

City Gropes Way Through Thick Florida Weather; More Coming

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Santa To Play Twin Bill Here Saturday

Yuletide Season Opens With Fete For Youngsters

Saturday is Santa Claus' day in Torrance.

The white-bearded roly-poly gentleman from the north is due to arrive by helicopter at noon on Saturday. Santa's windmill-flying machine will land on a parking lot on Sartori avenue opposite the Pay-Less Drug store.

After a brief rest he will reappear Saturday evening with Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy who will officially open the Christmas season in Torrance at ceremonies lighting a Yule scene in El Prado Park.

St. Nick's noonday visit was arranged by Robert Kessler, owner of the Pay-Less Drug Store. He said that the red-robed visitor would give free candy to all youngsters witnessing his arrival.

His evening appearance has been arranged for by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

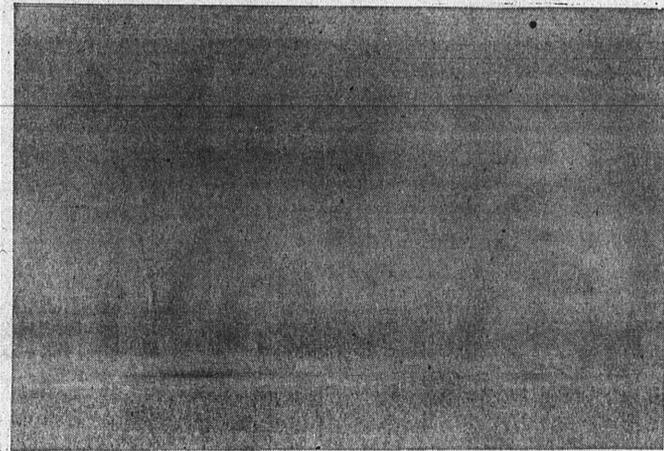
According to Dwight Eubank and Harvey Abramson, javene committeemen, Santa will have more free candy for kids during his evening visit.

On display for the first time will be a Christmas scene depicting Santa's snow-covered backyard, including his reindeer, sleigh, and barn.

Appearing also on the program will be a group of carol singers from the Torrance High School.

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It Was So Foggy You Couldn't . . .



"Hey Bud, can you tell me if I've gone past Torrance Boulevard?" —Herald photo.

Traffic Crawls As Thickest Fog On Record Grips City

Fog, moving in with the unwelcome persistence of visiting in-laws, settled on Torrance again last night and for the sixth consecutive day all but smothered night and early morning traffic.

And more of the same treatment is on deck. The dense, road-hugging stuff will roll into Torrance again at midnight tonight, according to the prediction made yesterday by the U.S. Weather Bureau. In fact, the weatherman could foresee no letup in the fog situation until early next week when light showers and subsequent winds are expected to clear the atmosphere.

Believed to be the most dense within memory here, the fog was directly responsible for a volley of accidents. To most drivers, however, the stuff was most objectionable as an optical and mental strain. Social calls and after-dark driving was held to a minimum. Theaters noted a sharp drop in attendance.

Traffic at Torrance Municipal Airport was non-existent during the morning hours, Edward Dietrich, the manager-operator, declared. Hurt when his motorcycle was said to have collided with a car at Pacific Coast Highway and Paseo de Gracia Monday was Frank Yates, 29, of 4078 Newton street. Walteria, driver of the auto was listed as Anton Wasenberg, 43, of 106 Via Sevilla. Mrs. Margaret Babbitt, 27, of 17302 Falda avenue, suffered a fractured ankle when the car in which she was riding yesterday morning was struck by an auto driven by Elmer Martin of Hermosa Beach, police reports indicated.

The accident, which occurred at the intersection of 164th street and Crenshaw boulevard, was said to have been caused by Martin's inability to see the approach of the car driven by Irving Babbitt, the injured woman's husband. Other minor scrapes and incidents dotted the police reports. One woman couldn't find her car after she had parked it in the Torrance business district. That the weather wasn't all had was indicated by the report that police took a local resident into temporary custody during the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day for questioning relative to an indecent exposure charge.

The man was released when he told police that he had merely been sun bathing.

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JACKIE AND JOHNNY DISARIO . . . Local 'Queen' Gets Honeymoon

Jackie Disario Is Queen for Day

John Disario, a mechanic for the Torrance Bus Lines, always insisted that he had "married a queen." Tuesday morning, his boast became, in a sense, a reality and is now paying off in sunshine and roses.

His wife, Jackie, was named "Queen for a Day," while attending Radio Station KHL's broadcast bearing the same name.

Aside from being virtually showered with roses, candy, a chauffeured limousine for a tour of Hollywood night spots, a Christmas tree and toys for the children, Mrs. Disario was granted her wish for a "second" honeymoon. The word "second" was used loosely for the Disarios never had a "first" honeymoon, Jackie declared.

Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Disario left their home at 2826 Gramercy avenue, and boarded a plane for a trip to a desert resort.

As far as airline royalty is concerned, Mrs. Disario wondered if royalty didn't "run in the family."

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Donald Cook of 2422 Torrance boulevard, was afforded a similar honor recently.

City Can Not Bargain Says City Attorney

In a six-page letter to the city council, City Attorney C. Douglass Smith last week declared that the city cannot legally engage in collective bargaining with labor unions; nor can it enter as a party in a contract with labor unions.

