



REALLY SANTA seems to be the thought of Bobby Cope as he talks to Jolly St. Nicholas. Santa (Leo Wagner) knew that Bobby had been as good as little boys can be and promised many nice things under the tree for him Christmas morning. —Press Photo

Torrance's 'Official' Saint Nicholas Ends Long Night, Returns to North Pole

With all of his work done and the last present delivered, Santa Claus waved goodbye until next year and took off for the North Pole early this morning. Each year it is necessary to burn more of the mid-night oil to keep pace with the increasing requests from the children throughout the world.

The "Jolly St. Nick" is adding to his staff of helpers each season. Every helper must be well trained, stated Leo I. Wagner, official Santa Claus of Torrance.

Career Beginning
Leo Wagner began his "Santa Claus" career in 1953 when Mrs. Wagner urged him to take a Santa Claus course given by the Gardena Recreation Department.

In addition to being the official Santa Claus for Torrance, Wagner accepts other work in his line.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo I. Wagner live at 2520 Raymond Ave., but officially it is the North Pole when Christmas season begins. Mrs. Wagner remarked that she finds it "a bit hectic but fun to be Mrs. Santa Claus."

When provided with a bundle of red outing flannel and very few instructions that day back in 1953, she set out to make his first costume. Now he has many because it "just wouldn't do for Santa to have a smudged spot on his suit and to be unpressed." When it is damp, there is trouble

keeping his beard from growing limp because of the fog. Mrs. Wagner stays around to keep it curled and combed.

Never Lies
Torrance's Santa declared that he never lies to a child on what Santa plans to bring him for Christmas. He gets a cue from the parents concerning the youngsters' gifts.

"An important question which I always ask a child is whether he goes to Sunday school and whose birthday is celebrated Christmas Day," he further stated. "About 50 per cent of all the children do not have any idea of the real meaning of Christmas."

As one of Santa's helpers, Mrs. Wagner has had numerous opportunities to give needed aid, but one of his pet stops is the pediatric ward and the tuberculosis ward of Harbor General Hospital.

The only Christmas joy for many of these children is when he is able to deliver presents of toys donated to him by various groups and individuals.

There is a clutter of toys and suckers about the Wagner house when the giving season gets its start and the whole family becomes Santa's helpers.

Letters Answered
Mrs. Wagner said that mail from as far away as Arizona and Texas arrives at their house addressed to Santa Claus. Each letter is answered and when one requires special attention, it

is turned over to an appropriate agency.

The official Santa first came to the South Bay area in 1933. That year he met and married his wife, Agnes, now officially his publicity agent and creator of his Santa outfits.

By trade, Wagner is in the printing business.

A member of the Navy Reserve, he was called to active duty during the Korean conflict. During the Korean police action, he was given the first Korean battle flag to be brought back. General Walton Walker gave him the banner.

In December, Wagner, takes his vacation to devote as much time as possible as Santa, but even so, the schedule is very strenuous.

"By the end of the season, Santa is all out of sorts," declared Mrs. Wagner. "Tired and cranky, he isn't himself for another month," she added.

Yes, sir, without Mrs. Claus to keep check on things, Santa Claus just couldn't make it.

BALLET OPENS SOON
Appearing as guest artist with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo during its nine performance run at the Philharmonic Auditorium will be Helen Trailine, a principal ballerine of the famous De Cuevas Company and the Ballet des Champs Elysees.

The run, a Moss and Hayman attraction, opens Dec. 27.

South Bay Artists Prepare for Show

Artists from throughout Southwest Los Angeles County will display their works for public viewing at the Second Annual Southwest Regional Art Show at Alondra County Park, 3535 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Lawndale, from Jan. 13 through Jan. 15.

Sponsors of the show will be the South Bay Artists Association and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. It will be a juried show.

Deadline to file entries and entry fees will be 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 13, 1961. Entry blanks will be received by mail until Wednesday, Jan. 11, by Mrs. Anna Lee De Hoog, 445 Manhattan Ave., Hermosa Beach. Entrants are asked to enclose stamped self-addressed envelopes.

