

Living Christmas Tableau Being Presented By Christian Church

A living tableau of the Christmas manger scene, with the Wise Men and Shepherds, and real live sheep and a live donkey, was staged on the lawn of the First Christian church of Torrance, Engracia and Arlington aves., on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings, Dec. 21, 22, 23 and 24. The tableau was set and the flood lights turned on at 7 p.m. each evening.

There was a background of Christmas music from various groups and from recordings. The Christian church choir

California Dairyman Make Big Record

Los Angeles county dairymen hung up a record of 406.4 pounds of butterfat per cow for all cows in their herds, those milking as well as the dry stock. Figured on the milking herd alone the year's production amounted to 490.9 pounds of butterfat, says Earl Maharg of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California.

These high rates of production exceed those of any other section in the United States, he points out, and are the result of careful feeding, a rather rapid cow replacement program on the basis of cow testing records, and good herd management.

Natural Gas Sources Will Be Reduced

Natural gas from local sources in Southern California will have been reduced 50 per cent by 1950, Roy M. Bauer, petroleum engineer, told the California State Railroad Commission Dec. 18.

Out-of-State sources must be tapped by 1949, he declared. Bauer was testifying at hearing by the commission on an application of the Southern California Gas Company and the Southern Counties Gas Company to build a pipe line to connect with a pipe line from the Texas fields.



DICK RICHARD AND HIS MODERNAIRES . . . Here is the band which will play for the Lions Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars' New Year's Eve benefit dance which already has promise of being one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in Torrance. Tickets are selling fast, as Torrance folk are deciding that it is a good idea to stay close to home and celebrate the coming of the new year.

Santa Claus In Official Visit To Navy Mothers

Mrs. Loella Elder, Torrance, past commander for 1945, Little Hills Navy Mothers' club, was hostess to all officers and members of the club during the past year when they met Friday night at the V.F.W. hall in Lomita.

Mrs. Ruth Butch, commander, presided over the first meeting of the new organization year, followed by an old fashioned Christmas party.

Mrs. Elder, as hostess for the Christmas party, furnished the traditional Christmas tree, completely decorated it with old fashioned cornucopias, red, white and green streamers and lights, and cutting the figures and scenes from holiday greeting cards strung them throughout the tree branches.

Arriving at the height of the party was Santa Claus himself. However, after some speculation, Mrs. Ann Height, one of the members, was revealed as the Santa Claus. She brought an exchange of gifts in her pack for all the members and as the secret friends were divulged, their gifts were distributed and each officer during the past year was presented with a personal gift from Mrs. Elder.

A decorated sheet cake was served with jello and ice cream at a table resplendent in holiday dress. Little red baskets were filled with nuts for everyone and a centerpiece at the table of holly berries and red tapers formed the background for the miniature choir boy candles that seemed to be hailing the glad Christmas tidings.

The next meeting of the sewing club will be held at the Girl Scout building on Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, Jan. 8 to resume the sewing for another year. Each member is requested to take along a bag lunch for noon as the sewing continues all day. Mrs. Butch is anxious to have a good turnout for this welfare work.

OBITUARY

ALICE ANNA GRAY
Mrs. Alice Anna Gray, 1432 Carson st., born April 1, 1874, in Nebraska, died Dec. 22, 1945, in Redondo Beach. Services will be conducted today in the Stone & Myers chapel by the Rev. Clyde Ruckman. She is survived by her widower, William M. Gray; four daughters, Mrs. Ida Sarkes, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Paul Harrison and Mrs. Ethel Magee; two sons, Eugene Gray and August V. Gray of this city. Burial will follow in Pacific Crest cemetery, Redondo Beach.

EMILY T. McPHERSON
Funeral services for Mrs. Emily T. McPherson, 73, 1404 Cravens ave., who died Dec. 26, will be conducted Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. in Stone & Myers chapel. The Rev. Clyde Ruckman will officiate. Mrs. McPherson was born in Sweden and was one of the older residents of Torrance, having lived here for 16 years. She is survived by a sister with whom she had made her home, Miss Hilma Franzen, Mrs. E. Berner, another sister, of Wheaton, Ill., and a brother, F. A. Franzen, Chicago, Ill. Interment will be in Ingleswood Park cemetery.

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TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND PERSONS LOCATE JOBS THROUGH U.S.E.S. HERE

Jobs for more than twenty-eight thousand persons were located through the Unemployment Service Division in Torrance for three times that many—that's the eight-year record made by the Torrance office of the United States Employment Service which moved into its new location at 1628 Cravens late in September.

The modern brick structure provides 600 more square feet of floor space than were available in the building at 1927 Cravens, the Torrance home of the USES since 1938 with the exception of a short while when the damage done by the earthquake made it necessary to seek temporary refuge in the building at 2300 Cravens.

"We started in 1938 with a staff of seven people," Kenneth Bradley, manager said. "Our responsibility has steadily increased throughout the years, but it wasn't until early in 1944 that we were able to increase our staff. Now there are 13 units of the USES personnel and there are 14 of the State Department of Employment's Unemployment Insurance Division serving the community from our present location."

Bradley, who had been assigned to the USES staffs in San Diego, Los Angeles and Inglewood before coming to Torrance, took over the management of the local USES office September 1943. Even though Torrance has been a center of war production activity throughout the war years, and although the population of the area served by the Torrance office totals 80,000 people, only 2200 workers were laid off at the cessation of the war by plants in Torrance area—an enviable record! Fifteen hundred of this number were removed from aircraft industry payrolls.

According to Bradley, Torrance has had no grave conversion hindrances. Jobs in toy and scooter manufacturing are now provided in firms which were engaged in aircraft and aluminum during the war years. Other postwar major industries into which the unemployed are being channeled are oil well supply, steel, synthetic rubber and small machine shops.

Of the 75,836 people served by the Torrance USES office during 1945, 49,808 were given assistance from October through

December. The Unemployment Insurance Division is paying approximately a quarter of a million dollars a month in claims. Thirteen per cent of the people now being served are veterans for which special counseling and placement services are provided.

During 1945 alone, 13,613 people were referred to jobs, and 6557 of them placed. Most of the present job opportunities for women are in domestic, clerical and sales work with almost no opportunities in production work.

There is a shortage of skilled and semi-skilled male workers, particularly in foundries and steel mills.

Scholarship Society Formed By Junior High

The Torrance Junior High School's Scholarship Society which recently had its inception is under the direction of Mrs. Dart, teacher of science. The society reports that before membership can be obtained in this group, the student must qualify with at least three A's and one B said to be among high honors of the school.

During the last meeting of the society, Miss Irene Mills, English teacher, addressed the group and revealed insignias and pins to be worn by the members.

Further information regarding the State Scholarship Society, Torch Bearers, and the Seal Bearers were given. Members for this semester, according to Marie Atkins, the Society's publicity chairman, are of the following: Donna Baer, Pauline Ban, Donald Bingham, Patsy Brown, Nancy Cole, Jack Dean, Ruth Dorris, Dolores Fees, Marilyn Finch, Betty Floyd, Robert Foster, Gary Franklin, Marilyn Franzen, Jeannine Harvey, Vivian Hazzard, Lorna Isen, Jeanne Jenkins, Billy Johnson, Charlene Johnson, John King, Beverly Luster, Ann Mondar, Patty Moore, Pat Northway, Frances Parry, George Reams, Joyce Riggio, Betty Ritchie, Naydene Rumble, Walter Stamps, Helen Stitt, Naydene Stitzel, Nick



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