
 * TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES *

School closes December 15 for the Christmas vacation, and reopens Tuesday, January 2. During the week from December 18 to December 22, inclusive, all teachers of the Los Angeles schools are required to attend the teachers' institute in Los Angeles. Their attendance to this is required by law. The institute holds its sessions each year one week previous to the Xmas holidays. Many speakers from all parts of the United States have been secured to address the teachers.

On December 21-22 all of the teachers of Southern California will assemble in Los Angeles. This group will fill three of the largest auditoriums in the city at one time. The increase in the number of school children in Southern California is greater than ever before. Los Angeles school district alone covers over 912 square miles of territory, with a total attendance of nearly 200,000, employing 6,000 teachers.

At last Torrance school has a shop and mechanical drawing teacher in the person of Bertrand Johnson. He has had many years' experience at his trade, in the practical shops, coming directly from the Manual Arts High of Los Angeles. He substituted there for several months during the absence of a teacher in that department. Prior to this he was a member of the faculty of the high school of Seattle, Wash.

The millinery class is growing. The members of this class are very enthusiastic about their work. Miss working, the instructor, a practical milliner from Los Angeles, is proving highly satisfactory. The class meets at 3 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon. Anyone wishing to enroll may do so.

A number of the Torrance high school pupils attended a philharmonic orchestra concert at the Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles, recently. Three concerts are given each year by this company for the benefit of the high school pupils. They may attend at the small cost of 50 cents a ticket. The entire proceeds go to the music department of the Los Angeles schools.

Miss Sykes of the nature study department of the elementary schools visited the school last Friday, bringing a pet guinea pig to the children. Her talk was most interesting and instructive. It is hoped that it will be possible to visit Selig's Zoo and Exposition Park, Los Angeles, and other places of interest, soon, where instructors are furnished for the benefit of the children.

The plan for the new building is not ready, and will not be until after the first of the year, when the contract will be let, and work begun. Mr. Barnett states that he is almost sure the new building will be ready for occupancy the beginning of the September, 1923, term.

Make Bartlett's Headquarters

One of the most popular rendezvous for the young people of Torrance and vicinity, as well as those of mature years who are afflicted with a "sweet tooth," is Bartlett's Sweet Shop on El Prado, where a showing of Christmas candy that would do credit to a Los Angeles store is being displayed.

Candy in boxes, candy in handsome gift boxes, candy in pretty glass jars, and just candy, is being shown in an endless variety, by "Tom" Bartlett, who has recently spent hundreds of dollars in making his place a center of attraction for the "candy bug," as well as the hurried business man who enjoys a real home-cooked luncheon at the noon hour.

Attention to the wants of his customers service and quality of merchandise, has in this case had the usual result—more business than can be taken care of.

Mrs. G. M. Grice of Portola avenue was quite ill, but is reported better.

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MOONSHINE IN BARRELS

Steps were taken last week by Collector Rex Goodcell to close another avenue by which moonshine

whisky is said to have been sold to the public in distilled spirits barrels bearing well-known brands and marks which indicated that the liquor was the real article and had been withdrawn from a gov-

ernment warehouse. The attention of revenue officers had been called to the practice of certain druggists who had withdrawn liquor from bond and then sold the empty barrels without first destroying all marks of identification as required by law. Under this practice it was an easy matter for the bootlegger to fill the barrels with moonshine and sell it as genuine aged whis-

key, as the barrels bore marks, brands and serial numbers indicating that they came from a government warehouse. In tightening the reins warning was sent out that any violations of this nature would call for maximum penalties and no leniency would be shown first offenders.

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Mrs. Dunlap and son, Andy, from Turlock, were the guests of Mrs. E. P. Carter, her sister, of Portola avenue, over the week-end. Mrs. Dunlap expects to make her future home in Los Angeles.

Emma E. McDowell and Clarence M. Hillery of Los Angeles were married by Judge L. J. Hunter last Friday afternoon.

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Children are of the first and more glorious family. Hence they grow; hence they burst with life. They believe, and so have faith, that good comes riding out of the air, with jingling bells and prancing reindeer, its pack crammed with gifts, its round and smiling coachman breathing benevolence and cheeriness and hastening to fulfill every wish that is dreamed on dented pillow. Alas! when doubt creeps in, when the eyes and ears of the spirit no longer see or hear and demand comes for physical evidence, then all the high faculties wither and pass away.

The walls of the prison house tend to close around the growing child. He credits the slander that there is no Santa Claus. Poison enters into him and he degenerates into an animal that merely touches or tastes. Thrice blessed are they who are able to keep an imagination green and lusty and to subdue or drive away all forces that would throttle it. The rites of Christmas, after all, are mainly for the old folks, their observance representing the instinct to keep alive the divine spark of youth. A little one that no longer petitions good St. Nick is a sad spectacle; even sadder is the man or woman to whom his myth has lost its savor. To such when the sun goes down and the west fades the heavens fill with no shining stars.

The period through which mankind has passed has been marked by a duel between those who hope and those who despair—between those who believe in Santa Claus and those who do not. Let us rejoice that the quivering balance is now definitely inclining to the better side. Be young, be forever young—never has the old text been more vindicated than in these days.

Unlogged with prudence and limping with no rheumatism, youth, shouting to laggards, "Would you live forever?" plunged forward through four terrible years, furnishing new reasons for respecting humanity. Then came the here and yellow leaf of the stay-at-homes. They sought to turn off the fountains of faith. But, happily, their grip is loosening and the sweet waters flow again. Whether your youngster hangs up stockings or not, don't yourself, Mr. or Mrs. Grown-up, lose your own credulity.—New York Tribune.



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