



TRIMMING TREE for an old-fashioned American Christmas are (l-r) Julie, Michelle, Denise, Sandra and Mrs. Sanford Zimmerman. In her native Australia, where the Yuletide season came in the middle of summer, Mrs. Zimmerman always enjoyed a holiday swim on Christmas night.

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Traditional Christmas Wins Australian Heart

Traditions of an American Christmas have won the heart of an Australian-born housewife who married an American soldier "down under" in 1942.

Before coming to the states in 1945, Mrs. Sanford Zimmerman of 4832 Highgrove Ave., who had spent her entire life in Melbourne, Christmas trees in the home.

Her first Christmas in Toledo, O. was a white one. Snow was on the ground, drapes were open, and gaily-decorated trees brightened picture windows.

Nostalgia for summer Christmas evenings where one went for a cooling swim at a Melbourne beach after digesting a turkey dinner and plum pudding faded as the bride of the ex-G.I. discovered the joys of Christmas in the states.

After two years in Toledo, the Zimmermans returned to Australia where Mr. Zimmerman studied law at Melbourne University under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

When the Zimmermans came back to the states nine years ago, they decided to make their permanent home in Southern California after a six-month stopover in Toledo. Letters from a sister-in-law in Hawthorne had convinced Mrs. Zimmerman that the climate here was similar to that of her native Australia.

After residing in Hawthorne for six years, where an Australian neighbor across the street and friends in the Australian Club of Southern California helped stay any remaining feelings of homesickness, Mrs. Zimmerman moved with her family to her present Torrance home three years ago.

She trimmed the first Christmas tree in her house on Highgrove Ave. just a few weeks after they moved in.

Each Christmas since then, the tree has played

a big part in the holiday celebration. The four Zimmerman daughters, Sandra, 18; Michele, 16; Julie, 14 and



MRS. S. ZIMMERMAN

Denise, 7 join their parents in stringing the balls and tinsel.

Christmas dinner, here as in Australia, means turkey or ham and plum pudding with brandy sauce for the Zimmermans. One special treat that is always included is wine trifle, a traditional Yuletide specialty in Australia.

The recipe follows:

WINE TRIFLE
Day old raspberry jello roll
1 pkg. raspberry jello
1 pkg. vanilla pudding
1/2 cup wine
blanched almonds

whipped cream
crystalized cherries
Slice jello roll. Sprinkle wine over cake. Place around base of dish. Pour jello mixture evenly over cake and let cool. Prepare pudding mixture and pour over jello. Let cool and place in refrigerator until firm. Blanch almonds. When trifle has set, take out and decorate. Cover with whipped cream and chopped blanched almonds. Top with diced cherries. Tastes best if made the night before.

Delta Zeta Alumni Plan Holiday Tea

South Bay Chapter of Delta Zeta Alumnae will present holiday tea for active Delta Betas in the Torrance area, Thursday, Dec. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Setting will be the home of Mrs. W. R. Wallner, 3833 Paseo del Campo, Palos Verdes Estates.

She will be assisted by Mrs. J. Richard White of Rolling Hills, Mrs. Sidney Smith of Torrance, and Mrs. J. F. Thomas of El Segundo.

Among the honored guests, representing 11 different colleges throughout the United States, will be: Miss Marion Elliot of Redondo Beach, president of the Delta Zeta Chapter at Santa Barbara College; Nora Elliot, Redondo Beach, of Longwood College, Virginia; Vonnie Bliss, Manhattan Beach of Long Beach State College; Judy Simpson of Palos Verdes of Colorado State University, Susan Schram, and Mrs. Edward Borgens.

Fireladies Celebrate Christmas

Ladies Auxiliary of the Torrance Fire Department was entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Hall.

Co-hostesses were Mrs. Richard Sprout and Mrs. Richard Hall.

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Games were played and secret pals revealed. Following a gift exchange, refreshments were served.

Committee members were Mmes. Ronald Power, John Terraiolo and Kenneth Spaan.

Guests included: Mmes. Steven Buckaleer, Robert Moffitt, George Blahnik, Gilbert Pike, John Reintma, Floretta Delsigne, Brigitte Bowen, Sandra Haas, Carol Hughs and Clara Thompson.

Harbor View Auxiliary Celebrates

Harbor View Ladies Auxiliary held a Christmas dinner party at Ulbrand Hall, San Pedro.

During a brief business meeting, members voted to make Christmas donations to Exceptional Children's Foundation of the Harbor Area, Salvation Army and the Community Chest.

Committee members were: Mmes. Emily Coffield, chairman, Tava Nickley, John Beauchamp, Michael Doctor, Joel Kellon, Victor Olivaras,atherine Loro, Elvis Patterson and Earl R.ush. Mrs. Harry Setzer and Mrs. Harry Fralich were in charge of decorations.

California Stocking Stuffed With Sweet Travel Treats

By RONNIE SAUNDERS
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"Home for the Holidays" has a special meaning to mother of Torrance school children. It means two weeks of post-holiday vacation hours to be filled by mother while Dad, likely as not, having shared Christmas festivities with the family, is back to work earning the money to satisfy Santa.

For the family with a flair for freeways, bonus holiday hours can serve as an occasion for tucking in trips that will prove both educational to the children as well as entertaining to mother.

