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### Walteria Maps Defense Plans

Further plans for organization of a Walteria defense unit were made last Monday afternoon at the Recreation hall. Mrs. Bessie Slonecker said committees would be appointed and a program of work outlined. Dr. J. L. Frisby spoke at the meeting on the defense program.

He has offered the use of his home as headquarters and has taken the lead in the plan to train Walterians for emergency first aid work.

Approximately 190,000 new workers have been added to foundry and machine shop employment since June.

# Christmas in the "Good Old Days"

## Typical Yuletide Recalled in All Its Fragrance, Color and Good Will

By BIRDA PADDOCK

Santy Claus was coming but only for good little girls and boys and that did not include Nellie. It was a tragic situation, too tragic for tears. There was nothing to do except, before grownups, pretend you didn't care. But the heart of the four-year-old was very heavy.

ABOUT THIS STORY

If you are 40 you'll be carried back to the Christmases of your youth by this story... if you are under 40 you'll get some idea of how your parents celebrated the Yuletide... and regardless of your age you'll enjoy Miss Birda Paddock's almost hour-by-hour account of a typical old-fashioned holiday.

and had bottles of pepper and salt and vinegar and oil.

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### When Walking Wear White After Dark

Pedestrians who are abroad after dark are urged by the Department of Motor Vehicles to wear or display something white so they may be seen by drivers with blacked out lights.

Women were advised to carry a white scarf or shawl, men to display a white handkerchief or folded newspaper and children to wear a white raincoat or light colored coats.

The Department points out that new headlight regulations for emergency vehicles—which are the only kind permitted to travel during blackouts—make practically no provision for illumination of the roadway. Drivers of such vehicles will be unable to see pedestrians more than a few feet away. Red lights and sirens may not be used during blackouts.

Pedestrians were urged particularly to avoid jaywalking and to stay on sidewalks during blackouts.

The lowest total of annual deaths since 1918 was in 1921, in the same year that saw our all-time highest total of annual births.

Fancy Christmas packing will be curtailed this year as aid to defense planning, the department of commerce reports.

"Public Notices"

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NO. 200200

Estate of GEORGE W. CROSBY, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of George W. Crosby, deceased, to the Creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to present them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Executor at the office of Chas. Mitschlich, his attorney, 1409 Marcellina Avenue, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as a place of business in all matters connected with said estate, or to file them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Dated Dec. 12, 1941.

ARTHUR W. CROSBY, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Said Deceased.

CHAS. MITSCHLICH, Attorney.

1409 Marcellina Avenue, Torrance, California 45948  
Dec. 12-25-Jan. 1-5.

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
OF NO. 200858

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA G. FORREST, Deceased.**

Filed J. F. MORONEY, County Clerk, by B. Barrett, Deputy.

**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA (ss. County of Los Angeles.)

I, EMMA M. WILDEY is hereby appointed administratrix of the Estate of Anna G. Forrest, deceased.

WITNESS J. F. MORONEY, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, with the seal of the court affixed, the 18th day of December, 1941.

By order of the court.  
J. F. MORONEY, County Clerk.

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS ON REPAIRS AND FURNISHING WATER DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, will receive sealed bids for repairing, remodeling and furnishing of Water Department building that was damaged by earthquake.

Full and complete specifications and blueprints are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance and are designated as repairing, remodeling and furnishing of Water Department Building for the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, according to Specifications No. W-14-1941.

If plans are taken from this office a deposit of \$10.00 will be required guaranteeing safe return of same.

Bidders in bidding, should state whether or not the California State Sales Tax or Use Tax is or is not included in the price bid. In the absence of any statement to this effect, it will be assumed that any such tax is included in all bids.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and any item or items of any bid.

The City Council reserves the right to take all bids under advisement for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days after date of opening thereof.

All bids must be sealed and marked, "Bid on Water Department Repairs and Furnishing" and must be either mailed or delivered so as to be in the hands of the City Clerk of said City at or before the hour of 8:00 o'clock P. M., on the thirtieth day of December, 1941, at which time and in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of said City, all bids received will be opened, examined and publicly declared by said Council.