Entry blanks may be obtained from any Los Angeles County Park in the southwest area, or from Mrs. Musette McCutcheon, 15170 Prairie

Ave., Lawndale. Mrs. McCutcheon is the show exhibition chairman and Mary Elhaman is co-chairman.

Entries must be delivered to the exhibition hall on Friday, Jan. 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

South Bay areas from which applications will be received include: Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, San Pedro, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Wilmington, Lomita and Waverly.

Each artist may submit one original work: Oil, water-color, casein; and sculpture. Prints, drawings, and water-colors must be glassed and wired for hanging.

Show hours on Jan. 13 will be 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. On Jan. 14, the show will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Jan. 15 hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Christmas Carol Presented By Stephen White Students

Parents and friends of students of Stephen M. White Junior High School attended the annual Christmas program presented last Thursday.

William Castillo gave the flag salute and Mrs. Francis Ananis, PTA president, welcomed the guests. Carletta Netta and Karen Watanabe spoke on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me."

Under the direction of Charles Sekerman, the Boys' Glee Club sang four selections. Girls' Glee Club with Richard Schraier directing; and the Mixed Glee Club under the direction of Fred Wilkins presented musical numbers.

Traditional music was played by the Senior Orchestra under the direction of George A. Papazian.

Under the supervision of Jane Hickman, the drama class presented Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol.

Following are the members of the cast: Sallie Leidt, Robert Maarburg, Raymond Mitchell, Richard Fritchie, William Zabel, Robert Hagedorn, Robert Denson, and Mario Dominguez.

Charles Piercy, Judy Martak, Whitacre, James Williams, Alan Colella, Dan De Weese, Tom Ivey, Brenda Sims, Michael Snyder, Patricia Piercy, Sandra Blum, Pearl Berry, and Catherine Taylor.

Robert Price, Ernestean Wright, Duane Fettig, Carolyn De Lano, Carla Miller, Sue David, Martin Miller and Richard Puckett.

Torrance Miss House President

Gretchen Isaac of Torrance is serving as president of her residence hall at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Gretchen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland F. Isaac, 1212 Levinson St., was elected president of Label Hall by her fellow hall residents. She helps the University personnel administer housing for 1,735 resident students.

Gretchen is a freshman majoring in elementary education at the seaside campus. She graduated from Lincoln High.

Danny Dane Celebrates

Danny Dane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dane, 20906 Halldale, recently celebrated his 13th birthday at a small gathering held in his home.

Sharing the blue and white birthday cake were the Ray Sloans and sons Roger and Jeff; and the Lynn Danes and daughters Melinda and Penney.

Danny received the traditional gifts from those who attended.

Money Tree Star Of Woman's Club

At the annual Christmas Party held by the Torrance Women's Club, Mrs. Alma Smith, program chairman, led the money tree march of the members to a white Christmas tree.

Each member fastened a dollar bill to the tree. Over \$200 was raised for Care self-help packages, a special philanthropy of the California Federate Woman's Club, district 18.

Mrs. Roy J. Aspsey, president, presided at a short business meeting that followed the potluck luncheon. Mrs. B. W. Roberts, second vice president, introduced Mmes. Carrie Willingham and A. H. Brown, two new members who attended the affair.

Under the direction of Mrs. W. K. Laughon, the newly formed choral group presented a program of Christmas music. Mrs. Sid Gans sang a solo, "Scarlet Ribbons." Mrs. James Burchett is the accompanist.

Members of the choral group are: Mmes. Andrew Acampora, C.B. Wiley, H. F. Heinlein, H. L. Hayes, J. V. Miller, J. P. Bay, R. J. Aspsey, and R. E. Moffit.

Members and guests joined the choral group in carol singing. The afternoon ended with a gift exchange between members.

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Faye Marie Mallehan Weds Bruce Osbourne



MRS. BRUCE OSBOURNE . . . nee Faye Marie Mallehan —Photo by Seemans

At an afternoon ceremony in the Neighborhood Church of Palos Verdes, Miss Faye Marie Mallehan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mallehan, 1904 Andree, Torrance, became the bride of Bruce Osbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Osbourne, Garden Grove, are the parents of the groom.

