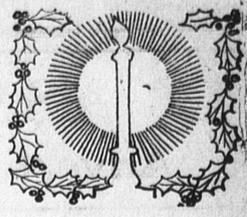


Merry Christmas



Covers the Torrance District Like a Blanket.

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TWO ANNEXATION MOVES CONFLICT CHRISTMAS FETE DELIGHTS 2,000

TORRANCE REDONDO CLASH

Notices of Intention to Pass Petitions Acted Upon by Each City TERRITORY OVERLAPPED Advisors Say Torrance Proceedings, Received First, Take Precedence

A condition unique in annexation proceedings arose last Wednesday night, Dec. 16, when the Board of Trustees of Redondo Beach formally accepted a notice of intention to circulate an annexation petition in territory which includes much of the same property involved in the notice accepted on Saturday, Dec. 12, by the board of Trustees of Torrance.

There is no doubt in the mind of City Attorney Perry G. Briney and other legal advisers of the city of Torrance that the law gives the Torrance proceedings precedence, but it is as yet undetermined whether Redondo Beach officials will accept this legal interpretation.

In other words, a notice of intention to circulate an annexation petition is, in the eyes of the law, an option which precludes similar proceedings for the same territory in any other city.

Santa Fe Move Regarded Here As Most Important Event In History of This District

No news since the discovery of oil near Torrance has been so enthusiastically received here as that which The Herald and Lomita News published exclusively last week regarding the option taken by the Santa Fe Railroad Company on 800 acres of property in Torrance.

Shots Ring Out As Man in Race With Policeman

Brundette Wins After Firing Five Times in Dark; No Evidence

Jim Ashton of Torrance is about 60 years old, and when somebody's shooting at him he is not as fast a runner as he used to be.

"Why didn't you halt?" said Brundette. "I thought you were a holdup man," said Ashton. "In the dark I couldn't see you were an officer."

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Observations

John the Vegetable Man—His Questions About American and Christian Institutions—A Lesson About the Meaning of Christmas By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

HE is a vegetable man. He has names that are unpronounceable. His American customers call him John. He is a curious student of American ways.

THE other day this same good lady said to John: "John, do you understand about Christmas?" "Not know," said John.

PERHAPS it was the limitations of John's English vocabulary that made it impossible for the lady to explain.

JOHN reopened the conversation, timidly but with great seriousness. "Mis," he said, "some time I go Christian church in Los Angeles. Go two church. Minister make speech. Both church, minister make speech. Fight other minister. Say things like 'John,' said the lady, 'give me two bunches of spinach and a head of lettuce.'"

SOME day John may learn that the "jarring sects" are inconsequential in the great and glowing importance of that life that dawned upon the world about two thousand years ago.

Diagonal Highway and Two Big Parks Near Here Are Approved

By L. A. Board of Supervisors

Of importance to the development of the harbor district is the action taken by the Board of Supervisors last week in ordering plans drawn for a diagonal boulevard from the Inglewood district to Long Beach and the setting aside of two large county parks.

Kiwanis Club Receives Charter Before Organization's Notables Who Gather Here From 12 Cities

Kiwanians from 12 Pacific coast cities did honor to the Kiwanis Club of Torrance last Friday night, when the charter presentation at the Women's Clubhouse officially made the local organization a definite part of Kiwanis International.

George A. Proctor, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the guests to Otto Peris, district lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis, presented the charter of the Torrance club to Mr. Leech, who responded.

Supervisors To Revoke License For Hog Farm

That the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County will amend the ordinance governing hog farm licenses so that the permit for a garbage-feeding hog farm west of Lomita and south of Torrance may be permanently revoked was the assurance a delegation from Lomita, Torrance, Redondo, Harbor City and Palos Verdes received Monday when they appeared before the supervisors and lodged protest against the location of the farm in this district.

Under the existing ordinance the supervisors cannot revoke the license, which already has been granted, but the board instructed the county counsel to draft an amendment which will make revocation possible.

CHRISTIAN PROGRAM POPULAR

"De-paganized" Community Celebration Stresses Meaning of Holiday SANTA IS THERE, TOO Children and Adults Inspired and Pleased at Torrance Ceremony

By THE OBSERVER Torrance men, women and children, more than 2000 strong, witnessed this city's first "de-paganized" Christmas celebration in front of the fire station Tuesday night. It was the largest gathering that ever attended a Christmas observance program in Torrance and bore evidence to the popularity of the attempt on the part of the community to make the community Christmas program stress the true significance of the great Christmas holiday.

Better Than Ever The program did what all previous Christmas celebrations here have done. It brought happy smiles to the faces of hundreds of children. But it did more. It brought home to adults and to children the deep, reverent meaning of the day which is the anniversary of the Saviour.

Dressmaking Class To Start Dec. 30th

Mrs. Lillian M. Scott, who has been conducting classes in dressmaking and designing at the Torrance High School during the past term, announces the following curriculum for the next semester, beginning Wednesday evening, Dec. 30: Draft pattern for standard measure; draft pattern for individual measure; draft pattern for smock; cut, make and finish; cut, make and finish dress.

The program of the tableaux follows: Scene I. The Shepherds and the Angels— "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," by the Glee Club. (Continued on Page 2)