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THIS WEEK

The Torrance Christmas Party and Every Day in the City

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TORRANCE buried the materialism of the workaday world last Monday and joined with a whole-heartedness that speaks well for the city in a big Christmas party for the children.

Anyone who attended the party, or anyone who stood outside the theatre watching the boys and girls come out of the exits with their arms laden with presents and their faces wreathed in smiles will vouch for the truth of the statement that of all things a city can do, none is more worth while than the sort of Christmas party the Torrance children enjoyed Monday afternoon.

The feature of the affair was the splendid spirit of co-operation which made the party possible. When citizens and organizations of a city can at Christmas time forget the little differences which mark everyday life and enter so generously into an unselfish effort to please the little ones, there is a little to fear about the welfare of that city.

ASIDE from the fact that almost every boy and girl in the city—children of the well-to-do and of the less materially fortunate—had the time of their young lives, there is another and deeper significance to the party.

If Christmas teaches anything at all it teaches unselfishness. From the life of the Carpenter of Nazareth comes down to us the most noble example of self-sacrifice that the world has ever known.

It is this example which inspires us on Christmas. It was this example, consciously or unconsciously, that inspired the Christmas party in Torrance that drove out differences of opinion over material things.

It was that the children caught an unselfish inspiration of their parents, joined the party with a conscious joyfulness and made the affair a shining example of what true unselfishness will do.

From the success of this Christmas party we should all learn a lesson to be applied to times other than Christmas. In any city, Torrance included, the material things of daily life use differences of opinion that all too frequently grow into intolerance and hatred.

When men are guided by unselfishness the community in which they live suffers. Let them accept differences calmly and without bias and prejudice. Let their realization of differences of opinion be as an agreement. It is an age-old lesson, but one that bears repeating.

The Christmas party for the children was a splendid thing for the town. It was perhaps even a more splendid thing for the adults who were and unselfishness made it shine. As true as the day it was blessed is the statement that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Christmas party, with the joy it brought to the men and women who were privileged to have a part in it, once more establishes the custom of Generosity's reward. They said the party to give the children a good thing, to bring home a true expression of the spirit of Christmas, and by the very wholesomeness of their intentions they benefited themselves, found their hearts warmer and here would more inspired.

But why continue? We all know the deep pleasure and inspiration that comes to us after an unselfish deed. We all know the bitterness in our own hearts toward ourselves when hate and prejudice have entered in.

THE party was given by the entire city—with the board of trustees, the Chamber of Commerce, the business men, the industries and individuals contributing.

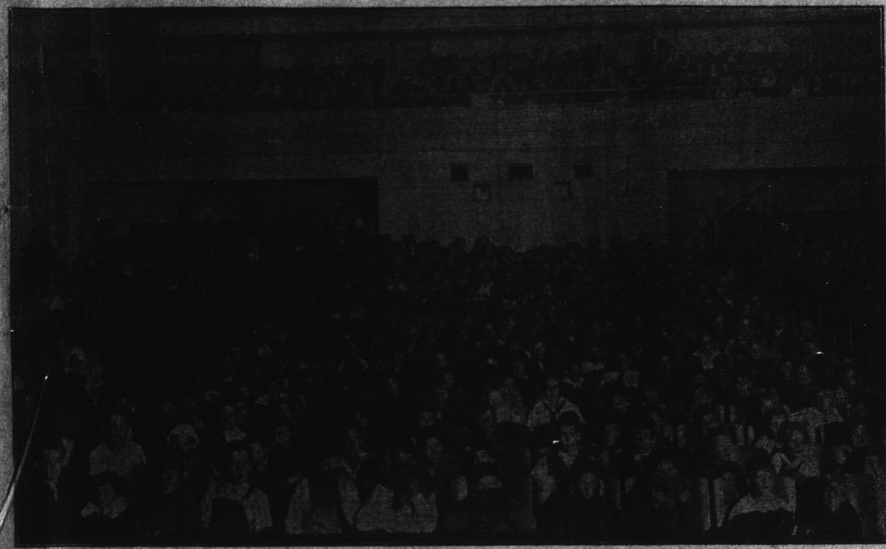
Mr. and Mrs. McVey of the Torrance theatre donated the use of the theatre. They selected a wholesome, funny film that brought roars of equally wholesome laughter from the thousand children present. Ask them if their effort was worth while.

