

Merry Christmas

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Book's Namesake Lives Here



CAROL BIRD and Her Name Book
... father will share her "best present"

In addition to the first Christmas story that of Luke and Matthew in the Bible—there are two other tales linked with the Yuletide season. One is Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol and the other is the tender little story of an invalid child—"The Birds Christmas Carol."

Right here in Torrance we have the namesake of that child but she is no invalid. She's the sturdy 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bird of 1317 Acacia avenue—Carol Bird. Carol has read the story of the other Carol Bird this year for the first time. She is in the B4 grade at Fern Avenue school.

Carol is looking forward to Christmas—but she already knows what her "best present" is going to be. It is a piano and both Carol and her Daddy, who brought his family here a year and a half ago, will start taking lessons with the start of the new year. Bird, manager of the California State Employment office here, has long wanted to study the piano so he's as eager for Christmas and the New Year as his young daughter.

Firemen Treat Kids Tonight . . .

Tonight's the night! Yes, since Santa, the jolly old rotund fellow of the long white whiskers, the long broad smile and the multiple busy little elves, to say nothing of Peppermint Stirk Lane in Toyland, will make his second official visit in Torrance at exactly 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Civic auditorium. And in his brimming pack will be many pounds of candy, fruit and nuts especially selected by Santa himself for every good little girl and boy in Torrance under 12 years of age. The occasion of this visit, of course, is to keep a jolly old watch over all the gala festivities in connection with the 15th annual children's Christmas party of the Torrance Fire Department, and to see that all the plans, as arranged by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, and Mrs. H. R. Lee, go off with a bang. The public is urged to attend.

C.C.M.O. Chimes Start Friday . . .

All residents of the C.C.M.O. community will participate in the settlement's annual Christmas party tonight when the electrically-operated chimes will be heard once more. Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil and Coline Gas Company workers, their families and friends will unite for the gala celebration. The public is not invited to this event but beginning tomorrow (Friday) night visitors are welcome to come and hear the chimes which send out Christmas carols every 15 minutes after dark, according to Sherwood McIntyre, C.C.M.O. superintendent. The chimes, made from perfectly-toned pump barrels sounded by an electrically-operated music box, have rung every year at the settlement for the past few years.

Beware of Fire Hazards . . .

Altho few trees are trimmed with lighted candles these days when the colored globes give longer service, still a great many people use candles for other Christmas decorations. For that reason, Fire Chief John E. McMaster issued his annual warning today: "Don't take any chances of fire destroying your Yuletide joys as well as your home. Be sure your lighted candles or your fireplace blaze does not come within several feet of any combustible material. Better still, don't use old-fashioned candles and have a fire screen."

Carolers to Ride Hay Truck . . .

Nearly 40 members of the Junior Communicants League of St. Andrew's Episcopal church have signified their intention to join in a jolly old-fashioned caroling festival and hay ride from 6:30 to 8 o'clock tomorrow night throughout the business and residential sections of Torrance. Through the courtesy of Jack Miller of the M. & M. Transfer, a large truck has been provided for the event. Mrs. Louise Lynch and her committee-in-charge have decorated it for the occasion. So all that remains is to get the hay!

Hospital Ready for Yuletide . . .

Nurses completed decorating a large tree in the lobby of the Torrance Memorial hospital yesterday and are now busy "thinking up" some treats for patients who may be confined there Christmas Day. They are certain the trays will bear attractive little Yuletide favors and there is a possibility that Santa Claus may make a stop at the hospital to leave some presents for any children who may be so unfortunate as to be bedded on the great day.

Puebloans in Processional . . .

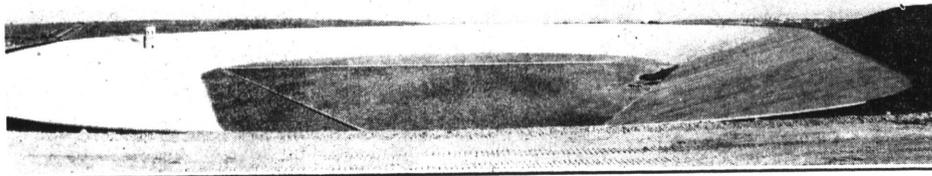
Four girls in native Mexican costume carried the highly-decorated picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe thru the Pueblo as the focal point of attention in a long procession last Sunday afternoon. The picture, framed in a beautiful floral and cactus setting, was followed by Monsignor Gutierrez and another priest who serve the community and scores of parishioners. The procession was an annual pre-Christmas event in the Pueblo.

