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FIRE CHIEF ISSUES GUIDE TO SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

With the Yule season just around the corner and Torrance residents already decorating their Christmas trees and homes, Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson today issued a plea for a safe Yuletide thru care in use of decorations and other Christmas supplies. Here is what he said:

"Christmas will soon be upon us and decorations appropriate to the occasion will be distributed thru homes, stores and churches. Unless great care is exercised the added fire hazards which accompany such displays and the unusual amount of home activity will cause unnecessary pain and sorrow.

"Standard wire, fuses, plugs, sockets and sets of Christmas tree lights should be used and all extra wiring should be done by a competent electrician. Don't hang wires on nails.

Ban Flimsy Toys
"It is folly to use inflammable decorations for trees and rooms when safe, noncombustible decorations are on sale in every store. All papers and tissue wrappings from packages should be disposed of at once.

"Instruct children carefully in the use of toys, especially electrical ones, and watch them until you are certain they know how to operate them properly. Avoid toys requiring an alcohol or kerosene lamp. The flimsy toy motion picture machines using inflammable film should be shunned.

"Likewise, cheap electrical playthings should be forbidden as they are often defectively wired and have insecure, dangerous connections.

Keep Santa Safe
"If you must have a candle

in the window Christmas Eve make it an electric one—that is safe. Use metal tinsel, flake asbestos and powdered mica for snow effects instead of the highly dangerous paper clippings and cotton.

"Do not illuminate the tree with candles. Colored electric light assemblies are more ornamental and are much safer.

"If Santa Claus is present, he should be persuaded to avoid a long beard and should keep away from open lights and fires. Don't let him be a fire hazard. His costume or whiskers would burn furiously if accidentally ignited. You can make his costume—including beard—partially fireproof by spraying upon it a solution of water-glass.

Don't Prolong Display
"If anyone's clothing does catch fire, the victim should be promptly rolled in a rug or woolen blanket in order to smother the flames.

"In order to prevent the spread of any fire that may start, a bucket or two of water and a fire extinguisher should be kept at hand. Merchants should keep their places of business free from rubbish and paper accumulations.

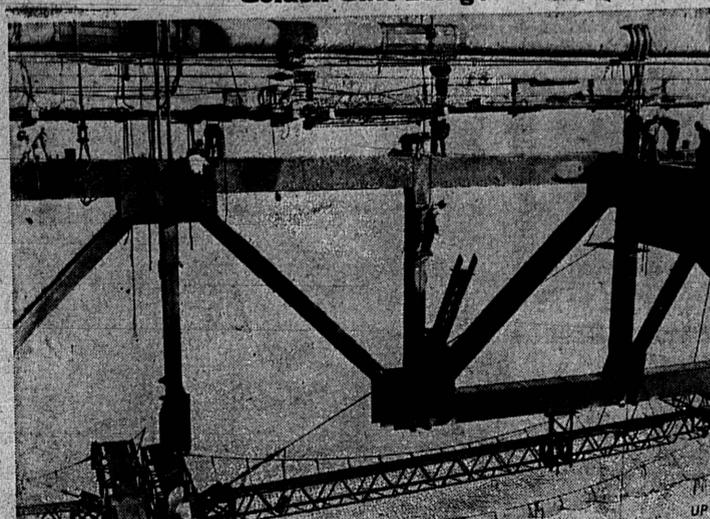
"And, finally, a most important safeguard is to remove all evergreens and decorations—including the tree—immediately after Christmas. May I wish all residents of Torrance a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of no home or business fires!"

Two Permits Raise Construction Total

Only two building permits were issued from the city engineer's office this week but they totaled \$11,500.

Thomas J. Lalor is constructing a seven-room house and garage at 147 Las Miradores, Hollywood Riviera, to cost \$8,500 and the General Petroleum Corporation is erecting a corrugated iron warehouse and storage tank room, 30 by 60 feet in size, to cost \$5,000.

Golden Gate Bridge



Workers laboring on the second great bridge at San Francisco. Drop the last piece of steel into place to form a continuous span between opposite sides of the historic and romantic Golden Gate, entrance to San Francisco's land-locked harbor.

Lomita Kiwanians Receive Instruction at First Meet

Pair Saved From Fiery Death In Wrecked Car

Officers Shoot Holes Thru Windows to Release Injured Couple

If aid in the persons of two deputy sheriffs from sub-station No. 3 had not come to them just after their automobile had crashed, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Watkins, of 509 West Third street, Long Beach, might have been burned to death last Sunday night—trapped in their wrecked car on 190th street between Normandie and Vermont avenues.

At 11 a. m. the sheriff's officers, Deputies Kiraofe and Duesler, had to shoot their way into the machine to unlock doors that were not sprung and release the injured couple. Watkins struck a power pole in the fog. The car was badly wrecked and caught on fire.

Glass Resists Blows
The deputies happened to be passing and rushed to the rescue. Both Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were suffering from shock and serious injuries and could not assist their deliverers, who were forced to shoot holes in a door to release the catch and extricate the man and his wife. The car's "safety glass" did not shatter enough under the officers' blows to allow them to enter the body of the machine.

