



'Alone with God, this Christmas night'

Gunfire is shattering the air below—the enemy objective is only a few moments away. A turmoil of thoughts follow each other within a lone American boy's mind. They're distinct and sure. They've been nurtured all his life in the unclouded atmosphere of rightness and decency. In the midst of roaring motors and tense anticipation of hair-breadth escape, the boy's eyes are calm, his hands unfaltering in performance. He feels strangely at peace. It is Christmas night.

The remembrances of past joys on this beloved anniversary are engraved forever in his heart. And now, at this important life-or-death moment, they have a reassuring effect. The belief in his hopes arises from his strengthened faith. More than ever before in his life, he is "alone with God." And his increased power growing out of his great faith is such that no enemy can vanquish!

We, safe in our gay, Christmas-cheered homes, can match our faith to his. We MUST do that, or deny loyalty to the freedoms for which he's fighting. We MUST and WILL buy War Bonds and MORE WAR BONDS—until Victory.

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The GAY SHOP

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High School P.T.A. Plans Paper Drive, Reports Activities

The Torrance high school P. T. A. and student body have undertaken the task of salvaging every scrap of waste paper in Torrance for furthering the war effort. On Jan. 4 students and parents are being urged to take to the lawn in front of the school, newspapers, magazines, Christmas wrappings and clean waste paper all securely tied in bundles. Harry Stone and Mrs. Lorraine Goodwin, representing the school, and Mrs. W. J. Vernon, ways and means chairman of the P. T. A., are the committee in charge. Mr. Stone reported to the executive board of the P. T. A. at its meeting Wednesday on the plans under way.

Mrs. John Garner gave an interesting account of a recent evening meeting of Tenth District which she had attended as a representative of Torrance High P. T. A.

Mrs. L. F. Watson announced the success of the Music Scholarship Tea of which Gateway Council was a co-sponsor recently, at which Mrs. Watson and Mrs. A. C. Turner represented the local association. Almost \$200 was raised and a number of students displayed decided talent that seems to warrant further training.

Business Women Attend Party At Parks' Home

Members and guests of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance enjoyed one of their happiest Christmas parties Monday night at the home of Mrs. Addie Parks. The enclosed patio was bright with colored lights, a huge Christmas tree, and the mantel over the blazing fireplace carried an array of yuletide figures on a snowy base.

Hostesses Parks, Dr. Marie Lord, Bettina Miller, and Cora Ellwood, assisted by volunteers, served a bountiful turkey dinner, topped with plum pudding. Several members whose birthdays fall in December received special greetings, secret friends exchanged gifts and Santa Claus passed around gifts from beneath the tree. Other gifts to be sent the Red Cross for distribution among servicemen were also collected.

Mary Virginia Morris, past president of Los Angeles district, was a special guest, and her report of the bond sales credited to the clubs in the district was very gratifying.

More than \$3,000,000 in sales was reported with a prospect that the total would exceed \$5,000,000. Purpose of the drive is to raise funds for building one of the new "mercy" hospital ships, and already the sum raised is more than enough for the purpose.

V. F. W. AUXILIARY HAS YULE PARTY

About 75 members of V. F. W. Auxiliary were delightfully entertained last night at a party arranged at the home of Mrs. H. R. Douglas, 2252 Carson st. Gifts, exchanged among members, were distributed by Santa Claus, Miss Betty Mallin served as chairman of arrangements for the party and refreshments were served at the conclusion of an evening of games.

Announcement was made during the evening of the auxiliary's contribution of \$25.00 to the Station hospital's Christmas fund.

Mrs. Clara Conner, president, wishes to extend her warmest Christmas greetings to V. F. W. members, here and everywhere.

OPEN HOUSE PARTY AT HERMOSA BEACH

Miss Mary Elizabeth Ashley was gracious hostess to about 30 Torrance and Palos Verdes friends when she held an open house at her Hermosa Beach home Sunday.

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MARRIED . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller Lewis, whose marriage was solemnized early this month in rites performed at First Presbyterian church, Glen Ellyn, Ill. The lovely bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Ludeke of Wheaton and her bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer Lewis of this city.

