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CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE WILL FOLLOW OLD-FASHIONED IDEA

Joyous Yuletide is Certain as All Citizens and Organizations Reveal Plans for Great Day in City

CHILDREN ARE HONORED AT EVENTS

Firemen's All-City Party Monday Evening is Outstanding Civic Program; Churches Prepared for Old-Time Sunday School Presentations During Week

It's going to be a good old-fashioned Christmas in Torrance despite this so-called depression!

From the volume of business experienced by the merchants of the city already; from the extensive plans of the various churches; and from the humming activity around the Torrance Relief headquarters and from the outline of the program to be given by the Torrance Fire Department for the children of the city this "old-fashioned Christmas" appears certain.

Busy shoppers are thronging the business district now. But every business man in the city is prepared to meet the demands of the "last minute" gift-buyers during the three days next week preceding the great day.

Poor Are Remembered
Nearly every church in the city has prepared a fine Yuletide program in which the children will be the guests of honor and the principal contributors. These gala Sunday school events will be given next Sunday and on the evenings preceding the 25th.

It appears certain now that all unfortunate families in the city will be remembered, with substantial gifts of food, toys and clothing Christmas Eve. The Torrance Relief Society has coordinated all assistance work in the city and has made a careful check of all families who are in need of Yuletide gifts. The Society is acting as a clearing house for all organizations and individuals in this community who are helping others enjoy the holiday season as well as themselves.

The only city observance of the great holiday will be held Monday evening, December 22, when the Torrance Fire Department will present its customary program and gifts for the children around the city's Christmas tree. Rev. George Elder, of the First Christian church, will be in charge of the program, assisted by firemen, the police, Boy Scouts and the American Legion.

Gifts For All Children
Every child attending the event will receive a gift box of candy, nuts, apples and toys. The Legion men, headed by Lt. Col. N. F. Jamieson, and the Boy Scouts will direct the procedure. Youngsters to Santa Claus for their gifts. The Torrance municipal band of 26 pieces will have a major part of the program. The organization will be under the direction of J. P. Watson, the leader, and F. W. Harder, manager.

The band program is as follows: Star Spangled Banner; Old Trinity March; Under the Christmas Tree; Overture; Night of Gladness; Waltz; Selections of Christmas Songs; Star of the East; Idyll; American Fantasy; and Marche Religieuse. This program will be interspersed in the complete presentation.

All residents of Torrance, Lomita and surrounding communities are cordially invited to this program which will begin at 7 o'clock Monday evening. The firemen and their assistants have planned a fine program of hand music, singing by the chorus choir and singing of the old Christmas carols by the audience with the choir and the presentation of special Yuletide entertainment numbers.

Free Show at Theater
Tuesday afternoon, December 23, Manager Frank Higgins, of the Torrance theater, is holding a Christmas party for all children in the city. This show will be absolutely free of charge to all kiddies and will feature two all-talking movies and several comedy subjects which will not be the

BILL BARBER SAYS
FIGURES QUOTED IN THE U.S. SHOW THAT 60% OF THE MEN AND WOMEN DON'T PLAY GOLF AND MAY I ADD THAT NEITHER DO 90% OF THE OTHERS

ADJOURNED MEETING IS IMPORTANT

Council Session Tonight to Authorize Issuance of Water Bonds

FRIENDLY SUIT TO START Plan to Save Three Years' Time by Agreement of Attorneys

One of the most important meetings of the city council in recent months will be held at 7:15 p. m. tonight. Thursday, when an adjourned session will be held to authorize the city treasurer, Harvey H. Dolley, to issue bonds, valued at \$300,000, for the construction of a publicly-owned and operated water system.

This subject was postponed from the meeting Tuesday night to permit the councilmen a chance to devote more study and consideration of the move which is fore-ordained to throw the matter into the courts for a thorough endorsement of all proceedings in connection with the proposed water system.

By instituting a "friendly suit" against the city treasurer, who by "refusing" to issue the bonds will cause the city to start litigation, the city will be able to save three years' time which would otherwise be taken up with court proceedings brought by the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company in an effort to halt the construction of the city-owned system.

