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High School to Present Christmas Program Tonight

El Camino's 'Madonna Row' Adds Famed Lotto Painting

Lotto's 16th century masterpiece, "Rest on the Flight to Egypt," has been added to the gallery of paintings on display in El Camino's famed "Madonna Row," officials announced yesterday.

During the Christmas season each year the Row, featuring seven reproductions of madonna masterpieces, is exhibited in front of the college's Administration building, located on Crenshaw between Manhattan and Redondo Beach Bivds. The reproductions are equipped with flood lights for night viewing. Under the direction of Art Instructor Mildred K. Walker, art students work on a new six by eight foot mural each year to add to the growing art exhibit.

Italian Masterpiece "This year's replica," Miss Walker said before leaving on sabbatical, "is an oil painting masterpiece of an Italian mannerist of the 16th century, Lorenzo Lotto, who is considered as one of the finest mannerists of his time." Miss Walker is touring Europe and will return to the college faculty in February.

Layout work and enlargement of the paintings is done by Miss Walker herself, while the art students lay in the large areas of flat colors, and

Miss Walker then does all figure painting and the final touching up.

Commenting upon the art project, Miss Walker said, "In painting the picture, we try to capture the technical differences of the various artists as well as simply repeating the subject."

Art students assisting Miss Walker in the preparation of this year's copy were Betty Ingram, William Lane, Gina Greyer, Isabelle Phillips and Sue Vaughn.

Emphasizes "True Spirit" Miss Walker, who initiated the college's Madonna Row in 1948, said that Madonna Row was started as an attempt to establish a tradition of emphasizing the true Christmas spirit by the use of famous classical paintings.

The six other copies included in the traditional display are Gian Battista Piazetta's "Virgin and the Child," Raphael's "The Cowper Madonna," El Greco's "The Virgin with Santa Inez and Santa Tecla," Jan Van Eyck's "Ince Hall Madonna," Botticelli's "The Virgin and Child," and last year's addition "Madonna and Child," which deviated from the others in that it was a mosaic, the first ever to be made at El Camino college.



QUAGGIN RAILROAD CO. . . Looking over part of his railroad holdings is Tom Quaggin, of 1609 Amapola Ave. The Torrance High School Junior has an extensive system of railroad tracks and miniature houses which he sets up each Christmas at his home. Two locomotives—one freight and

one passenger—chug their way over trestles and through residential districts. The boy started his railroad about six years ago and adds to it each year. He also is employed part-time at a local hobby shop.



MORE BOOKS FOR LIBRARY . . . Bringing some books to the Torrance Library as part of the Kiwanis Club drive are Dr. Ed Knutson and Stu Avera, as Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, looks over the new offerings. The Kiwanis Club is backing a drive to get more books for the library and is urging local citizens to contribute old volumes. The club also donated \$100 worth of children's books. Books of all types are needed, since the library has failed to keep pace with the city's growth.

Kiwanians Begin Drive For More Library Books

A drive to get more books for the Torrance library and its two branches has begun by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, Dr. Ed Knutson and Stu Avera, who are heading the drive, announced Monday.

The growth of the library has failed to keep pace with the rapid growth of the city, they pointed out.

According to Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, about 18,000 volumes now are housed there for a town of 67,000 persons, while the city five years ago had 10,000 books for 19,000 residents. The city now has only one book for every five residents, whereas it had more than one book for every two residents five years ago.

Books Requested Kiwanians are asking residents with old books they no longer use to donate them to the Torrance Library. Most

wanted books are in the fields of history, adventure, nature, science, religion, travel professional, business, and good fiction.

Circulation of books in the three Torrance branches now averages more than 13,000 each month, Mrs. Jamieson said. This includes 5,600 at the main library, 3,700 at the North Torrance branch, and 3,900 at the Wateria branch. About 25,000 local residents hold library cards, she said.

Dr. Knutson and Avera said that the Kiwanis committee would accept any books to see that they are not immoral or Un-American and are of a type which would be of general interest to many people.

Various Books Sought "We do not particularly want old novels, since these are seldom read. The library however, would welcome old classics and non-fiction works in all fields. Scientific and the 'how-to-do-it' books are particularly popular now," Avera said. "Also badly needed are various types of books for children."

volumes for their elders. The club has donated \$100 for use in buying new children's books for the library. They will be selected in consultation with Mrs. Jamieson.