This notice is hereby given by order of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, and is dated this 18th day of December, 1941.

A. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California.  
Dec. 18-25.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA (ss. County of Los Angeles.)**

I, EMMA M. WILDEY do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of California, and that I will faithfully perform, according to law, the duties of Administratrix of the Estate of ANNA G. FORREST, deceased.

EMMA M. WILDEY

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of December, 1941.

WALTER C. BRADFORD, Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, California.

DONALD FINDLEY, Attorney.  
1406 Sartori Ave., Torrance, California.  
Dec. 25-Jan. 1-8-15.

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
OF NO. D 200105

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, and Complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles.

**SUMMONS**

LOUIS E. MARTIN, Plaintiff.

ELIZABETH WINGATE MARTIN, Defendant.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO ELIZABETH WINGATE MARTIN, Defendant.

You are directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named Plaintiff in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, and to answer the Complaint therein within ten days after the service on you of this summons, if served within the County of Los Angeles, or within thirty days if served elsewhere; and you are notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the plaintiff may obtain judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, or a writ upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief which may be due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 18th day of December, 1941.

**SEAL SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

By: CHARLES T. BURRUS, Deputy, Torrance, Calif.  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

I, a defendant, appears in an action when I am notified of my appearance, or when my attorney is notified of my appearance for me. (Sec. 411, C. C. P.)

Answers or defenses must be in writing, in form pursuant to rule of court, accompanied with the necessary fee, and filed with the Clerk.

Oct. 30, '41 to Jan. 1, '42 inc.

## INFORMATION PLEASE

### TORRANCE WELCOMES

#### These New Residents This Week

M. L. ROBB, 2519/2, Carson St.  
MRS. LEWIS E. WAGNER, 1024 Amapola Ave.  
JAMES A. FLYNN, 724 Sartori Ave.  
G. E. CLARK, JR., 703-B Sartori Ave.  
MRS. JAMES F. MOOREHEAD, 723-B Sartori Ave.  
MRS. J. E. JONES, 1116 Sartori, Apt. 211.  
MRS. E. R. WHITE, 2758 Carson St.  
A. E. REEBE, 746-D Amapola Ave.  
MRS. IRVING MARSHALL, 1116 Sartori, Apt. 103.  
MRS. V. S. CLOSE, 836-B Sartori Ave.  
A. R. SOFARNAN, 2203 Marcellina St.  
FRITZ W. EGGER, 214 Mayfair Apts.

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It was all because of Mrs. Tillie Browner. She was the dressmaker and here just before Christmas, everything was topsy-turvy in the house because Mrs. Browner had the gripe—and she had to make the dresses. May and Grace were going to wear when they recited at school and sang in the Christmas Eve program at church.

Mrs. Browner was a widow and had no children but she knew how they should behave and it wasn't the way Arthur and Nellie acted. She had told Santy Claus about them and now they weren't going to get any presents.

Arthur was not the worrying kind like Nellie and Nellie had been very bad. It just seemed no one had any time for children and everything turned out wrong.

**Bird on Hat Episode**

Nellie was getting a new dress, too. It was red cashmere and had black velvet bands and silk braid. But trying on dresses was awful and Mrs. Browner was cross all the time because Nellie squirmed and wouldn't stand still. She said then she didn't believe Santy would put anything in Nellie's stocking.

Then, in utter boredom, Nellie took a sharp pair of scissors and started cutting up a small piece of paper. There was an awful fuss. Mrs. Browner said it was part of the pattern for May's new dress and what an awfully bad, little girl she was and quit playing with and bending those things, they were the stays for May's high collar.

But the worst was the day Mrs. Browner's hat. Mrs. Browner was a milliner too and it was a little brown velvet hat with a real bird on the front. But the bird's eyes were glass and very shiny. The hat was on the walnut stand in the hall where Mrs. Browner had hung her brown velvet coat with fur all around the bottom and her tippet.

Nellie had climbed up and taken down the hat and was petting the bird when Emile came in. Emile was the tabby cat and a great hunter. She made one leap.

