



SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN... Nearly 2000 youngsters crowded the Civic auditorium Monday night, Dec. 20, for the second annual Lions Club-Fire Department Christmas party for children which was staged with the additional cooperation this year of the Moose lodge and Police department. Shown above is a part of the throng, with Santa in the center, and at the right, Santa Claus greets reluctant Paula Stubbs, four-year-old, as she is held by Chief Eagle Feather, Frank Bell, of 20626 So. New Hampshire avenue as Police Patrolman Leonard Beal looks on. The party, under chairmanship of Lindsay D. Ridgeway, realtor, was a pronounced success, participants said, as each kiddie got a bag of candy, peanuts and fruit following a Christmas program of music and entertainment. (Torrance Herald photos).



PARENTS TOLD HOW TO HELP CHILDREN READ

Parents interested in helping their children learn to read are referred to material in "Remedial Reading" by Dolch, by Superintendent of Torrance City School J. Henrich Hull. The following points were stressed: Listening to children reread something they have read already in school gives the child practice at recognizing words he must know by sight, gives the poor reader confidence and a feeling of success, and gives the family confidence in him and his ability.

When a child asks a parent what a certain word is the child should not be made to spell out the word. When he falters at a word more than once, a parent may point back to the first time it appears and ask what it was, ask "What do you think it is?" or ask "What sound does it begin with?" Give the child opportunity to guess, but do not force him to do it.

Teaching of the basic sight words with flash cards should be done as a game, with the child not being asked to spell the word or asked what letter the word begins with. Helping with sounding is difficult for parents to accomplish.

Parents are urged to have their children average a half hour or more a day of reading during the summer, with rereading of all the books the child read during the school year, and children's magazines such as The Weekly Reader, Story Parade and Child Life.

Patience and sympathy are needed to help the child, it is emphasized. Help by an older brother or sister is satisfactory if the person being helped does not resent such an arrangement and if the older person is truly eager to help.

CONCERT GROUP OFFERS RECIPROcity AGREEMENT

Persons living in Torrance and holding memberships in the Mid-Cities Philharmonic and Artists Association who are forced to miss any of the four concerts of the current series, now have an opportunity to make up for this loss by attending concerts in a number of other communities without cost, L. W. Arnold, president of the organization, announces.

This has been made possible through a reciprocity agreement reached by officials of several cooperating associations. In fact, a Mid-City member, if he so desires, may increase the value of his membership card many-fold if he cares to do some traveling to such places as Glendale, Whittier, Redondo, Alhambra, Santa Monica and even Escondido. The only provision is that there be available seats at five minutes before time for the concert to open, which experience shows is always the case.

Memberships for Mid-Cities residents may still be purchased as the season progresses at the full price of \$5 plus tax and the purchaser not be penalized even after a number of concerts here have been held. Arnold and the members of his board believe this adjustment plan will make continued sale of memberships for the balance of the season much easier than would otherwise be the case, and will satisfy objection to the ruling that admission to concerts here be by purchase of season memberships only.

Three concerts of the four scheduled in the Mid-Cities series remain yet to be held. The first of these will be on Jan. 25 which will feature the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra as the standard broadcast conducted by Alfred Wallenstein. With the orchestra will appear some famous soloist to be announced.

On March 30 Slavenska and her much heralded Ballet Variante is coming to provide

MICHIGAN STATE PICNIC CALLED FOR JANUARY 10

Michigan State Society President Dr. Floyd I. Beckwith, calls the "Wolverines" to gather all day, Saturday, Jan. 10 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles for "A Happy New Year" with greeting and reminiscences.

Speaker of the day will be Prof. Carey H. Conley, alumnus of Michigan university, noted author and educator. Music will be furnished by the concert pianist, Zoe Hannaford Harazin.

CANCEL CARD PARTY

The regular monthly card party of the Tohola Club at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Lomita will not be held this Friday night.

The first celebrated ballet performance ever to be held in Scott Thompson auditorium at Compton College, Eula Beal, contralto, will appear in the fourth concert event at a date not yet determined. Memberships may be purchased at any of these concerts or at the junior college any time.

TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS INCOME TAX FORMS

Forms for filling out 1947 income tax reports now are available at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce building, 1345 El Prado.

The returns must be filed before March 15 and should be mailed to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Los Angeles.

BLACKWELL SENIOR DEACON FOR SEUL, KOREA, MASONS

A Torrance soldier, First Sgt. Herbert E. Blackwell, 2117 Torrance blvd., has been elected an office bearer in the American Masonic lodge here at Seoul, Korea. He was named senior deacon of Han Yang lodge No. 1048, A. F. & A. M., it was learned today. Sgt. Blackwell is serving with the U. S. Army Forces in Korea.

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MOTOR SCOOTER DRIVERS NEED REGULAR LICENSES

The California Highway Patrol is reminding parents that youngsters under 14 years of age may not be licensed to operate any motor vehicles, including motor scooters.

Between 14 and 16 juveniles may get drivers' licenses only after parents or guardians show it is necessary and assume all liability. The vehicle must be fully equipped with regulation lights and registers to the parent, guardian or employer for operation under specific conditions.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

At the beginning of the 19th century 14 to 15 hours of work a day were common for women and children as well as men.

Charlie Mitchell



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Vets Offered Permanent Stateside Duty

According to M/Sgt. James R. Callison, local U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting sergeant, he is authorized to enlist previous servicemen for permanent initial assignment here in the United States, providing they have prior overseas service and can pass the current physical and mental examination.

Sgt. Callison said that qualified previous servicemen can enlist for 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.; 2nd Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas; 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N. C.; Second Engineer Special Brigade, Fort Worden, Wash.; Third Armored Division, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fourth Infantry Division, Fort Ord, Calif.; Fifth Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, S. C.; Ninth Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N. J.

Permanent assignments to units of their choice are guaranteed.

In addition to the above choice assignment, Sgt. Callison said there are vacancies for previous servicemen at Fort MacArthur, Calif., providing they enlist in the U.S.A.F. for three years and are qualified clerks.

Lions Hear Girls Sing

A quartet of Job's Laughter members presented a Christmas program for the Torrance Lions Club Dec. 23.

Under the direction of Mrs. Bess Paour, the girls singing were Mary Ann Lenton, Jean Tatlow, Jane Fischer and Georgelyn Thatcher, who also sang several solos. They were accompanied by Pat Clere.

The Rev. Ronald J. Menmuir, pastor of First Christian Church, spoke, and George P. Thatcher was program chairman. Dr. Howard A. Wood, president; Mrs. Grace Wright, vice-president of the Board of Education, and J. Henrich Hull, superintendent of schools, were guests.

BANDS TO AIRPLANES Roger Wolte Kahn, one-time big-name band leader, now is test pilot and service manager for an aircraft manufacturer.

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Happy New Year! (with the accent on the "NEW") THIS year, when we say "Happy New Year," it has a special meaning for us. For this is the first time we've ever said it to the community of Torrance. We're a new neighbor to you. And you're new neighbors to us. As you know, we're building a new plant in Torrance, to manufacture fine quality vitreous china plumbing fixtures. It brings a new kind of industry to Torrance. The new plant will mean something else new, too... a number of new jobs for Torrance citizens to fill. That ought to result in some new money being spent in Torrance... money that we sincerely hope will create new business for Torrance merchants, bankers, theatre owners, realtors, and everybody else in town. Yes, it's going to be a "new" year in lots of ways... and we're certainly going to do our level best to make it a happy new year for both of us. American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation, P. O. Box 1226, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.