

**'Round the Riviera**

**Santa Makes Many Stops in Riviera**

By JACK and MARY WEBB  
The glow of the season is shining brightly this week in Riviera. Each home shows the multi-colored lighting effects that mark the Christmas week. Children's voices are pitched a little higher, their cheeks are a little rosier, their enthusiasm a little more excited. While the children and their parents enjoy their gifts and cards, while the

real spirit of Christmas abounds, may we add our voices in saying to each of you "the season's very best."  
Last Saturday at El Retiro Park, the Sportsmen held their annual Christmas party for the children of Riviera. The large turnout attested to the success of their yearly affair. Even Santa Claus was there, and he gave out over 200 gifts to his many little friends who came down to see him. In addition to listening to their wants, Santa gave each child candy, nuts, and a coloring book. Los Cancianeros, Riviera's prize-winning singing group, sang the old familiar songs of Christmas for the gathering.

Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Donald Holmes, formerly of Hollywood Riviera, paid the area a surprise visit last week. They have been stationed in Washington, D. C., and have just been transferred to the big Navy base at Vallejo, Calif. They were the guests of the Claude Ferreris during most of their visit here, and attended a cock-

tail party last Friday night at the home of Alan McLaren, 743 Calle de Arboles, where they visited with many of their former Riviera neighbors.  
During their stay, they also attended Las Vecinas' most successful Christmas dance, held at the Portuguese Bend Club last Saturday night. The Holmes have returned to their duty station at Vallejo, where they hope to be stationed for the next few years.

Some 75 Riviera couples attended the above mentioned Las Vecinas Christmas dinner dance at the Portuguese Bend Club, last Saturday night, Dec. 20. Declared one of the most successful affairs ever staged by the Riviera women's group, the dinner menu featured farmhouse size portions of roast turkey with the trimmings. Music for dancing was provided by a small but decidedly effective "combo" which played till the wee small. Many of the attending Rivierians remarked that the club setting was the best ever provided for this annual dance.

Mrs. James Phillipott, 948 Calle Miramar, together with her two children, Lyndy, 6½, and Johnny, 4, has just returned from a Thanksgiving trip to North Carolina, where they stayed with her parents. They were there for a full month's visit, while hubby James tended to the chores around home.

Colonel and Mrs. H. A. Strauss, 936 Calle Miramar, received a visit from their son, Colonel Robert Strauss, who flew out from Washington, D. C., to spend Thanksgiving with his parents here.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Helmle, 634 Calle de Arboles, on the birth of their new son on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at St. John's hospital in Santa Monica. Mrs. Helmle arrived home from the hospital last Saturday and introduced the new addition to the rest of the Helmle family. The new boy has been named Lawrence, and he weighed into this world at 8 lbs., 7 oz. He is their fourth child, and joins brother Eric, 6, and sisters Connie, 7, and Linda, 14 months.

Apoptos of the Helmle birth, a shower in her honor was given last Dec. 2 at the home of Mrs. Eugene Byrd, 629 Via La Selva. Guests attending were Mesdames Alan McLaren, Cam Walters, Jack Treacy, Lee Garwood, Ethel Van Blankenburg, C. Gall McCall, Claude Ferreris, Dick Blakeley, William Whyte, Helen Garwood, and William Beckman.

Last Saturday evening was a big date for the Willard clan at 416 Calle Mayor, when they held a large family Christmas party with 16 relatives attending. The setting was in their large play room, with bright red table cloth and green and red candles decorating the room. A large Santa Claus figure dominated the Yuletide setting. The family gathering was for Mr. Willard's family and has taken place for the past six years.

Birthdays celebrated during this past month included Larry Stout, 182 Vista del Parque, who was six on Dec. 10; Jerry Keys, 416 Calle Mayor, nine years old on Dec. 8; Alva Mapes, 129 Vista del Parque, who was eight on Dec. 8; and Bruce Mapes, of the same address, who was nine on Dec. 12.

Alva celebrated his day with a party for five of his little friends, while Bruce invited his Cub Scout den in for ice cream and cake before going to the movies.

