

TOWNSEND MEETING
Lomita Townsend club, No. 1 will meet Monday night, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p. m., in the Presbyterian church hall to hear William A. Burnell of the Southern California lecture bureau.

Honor System Modified
BERKELEY, Calif. (U.P.)—The University of California has decided that closer supervision is necessary for the maintenance of the "honor spirit" during examinations.

Spirit of Goodwill Prevades Torrance Industrial Plants

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by regular service to its patrons that day.

Plants to Close
Soule Steel Company—Has every reason to believe its 50 workers here will enjoy a fine Christmas, according to Jack Aaland, superintendent. Plant will be closed that day but no celebration is planned Christmas eve.

General Petroleum Refinery—Office will be closed over the holiday but the plant, with its 200 employes, will operate as usual. No announcement has been made, according to the Vernon office, of any bonus this year.

Coast Insulating Company—

Will observe Christmas and New Year's Day without any previous festivities by the 50 workers here.

Nurses' Party Wednesday
Columbia Steel Company—Beat Santa Claus to it this year with a pay increase for all workers. The Christmas party for workers' children held Saturday night was the big observance of the Yuletide at this major industrial concern and with that joyous occasion still a pleasant memory, no other festivities are planned.

Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital—Has a large decorated tree in the main hall and each patient has enjoyed the novel "good-deeds" tree sent by pupils of grade 7-B of the elementary school. The nurses will gather around another tree in their home Wednesday evening.

Marion Sears Is Chosen for Float

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dale last Saturday for final fittings of their costumes and went through a dress rehearsal for their New Year's Day appearance along the route of the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena.

for their annual Yule party and exchange of gifts.

National Supply Company—Will be closed Christmas and New Year's so that every worker may participate in home festivities. J. D. Spaulding says that because the employes "live everywhere" it would be difficult to hold a plant celebration Christmas Eve after work, so no holiday fete is planned.

STAR'S SANTA MAIL PROVES YOUNGSTERS BELIEVE IN HIM; WRITERS TO RECEIVE GIFTS

There IS a Santa Claus and Torrance children's faith in him is just as strong, just as confident as childhood's trust in that genial old fellow the world over. Proof of local youngsters' absorbing interest in Santa is contained in the scores of letters which have been received by the Star Department store for him.

J. G. Koch, proprietor, announced several weeks ago that he would be glad to transmit any letters to Santa and also offered to award two fine gifts to the boy and girl writing the best ones to the No. 1 North Pole citizen. These awards will be a \$10 wagon for a boy and a \$10 doll buggy for a girl.

However, Koch was so pleased by the evident faith of local children in the Christmas character that today he said other prizes would be given to all letter-writers. These and the two major gifts will be presented Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 2:30 o'clock at the Star Department store. All youngsters who wrote to Santa, care of this firm, are urged to be present at that time.

Margaret Was Pleased
Written in pen, pencil and crayon on stationery, note paper and torn scraps, the missives reveal that Torrance children have desires for many different kinds of gifts. Some of the letters, in part, follow:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus:
Last Saturday I visited toyland of the Star Dept. Co., to see what was new in toys this year. My, I was pleased to see all the nice things they have... Don't you think it would be wise if all children and their parents look over the display before they make their selections? ... There are three or four things I want most of all... a wrist-watch, two or three good books, a ring with my birthstone and a fitted overnight case.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus:
I can't have one until I am 10 years old so I would love to have a wagon instead, a bugle and erector set.

I have a little brother who wants a drum, colors and a little play car. I also have a sister. She would like to have a doll, dishes and a little playhouse. If it is alright with you Santa would you please bring us these toys. And please don't forget my mother and daddy.

Gerald Godard, Torrance.

Big Wagon for Two
Dear S. Claus, I am a little boy 5 years old and I have a little brother who is going to have a birthday next Monday. Both of us would like you to bring us a big wagon so we could all take turns riding in it.

Ernie Jr. Dandoy and Aramis Dandoy, Torrance.

Fun to Have Christmas
Dear Santa: How is Christmas going to be this time. I wish I had a pair of skates and this is all I will write to you. It is fun to have Christmas isn't it, well, Merry Christmas.

Lupe Pina, Torrance.

No Long List
Dear Santa Claus: I have not a long list of things like the rich kids do the I would like many things... Would you get me a doll (a baby doll with clothes) and a new dress? My brother wants a wagon. If you can not get us both things get him the wagon and I will play with him.

Jackie Cook, Torrance.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a new dress and a wristwatch. Love, Betty Martin, Lawndale.

Remembers Her Brothers
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a pair of skates and a color book, pingo and I want to have you bring my baby brother a pair of shoes, a rattle, a box of blocks, a car, a drum and my big brother a car, a ball, a teady bear.

Hazel Turner, Torrance.

Doesn't Like Spinach
Dear Santa: I am 4 1/2 years old. I think you are real good and I am waiting for you to come with your toys. I don't like spinach but I eat a few bites when we have it and I am sorry when I'm not a good boy but I don't mean it. I would like you to bring me a Coco Cola truck (do you furnish the bottles?), a milk truck, a football, a real wristwatch and please leave a picture of yourself.

Ronald O'Neal, Torrance.
No Strike for Santa
Dear Santa: I've tried to be a good girl and I hope you're not on any strike. Could you give me an ironing board, sewing basket and a teddy as I still have the dolly you gave me last year. Will you leave Rudy, Dorothy and Roland some nice presents?

Grace Maureen Shaw, Lomita.

Size, Color Specified
Dear Santa Claus: How are you, I am fine. I would like to see a large tele-gram set, wheelbarrow (big), big table-chairs set, big wagon (red), cloth animals, magic drawing books, table service, drum, zylphone, doll trunk—Santa I think you better just give me the tele-gram set, zylphone, wagon and doll trunk made of steel with shelf. Love, Harriet Sparelch, Torrance.

Gives Fair Warning
Dear Santa: I hope that your beard is not frozen. I'm quiet shure your beard is frozen because it is so white. When you come I will be in the couch in the front room and I will stay awak and eat your cherry nose... I want you to give me two little story books, bee-beegun, pair of hiking boots.

Lamar Watson, Torrance.
Has Alternate Choices
Mr. Santa Claus: I would like to have a bicycle for Christmas but my mother and father say

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2,000 Youngsters Mob Santa At Steel Plant

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the auditorium, the band will play for a free public dance to which all residents are cordially invited.

Gifts in Age Groups
Planned, executed and carried out with a superb flourish by the Columbia Steel workers themselves, the Saturday night assembly was attended by one of the largest crowds ever to attend a public event in Torrance. Bright-eyed youngsters, thrilled to the brim with anticipation of seeing Santa Claus, began arriving at the great industrial plant shortly before 6 o'clock.

From then on until after 8 they streamed thru the gates with mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas, brothers and sisters and many other adults who jammed the courtyard to capacity. Columbia steelmen had provided more than \$400 worth of toys alone, purchased in lots of three group ages—four to six, six to 10, and 10 to 14 years.

The program was opened by a brief but cordial welcome by E. M. Barber, general superintendent, and then proceeded with about a dozen different acts that received generous applause. The entire celebration was in the hands of Joe Greaves, chairman; Frank Steers, Rufus Cline, Frank Smith and Bill Allen. A public address system carried the entertainment to all parts of the courtyard—but Santa did not need any amplifier for his "act"—he was just himself, the donor of good things to all boys and girls and they emptied his pack with great joy.

me a doll (a baby doll with clothes) and a new dress? My brother wants a wagon. If you can not get us both things get him the wagon and I will play with him.

Jackie Cook, Torrance.

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