County Provides Service About half of the library's current operating budget goes for purchase of new books, Mrs. Jamieson said. The city contracts with the County Library for service, and although city funds support the library, it is managed by the county. Through this method, Mrs. Jamieson said, the city can get books cheaper, since the county service buys them in large lots. Any book in the huge selection of volumes in the County Library can be ordered and used through the local library by any individual.

Douglas Adds New Offices In Torrance The part sales and catalog departments of the El Segundo Division, Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., have transferred their operations from El Segundo to Torrance.

A total of 10,000 square feet of floor space has been occupied by the 102 members of the departments involved in the transfer. A former two-story administration building was extensively remodeled for them. When the Torrance location was activated, the building was first occupied by the plant engineering construction group. In recent years, it has served a variety of departments. During the past year, it has been used by training and recreation groups.

Jaycees to Pick 'Man of Year' During January

Mayor Albert Isen has proclaimed January 14-21, 1955, as "Junior Chamber of Commerce" week in Torrance, and asked local organizations to co-operate in the observance.

He said the purpose of the week is to focus attention on young men and the work they are doing.

Harry L. Klinger Jr., local Jaycee chairman, said that a highlight of the week's events will be the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award key and plaque to Torrance's outstanding young man who has made an outstanding contribution to our community.

Young Men Honored During the Jaycee week observance here, the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce will recognize the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America for 1955, at a banquet in Springfield, Ill. A past winner of this award, Richard Nixon, vice president of the United States, will join with Hugh F. McKenna, U. S. Jaycee president, in making the presentation.

The National Jaycee organization has been organized since Jan. 21, 1920, as the result of one Henry Geissenbier who saw a need for a young man's civic group and organized the first chapter in St. Louis, Mo., in 1915.

In 60 Countries Built on solid foundation of creating opportunities for leadership training through community betterment projects, the Jaycees today, 200,000 strong, are active in 2900 communities in the United States and are organized in 60 countries through Junior Chamber International.

Anyone interested in nominating the young man of their choice may do so by filling out a nominating blank. Blanks may be obtained at the Chamber Building, 1345 El Prado.

Admiral to Address Douglas Men Tonight

Rear Admiral John B. Pearson, commander of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Western Division, will address the Management Club of Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo Division tonight.



INTERVIEWS FOR OVERSEAS . . . A civic committee Tuesday interviewed Torrance High School students who applied to study overseas as part of the American Field Service program. Four students were recommended to go after the interview. Shown here are Mrs. J. B. Moseley, committee chairman; Margaret Wilson, YWCA; Leonard Kissel, student

200 Students Take Part In Annual Musical Event

The Torrance High School Department of Music will present the first annual Christmas program tonight, an event that will promise everyone an evening of musical entertainment specially designed in the spirit of Christmas. All of the color and tradition of the Yuletide season will be ushered in as 200 choristers and instrumentalists of the Concert Band, Tartar Choir, and Girls' Glee Club open the ceremony tonight in the High School Auditorium.

The program will mark the second appearance of the High School vocal and instrumental organizations in combined concert, and promises to merit the same enthusiastic reception accorded the department's Spring Concert this year.

The Tartar Choir and Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Glenn Hawley, will begin the carol portion of the program with a colorful Christmas procession through the aisles of the auditorium. Each organization and their soloists will present special groups of traditional Christmas songs and carols dating from the 15th Century to the present day. Soloists on the program are Karen Brunel, Bill Meacham, Tony Ward, and Burt Cobb. The Goldenaires Trio, Penny Branan, Joan Reed, and Janet Golden, with Marilyn Brooks as accompanist, will sing contemporary Christmas songs. Pianists Evelyn Schmid, Marilyn Brooks, Susan Higdon, Mary Blount and Pat Keith will accompany the Choir and Glee Club.

The Tartar Band, under the direction of Mr. Davidson, will make its initial concert appearance of the season, playing several of the best known Christmas carols, as well as "Themes from The Nutcracker," always a popular hit for both young and old at Christmas-time. The organization has performed in numerous events this season, including the football games, National Guard Parade, UCLA and USC Band Day and the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

The program is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Students and public are cordially invited; there is no admission charge.