**To Impress Santy**

Mama screamed and yelled "Scat!" and there was no harm done—only one tall feather, which Nellie had in her mouth, but that was when Mrs. Browner said that Santy Claus would certainly not bring Nellie anything. She would tell him herself how bad Nellie was.

That was why Nellie went out the gate every morning and sat very quietly on Arthur's sled. Santy Claus went down town

every morning. He didn't wear his red suit, no doubt that was only for Christmas. He rode all alone in an elegant, little sleigh. He was very old and fat and wore a little, black fur cap. There were sleighbells on the horse and on the sleigh. He never smiled, nor looked to left or right but Jack, who was seven, said he was Santy.

Nellie's purpose in sitting so still and being so good when Santy passed was to impress him with the idea she was really a very good little girl, in spite of what Mrs. Browner had told him. And she wouldn't let Arthur throw snowballs at him like he did at all the other sleighs. She was too shy to wave at Santy or say "Hello." She just sat very still and serious like mama did in church.

**Fragrant Memories**

Mama was too busy to answer any questions. She was making mincemeat, chopping, chopping in the wooden bowl things that smelled nice and then she put them in the stove jars. She chopped currants and raisins and rice. Big pans of raisin bread with sugar all over the top.

And layer cakes, chocolate and coconut and vanilla cake and if you were good, you could lick the bowl. And you followed her down cellar to bring up apples from the barrels. There were potatoes there, too, and sweet potatoes and turnips and Hubbard roots and rutabagas and Hubbard and onions. And in one corner, smooth and soft like silk and shiny, Nellie and Arthur were spanked for getting in the coal bin.

In the yard were long rows of wood, higher than their heads, and long rows of ice blocks. The cordwood was in the big cookstove in the kitchen. The coal was for the big Franklin stove, which never went out, day or night, in winter. And the ice was melted for washing clothes and baths when the pumps froze. There was a big pump in the yard and a little pump at the sink.

There were dozens of loaves of bread baked, too, and mama supposed she'd have to bake some salt-risin' bread since Cousin Henry was coming. Cousin Henry always had to have salt-risin' bread and a mustache cup.

**Remember Ribbon Candy?**

At last the dresses were finished and Mrs. Browner was gone and Grandma had come. She came in a cutter with Uncle Frank. There were buffalo robes in the cutter and Grandma and Uncle Frank wore big fur coats and had ear muffs and the horses' noses had steam like the train.

Christmas Eve and still Nellie

was fearful but everybody went to church to hear the program. Mama and Grandma had black dresses with jet trimmings and lace collars with gold brooches. May and Grace had pink and white hair with curling irons. They had to hold their heads very high because their collars were so high. They had very tight sleeves with bands and bands of velvet and handcovered velvet buttons. But they didn't have sashes like Nellie. Arthur had a new Lord Fauntleroy suit and Jack had a suit with a cutaway coat and a real vest, just like a man. Papa wore a derby hat instead of the fur cap he wore every day.

But the climax came when every little boy and girl was given an apple and a little candy box with ribbon candy and cream candies in it.

Nellie and Arthur were very sleepy when they reached home, papa had to carry Nellie, but they were going to stay up with Jack to see Santy Claus come.

**Stockings Jammed Full**

But Grandma took them up to bed after they had hung up their stockings, and said Santy wouldn't come till all children were in bed. So there was nothing to do but stay awake and jump up and catch him when he reentered the parlor.

They had been asleep but a minute it seemed. It was almost dark. Down the dark hall they crept softly. This year they would catch Santy. At the landing they listened. No one had heard them. In the grey light of 4 a.m. they entered the parlor. In the light of the Franklin heater they found their stockings.

Mrs. Browner was wrong. Nellie's stocking, like all the rest, was very fat. Even papa had a big sock hanging at the end of the row. Down on the floor they sat, eagerly trying to reach the toe of the sock. Oranges and walnuts from California, candy, popcorn, marbles, beads and even a toy Santy, and a woolly sheep.