Ask the various organizations whose officers gave unsparingly of time and energy in preparing the thousands of gifts that were given to the children: Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mrs. H. P. Rees, Mrs. George Watson, Mrs. H. M. Tolson, Mrs. E. N. Tolson, Mrs. Charles Stock, Mrs. George, Harry L. Gadeky, and Mrs. McVey, who looks so much like a saint.

ance and Card Party New Date American Legion Hall, Dec 31, 1923. You'll be pleased

WHEN TORRANCE ENTERTAINED SANTA CLAUS

These folks and Santa Claus, who arrived after the picture was taken, were guests at the Torrance Christmas party at the Torrance Theatre Monday afternoon. They enjoyed "Nobody's Darling", the film starring Baby Peggy which Mrs. McVey selected especially for the occasion, and to say that she had the time of their lives is putting it mildly. And not one baby cried when the La Plante photographers touched off the big flash that was necessary for such a fine picture.



SHELL WELL AT KEYSTONE SPOUTS CRUDE

Creating intense excitement in the Keystone district, the Shell Oil company's Keystone No. 1, west of Harbor boulevard, blew in while the crew was drilling through the cement for a water shutoff test. After spouting oil over the derrick the well headed up and is now being drilled ahead. The water string was landed at 3700 feet. Black's Keystone No. 1 is also cemented at 3700 feet. Lumber is on the ground for another well just east of the Black's derrick, on the same case. Establishing a new record for lease offers in the eastern extension, oil operators this week offered to pay a bonus of \$3000 an acre for the Day five acres, agreed to drill immediately and pay a royalty of one-fifth.

CAPT. S. N. DANCEY, SPEAKER OF WIDE NOTE, WILL ADDRESS MEETING HERE SUNDAY NIGHT

Capt. S. N. Dancey, one of the best known of the American Legion's platform men, and a speaker of international reputation, will be the feature of a public mass meeting scheduled for the Central Evangelical church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting is given under the auspices of the Bert S. Crossland post of the American Legion, and all local churches, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and other community units, are co-operating. Capt. Dancey has just returned from a four months' tour of Alaska and is, at present, visiting with relatives in Redondo. He plans to be in this district for a week or more before returning to his schedule, and the Chamber of Commerce will use him as one of the speakers at the annual banquet on the evening of January 7. He will speak to Torrance high school some day next week, and the Legion post is planning a social evening, in liaison with the Auxiliary.

The Sunday night meeting will take the form of an old-fashioned community rally. There will be a good program of music, including community song, and, following the main talk, an open forum question period will give the audience an opportunity to discuss things of a national and international character. The question period is one of the features of the Americanization rallies throughout the nation and should develop considerable interest for the people of Torrance. Capt. Dancey has more than five years of overseas service to his credit during the war, and this, with

Mail Delivery To Start Here on Jan. 1st

The long line in front of the post-office will soon be a thing of the past. For delivery of mail by carrier starts the first of the year. Postmaster Alfred Gourder made the following statement to the public Thursday: "Delivery of mail by carrier starts in Torrance January 1. It will be necessary for all residents to see that a mail box is placed on the front porch of their homes. I respectfully request the public to assist the new carriers in every manner possible. Naturally it will require some little time for the carriers to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the city. So consideration on the part of the public will be appreciated. It will help considerably if residents will write their friends and request them to address mail to street addresses."

VOTERS MUST REREGISTER IN TORRANCE

Every citizen of Torrance must register before next election. It makes no difference whether his or her name is now on the registration list. Reregistration is compulsory every even year. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Mrs. Laura Anderson, assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, are official registrars for this district. They will start taking new registrations on January 4. The registration books will close 30 days before the primary elections next spring. Mr. Bartlett and Mrs. Anderson announce that they will make a house-to-house canvass of the entire city in an endeavor to register every qualified voter. "There are many new residents of the city who will be qualified to register," said Mr. Bartlett. "Any citizen who has lived in the state a year, in the county six months and in the precinct 30 days may register. They must register if they wish to vote next spring. So must every other citizen, whether he is now registered or not."