Kiwanians Take Up Yule Donation . . .

Instead of the customary exchange of modest-priced gifts among themselves, members of the Kiwanis club made cash donations to a Christmas fund Monday night which will be distributed among local needy families by Rev. Frank T. Porter. He spoke on the real meaning of Christmas at the dinner-meeting.

Santa Opens Gift Chest Friday Night

First View of Huge Palos Verdes Reservoir Over 70 Presents Will be Awarded at 8:30 o'clock



WATER BOWL IN HILLS . . . Here is the first photo of the Palos Verdes Reservoir of the Metropolitan Aqueduct distributing system which was taken especially for this newspaper by the Metropolitan Water District. The huge bowl has a capacity of 325,000,000 gallons of water. This reservoir will act as a link in the system which will supply softened and filtered Colorado River water to Torrance, San Pedro, Wilmington, Long Beach and other M.W.D. cities.

The water on the floor of the reservoir is only a few inches deep and has been placed there for curing purposes. It will be approximately one year before this reservoir and other parts of the aqueduct distribution system are placed in regular operation. The outlet tower may be seen in the

Becomes Great Grandmother



MRS. JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE
... proud of "great" title

When little Libby Lamb was born at Huntington Memorial hospital in Pasadena last Sunday, Mrs. Jared Sidney Torrance, widow of the founder of this city, became a great grandmother.

Proud as are Libby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb of Palm Springs, their enthusiasm is said to be "restrained" compared to the excited great-grandmother, whose Irish eyes light up with every mention of little Libby's antics.

The child's mother is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royden Vosberg of Pasadena, and Mrs. Vosberg is the daughter of Mrs. Torrance. It's to be a happy Christmas for Mrs. Torrance and her family, and certainly her many friends in this city join in wishing them all "A Merry Christmas."

(Picture of Mrs. Lamb will be found on Page 3-B)

Coordinators Seek Site for Sports Center

Where is the center of child population in Torrance?

The Coordinating Council wants to know in order to determine where the proposed recreation center for juvenile athletes should be located. For that reason, Judge Robert Lessing, head of the Council, was authorized Tuesday night to form a committee which will undertake a survey of the child population and suggest to the city council a location for the center.

Low Redmon was named chairman of the group, assisted by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall, Mrs. Flora Wright and Fay Parks. The Coordinators also discussed reports of unsanitary conditions in the Pueblo and decided to appoint a committee which will confer with Rev. Ben Lingenfelter on this matter.

Walteria Plans Gala Yule Fete on Friday

A Christmas party for the entire Walteria community will be held Friday night at recreation hall with a Christmas tree, program, and candy, nuts and fruit for the children.

Dale Riley is in charge of the tree and its decorations, which will be sent from the Torrance recreation commission, and Mrs. J. Desch Crowther, Mrs. Thelma Andrew, and Mrs. Ann Loughbridge of the Walteria Civic Organization have the task of securing the treats for the children.

With John Minor as program chairman and Mrs. Lyla Hansen as master of ceremonies, the program will start at 8 p.m. with community singing of Christmas songs. The program follows:

Opens with Play
Play "A Florist Shop on Christmas Eve" with Maude the bookkeeper, Darline Keith; Henry the assistant, Billie Crowther; Peterson the proprietor, Joel Hagberg; Miss Wells spinster, Bessie Sloneker; Mr. Jackson, bachelor, Chick Crowthers.

Accorded selections — Bobby Miller.
Recitation — Maxine Coates.
Tableau — Christmas Eve in America and Over There — Mrs. John Minor and J. W. Loughbridge.
Recitation — Nina Lou Farrell.
Recitation — Bobby Tuttle.
Duet — Florence Conze and Betty Sullivan.

Many to Participate
Song, "Hurrah for Good Old Santa Claus" by six pianofore girls: Betty Gauker, Mary Cauker, Evelyn Goodale, Betty Wimberly, Virginia Tuttle and Beverly Sullivan.