Taken to Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, Mrs. Watkins was found to be suffering from a broken left leg, burns on both legs from the knee down, and multiple lacerations of the face, forehead and scalp. Her husband was given emergency treatment for possible fractured ribs, right leg and thigh and severe cuts on his face. They said they were not driving fast and did not know they were off the road until they struck the power pole and the car began to burn.

Sea Captain Fails To Navigate Car According to Law

A belligerent sea captain, Olaf Charles Olsen, 55, of Santa Monica, was arrested early last Friday morning on Highway 101 and charged with drunk driving. He was released on \$100 bail after vociferously denying he was intoxicated. When tried before City Judge Robert Lessing Saturday, Capt. Olsen was found guilty, fined \$50 which he paid.

ALUMNUS KILLED
Elmer Erwin, Torrance high school graduate with the summer class of 1934, was killed in Long Beach last Sunday night as result of a head-on automobile collision. While a student here he was a valued member of the printshop force.

In years to come, members of the Lomita Kiwanis Club will point to the following "firsts" at the organization's initial session held Monday noon at Chicken George's cafe:

First Fine-Payer—J. P. Puckett, who is also a member of the sponsoring Wilmington club; **First Man to Arrive at Meeting**—Monroe Gamby, vice president of the new group; **First President**—John Holm, former member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

Nearly 30 Lomita business and professional men participated in the inaugural session and became full-fledged Kiwanians. President Al Drew of Wilmington presided with President Holm beside him. Holm will conduct the sessions hereafter. Pins were distributed to the new club's members.

Plan Charter Night
Drew, in charging Holm with the responsibilities of his office, pointed out that the Lomita group is one unit of a worldwide organization containing 1,900 clubs and some 200,000 members. He outlined the major Kiwanis objectives, especially calling attention to child welfare work.

The instruction was continued by Elmer J. Rossman of the Wilmington club, who spoke on the history of Kiwanis. Dr. W. W. Horst of the sponsoring group, gave a short, informative talk on "People Worth Meeting," saying that members of Kiwanis stand for worthwhile things in their communities. An honor guest present at the luncheon-session was Major Ben B. Blair of the San Pedro club.

President Holm is now preparing a charter-night celebration which will probably be held before Jan. 1, by request of the district officials. At that time Charles Crook, district officer, will present the document to the Lomita club.

New Arrival Has Plenty of Company At Hospital Here

Only one new arrival was reported at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week but she had plenty of company in three babies who are now ending their first week of life at the institution.

She was the tiny daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Okabe, of Buena Park, and she was born yesterday. The infants who are about to be taken to their respective homes are:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vonderah's daughter, born Dec. 12, who goes home with her mother today; Mr. and Mrs. Foster A. Day's son, born Dec. 6, who is leaving for 318 Ruby street, Redondo Beach, shortly, and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Hutchinson's daughter, who arrived Dec. 8 and is going home to 1047 Island avenue, Wilmington, in a few days.

Your rent money will buy a home.

Burglar Takes Best Tools From House

Someone who knew the value of tools took the best and 50 pounds of stucco dressing late last week from a home at 2314 Sonoma avenue being built for the Western Service Corporation, according to a report given police by P. F. Albright, Los Angeles. The total loss was estimated at \$35.

In addition to the stucco dressing, the burglar or burglars got away with a calsoimine brush, a straight edge and a number of top-grade small hand tools belonging to a paper-hanger on the job. A French window was broken to gain entrance to the house.

A footprint clue, noticed by Albright on the window sill, was lost when painters erased it before police arrived to go over the house.

Extra Help Employed

Lomita Postoffice Prepares for Final Rush

Altho postal business at the Lomita post office is not breaking any records on account of the shipping strike which affects many residents of that community, Postmaster Birda Paddock employed four additional workers this week.

Carl Leroy Backlund, a substitute clerk, is in charge of parcel post service; Frieda Oehlmann, a junior college student who worked in the post office last year, is serving there again during her vacation; Ada Andersen, another part-time worker, is on duty, and J. Gasser, is driving a car delivering parcel post on the rural routes.

Postmaster Paddock announces that the parcel post window will be open until 6 o'clock each Saturday night un-

Music Theme for Year's Last Rotary Program Tonight

In keeping with the festive holiday spirit, the program of the Torrance Rotary club this evening will be all musical. Madame Teala Billini, Ray Casey and Gene DeBra have charge of the evening's entertainment and have arranged for the appearance of a number of visiting artists. Mme. Billini will also contribute a number of piano solos.

Due to the fact that the regular meetings during the next two weeks fall on Christmas eve and New Year's eve, the board of directors have cancelled the meetings on these days. The next meeting will be on January 7.

til Christmas and that there will be a special train Sunday to collect Harbor district mail deposited Saturday and thus clear all post offices of late mail. An extra incoming Sunday train is also scheduled.

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