FRIDAY MORNING

Mrs. R. E. Sweet of the El Prado Apartments, is at work again at the Rappaport Dry Goods Store, af-ter an illness of several weeks. TORRANCE NOTES

party of fourteen relatives Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Byrnes of Car-son street, entertained at dinner a Roberts and children of El Monte history of the Torrance chamber of were over-Christmas guests of Mr. commerce, for at that time the pub-and Mrs. W. H. Roberts at the El lic will for the first time have the Prado Apartments.

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VONDERAHE HOUSE COMPLETED The new Vonderahe building on Cabrillo street, that has been leased for a term of years to Mrs. Farley Johnson, will be completed this week, and turned over to its pro-prietress today or tomorrow. The latter will at once install the new furniture she has already ordered and announce the opening date of her up-to-date boarding and rooming house. On the left of the entrance is the large and conve-niently arranged dining room, and on the right of the entrance is the home-like living and lounging room, while the upper floor is arranged for sleeping rooms. HOFFMAN'S SHOE HOSPITAL 1212 Murray Block Torrance **TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PASADENA JAN.** 1 MONDAY -----ANNUAL' FLORAL PAGEANT Staged by the "Crown City" on New Year's Day FOOTBALL GAME (East vs. West) PENN STATE vs. U. S. C. New-Tournament of Roses Stadium BETTER START EARLY-AVOID LAST MINUTE RUSH PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

TORRANCE HERALD

Forum and Board

Illuminated Sign

Meeting Combined True **Detective Stories OUT OF THE AIR** Copyright by The Somewhere, somehow, the Germans were pleasure of meeting the eight new members of the board of directors, recently elected. A discussion will Some WHERE, somehow, the Ger-mans were getting messages through from the United States to the fatherland. That much was certain. Washington knew it beyond the shadow of a doubt, but the way in which the messages were trans-mitted was a mystery-dark and ap-parently unfathomable. be in order on many important top-ics, among others the day and hour of meeting, and several out-of-town speakers are being listed to address speakers are being listed to auto-the forum. While the By-Laws of the organi-zation say the annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held between the first and fifteenth of January, the latter date was the ofily open one at the Legion Hall and it was decided to combine the annual directors' meeting and the public forum. parently unfathomable. This was in the days before Amer-ica entered the war, in the days when the United States was, theoretically at least, a neutral nation. But Von Bernstorff, Von Papen and the rest of the embassy at Washington were do-ing everything they could to further their schemes from this side of the Atlantic. annual directors' meeting and the public forum. Notice to this effect is being sent each member by Secretary Gadeky, who states in the letter that among other things to be settled is the question of the eligibility of women to become members of the organiza-tion, and the fixing of the yearly dues. According to resolution re-cently adopted the women of Tor-rance were welcomed to the cham-ber of commerce as members on the payment of yearly dues of three doi-lars. Atlantic. Atlantic, ³ But not even the secret service could penetrate the mystery of the messages. That these were flashed from the huge wireless towers on this side of the Atlantic, or relayed from the German radio stations, seemed fairly obvious. But how? "They must be sending the stuff through the air," argued the chief of the secret service to Talbot, one of his best men, "for the simple reason Key contest closed at the Dolley Drug Store. Bring all your keys in. They must be in by January 1, If the proper key has not been turned in at this time, there will be an-other drawing—Advertisement. that we've closed all their other chan nels." "Any idea as to the code they are using?" asked Talbot. "None at all, but it's probably con-cealed somewhere in the messages which they send out to the ships at sea-press bulletins, stock quotations, and the like. We've studied them carefully, but haven't been able to find a thing." **On Torrance Road** One of the many matters that will be brought to the attention of the new chamber of commerce board of directors at the meeting January 15 will be the matter of in-stalling illuminated signs at the Re-dondo. Lomita, and Western avenue entrances to Torrance. A large Los Angeles sign com-pany has made the directors a ten-tative offer to install electric-lighted signs, controlled by clock-work for approximately \$200 each at one or more of these points. This company has installed two in Compton. On the side facing Long Beach boulevard is the word "Compton" in twenty-inch illumin-ated leiters, and on the reverse side, facing the traveler as he leaves the town the words "Call Again" in ten-inch leiters is shown. By an ingenious method a clock that is furnished with the sign controls the lighting and extinguishing of the sign at any hour consen. a thing." "How about the outburst from

Bible or Nietzsche or excerpts from some other long book instead of that mess of meaningless rot." "All right," retorted the chief, "if

But Talbot didn't begin his inves-tigations with a study of the Nauen "hast." He made his way at first to the laboratory of Charles E. Apgar, a deep student of wireless telegraphy. It was to Apgar that he told his trou-bles and, when he had finished, the expert leaned forward and picked up, something from the table in front of him

"See that?" Apgar asked. Talbot him.

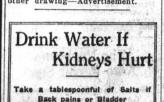
"See that?" Apgar assessment nodded. "Looks like an old-fashioned cylin-drical phonograph record," he said. "Just what it is," admitted the ex-pert, "only you use it in connection with a wireless phonograph." "A wireless phonograph?" and the government operative's voice showed that he had never heard of such a contrivance.

Miss Gladys Crossett, Edward Curran and J. A. Johnson were Christmas guests of Mrs. A. B. Doughty of San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bustamante of Sawtelle were over Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Inman of Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hutchins of Andreo avenue entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brose and Mrs. Frank Moore of Los Angeles Christ-mas day. mas day.

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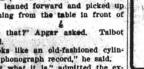


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Monday, January 15, is to be a red

"How about the outburst from Nauen every morning?" "The only explanation for that seems to be that it's an attempt to 'fog the air' so that ships and other towers can't get anything through." "Yes, but in that case would the Germans send it for an hour early every morning? Why not all day long? And why that hash of language that doen't mean a thing? If they were trying to fog things they'd wireless the Bible or Nietzsche or excerpts from

you think there's a clue there, go to it." But Talbot didn't begin his inves-VONDERAHE HOUSE COMPLETED



government operative's voice showed that he had never heard of such a contrivance. "Yes, a phonograph attached to the receiving end of a radio station. I finished working on it a few days ago, and I think it's just what you need for this job. It will record and keep track of every sound that comes into the station, enabling you to 'listen in' on messages months after they have been sent. With a supply of these records and the necessary patience you ought to be able to figure out the sys-tem the Huns are using, without their being any the wiser. It may take weeks or even months, but it's just a question of being everlastingly at it." Apgar was right. Taibot found that it took him nearly four months of censeless listening-in at the end of a De Forest audior detector which picks up sound waxes from thousands of miles away, and even then he would never have located the secret had it not been for the wax cylinders. But with the ald of these automatic detec-tives he was able to repeat each mes-sage until he had it almost by heart, trying out the various combinations and symbols until he stumbled across the right one. sage until he had it almost by heart, irying out the various combinations and symbols until he stumbled across the right one. Then, one morning, when the chief of the secret service least expected him, he burst into the office with the exclamation: "Twe got the the

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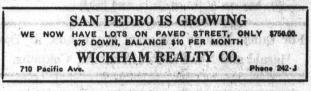
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