Then Mama and Grandma came down and lighted the candles on the tree. Santy had brought the tree, too, of course. There had been no tree there the night before. It had tinsel and strings of popcorn and cranberries and a star at the top. And there were more toys on the tree and sleds under it for Arthur and Nellie, and skates for Jack. And a rocking horse for Arthur and a doll carriage with a big doll for Nellie. The carriage had a parasol with lace and the doll had lace on her bonnet and her dress.

**That Christmas Dinner**

Breakfast was a hurried affair and of no interest to the small children, who were sampling the oranges and candy. Dinner was at noon when the cousins and uncles and aunts had arrived, some by train and some in sleighs.

The long table was covered with white damask and shiny glass. The shades behind the long Brussels lace curtains were drawn and the big lamp in the chandelier over the table was lighted. It had crystals hanging in rows and they shone and twinkled. There were crystals on the canister too, which turned around like a merry-go-round

and had bottles of pepper and salt and vinegar and oil.

The air was fragrant with roast turkey, one at each end of the table and creamed onions and dressing. There were huge bowls of snowy mashed potatoes and boats of bread and celery and cranberries. Fancy small dishes held watermelon pickles and spiced peaches and crab apples. There were rutabagas and Hubbard squash, sweet potatoes candied with maple syrup and currant jelly and gooseberry jam.

Mince pies and plum tarts, apple pies, pumpkin pies, cake and more cake and even grapes, long white grapes from California, which the grocer took out of sawdust in a big barrel.

**When Young Men Called**

After dinner Arthur and his cousin Willie were put to bed after a dose of hot water and peppermint. Too much candy, mama said. Nellie, however, was too happy after the strain of weeks of worry over her sins to eat, so she was spared the stomachache.

And then the young men came to take Cousin Edith and May and Grace skating. Gene, who was May's swing, good-naturedly offered to take Nellie along in her new sled, made like a cutter with a high back. So down to the pond rode Nellie, in her new coat and mittens and a blue velvet bonnet with white fur around her face.

At home guests were coming and going, eating cake and drinking something called Tom and Jerry which Papa and Uncle Frank ladled from a big bowl on the huge sideboard, resplendent with sparkling glass and holly.

Evening was nicest of all when the handsome young men, who wore very high collars and had their hair parted exactly in the middle, and the big sisters and their friends played the organ and sang Christmas songs and many more songs while the older folk listened and applauded. Grandma sat by Nellie to keep her from sliding off the slippery horsehair sofa and every little while someone jumped up to blow out a candle that was about to set fire to the tree.

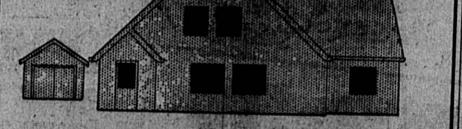
Then they popped corn and cracked black walnuts and butternuts and hickory nuts and had more cake and ate chocolate creams brought in fancy boxes by the young men.

And at last Arthur went to bed, after insisting on having his rocking horse beside the bed where he could touch it and Nellie, in a spirit of justice and devotion, took the little Santy Claus to bed instead of the new doll.

And the last sound that came to her as she kneeled at Grandma's knee to say her prayers, were sleigh bells and people calling, "Merry Christmas!" in the street lighted only by stars and an occasional gas light.

People make fun of the "Gay Nineties," when there were no Neon lights—nor bursting bombs; when there were cowbells, and sleigh bells and churchbells but no sirens; when people sang instead of crooned; when people rocked children to sleep instead of shocking them awake with howling radios; when children read fairy tales instead of gangster stories; when men who insulted their neighbors' wives or daughters were horsewhipped; when Lady and Gentlemen and Home were real words; and when "Peace on Earth" prevailed over land and sea.

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WITNESS my hand this 1st day of December, 1941.

**JAMES H. SCOTT,**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, (ss. County of Los Angeles.)

On this 1st day of December, A. D. 1941, before me W. E. Bowen, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn to personally appeared James H. Scott, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

W. E. BOWEN,  
Notary Public in and for Said (Seal) County and State.  
Dec. 4-11-1941.