

Lomita Postal Business Gains

Belated Rush Begins On Friday; Extra Service

Christmas mailing was steadily gaining at the Lomita post-office this week although the volume is still under Postmaster Birda Paddock's expectations on account of the maritime strike. The first rush was experienced Friday and the number of patrons bearing parcels and cards increased Saturday. Monday found the Lomita postal center receiving a steady stream of residents who kept the staff busy every hour. The office will be open and window service given until 6 o'clock Christmas Eve.

Phone Manager Hurt In Crash

En route from her Los Angeles home to her office here Friday morning, Mrs. Orda Peitzke, manager of the Torrance telephone exchange, was involved in an automobile accident at 98th street and Normandie avenue. She suffered severe shock, scalp lacerations and bruises and has been confined at her home since the mishap. Mrs. Peitzke expects to return to her duties in about a week.

OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN SAFETY CONFERENCE

Mayor W. H. Stanger and Councilman James E. Hitchcock attended a safety meeting of Southern California municipal officials at the Los Angeles Biltmore last Thursday. At that time a state-wide safety council was formed of all California mayors to promote reduction of traffic hazards.

Your rent money will buy a home.

DUCK DINNER
Served Christmas Day
With All the Trimmings

75c

DANIELS CAFE
1625 Cabrillo

Gift SPECIALS

For Last Minute Shoppers

FOR THE BOY OR SPORT LOVER

FOOTBALLS.....	\$1.25 to \$3.75
BASEBALLS.....	50c to \$1.50
BALL GLOVES.....	\$1 to \$4.25
BALL BATS.....	25c to \$2
BB GUNS.....	\$1 to \$2.50
TENNIS RACQUETS.....	\$2.75 to \$3.50
BOXING GLOVES.....	\$3 a set
REGULATION HORSESHOES.....	\$1.50 per pair
22 CALIBER WINCHESTER RIFLES.....	\$5.25
TABLE TENNIS SETS.....	30c and 60c
SKATES.....	\$1.25 and \$2
POCKET KNIVES.....	25c to \$1.50
FLASHLIGHTS, Complete.....	60c up

GIFTS FOR THE HOME

TOM AND JERRY SET, Large Bowl and 6 Mugs.....	\$1.98
PYREX TOP-OF-THE-STOVE WARE.....	75c and \$1.25
PYREX BAKING DISHES.....	50c up
CHINA BONBON DISHES.....	50c up
SILEX COFFEE MAKERS.....	\$2.95

Paxman Hardware Store
1219 El Prado Phone 251

His Eighth Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Dean Edwin Wintermuth of Los Angeles. They were married on Friday the 13th, the bride, the former Mrs. Esther Krokstrom, willing enough. The day made little difference to the groom—it was his eighth trip to the altar.

FLIPPING THE FILES

13... 10... Five and One Year Ago In Torrance This Week

City treats great host of children to gala Christmas party in Torrance theatre. George Proctor doubles for Santa on great occasion.

Mrs. May McKinley entertains Lafalot club at Inn luncheon. Robert A. Spencer elected president of C. E.

13 Years Ago Society of Central Evangelical church, W. E. Bowen was named vice president, Katherine Burmaster, secretary, and Joseph Perry, treasurer.

Ordinance fixing derrick tax at \$250 per year passed by city council. All churches prepare for traditional Christmas exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tomkins have moved into their new home on Gramercy avenue.

Mesdames Leitner, Volz and Nickerson have been added to the sales force at the Variety store during the holidays.

Two thousand residents attend first annual community Christmas party at city hall. U. S. S. Oklahoma band plays impressive tableaux given.

Grid fans here are betting heavily on outcome of New Year's game between Stanford and Alabama.

Contract let for erection of gymnasium and addition to

10 Years Ago Egbert Merrill, present basketball coach at T. H. S., becomes second class Boy Scout in Troop 4.

Sam Levy purchases lot at Arlington and El Prado for seven-room home.

Municipal Christmas party around "Tree with a 1,000 Lights" attracts 2,500 youngsters and parents; fire department distributes gifts to "thundering herd" at Marcellina and Sartori avenues.

Miss Wanda Stachowicz appearing in leading role at L. A. theatre.

