



**A GIFT FROM SANTA . . .** Frank Miller of McMahan's Furniture Store shows Mary Pagac, National Paint Co., the color TV set which will be presented to someone as part of the Santa-land Christmas festivities on Dec. 9. The Christmas season celebration throughout downtown Torrance is being sponsored by the Torrance Retail Merchants Assn. Mrs. Pagac is a member of the Christmas committee. Eligibility rules are available at all Torrance merchants.

### Homecoming Rites Slated At El Camino

Plans for a triple-headed program are being completed today by students of El Camino College, who will observe their traditional Homecoming day on Thanksgiving.

Opening the full schedule of activities will be a Homecoming banquet, which is scheduled for the college Campus center at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday. Reservations for the dinner reunion must be made by tomorrow, with Mrs. Pat Wilcox in the student personnel office or by calling the college bookstore, according to Miss Jackie Pritchett, commissioner of activities.

**Alumni Asked**  
Co-chairman with Miss Pritchett for the dinner is Wes Cooley, president of the Associated Men Students on campus. Invitations to attend are extended to alumni, students, and faculty members of the college.

Among the entertainment highlights planned for the program is the performance of the "Faculty Four Plus One" which recently made a television appearance on the Gene Norman show and the presentation of Miss Sandra Sherwood, 1955 Homecoming Queen, and her court, Princesses Maggie Tate and Miss Pritchett.

**Program Set**  
Opening festivities on Homecoming day itself will be a program which will start at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving day. A parade of some 17 floats entered by campus organizations will highlight pre-game ceremonies. The floats will follow the parade theme, "Eras of Music." Community singing and other entertainment features have also been planned.

During half-time ceremonies, the Homecoming Queen and her court will present trophies to presidents of clubs whose floats have been selected as winners. Culminating the student program will be the Warrior-Phoenix game. Kickoff time will be 12 noon.

#### Thieves Take Rock

More than 700 pounds of lava and tufa rock, valued at \$28, was stolen from an enclosure at the Ladera Garden Shop, 24234 Crenshaw Blvd., sheriff's deputies were told recently. The thieves apparently crawled over a five foot fence.



**SUSPICIOUS GOBLERS . . .** Even the charm of Pat Durney, blueprint clerk at Douglas-Torrance, fail to coax the broad-breasted bronze turkeys to accept a handout of food pellets at this time of the year. The wary birds seem to know that the "day of reckoning" is near as Thanksgiving approaches. At most, they have but three days left.

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**Some Birthday Cake for a flagpole sitter**

Movie Cowboy Crash Corrigan, assisted by TV Cowgirl Elzine DuPont and two sets of well known twins, starts a piece of birthday cake up to Hermosa Beach's famous flagpole sitter, Al Ingman. Left to right, the twins are Charles Fin, Robert and Richard Greenwald, and George Finn. All are on hand to help Sitter Ingman celebrate his 100th day atop the 70-foot pole on the premises of Twin Pontiac, car agency owned by the Greenwalds.

### Hospital Log (San Pedro Community Hospital)

**PATIENTS ADMITTED NOV. 9, 1955**  
Frances Ruth Day, 1714 W. 235th St., Torrance.  
Gladys Estelle Hull, 26348 President Ave., Harbor City.  
Frances Henry, 1542 Rolling Knolls Dr., Harbor City.

**PATIENTS ADMITTED NOV. 10, 1955**  
Carlton O. Wood, 1925 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance.  
Evelyn Rosella Keltner, 25842 Narbonne Ave., Lomita.  
Ada Mae French, 1446 W. 220th St., Torrance.  
Stanley Fred McGrath, 1207 S. Holberta Ave., Redondo Beach.

**BABIES BORN NOV. 10, 1955**  
To Mr. and Mrs. James D. Keltner, 25842 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

**PATIENTS ADMITTED NOV. 11, 1955**  
Shirley Bobo, 22520 Shadycrest Ave., Torrance.

**BABIES BORN NOV. 12, 1955**  
To Mr. and Mrs. Sardia Bobo, 22520 Shadycrest Ave., Torrance, girl, 8 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

**PATIENTS ADMITTED NOV. 13, 1955**  
Cora Mae Fisher, 25334 1/4 Oak St., Lomita.

### Pops Praise School Board

Swift commendation from the North Torrance Father's Club for the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education followed the announcement that a new \$350,000 school would be built at 178th and Arlington, with a completion date set next summer.

"That's the kind of news we have been waiting for," said S. A. Freedman, chairman of the group, which has been critical of the method in which the board has moved to eliminate double sessions.

"We are sure that the board realizes how we parents feel about half-day sessions, and will do everything in its power to eliminate this evil from our fine school system here in Torrance," Freedman said.

### Two Residents Of PV Estates Are Suicides

Two Palos Verdes Estates residents were apparent suicide victims Thursday, one at her home, the other in a Venice jail, according to reports from police.

Arthur B. Thomas, 60, of 2537 Via la Selva, who had been jailed on suspicion of drunk driving, was found hanging in his cell Thursday night in the Los Angeles Police Department's Venice Division jail.

Mrs. Bertha Kroenig, 49, of 4141 Via Solano, was listed by Palos Verdes Police as a suicide after her body was found in the garage of her home early Thursday morning.

Jailer Eugene Taylor found Thomas and cut him down. He was rushed to a Santa Monica hospital but was pronounced dead. Officers say he apparently stood on a foot locker, tied a mattress cover around his neck, threw it over a ceiling beam and jumped off the locker.

Four hours before his body was found, Thomas was arrested following a traffic mishap at Sepulveda and Century Blvds. Arresting officers stated he failed to pass a sobriety test.

Thomas' car and one driven by Arthur Harrington, of Manhattan Beach, were involved in

the crash, according to LAPD reports.

A retired builder, the victim is survived by his widow, Emma Louise, who is a Redondo school teacher.

Mrs. Kroenig was said to have succumbed to breathing carbon monoxide fumes, police said.

Her husband, Frank, found her body. He told authorities he could think of no reason for the tragedy.

#### HORSE NUMBERS

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