Play, "A Little Girl's Dream of Santa" with Jennie Ray, poor girl, Laveta Keith; Angel Mother, Dorothy Roy; Fairy, Vivian Palmer; Santa, himself; Dolls of Countries: Ireland, Betty Gauker; Holland, Mary Gauker, Billie Wimberly; Norway, Evelyn Goodale; Hawaii, Connie Breitfeld; Mexico, Betty Wimberly; Scotland, Virginia Tuttle; Japan, Japanese children; Switzerland, Carol Lou Brian; America, Joyce Martinez; wooden soldiers, brownies and pianofore girls.

Two—Mrs. Eva Kelly's singers.
Recitation — Bob Wimberly.
Everyone Helps Program
Tableau—"The Shepherds and the Angel" with Angel, Dorothy Roy; Shepherds, Jean Andrews, Bud and Elmer Bruce.
Chorus — "Sleep, Holy Babe."
Tableau — "Jesus in the Manger" with Mary, Betty Williams; Joseph Paul Sloneker; Wise Men, J. W. Loughbridge and Jean Andrews; Shepherds, Jean Andrews, Bud and Elmer Bruce.

Chorus — "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells" sung by everybody and then Santa Claus will appear to distribute his gifts.

J. W. Loughbridge, president of the Civic Organization has found everyone enthusiastic and ready to help and Walteria is anticipating the happiest community Christmas ever.

Harbor Chambers Elect Gilmeister



L. J. GILMEISTER
... takes Merriam's position

Next month on Jan. 11 when the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce holds its annual installation meeting at the Civic Auditorium the gathering of civic boosters will have more than usual interest for Torrance folk. At that time L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the local chamber, will be installed as the successor of Louis H. Hamilton of Walnut Park as president of the organization. He was elected last Thursday at the meeting held in Downey.

Alondra Park Refund Petitions to Board Jan. 15

Petitions sponsored by the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, asking for refunding proceedings in the Alondra Park assessment district, will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, Jan. 15, it was announced this week by Secretary Pat MacDonnell of the Gardena chamber.

Upon recommendation of the Torrance city council, directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce forwarded their endorsement of the refunding proceedings to the Board of Supervisors.

30c Want Ad Rents Room

There are constant announcements from our classified advertising users that they are renting rooms, selling cars, houses, furniture and getting work or help. 19 people this past week discontinued their ads after running them for 1 to 4 times at a cost of 25c to 60c. The following ad is a typical example — name of advertiser's address on request.

MODERN ATTRACTIVE Furnace heat. Honey atmosphere. Instantaneous hot water. Garage. Landscaped garden. Reasonable. — Cedar Street.

The success others enjoy thru Herald-News Want Ads can be experienced by you, too. Just phone Tor. 444 and ask for Dottie Lee.

All Stores Open Late Saturday

Don't worry—you still have two more days to do your Christmas shopping and all stores in Torrance will be open late Saturday night.

Meat markets will close at 8 o'clock as is their custom but other shops will remain open as long as trade warrants.

Most shops offering merchandise for Christmas gifts have replenished their stocks as much as possible during the past two days in order to afford as wide a variety as can be seen anywhere in the Southland for this date.

All stores except drug stores will be closed Sunday. A number of drug stores are planning to remain open Christmas (Monday) morning for the convenience of those who may have overlooked someone.

Five Boys Raid Perry School

Five boys, lead by a Japanese youth, caused some damage and more confusion at the Perry avenue school in North Torrance last Thursday night. After investigation, police rounded up the quietest and handled them as juvenile delinquents.

Urges Drain Project

Vice presidents named to serve with Gilmeister are Ernest Germs of commerce, Fred W. Cleland, Willowbrook; Frank L. Varney, Long Beach; Colfax Bell, mayor of Redondo, and Roscoe Sevier. (Continued on Page 3-A)

Santa Claus is comin' to town tomorrow (Friday) night at 8:30 o'clock but he won't be bringing his pack.

No sir! A pack sack wouldn't carry half of the gifts he's scheduled to distribute from in front of the triangular park at Sartori and Marcelina avenues!