Mrs. Hurum Reeve gets perfect double sequence pinocle hand in clubs, adding limit of 1,500 to her score.

Legion football team's Christmas morning game with West Coast theatres eleven postponed on account of rainstorm.

Mrs. J. C. Snow entertains Criterion bridge club at her new home on Beech street.

Phillips Brooks ill with pneumonia at hospital. C.C.M.O. lights its "Christmas tree row" to maintain annual custom.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Quigley welcome arrival of son at hospital.

Vee Kasper installed as honored queen of Job's Daughters.

Daughters arrive to spend holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wheaton, 1228 Arlington avenue. Jimmy Grubbs home from Stanford to spend Christmas with parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grubbs, 3050 Sepulveda boulevard.

Parking time limit of two hours fixed by council for Sartori and Marcellina avenues. Police officers sharing electric shaver at headquarters. Hospital staff holds annual Yule party at nurses' home.

Welch Forming Scout Troops Boy Scout troops for Lomita and Wateria are to be formed in the near future by Wallace Welch, local Scout commissioner who has completed the organization of a troop at Harbor City. Welch was appointed commissioner about two months ago and has made steady progress in his organization work. Harbor City's troop number is 214. Lomita's will be 215 and Wateria will probably be next in line with No. 216. Veterans' organizations and P.T.A. groups are cooperating with Welch in the recruiting work. City Hall Brightly Lighted PORTLAND, Ore. (U.P.)—Tests with a "light meter" show that restrooms in Portland's city hall are more adequately lighted than some offices. Malls Get Privilege MARSHFIELD, Ore. (U.P.)—The postal department has been accorded permission to carry mail across a condemned bridge on foot.

Christmas CHURCH SERVICES

M. E. PAGEANT OPEN TO ALL

Sunday School to Stage Original Production

Torrance Methodists present as their contribution to the Christmas observance this year their Sunday school, Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock, in a pageant, "Star of Wonder," written by Mrs. Elsie Debra. The pageant portrays the birth of Christ as recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, interpreted by a number of the Christmas carols.

The cast follows: Mary the Virgin, by Jean Streitweiser; Joseph, Gerald Templeton; Angels, Virginia Hall, Virginia McElbush and Jackie Kyle; Wise Men, Bill Keefer and Bob Sleeth; Shepherds, Bill Lansdown, Rowland Justice, James Streitweiser, Bill Ross and Marlon Keating; Interlocutor, Margaret Hogue.

Musical settings include duets by Barbara Hall and Clara Brewster, and group singing by the primary, intermediate and junior departments. The Methodist church extends this invitation to its many friends to enjoy this hour of sacred reminders and happy fellowship.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS A Bible class for the men of the community by the men of the community. Sessions held each Sunday morning at 9:15 o'clock at the First Christian church. Harry F. Dierker, president, and Rev. G. G. Elder, teacher. All men are welcome.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, CATHOLIC Cota and Manuel avenues; Rev. Thomas Kennedy, pastor. Phone 332.

Mass celebrated Sundays at 7:30 and 9:30 a. m. Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Benediction, 7:30, Sunday evening.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD 1639 West - Carson. W. H. Copeland, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Thursday, 7:30 p. m. All welcome.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL 1432 Engracia street, Torrance. Rev. F. Murray Clayton, vicar; 1428 El Prado. Sunday services: Holy communion, 7:30 a. m. Church school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service and sermon, 11 o'clock. Young people's fellowship, 7:30 p. m.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH Arlington and Marcellina avenues. E. W. Matz, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages. W. E. Bowen, Supt. Morning service, 11 o'clock. Music by the choir. Sermon: "The After Christmas Guest." Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Special music and installation of Christian Endeavor officers. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Let us close a good year by giving thanks in the house of the Lord.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST John's words: "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son," constitute the Golden Text in the Lesson-Sermon on "Christian Science" on Sunday in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Scriptural citations in the Lesson-Sermon include the verses from II Timothy: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works;" and the verses from Romans: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." One of the passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, states: "I have demonstrated through Mind the effects of Truth on the health, longevity, and morals of men; and I have found nothing in ancient or in modern systems of religion or philosophy, except the teachings and demonstrations of our great Master and the lives of prophets and apostles."

