

A sensible speed is one at which the driver can see danger and be able to maneuver the car clear of it under all conditions, states the Allstate Safety Crusade. Since ability to spot hazards decreases as speed increases, motorists will protect themselves by driving only as fast as vision

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