He is loading his huge Gift Chest with more than 70 presents, representing a total value of close to \$400. This Chest, 12 feet long, eight feet high and eight feet wide, will be loaded on one of the M. and M. Transfer Company's big trucks and hauled to the scene of the festivities tomorrow night.

Every one who has received Gift Chest tickets with their Christmas purchases since Dec. 2 is urged to be present to participate in the award of these fine gifts. So many tickets have been given away; you perhaps, have a long string of them. Because of the great number of gifts, awards will be made as rapidly as possible.

Therefore, if you have more than 10 tickets, it would be wise to list the numbers consecutively on a separate piece of paper.

Flood lights, a public address system and an immense crowd will be on hand to witness this climax to "The Torrance Herald-Torrance Merchants' fourth annual Christmas promotion feature."

So—do your shopping tomorrow night and then join the throng at Sartori and Marcelina avenues at 8:30 o'clock, prepared to receive one (or more, if you're lucky!) of Santa's valuable gifts—direct from his Gift Chest!

More Give to Chest Fund Here

Recent contributors to the Torrance Community Service Association's Community Chest fund were the following, according to Earl Connor, chairman of the campaign:

The Spinster Club
Edwin Smith
Hollywood Turf Club
Wm. Nye
F. C. Kelley
Safeway Stores
A. J. Newberry
Torrance City Employees
Torrance Post Office
Employees

SMITH IS ILL

R. R. Smith, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, is confined to his home by an infection of the antrum.

Inventor Seeks Haven In Jail

Fearing that he was losing his mind as result of intense concentration on an invention to produce perpetual motion, Bruce Bishop, 35-year-old Los Angeles carpenter, applied to a local physician late last week for treatment. When he was told that there was apparently nothing wrong with him but a little rest would help him, Bishop, still fearing the worst, appeared at the local police station.

But he declined to be certified to the county psychopathic ward for observation and treatment. Instead he asked to be allowed to sleep in the jail over night. When morning came, Bishop departed, apparently in a better frame of mind.

Rhoda Murphy Wins First Prize In "Want Ad Rhymes Contest"

The judge would like to know what they feed Lomita poets to make them so successful. You Torrance writers of poetry are not so far behind in fact, one of you would have won first prize this week had the third line not been a little cumbersome. This comment is not to be taken as a criticism of the winner, whose rhyme was the only one unanimously chosen by a jury of seven men and five women picked at random in Lomita and Torrance.

It is rather to urge those of you who are putting in a lot of effort and doing exceptionally well, to watch your meter a little more carefully than you have been doing in the past.

First Prize Winner

Rhoda Murphy, 1884-262 street, Lomita, Box 144: Please call at the office of The Herald for one dollar, the first prize. Miss Murphy, you can certainly rhyme but be sure to watch out for slang. Some rhymes seem to fall flat without it but the rule is to not use it.

The ad:
HOME COOKED FOODS and Plus Regular meals. 25c. Short orders. Breakfast served from 7 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.
LENIE'S CAFE, 1647 Carson

The winning rhyme:
"Little couples down the street,
Ain't you found no place to eat?
Go to Lexie's fine Cafe,
Where meals are served the old-time way"

Second Prize Winner

Mrs. Daniel C. Webb, 1952 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance took second place with clever rhyme on Booth's Barbecue. Please call at the office of The Torrance Herald for two passes to the Torrance theatre.

The ad:
BOOTH'S FAMOUS BARBECUE
and mixed drinks
Southern Fried Chicken Dinner
Southern Barbecue, Cocktails
22309 So. Main St.—6 Blocka So. of Carson, KeyStone.

The winning rhyme:
"An old night owl cried, 'Who? Wh-o-o-o'
Can tell a lone soul what to do!
I'll put you wise, if you're feeling blue.
Just visit Booth's Famous Barbecue."

Third Prize Winner

Congratulations, Avis Warren of 2164 Torrance Boulevard. Most of your rhymes are delightful but they all border on being too long. You had a first prize winner in one, however, if slang had been omitted. Try again. Please call at the Torrance Herald for two passes to the Torrance theatre.

The ad:
FUEL
SHELL COKE-BRIGUETTES
Sack
Top
\$16.50
Coal and Wood, etc.
TORRANCE FEED AND FUEL
1261 Carson . . . Torrance

The winning rhyme:
"When shopping, you must not
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