The Reverend Albert F. King officiated at the double ring nuptials when the bride was given in marriage by her father.

An Alferd Angelo original gown of peau de soi and lace fashioned with a scalloped neckline and fitted bodice. An overlay of lace on the bouffant skirt ended in a chapel train. A matching lace and peau de soi headpiece held her illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of white orchids.

Miss Kathleen Mallehan, maid of honor; and Miss Shirley Osbourne, bridesmaid, wore identical gowns of emerald green satin and carried bouquets of white spider mums.

Bill Loy served as best man and ushers were Max Groussman and Joe Hammer.

Over 75 guests attended the reception held at the church following the ceremony.

After a honeymoon at La Jolla, the newly weds will be at home in Long Beach.

Mrs. Bruce Osbourne graduated from Torrance High School. She attended El Camino, UCLA and will graduate from Long Beach State College in February. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Osbourne, a Long Beach State graduate, is teaching in Whittier. He is a member of Kappa Sigma.

Black, Gold Ball Plans Keep BMH Group Busy

Plans are being made for the Black and Gold Ball, Bishop Montgomery High School's annual affair.

Palos Verdes Country Club which has been remodeled will be the setting for the Ball.

February 4 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. is the date set for the colorful event.

Numerous pre-dance parties have been arranged.

Mrs. Frank McAllister and William Czuleger, both of Redondo are the chairmen for the fourth annual social affair.

Ray Dietrich and his orchestra will play dance music for the evening.

Tickets at \$5 per couple may be secured by calling Mrs. James Ebben also of Redondo.

Many beautiful door prizes are waiting to be won. A luscious assortment of snacks and dips will be served, stated Mrs. McAllister.

Christmas Party Held

Annual Christmas party for the families of the Torrance Lions and Lioness Clubs was held last Sunday afternoon at the YWCA.

Santa made his appearance and each child received a gift with his individual name tag on it. Jolly St. Nick remembered the family with a gift exchange, too.

Refreshments were served by the committee.

SIGNALING PROPERLY

The simple act of signaling properly will avoid many traffic mishaps, advises the Allstate Safety Crusade. Signals which are given too late to warn other drivers in time cause sudden moves and stops which result in chain reaction accidents, particularly on slippery roads.

Family Worship Christmas Day At Seaside

Seaside Community Church, 230th and Ocean Ave., Torrance will hold a family worship service at 10 a.m. on Christmas morning, Dec. 25. Rev. Wm. K. Schatz will lead the service with a Christmas meditation. There will be no Sunday school on Christmas, but everyone is urged to attend, as a family, the 10 a.m. service.

DINING TOGETHER

Gathered together for a festive holiday dinner at the Pen and Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach recently were Miss Genevieve Martin of Westchester, Mrs. Sally Goedecke of Torrance, Miss Claire Bergh of Torrance and Miss Anne Dowd of Westchester.



CHRISTMAS DELIGHT—Is everywhere at Christmas time whether one is young or old. Torrance Junior Women's Club members brought yuletide happiness to elderly guests at the Forsstrom Rest Home last Friday when they hosted a Christmas party there. Mrs. Roger Lockhart, committee member, aids

Santa when she gives a gift to Pete M. Peterson, 86, Egggnog punch, coffee, and cookies added enjoyment to the affair planned by Mrs. Garson Jacobson, philanthropic chairman; and Mms. J.W. Galvin, C.L. Briner, Fred Smith, H.E. Borner, and Deloy Stromme other members of the committee.



CHRISTMAS TREE—Heavy laden with money is for the special philanthropy of the California Federate Women's Club, District 18. Care self-help packages. Adding to the valuable decor are (left to right) Mmes. Sid

Gans, Alma Smith, program chairman, who is peeking from the back of the tree; and Roy Aspsey, president. Over \$200 was raised by the club members for the aid of those needy in South America.