Using quotes from a speech by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, City Attorney Smith stated in a written opinion to the city council at the legislative body's last meeting that:

"It is obvious that 'collective bargaining' cannot apply to public employment and public labor which involves the expenditure of public funds."

The opinion, written in answer to a request from Councilman Bob L. Haggard, read in part:

"The basis of this difference was stated by President Roosevelt in a letter to the National Federation of Federal Employees on August 16, 1937.

"As government employees should realize that the process of collective bargaining as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into public service."

The President was referring to a difference between a government body and its employees and that which exists between private enterprise and its employees.

Councilman Haggard asked for the written opinion following a recent meeting between city officials and drivers of the Municipal Bus Lines.

In his lengthy report, Attorney Smith averred: 1. That the city has no authority to recognize any labor unions as the exclusive "collective bargaining" agent for its employees.

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Police Warn BB Gunmen

Local BB gun enthusiasts had better declare a truce in their battle against house windows—and quick, the police department warned yesterday.

Latest victim in the sporadic battle was the home of R. C. Brown, 1004 Crenshaw boulevard.

Douroux, Vaughn Win All-Bay Honors

Two members of the Torrance High School football team were named as first stringers on the mythical All-Bay League team, and three other Tartars received recognition in the honorable mention bracket, according to results of all-star polling released by Torrance Coach Eddie Cole yesterday.

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New Business Law Nixes Door-to-Door Salesman

Most housewives agreed this week that the new business license law is a "good thing."

The ordinance, which was passed unanimously by the City Council at its last meeting, outlawed door-to-door salesmen.

Swingshift and graveyard workers at local plants who sleep during the day gave verbal endorsement to the new law. Other notable changes in the ordinance call for a boost in the license fee charged out-of-city wholesalers and mobile retailers. The former fee of \$18 was boosted to \$50 yearly.

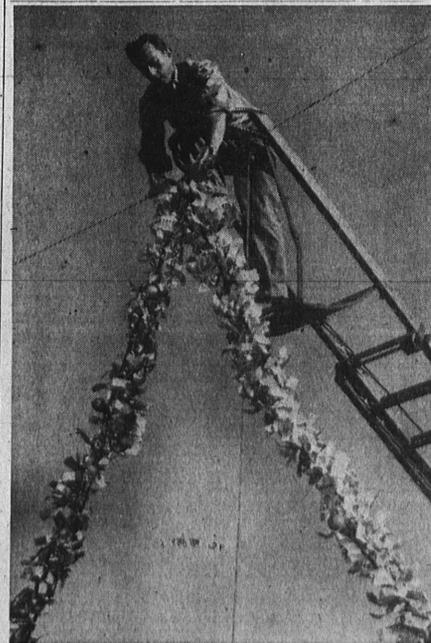
The council, in upping the tax rate, reasoned that while firms whose plants are located elsewhere send trucks, delivery vans, and personnel into the city and who receive police and fire protection while here as well as the use of public streets, they contribute nothing to the upkeep of these services.

Business firms and individuals who maintain a place of business or whose owners reside in Torrance will continue to be charged the \$24 rate.

Youth Band Captures New Honors

The Torrance Area Youth Band added another trophy to its collection when it placed second in the community sponsored Bands Division of the Ninth Annual All Western Band Review held in Long Beach last Saturday night.

Ten bands were entered in the division in which the Torrance band participated with 85 musical units in the entire parade. The Talpa Church Band of Los Angeles won over the Torrance group. The band received a rating of 393.5 out of a possible 400 on their music but fell short on their marching and maneuvering.



UP THEY GO . . . Strands of shimmering metal foil and lights are hoisted up onto guywires stretching across the streets of Torrance's downtown business district by Don Le-man, city electrician, as the presence of the coming Yuletide season began to make itself known this week. —Herald photo.

Two Printers Block Settlement Despite Accord On Main Issue

By GROVER C. WHYTE, Publisher

Rejection by the Union representatives of the latest offer made by the Torrance Herald on November 22, 1949, to the San Pedro Typographical Union for settlement of its 42-week strike against this newspaper reveals quite clearly the REAL PURPOSES for maintaining the picket line.

It is obviously NOT for the purpose of putting the striking printers back to work, for the Herald has offered to re-employ at full time and at union wages ALL the printers who quit their jobs last February excepting those few who are now employed elsewhere and who, according to the Union representatives, are no longer interested in returning to work here.

On the contrary, it is quite apparent that the purpose of the picket line is to attempt to penalize the present employees by forcing the Herald to discharge them. This, of course, would be an illegal act, and cannot be considered by the publishers.

Due to the efforts of certain Union representatives who are attempting to force the Herald to violate the law the publishers of this newspaper this week filed a complaint against the Typographical Union with the National Labor Relations Board. Picketing to enforce an unfair labor practice is a violation of federal law.

After 25 years of pleasant associations with Typographical Union members it is difficult for the Herald to believe that the attitude of Franklin A. Thomas, San Pedro Local president, and his constant associate at negotiation meetings, Joseph A. VanKralingen, are truly representative of the traditionally sane, fair thinking of the general membership.

The publishers of the Herald have repeatedly asked Mr. Thomas and Mr. VanKralingen to submit this newspaper's various offers to the Local's members in a truly democratic manner. However, these requests always have been rebuffed and promptly refused by Thomas.

When the latest series of negotiations were initiated by the Union's attorneys on August 1, 1949, it was suggested by

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