Acts on Technically
This "friendly suit" procedure has been agreed upon by the attorneys for the water company and counsel for the city officials of the city. It is distinctly understood that the suit is merely a technicality, involving no ill feeling on the part of Mr. Dolley whatever, to determine the validity of the bonds once and for all in the shortest time possible.

Since the meeting Tuesday night, the councilmen have been studying.

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BASKETS FOR POOR TO GO OUT TUESDAY

Torrance Relief Society Has Names Available for Private Charity

The Torrance Relief Society headquarters at 1808 Cabrillo avenue, will be open Monday and Tuesday, December 22-23, to receive gifts of supplies for the Christmas baskets. The baskets will be packed and delivered Tuesday afternoon, and all those who have donations for this purpose are urgently requested to bring them early so that they may be included. No baskets will be sent out from the headquarters on Wednesday.

Friends who wish to pack and send out their own baskets independent of the Society, may call Mrs. Caroline Collins, Torrance 654, or Mrs. Isabel Henderson, 64.

The Society acknowledges with thanks the following donations in addition to those already noted: The Central Evangelical church Women's Episcopate Auxiliary, \$5; Mrs. George Worcester, \$5; the Volunteer Fire Department, \$10; Mr. J. Scotten, \$8; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Post, \$30; Mrs. Oletha J. Stevenson, 50 jars of honey.

Walteria May Lose Radio KSE

Owners Plan on Moving to Wilmington, Report

Walteria may lose the marine radio station KSE if the plans of the Radio Corporation of America, owners of the new short-wave transmitter, are carried out. S. A. Blank, district manager of the corporation, is reported as announcing the move to Wilmington about the first of the year.

Centralizing activities of the organization in the Harbor area is said to be the cause of the move from Walters. The station is of the most modern and efficient design for long distance communication with ships.

The Cherry-Tree Carol

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Although this beautiful old English Christmas poem has come down through centuries, as "The Cherry-Tree Carol," the significance of its title, as well as the name of the composer is unknown. The reverence and beauty of its Chaucerian phraseology commends "The Cherry-Tree Carol" as significant of Christmas Eve, in the year-of-our-Lord, 1830.)

As Joseph was a-walking,
He heard an angel sing,
"This night shall be the birth-time
Of Christ, the heavenly King."
"He neither shall be born
In hoisen nor in ball,
Nor in the place of paradise,
But in an ox's stall."
"He neither shall be clothed
In purple nor in pall,
But in fair white linen
That seen babies all."
"He neither shall be rocked
In silver nor in gold,
But in a wooden manger
That resteth on the mould."
As Joseph was a-walking,
There did an angel sing,
"And Mary's child at midnight
Was born to be our King."
Then be ye glad, good people,
This night of all the year,
And light ye up your candles,
For his star it shineth clear.

Torrance Included in List of 10 "Exceptionally Active" Cities

Real estate activity throughout Los Angeles County showed a decrease last month in comparison with October, but a decided gain compared with the corresponding month last year.

A comparison of November realty transfers with those for the same month in 1929, brought 10 cities into the relatively "exceptionally active" class. Most notable were Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Signal Hill, Montebello, Monterey Park, Los Angeles city proper and Manhattan Beach.

The above is quoted from the Building and Real Estate Bulletin published this week by the California Title Insurance Company.

Pasadena Shows Increase
The Bulletin states further: Pasadena was the only other metropolitan city that showed an increase in activity last month over a year ago. Long Beach and Glendale markets were comparatively sluggish.

FREE SHOW AT THEATER FOR KIDDIES

A free matinee for all Torrance children is announced by Manager Frank Higgins of the Torrance theater for Tuesday afternoon, December 23. The show will begin at 2:30 o'clock and all children of the city will be admitted to the special show free of charge.

Higgins has booked two all-talking features besides a number of comedy reels for this Christmas party. None of the pictures have been seen as yet in Torrance and the program will be entirely different from the evening show on Tuesday.