TO SHOW MAIL FILM AS NEW SYSTEM OPENS

Carrier delivery of mail starts in Torrance January 1. So the Torrance theatre is timely with the showing of the great film, "The Mail Man," next Thursday and Friday, Jan. 3 and 4. "The Mail Man" is dedicated to Uncle Sam's great host of mail carriers, who do their work so faithfully and so well that the public accepts them almost as a matter of course. This film, woven around a splendid plot, gives to the public some idea of the great daily task of getting mail to the people of the country. Ralph Lewis and Johnnie Walker are starred in the picture.

CORRECTION

On a page of this issue already printed it is announced that the Ulmer orchestra will play at the Methodist church Sunday evening. The plans have been altered. The orchestra will play here at a later date.

GIRL'S COAT FOUND

A girl's coat was left at Legion hall Thursday night. The coat was brought to The Herald office, where the owner may call for it.

Rip Down 2 Rigs Near Zoned Area; Edge Wells Cause

Superior Oil Company Quit Claims Two Leases After Close-To-City Wells Come In With Salt Water

CARSON AND ARLINGTON STREETS HIT

Two wet wells at Plaza del Amo and Arlington streets, and two more showing salt water at the corner of Carson and Cedar streets, have indicated to several of the operators in the local field that wells drilled east of the Santa Fe tracks in the Carson street district and north of Plaza del Amo will be non-commercial wells. So definitely established in operators' minds is the conclusion that the edge has been located in the Carson street and Plaza del Amo sections that at least one company is right now quit-claiming two leases and actually at work tearing down derricks which already have been erected in the reported "edge" area. This company is the Superior Oil company. Discouraged with the eastern Carson street area, the Superior is tearing down the derrick north of Shedd No. 1 at Carson and Cedar streets. In this area Chanslor-Canfield's Torrance No. 10 is pumping water and oil, and Superior expects only small production from Shedd No. 1, even if the water trouble is successfully overcome. Since the North American Consol-

'KING' PIN IN REALTY CIRCLES



Mrs. Fanny C. King is one of those splendid women who are never away from a busy day's work, it seems. Long ago she attested her worth as a business woman; years back, too, she demonstrated her abilities as a homesteader. For six years, in the state of Montana, this able woman went about the business of homesteading. She had the full courage of her convictions, the audacity to scorn anything but success. Mrs. King, I need hardly tell you, is one of Torrance's ablest realtors. She came here three years ago or more, and although this is her first attempt in the real estate business, she has made remarkable strides from the very beginning. She is a business woman of keen judgment, one thoroughly conversant with local conditions and values, a kindly friend and a wise counselor. Mrs. King deals in general realty; she is quite active in the transacting of deals that pertain to business properties; she is active in oil land leases, in residential transactions, in insurance and, in fact, in every useful service that is associated with the real estate business. A native of Wisconsin, Mrs. King has long had her eye on this Southland. She is of the pioneer type, always blazing the trail, as she did in the earlier days in Montana. One can understand a woman of these attributes settling in the pioneer town of Torrance—for Torrance is indeed a pioneer place, some of the biggest undertakings are now being pioneered in this locality. Enough to say we are fortunate in having the Kings and their kind.

Charge Each Other; Both Found Guilty; One Serves, One Pays

Frank Robinson, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on Charles Tyler, countercharged Tyler with disturbing the peace. Both were found guilty by Judge Hunter, at the joint trial, held Wednesday. Robinson received a sentence of 30 days in the county jail, which was suspended for two years, provided he keeps the peace. Tyler was fined \$25, or 25 days.

Remember, the New Year's Eve Dance for benefit of Triple City Lodge 323, I.O.O.F. NEXT MONDAY. Do your duty brothers! Spend a dollar!

NOTICE
On account of the New Year's holiday, next week's paper will be published on Friday instead of on Thursday.