Another birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell, 180 Via la Circula, last Dec. 12, in honor of their son's ninth birthday. Young Mac had his Cub Scout den in for cake and ice cream and games. Guests attending included Carlton Pjaul, Philip

**Santa Finds Chimney Loaded at Hospital**

Santa Claus played second fiddle to the stork at Torrance Memorial Hospital Christmas Day. Nine times when Santa stopped his sleigh on the roof of the city's hospital, he found old Doc Stork had beat him to the punch.

**Pranksters Make Xmas Unmerry For Policemen**

Halloween comes on Oct. 31, but a bunch of juveniles evidently thought it fell on Dec. 25 this year.

For, in quick succession, these items of malicious mischief were reported to Torrance police Christmas night:

1. Glass paneling in the rear of the Torrance Hardware Co., 1513 Cabrillo, was broken. No attempt was made to enter the building.
2. A huge cable drum, standing in the lot of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., was rolled into the middle of the street at Cravens and Engracia. Sweating officers rolled it back.
3. The fire hose of one of the buildings yet to be built on the site of the Walteria Elementary School, 34456 Madison, was unreeled, some water was run through and the hose was left lying where it fell. Each time police answered the call, the vandals had already left for parts unknown.

Shaw, James Portzer, Christian Kinsey, David Handy, Gerald Key, Bruce Mapes, Terry Fuller, William McKnight, Al Mapes and Allen Sims.

Speaking of Christmas decorations, a quick tour of Riviera showed several signs of ingenuity in the way of Christmas decorations. Those of you who have not as yet toured Riviera to enjoy the various home decorations are recommended to see 829 Camino de las Colinas, where Santa Claus lounges in the front window, while a sign on the room by his empty sleigh, proclaims "out for Sies."

At 330 Camino de las Colinas, a scene from "The Merry Goosie" dominates the front lawn, with a big Merry Christmas sign hung in the background. You'll find all your children's favorite Mother Goose characters attending there under the bright spotlights.

At 212 Paseo de las Delicias snow men and a large "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" in red lettering hold your attention, while down at 301 Via Linda Vista, a large Santa Claus head surrounded by red and green tinsel is hung on their huge chimney, 411 Via Linda Vista showed ingenuity with cotton balls stuck to the windows with multi-colored lights strung between them. We know we couldn't catch them all, but these at least, seemed worthy of an orchid or two.

Bonnie Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldwin, 139 Paseo de Granada, celebrated her eighth birthday Sunday, Dec. 14. Pink, white and red streamers festooned the party room, and refreshments were served to nine guests attending. These were Pam Horton and Kathleen Murphy of Torrance Bend; Lydia Wankle of Westfield; Susie Coleman of Palos Verdes; and Toni Hamblin, Vicki and Ann Mulqueen, Michele Niemoller, Mary Margaret Wermuth and Mary Ruth Merlin of Hollywood Riviera.

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DANCING FOR MILK... Fran Palumbo (right), and her partner, Edna Flores, were among the many persons performing for the annual Saints and Sinners Milkathon on KBJ-TV last week. Miss Palumbo, who is employed at Public Loan here, lives at 2830 Onrado St. Miss Flores lives in Hermosa Beach.

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"When we were invited to attend, we were told that this would be one of Chevrolet's most important business conferences," he said. "This was borne out conclusively by developments. Not only were we shown the most exciting product in my 30-year experience with Chevrolet, but the speakers made clear that the company, through its newspaper advertising and promotion, would give the model unprecedented backing."  
Lorange said the program should answer any doubts about the future of business.  
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**S. M. Bevard Buried Friday**

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Stone and Myers chapel for the late Samuel Merle Bevard, 45, who died Monday of a heart attack in his Plaza Hotel room at 1720 Cabrillo Ave.

Bevard, an employee of North American Aircraft Corp., had lived in Torrance for the past six years. He was a native of Bowling Green, Ohio, and leaves three brothers and three sisters, all residing east of the Mississippi.  
Rev. Henry De Fluiter of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, conducted services both at the chapel and at the interment, held at Rosevelt Cemetery.

**Best Wishes for 1953**

As the bells ring out and the New Year enters, it carries with it a promise of opportunity for one and all. It is the freedom, afforded by our way of living, for each, in his own way, to make this the most successful, happiest year yet.

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