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SECTION A

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CITY-OWNED SCHOOLS WILL BE EXPLAINED

Mass Meeting Will Be Held Here On Jan. 12

County Superintendent of Schools A. R. Clifton has been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to address a mass meeting of all Torrance residents to be held Tuesday evening, January 12.

Clifton will discuss the school situation as related to the proposed city charter which will be voted on here at the general election, April 1. Dr. J. S. Lancaster, chairman of the chamber's committee on education, will have charge of the meeting which probably will be held at the Woman's clubhouse.

Balance Only Obligation

The county school official will explain the relationship of the outstanding Los Angeles city school bonds to Torrance, a subject which the proposed charter brings to the attention of local citizens because its adoption means the severance of the local schools from the Los Angeles system.

Judge C. T. Rippey, chairman of the board of freeholders who drafted the charter, yesterday said that, in his opinion, the only obligation the city will have to assume in taking over the schools here would be the balance due on the bonded expenditures actually spent on the Torrance institutions. He said that this sum was approximately \$550,000.

Each School Is Separate

"The amount spent on each school in the Los Angeles system is listed on the Board of Education's books and not as a general expenditure to the whole system," Rippey said. "For that reason it will be an easy matter to arrive at the actual indebtedness we would have to assume in taking over our schools."

Only \$23,500 of the recent 13 million dollar bond issue voted by citizens in the Los Angeles school district, has been spent in Torrance, Rippey continued. This was for the purchase of additional property adjoining the Fern Avenue school, he said.

Little Lomita Girls Are Not Going Toyless

Firemen Take Over Part of Toy Hospital's "Patients"

LOMITA.—George Key was busy painting a fire truck in the Toy hospital one day when three burly men entered.

"Looks like all you're doing is fixing toys for boys. What are the little girls going to do?" Glancing disdainfully about the three huskies departed with a threat. "We'll see about that."

A curious Herald reporter insisted upon knowing why the doors around the fire station were so carefully locked all the time. The story of Bluebird's wife was no warning to her—so, tired of her insistence, the chief finally said, "Let her in." "We went into the garage. If anyone has misused a power saw he can take comfort in the fact that it has been put to good use. The garage was a regular mill; there were apple boxes, hickory from Lomita merchants, and lumber, and the saw Laski stands revealed.

In the locker room was a closet full of paint and about the room evidence that someone had just been painting there. Little chairs, wheelbarrows with rubber tires, wheels, dropleaf tables, cribs that rocked, beds, all beautifully finished.

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He'll Be Here Tonight! With Gifts to Every Boy and Girl

The Annual Municipal Christmas Celebration, under the direction of the Fire Department, will start PROMPTLY at 7 o'clock THIS EVENING (Wednesday) around the Tree with a Thousand Lights at Marcelina and Sartori avenues. A short Yuletide program will precede the distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

EVERY CHILD SHOULD ATTEND THIS
CITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Stores Open Until 9 P. M.

All stores in Torrance, with the exception of the food markets, will be open until 9 o'clock tonight and Thursday night for the convenience of last-minute shoppers. The food stores, meat markets and vegetable stands will maintain their usual Saturday night closing hour of 8 o'clock on Thursday night.

Call For Bids On Normandie- Vermont Work

Bids for the paving of Normandie highway units through Harbor City were called for by the Board of Supervisors Monday. Construction is scheduled to start within 60 days and the paving should be completed by July 1. The paving project calls for four miles of opening and surfacing and will be handled simultaneously with the construction of a grade separation viaduct over the Pacific Electric Torrance line, just north of Anaheim boulevard. Under agreement with the interested property owners, the county will have 30-foot right-of-way given by land owners. The city, county and Pacific Electric have appropriated funds for construction of the viaduct over which the merged highway will pass to connect with North Garvey street, carrying traffic on south into San Pedro.

Leonard Laments Redondo Grabbing Publicity "Gravy"

"Redondo gets all the gravy and we get the garbage," lamented City Engineer Frank Leonard yesterday. "The reason for this strange remark was contained in a Los Angeles newspaper report from Redondo that it refused from the Hollywood Riviera administration and clubroom buildings is to be included in the Redondo garbage pick-up, it will have to be placed in the front yard. Both the kitchen, side entrances and dining room are located in Torrance territory. "I notice that Redondo claims credit for Hollywood Riviera—but we have to service a majority of the territory," Leonard continued. "I wish newspaper reporters would give us credit for something—even though it is the collection of garbage!"

Free Show For All Kids Thurs. Matinee At Torrance Theatre

Meet Manager-Santa Claus Frank Higgins! Continuing his annual custom of giving a free show for all Torrance youngsters at the Torrance Theatre, Manager Higgins announced yesterday that the Thursday matinee, starting at 2:30 o'clock will find the box office closed and the doors of the theatre wide open to all children. However, those youngsters whose parents can afford to give something are asked to bring some kind of foodstuffs—canned goods, vegetables or staple articles, which will be presented to the Torrance Relief Society for distribution where it is needed. The picture Thursday afternoon will be Ken Maynard in a good, approved Western story, "Sons of the Sadle," and a fine array of comedy short subjects.

LAST 1931 HERALD NEXT WEDNESDAY

Ushering out Old 1931, the Herald will issue a final edition this year next Wednesday morning, December 30. Carrier boys will report for their papers at 7 a. m., Wednesday, so that they may complete distribution on their routes by 8 o'clock. Why not end the old year right and start 1932 by READING THE HERALD FIRST—THEN SHOP DIRECT FROM THE ADVERTISEMENTS!