Singers to Tour Lomita Caroling Christmas Eve

Christendom's lovely old carols and Christmas hymns will be heard from one end of Lomita to the other Christmas Eve as the Community Singers tour the town in a revival of old-fashioned Yule melodies from the streets.

A cordial invitation is extended to all residents to join the Singers at the V. F. W. hall at 9 o'clock for an "assembly tune-up" and then drive about the community making frequent stops to carol Christmas greetings to residents. Instrumentalists are urged to join the singers to lend their talent to the accompaniment.

Church notices, to be assured of publication, should be in the Herald-News office before 10 a. m. Tuesday. Every effort is made to publish them all, but occasionally when they are late they must be omitted.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, TORRANCE

Former Dominguez Bldg., 1204 El Prado. Sunday services, 11 a. m. Sunday school classes, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings are held at 8 o'clock. Reading room, 1204 El Prado.

GRACE FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Rev. and Mrs. F. B. McPeck, pastors. Located at 1324 El Prado. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Evening evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday evening prayer meeting, 7:30 o'clock. Thursday evening evangelistic service, 7:30 o'clock. Saturday afternoon a children's hour will be held under the direction of Mrs. McCurry. The youngsters will have their Christmas tree and party Tuesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, and every child in the program will receive a gift. All are invited to attend.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner Manuel and El Prado. B. C. Brewster, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock. Sermon, "God So Loved the World." Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Sermon, "The Land of Beginning Again." Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. with a great group of young people inviting other young people to search for the better way of living.

FIRST LUTHERAN

Acacia avenue and Sonoma street. Frank D. Mechling, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:45 o'clock. "The Happy Church Member." Choir rehearsal, Wednesday at 7 p. m. Watch Night meeting New Year's Eve at 8 o'clock, ending with a service at midnight. Members and friends are invited. The Luther League will be in charge. Annual supper and congregational meeting, Jan. 5, at 6:30 p. m. Holy communion, Sunday Jan. 3.

Rare Newspaper on Wall SALEM, Ore. (U.P.)—

Fragments of one of Oregon's earliest newspapers, the Oregon Argus, were found on the walls of a pioneer home here. It was dated Nov. 5, 1859.

Open for Business! MOTHER'S CAFE

1646 CABRILLO—Formerly Helen's Cafe We Specialize in Real Home Cooking French Dipped Sandwiches, 15c SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER TURKEY or GOOSE 75c Come In and Get Acquainted

St. Andrew's Services Are Announced

Midnight mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father F. Murray Clayton of St. Andrew's Episcopal church at 11:30 p. m. and all members of the parish and their friends are cordially invited to attend. On Christmas Day there will be a 10 o'clock service for those unable to participate in the midnight devotions. Special music will be presented at that hour. The children's Christmas service Sunday attracted a great throng; many of whom were unable to gain admission to the church or parish house where the annual Yuletide party and program by youngsters was held following the service. The children brought gifts of food, clothing and toys for poor children at this service and these will be distributed Christmas Eve.

Pontiac Sales Set New Record For November

Pontiac goes on breaking production and employment records in the effort to build enough cars to keep up with the retail sales and reduce unfilled orders according to word received by Earl H. Forbes, Pontiac dealer in Torrance, from H. J. Klingler, general manager. "Retail sales by dealers in the United States last month were the highest they have ever been in November," says Mr. Klingler. "The total was 17,455 compared with 14,148 in November, 1935. "Altho we built more cars than dealers sold in November, some of them went to foreign countries, some were Canadian built and several thousand were in transit to dealers so that unfilled orders increased by a larger number than the difference between sales and production. "The exact number of cars built was 21,538 compared with 19,466 a year ago. Had our dealers received all the cars we built during the past month they could have delivered every one of them immediately. "If our planned production can be carried on thru December we will build 26,000 cars, which will be an all-time high for any month of the year. For three weeks production has been at the rate of 1,100 cars per day. "With this continual increase in production, employment keeps on growing. This week a new 'soft iron' shift went to work in the foundry which meant 300 more men on the payrolls. The payroll at Pontiac never has been as high as it is now. "In spite of all we can do to build more cars, our unfilled orders have continued to increase, until today we have three times as many as we had at the same time last year."