PROGRAM

- The First Noel . . . . . Traditional
Themes from The Nutcracker Suite . . . . . Tchaikovsky
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear . . . . . Willis (Concert Band)
Processional
O Come All Ye Faithful . . . . . Anonymous (Tartar Choir, Girls' Glee Club)
Holy Child . . . . . Basque Melody
Deck the Hall . . . . . Traditional
Away in a Manger . . . . . Luther
A Christmas Hymn . . . . . 17th Century Melody (Girls' Glee Club)
White Christmas . . . . . Berlin
Winter Wonderland . . . . . (Goldenaires)
O Holy Night . . . . . Adam (Karen Brunel, Soprano)
Sing Noel . . . . . French Carol
O Come, O Come Emmanuel . . . . . Traditional
We Three Kings . . . . . Hopkins (Bill Meacham, Tony Ward, Burt Cobb)
Lo How A Rose . . . . . Praetorius
A Virgin Most Pure . . . . . English Folk Carol (Tartar Choir)
Recessional
Joy To The World . . . . . Handel
Silent Night . . . . . Gruber (Choir, Glee Club, Band)

City Needs \$253 For Chest Quota

Collections in the Torrance Community Chest campaign are still just short of the goal of \$18,510, with 98.63 per cent or \$18,257 turned in, city chairman Phillip Lisman said this week, but he expressed confidence that if all volunteers complete their assignments quickly the city can easily exceed its quota.

Last week the Torrance commerce and industry division, headed by John Ebbinghouse, was the first in the harbor area to go "over the top," with collections now standing at \$8910, or 101.07 per cent of their quota of \$8837. Other divisions to meet their quota in Torrance are residential, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Jo Rowell, with \$5100, or 108.28 per cent of quota, and public employees, headed by Mrs. Bernice Goodwin, with \$893, or 185.39 per cent of quota.

Still Pursuing Goals Still to achieve their goals are the business division, whose chairman Bob Waddell, reports \$1185, or 91.89 per cent of the goal of \$1290, and advance gifts, headed by Dr. Joseph Bay, with \$4389, or 83.22 per cent of the quota of \$5280.

Torrance is third in per cent of Chest quota among harbor area cities, according to Lisman, who said that Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes have topped their goals, with 113.06 per cent and 102.44 per cent respectively. Other cities reporting are: Wilmington, 85.88 per cent; Gardena, 85.20 per cent; Lomita Harbor City, 87.76 per cent; and San Pedro, 68.64 per cent. Total collected in the harbor area, as of Monday, is \$74,338, or 87.70 per cent of the Chest goal of \$84,764, according to area chairman James Visceglia. LA Quota Lags As of Monday, the total in the

Savings-Loan Reaches Need In Deposits

With the initial amount of required deposit subscriptions, \$500,000, reached this week, the proposed Federal savings and loan association for the Torrance-Palos Verdes Peninsula seems "certain to be most outstandingly over-subscribed before opening," according to Irving C. Marchand, who will be the institution's manager.

"Pledges have come in so well for this Federally sponsored and insured member of the banking fraternity," Marchand said, "that the organizing committee is going ahead circulating the subscription lists for the next few weeks. They are positive from the response already shown, that a savings institution owned by the local citizens who use its facilities has particularly appealed to residents and businessmen of this area."

Located in the heart of the Torrance shopping area between the California Bank and the Post Office, quarters for the proposed association are being remodeled under the direction of Architect Roscoe Wood, A.I.A., who is a member of the organizing committee.

Comfortably and tastefully furnished for the convenience of depositors, the association's home at 1425 Marcelina will feature one of the most unusual and modern front elevations in the Southland. It will be designed around a huge, translucent black Hexcelite window, made of aluminum honeycomb between two glass panes. The window will allow a maximum of soft daylight to flood the offices, but will insure complete privacy from the street, Wood said.

Christian Christmas Party Set Saturday

A Christmas party for members of the Young Adult Fellowship of the First Christian Church is planned at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, in the Fireside Room of the church. Games and tree-trimming are planned, as well as refreshments. Child care will be provided. Roy Stewart is president of the group, while Leroy Pulliam is social chairman.