In a beautiful church wedding performed Dec. 2 at First Presbyterian church, Glen Ellyn, Ill., Harry Miller Lewis, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer Lewis of this city, exchanged wedding vows with Miss June Mary Ludeke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Ludeke of Wheaton, Ill. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a gown fashioned with white satin bodice and georgette skirt trimmed with white satin bow-knots. She carried a corsage of white rosebuds and an orchid. Her attendants were Miss Gloria Sherman, maid of honor, in fuchsia taffeta and the bridesmaids, the Misses Ruth Schelhaus and Jeanne Grondt, who wore yellow taffeta gowns fashioned alike. Their flowers were yellow and rust colored chrysanthemums. Jack Lytle, radio-man, 1/c, attended the bridegroom and Walter Berkland, U.S.N., and Irving Wallser, U.S.N., ushered.

A reception at the church was followed by a dinner at the home of the bride's parents for the wedding party and the immediate families. Attending the ceremony were the bridegroom's parents, who have just returned following a two weeks' trip, during which they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ludeke.

The bride was educated in Wheaton and her husband was graduated from Torrance high school, attended Compton Junior college and U.C.L.A. A radioman, 2/c, he had just completed a three months' primary course in radio materiel, in Chicago, and is now stationed at Navy Pier, Chicago, where he will continue his studies for the next six months. Before enrolling in this specialized training he had been in active Pacific duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are at home at 1719 E. Forrest ave., Wheaton, Ill.

DINNER PARTY GIVEN FOR SERVICE MEN

Honoring Bill Wright, who entered Maritime Service Tuesday, a group of friends was entertained Sunday, Dec. 10, at a dinner given by his mother, Mrs. R. C. Faulkner, 1453 W. 218th st. Frank Brown, Jr., of Somerton, Ariz., who also entered service on that date, shared honors.

The dinner was climaxed with a beautifully decorated cake inscribed, "Good Luck Boys!" followed by the opening of their Christmas gifts around the gaily decorated Christmas tree.

Bouquets of poinsettias and chrysanthemums adorned the rooms.

Guests were: Harold (Tex) Roberts, Bill Reams, Charles (Blackie) Roberts, all of Torrance, and Vernon (Pee Wee) Wilson, of Lomita. Miss Naomi Wright, of Glendale, a cousin of Bill's assisted with the arrangements.

TEENERS MEET FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Miss Ruby Benner was a charming hostess to members of the Teeners club who met at her home, 1728 Andrea ave., Friday evening for their annual Christmas party. An exchange of gifts was featured and refreshments, following the holiday motif were served. Those present Jean Dandridge, Jenoyne Barkdull, Claire Buckley, Ruth Pankey, Shirley Folts, Norma Myers, Vera Biese, Reba Belcher, Virginia Zamperini, Margaret Foster, Marjorie Ruski, and Mariou Robinson.



Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Silligo will entertain her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feilds of this city; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Halstead of Burbank, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Laisy and son, of Long Beach.

Miss Esther Maxwell will join her sister, Mrs. Jennie Cook, whose home is at Mayfair hotel, Los Angeles, and both will be entertained at dinner at the home of a broth- er and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Maxwell, of North Hollywood.

Mrs. F. H. Clark will entertain Christmas eve for her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Clark and Judy of this city; Mrs. W. F. Parsons, of Los Angeles, and Mary H. Mitchell, of Duarte.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dilton will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Reid in Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tolson will join her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. X. Gellfus and family at Vallejo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melville will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Brunner and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Reiman, of Los Angeles, at dinner at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bodley, of Beaumont, and formerly of Torrance will join the W. F. Burgener family here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Clocel will be guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Folker of San Fernando.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillman R. Lee will entertain at dinner at their home for her mother, Mrs. L. R. Phillips, of Rosemead; Mrs. F. N. Roberts and Mrs. James Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. William King, Ola, Clara and Gloria, and Mrs. Roy Doty and family, all of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Loren Phillips and family of San Gabriel.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Crumrine will be hosts to their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. George and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. George, all of Inglewood.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN C. H. KEIFERT FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keifert were complimented at a surprise farewell party arranged Thursday evening at their home, 1521 W. 213th st., by about 20 men and women workers from Todd Shipyard, San Pedro, where Mr. Keifert is a department foreman and Mrs. Keifert is also employed. Bountiful refreshments, furnished by the guests, featured a decorated cake inscribed, "Good Luck, Mr. and Mrs. Keifert." Pinochle furnished the evening's diversion.

Mr. and Mrs. Keifert and their sons Carroll and Darrell leave after Jan. 4 for Salida, Colo., where he will take over a general repair business formerly owned by Mrs. Keifert's father.

ACCORDION PLAYERS HOLD WEEKLY MEETS

The Torrance Accordionettes, under the direction of Betty Dalton Thomas, meet each Friday evening for band practice. An invitation is extended to anyone interested to join the group. For further information, call Torrance 1239-J.