Gas Tax Division In 4th Dist. Told

How the gasoline tax funds of the Fourth Supervisorial district were divided among the various cities was set forth this week in the annual report of the county road commissioner to the board of supervisors. Beverly Hills received \$15,611; Santa Monica, \$221,874; Torrance, \$35,337, and Los Angeles, \$309,489, the report stated. Total allocation for highways thru cities was \$802,279. Expenditure on new roads in unincorporated area was but \$41,457, altho an additional \$126,501 was spent for "road betterment" in the district, and another \$70,843 for road maintenance, including \$4,811 for storm damage.

Three Masses Christmas Day

Rev. Kennedy Welcomes All to Nativity Church

The greatest feast-day in the Roman Catholic calendar will be fittingly observed at the Church of the Nativity, Rev. Father Thomas F. Kennedy, pastor, announced today.

Confessions will be heard as follows Christmas Eve: 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. for children; 3 to 6 p. m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Schedule of masses Christmas Day will begin with a solemn high mass at 6:30 a. m., preceded by the singing of Yule hymns and carols by the augmented choir from 6 to 6:30 a. m., under the direction of Mrs. Nell J. McConlogue with Miss M. Scallen as organist. At 8:30 a. m., a children's mass will be sung, followed by benediction. The third and final Christmas mass is to begin at 9:30 a. m. Father Kennedy extends a cordial invitation to all residents of Torrance and vicinity, regardless of faith, to attend these services.

All Confections May Not Be What They Seem

A warning that purchasers of special packs of Christmas confections should make sure they get what they pay for has been issued by officials of the state division of weights and measures. "Inspection by state officials revealed several instances where the boxes are packed so as to deceive the buyer into the belief that the entire box, basket or bowl in which the Yuletide dainties are packed is filled with good things to eat. The fact is that in many cases, the fruit or confection consists only of a layer so attractively displayed in the top of the container," the report said. Officials said they had no desire to interfere with the legitimate sale of candied fruits or confections, but insisted that such packages must be offered for sale in conformity with the weights and measures laws so labeled that the consumer will not be defrauded.

Schools Resume Classes Dec. 28

Boys and girls enrolled in Torrance and Lomita schools will return to classes Monday, Dec. 28, to continue work until Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31. Then they will get a three-day New Year's vacation and come back to school Monday morning, Jan. 4.

RADIO BIKE DUE SOON

New Machine Equipped to Receive Broadcasts

Mayor W. H. Stanger reported to the city council at an adjourned meeting last Thursday afternoon that a new radio-equipped motorcycle will be delivered to the police department shortly after the first of the year.

Costing \$399 with a new-type radio receiving set for police calls, this machine will replace the motorcycle which was badly wrecked several weeks ago when its rider, Sergeant Ernest Ashton, intentionally "spilled" to avoid striking a small boy who was running across a street.

Gas Dispensers Sign Pact for Yule Holiday

Service station operators and their employes in the Torrance area will enjoy a full holiday Christmas Day as result of a "gentleman's agreement" signed by all 14 station owners this week. This is an innovation in this business and the operators urge local residents to stock up with motor fuel and supplies between now and Christmas Eve. Those signing the holiday pact are: Harvel Guttenfelder, E. B. Neely of the Firestone Service Stores, Fred Harder's General Petroleum station, Charles B. Mitchell's Standard station, Carl and Rogers' Union stations, W. Detsel and Fred Hansen, and Cliff Watson's General Petroleum station.

Smith's Service station, Robert L. Ebum of Bob's Richfield station, C. P. Hammond's station, Joe Page's station, Charles B. Dunham's station, Torrance Super-Service and Otto Batsch's station.

It's Never Too Late To Dress Up!

Bring us your Christmas Suit or Holiday Dress today or tomorrow up to noon and we'll have it back THURSDAY... just in time for Christmas Eve.

And our low price won't eat into your Christmas budget either.

Closed Dec. 25 and 26

MEN'S SUITS..... 3 for \$1

WOMEN'S DRESSES 3 for \$1 (Plain)

PIPER'S Cleaners

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