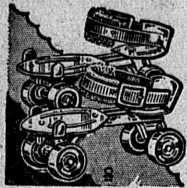


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**New Stethoscope**



Doctors of the University of California announced they had perfected a new medical device, a two "microphone" stethoscope. The Berkeley, Cal., scientists said the apparatus would aid materially the diagnosis of lobar ailments.

**Two Mary Christmases Exchange Season Greetings; Texas Girl Glad Address Isn't Santa Claus, Ind.**

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 17. (U.P.)—A Merry Christmas greeting from Mary Christmas, Raeline, Wis., gave Mary Christmas, Austin, Tex., her greatest holiday thrill and revealed to the Texas girl that she can now share her Yuletide prominence.

"It's nice to have a rival," said Texan Mary Christmas, as she recalled the many annoyances that have come from her unusual name. With the greeting card from Wisconsin came a photograph of Mrs. Sain Christmas. So the Texas Mary Christmas still has the distinction of being originally so named—she

didn't acquire the name by marriage.

She was named Mary Lea Christmas, taking the given names of her mother and grandmother. She was not born on Christmas Day, but once the family lived on Holly street. Then it was doubly puzzling to store clerks who were directed to send packages to Mary Christmas.

Mary doubted if the rival would lighten her 1936 Christmas load.

"You know it's no cinch being named Mary Christmas," she said, smiling. "I get hundreds of cards from people I don't know,

and sometimes I get gifts. At first I tried to answer all of them, but that's impossible. I do well just to keep track of them all.

"Last year I wouldn't give reporters a story, but they got one anyway. I guess it all goes with the name. But sometimes I wish—" she broke off abruptly. "No I don't, either. It's not so bad, just coming once a year."

Mary likes her name, tho the publicity is sometimes "irritating." Every year she hopes it will be just an ordinary Christmas, to be spent with her parents at home and at church, but

**CRIME INCREASES**  
A continued increase in crime reported to the state bureau of identification is announced for the 11-month period of 1936. The total was 30,122 cases as compared with 28,710 for the same period last year.

**Drivers' Tests Are Given Thursdays**

Continuing a "home service to motorists" plan, a representative of the Division of Motor Vehicles is at the city court room in the city hall every Thursday morning to issue drivers' licenses. Torrance residents are urged to take the tests locally while this service is being offered.



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**FLIPPING THE FILES**

13 . . . 10 . . . Five and One Year Ago  
In Torrance This Week

The Torrance-Lomita oil field yielded a flock of Christmas presents to operators and landowners this week when all previous records for new production were broken—21,700 barrels.

**13 Years** Western avenue under 1911 Improvement Act.  
**1923** Council starts action to pave  
**3** stops established by council resolution for elementary pupils.

Master Jimmie Fitzhugh is recovering from a serious illness.  
L. Clemms Watson installed as worthy matron and Fay L. Parks as worthy patron of Eastern Star.

A family reunion is being held over the holidays at the William Vetter home on Torrance boulevard.

City council sets Jan. 18 for vote on annexation of Meadow Park beach frontage.  
Coach Bob Zuppke of Illinois visits city; tells why "Red" Grange was football's then greatest star.

**10 Years** Charles Schultz elected president of Kiwanis Club.  
**1926** Six new homes going up in Torrance boulevard-Cedar avenue area to sell from \$4,200 to \$5,500.

Showing at the Torrance theatre: "The Temptress" starring Greta Garbo, Antonio Moreno and Lionel Barrymore.

Service clubs bring in 119 new members for Chamber of Commerce in competitive drive.  
First dinner by Legion Auxiliary in new clubhouse served to 220, nets \$100 for fund to buy kitchen and dining room supplies.

Proposed city charter published in preparation for vote April 11.  
Lomita township justice court opens new quarters in Levy building on Cravens avenue.

**5 Years** Wild flower planting starts on city.  
**1931** Rain storm sweeps city, leaves 1.57 inches of moisture.

Earl Conner pushes move for improvement of Cabrillo avenue, by revealing reduction in cost to property owners thru county aid.

Impressive Christmas program staged at high school with Madrigal Singers and Junior a capella choir directed by Mrs. Marjorie Eischen.

Seven contracting firms submit bids for constructing civic center buildings.

Epidemic of petty theft in automobile tires and accessories keep police busy.

**One Year** Forty traps set out at Columbia Steel plant grounds to snare ground squirrels.  
**1935** Mrs. J. O. Bishop host to members of her Sunday school class.

"Show Boat" presentation by high school students makes big hit with Reggie Treloar, Donna Jo McCutcheon and Bob Sleeth in leading roles.

Miss Pauline Smith and Mrs. Alice Haworth hostesses to Columbia Steel girls at Yule party.

T. A. Mitchell and C. E. Beadleson honored at joint birthday party at Mitchell home, 1451 Post avenue.

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- FIRESTONE Auto Supply & Service Stores, Cravens & Marcelina.
- GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO., 1319 Sartori Ave.
- HAIG & HAIG PHOTO STUDIO, 1224 El Prado.
- HARRIETT LEECH FLOWERS, 1413 Marcelina.
- HARVEL'S SERVICE STATION, Cravens & Marcelina.
- HOWARD'S JEWELERS, 1503 Cabrillo.
- J. LEPKIN, Tailor, 1320 Sartori.
- J. C. PENNEY CO., 1269 Sartori.
- MILLER FURNITURE CO., 1513 Cabrillo.

- NATIONAL HOME APPLIANCE CO., 1318 Sartori.
- PAXMAN HARDWARE STORE, 1219 El Prado.
- POPPY FLOWER SHOP, Cravens & Post.
- RB CUT RATE DRUG STORE, 1316 Sartori.
- REE'S FAMILY SHOE STORE, 1277 Sartori.
- SAFEWAY STORES, 1513 Cabrillo, 1929 Carson, 1315 Sartori.
- SAM LEVY DEPARTMENT STORE, 1311 Sartori.
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- TORRANCE ELECTRIC CO., 1421 Marcelina.
- TORRANCE PHARMACY, 1411 Marcelina.
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