Miss Carol Lane of Shell Oil Co. remarked this week

that the state of California is "shaped like a Christmas Stocking." Following are here suggestions for stuffing the travel stocking:

1. Visit Padua Hills' Mexican colony, Solvang's Danish settlement, or other foreign-American communities — "for a unique and pleasing flavor for the holiday season."

2. Drive to a Santa's Village, in the Lake Arrowhead or Santa Cruz area — "for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and the village elves."

3. Visit zoos in San Diego, Los Angeles or San Francisco — "with a chance to see real reindeer."

4. A trip to the mountains to see snow — "snow and

Christmas just seem to go together."

5. Tour the California Spanish missions — "there's something very special about them at this season of the year."

6. Visiting friends — "this is an old Christmas tradition which should be revived."

7. Seeing Christmas decorations — "many neighborhoods have group displays, and many communities have parades."

8. Airports, train stations and harbors — "eat a meal

watching the holiday travelers and their transportation come in and go out."

9. Visit art galleries, museums and state historical areas — "a wonderful chance to avoid the crowds that are still shopping, while you and the kiddies enjoy the displays."

"The California stocking is filled with unlimited additional travel deals. Look at a map, then reach in and choose your own. Keep it short and sweet," Miss Lane said.

Punch Adds Sparkle To Holiday Parties

Christmas punch can add a festive glow to any holiday table, especially if it's easy to prepare and the outcome is delicious.

Mrs. Hazel Kuehn, El Camino instructor of home economics, suggests three Christmas punch recipes that are easy to prepare and almost guarantee compliments. The recipes may be served with any Christmas bread, cookie, fruitcake or open-faced sandwich.

Christmas Froth Punch
2 cans frozen pineapple-grapefruit juice concentrate, softened
2 cans frozen lemonade concentrate, softened
1 quart club soda, chilled
1 quart gingerale, chilled
2 pints raspberry sherbet ice cubes
Pour softened juice concentrates into punch bowl. Add club soda and gingerale with about 1 quart ice cubes. Stir in raspberry sherbet until well blended.

Set punch bowl in a large roasting pan filled with fern fronds, half fill pan with water. Using tongs (not hands) add 4 chunks of dry ice to the water, not to the punch. The dry ice added to water creates a mist which hovers delicately around the bowl and is sure to add not only compliments to the drink, but conversation to the gathering. (makes 30 servings)

Sparkling Christmas Punch
1 quart cranberry juice, chilled
2 cans (6 oz.) frozen lemonade concentrate
2 cans (6 oz.) frozen orange juice concentrate
1 quart club soda, chilled
2 quarts gingerale, chilled

1 can (46 oz.) pineapple juice, chilled
Combine all ingredients (keep surplus in refrigerator until needed). Makes six quarts.

Garnish punch bowl with a frozen ring of lemonade, made with two extra cans of frozen lemonade concentrate. Freeze concentrate in ring mold with garnishes such as mint leaves, red or green cherries, slices of lemon, orange or pineapple to add a festive touch. (makes 50 servings)

Wassail Punch — California Style

1 gallon sweet cider
1 (6 oz.) can frozen orange juice concentrate
1 (6 oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate
1 quart water
1/2 cup sugar
6 whole cloves
3 pieces stick cinnamon
Place spices in a cheese cloth bag. Combine all ingredients in a large container (8 quart pan). Bring just to a boil with cheese cloth bag in it. Remove spices, serve hot in punch bowl. Garnish with thin lemon slices studded with whole cloves. (makes 40 servings)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Board of Yukon Elementary PTA held its annual Christmas luncheon at the Colonial Steak House, Wednesday Dec. 12. A brief business meeting followed the luncheon.

Guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown, Mrs. Irwin Sklar and Ben Sparks.

Mr. Sparks, a custodian at Yukon since shortly after the school was opened, was presented with a "going away" gift. He recently moved to Orange County where he will be employed.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

A Christmas candlelight service will be featured at the Wayfarer's Chapel at 5 p.m. today.

Gifts for the needy will be collected at Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. Worship service will be at 11 a.m.



CHRISTMAS PUNCH as prepared by members of El Camino College Home Economics Club is sampled by members Susan Trichman, Beth Biller and

Susan Van Camp (l-r). Punch is served to please the eye as well as the taste.



MISS DELORES TURNER
... engagement told

Couple Plight Troth

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Flowers of 22013 Ocean Ave. have announced the engagement of their daughters, Dolores Lorene, to Charles L. Rodgers.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rodgers of 2418 Ralston Lane, Redondo Beach.

A graduate of Narbonne High School and Flavia's College of Beauty, the bride-to-be is employed at the Broadway Del Amo.

Mr. Rodgers, who attended schools in Kansas, is employed by the J. J. Newberry Co. in Torrance.

The wedding will take place Saturday.

Christ's Life To Be Studied By Scientists

The great significance of the birth and life of the Master, Christ Jesus, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday.

Scriptural readings will include the account in Matthew of wise men who followed a star to Bethlehem: "And they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy the following will be read (p. 315): "Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being, — to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death. The divine conception of Jesus pointed to this truth and presented an illustration of creation."

The Lesson-Sermon is entitled "Is the Universe, In-

SERVICES SET

Seven Christmas Day services have been set by St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, 1900 Tulita Ave., Redondo Beach.

Worship will be at 5:45, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The children's choir will be featured at the 8 a.m. service and the parish choir at the 5:45 and 10 a.m. services.