NEW PALOS VERDES HIGHWAY IS SAID A SCENIC TREASURE

Holding that the new ridge highway over the peak of Palos Verdes should help in the development of Palos Verdes and community adjacent, the San Pedro News-Editorial recently saw "A Scenic Treasure for the Harbor Area" recently. The San Pedro newspaper's editorial follows: "Building of the new ridge road over the peak of Palos Verdes from Redondo to connect with the San Pedro-Lomita highway network, is two-thirds completed. Construction is now visible against the western horizon from San Pedro. The crest having been passed. The new road, financed exclusively by the Vanderly interests, will terminate at a junction with the Miraleste highway. Travelers may either enter San Pedro via Ninth street or continue to Lomita. "Coming from the west, motorists will find before them a delightful and entrancing panorama of San Pedro and the harbor district. This will climax a series of wondrous views gained along the ridge road by the successive summits of the Palos Verdes hills. The appeal to continue the throbbing citadel below should prove largely irresistible. Those who live closer to the harbor, too, will find the lure strong in satisfying a new desire to get a better appreciation of the glories of

CLASSES AT EVENING HIGH NEED PUPILS

Holiday Schedule Announced For Next Week by Principal

Classes at the Torrance Evening High school will be resumed Monday evening, December 28. Because New Year's Eve is on a Thursday evening, classes December 31, will be advanced to Tuesday night, December 29. Principal Guy Mowry announced yesterday. School will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week only, reverting back to the original schedule of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after January 4.

Mowry said that he hoped all evening school students will make it a point to be present the week of December 28, as several of the classes may have to be discontinued if the attendance does not pick up. If any student cannot be present that week, he should phone the High school, 645, and state his intention of continuing the work although unable to attend the classes for that week. The following subjects need more attendance, Mowry said, and anyone interested should phone the High school at once and register: English, Spanish, Machine Shop, Auto Shop, Printing, Mathematics and Mechanical Drawing.

CHAMBER WILL TRY TO GET COUNTY AID ON CABRILLO

All assistance possible for the securing of county aid on the proposed improvement of Cabrillo avenue will be given by the Chamber of Commerce, the directors voted Monday afternoon. The chamber will press the matter before the County Supervisors as soon as a 51 per cent petition for the proposed paving curb-to-curb is presented to the city council by interested property owners.

MUNICIPAL YULE PARTY AT 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

All Residents Are Invited to Attend Brief Program and Distribution of Presents to Children

To the distant sound of trumpets playing "Holy Night," the annual Municipal Christmas celebration will start at 7 o'clock tonight (Wednesday) around the Tree with 1000 Lights, at Marcelina and Sartori avenues. A brief Yuletide program, furnished by the Sunday schools in the city and the Ministerial Association, will precede the distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

POSTOFFICE SPEEDS UP YULE MAIL

Will Be Closed Christmas Day; Open Until 6 P. M. Tonight, Thursday

Every effort will be made by the local postoffice staff to deliver all mail that comes in up to noon tomorrow, vocemaster Alfred Goudier said today.

The postoffice will be closed all day, Friday, Christmas Day, but special delivery packages will be distributed by carriers.

"We will be open until 6 o'clock tonight and Thursday and will be open all day until 6 p. m., Saturday," Goudier said. Two extra carriers were employed this week to assist the regular staff in clearing the influx of Christmas mail.

Up to this morning, the Yule mail has not been as heavy as last year, but the postoffice is anticipating a two-minute mailing and delivery rush.

Pre-Historic Bone Fragment On View

Little did that pre-historic reptile of the Tethysaundia class think—stipulating that a Ichthyosaurus could think—that a portion of his skeleton would be on view at the Herald office thousands of years after he left it mired in the tropic ooze of what later became the Palos Verdes Hills. Nevertheless, the bone structure of this—or some other—extinct animal is on view at the Herald. It was found by miners working at the DeLente plant in the Palos Verdes hills near Waverly, a fertile ground for the recovery of many interesting forms of pre-historic animal life. The bone resembles a portion of some great beast's vertebra.

"Hospital" To Lose All "Patients"

They Are All "Cured", Ready For Release Christmas Eve! Brotherhood "Doctors" Will Be Retired Tomorrow

"We're ready!" reported the Brotherhood of the Central Evangelical church late yesterday afternoon as the members were putting the final touches on a great quantity of toys which will be delivered—via Santa Claus, of course—to children of all needy families in Torrance. For the past six weeks the Toy Hospital maintained by the Brotherhood in the store room at the corner of Sartori and El Prado has been a hive of industry. Here dozens and dozens of assorted playthings were received, repainted, mended, re-fitted, renovated and otherwise made "as good as new." More than 70 dolls of all kinds and descriptions were rejuvenated by the women of the Central Evangelical church and friends.

Number of Toys Unknown

"We met with a wonderful response this year to our call for toys," reported the chairman of the committee in charge of the hospital, said yesterday. "We anticipate a greater success in this Christmas. We want to thank all those who made the hospital work hard to accomplish its purpose, the business men who donated materials, the residents who gave toys, the men of the community who gave their time and experience to fixing up the playthings. It is impossible to give the exact number of toys which will be distributed to children named by the Torrance Relief Society. The Brotherhood has been too busy getting ready to meet the demand than to count all their "patients." The Torrance Relief will furnish the names and addresses of the children to whom the toys will be delivered, said yesterday. "We are grateful to the Relief Society, John Ferguson at the Union Oil station, engineer of Arlington and Carson, and the pastor of any local church.

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