POLICE FIND STILL; 'BAD' BOOZE HERE

Mexican is Jailed Following Raid on Home on Arlington

Acting on a "tip-off" from an unrevealed source, Police Chief C. M. Calder, Sergeant John Stroh and Sergeant Stevenson raided the home of Secundia Perez, 45, on Arlington avenue near Washington, December 18, and discovered a still and a quantity of alleged liquor.

With Perez was Mrs. D. Perez, 26, but after questioning she was released without any charge being filed against her. Perez was jailed on charges of possession of apparatus to manufacture liquor and possession of liquor. He will have his hearing Saturday morning.

The asserted liquor found in Perez' home has not yet been identified other than the classification of "rotten bad stuff," according to police. Police Chief Calder stated that the still had not been in operation long and doubted if it had ever been used as yet.

Local Girl Plays in Big Children's Band

Gertrude Mowry, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Mowry, of 2112 Carson street, was chosen to represent the Torrance Elementary school in the Junior Philharmonic orchestra concert held yesterday afternoon at the Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Gertrude plays the cello and won the honor for the quality of her artistry. The program was given as one of a series that is being conducted for the county and city teachers' institute. The orchestra was composed of 250 talented children from the Los Angeles city school system.

COUNTY COURT PLAN TIES IN WITH COUNTY CENTER PROJECT

Supervisors Expected to Act on Locating Buildings on Carson Street Early in January, Report States

CITY WOULD HAVE COUNTY COURT

Bill to Create New System of 22 Judicial Locations and Abolishment of Present Justice Tribunals Will Come Before the Next Legislature

Coincident with the announcement by Chief Justice Waste, of the California Supreme Court, that abolishment of all justice courts in Los Angeles county and the establishment of a county-wide court will be sought in a bill to be introduced in the next legislature, was the report received by city officials here this week that the County Board of Supervisors are expected to take action early next month on the establishment of a county center near the American Legion club house on Carson street.

LOCAL GIRL WITNESSES GUN BATTLE

Falos Verdes Bandits Put to Flight After Fight; Man Wounded

Crouched down in the front seat of a car while her escort "sent it out" with the two "night bandits of Falos Verdes," Miss Jessie Gioanini, 20, of 1562 Carson street, experienced all the thrills of gang warfare early Wednesday.

She and her escort, Carl Bergmann, 27, of Hollywood, were the intended victims of the pair who have been terrorizing the Palos Verdes district in a simulated police automobile. Bergmann, although wounded in the shoulder, exchanged shots with the bandits and put them to flight. One of them may be suffering from one of Bergmann's shots, according to the report the Hollywood man gave Falos Verdes police.

The young man and the Torrance girl were parked on the plateau overlooking the sea at Falos Verdes when the bandits

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MET. WATER DETAILS ARE EXPLAINED

City Engineer Makes Talk Before Directors of Local Chamber

An interesting business meeting was held by the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon which featured a talk made by City Engineer Frank Leonard on the Metropolitan Water District and the advantages, as he saw them, of Torrance joining the association of cities to obtain water from the Colorado river via the proposed Metropolitan aqueduct.

Leonard went into the subject of the district's virtues very thoroughly and afterwards the directors discussed the matter to considerable extent. However, no action was taken, the Chamber officers deciding to await further details and an extended study of the subject.

W. H. Kingley resigned his office as a director of the Chamber, his letter stating that his work was now to a great extent outside of the city. His resignation accepted, the directors voted to install Earl Connor, well known safe expert and commander of the local American Legion post, in Kingley's post to fill the unexpired term.

Western Opened Soon
Western avenue will be open to traffic via the new grade crossing at El Prado, it was reported at the meeting. The contractor is now laying pavement on the improved strip.

Special envelopes, to be used for advance reservations for the New Year's football classic between Alabama and Washington State College at Pasadena may be obtained at the Chamber headquarters now, it was announced. Local fans who plan on attending the game should secure these envelopes as advance reservations will be made only from them and

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