

Wishing You and Yours a Merry Christmas!... The Herald Staff



As A City Prepares for A Joyous Yuletide...

On the eve of another Yuletide, Torrance folk, institutions and events took on a holiday trend this week. Here are some of the news stories closely linked with the great festival of Christmas which the entire Herald staff, from publisher to newsboy, hopes will exceed all your expectations of joy and happiness:

C. C. M. O. Chimes to Ring...

Rain or shine the C.C.M.O. chimes, traditional musical salute to the Yuletide at the attractive suburban settlement in west Torrance will send their cheery carols resounding thru the night starting Christmas Eve. The home-made chimes (fully made from perfectly-toned pump barrels struck by an electrically-operated music box) will be heard every 15 minutes every evening from January 2, 1939, according to Sherwood McIntyre, C. C. M. O. superintendent. Traditional Christmas carols are played. A pre-Yuletide chime concert was held last night when the C.C.M.O., residents and their children gathered for the annual Christmas party during which gifts were given to all of the youngsters present. The chimes again proved a major attraction and worked perfectly, thanks to the ingenuity of the workmen who fabricated the mechanism and attached a cylinder with contact knobs that "break and open" the electrical circuit at just the right time to sound the notes of the carols.

P. O. Geared for Final Rush...

It's too late now to entreat "Mail Early!" but the Torrance postoffice staff is ready and willing to help you in any way it can to speed your light packages to their destination. The postoffice windows will be open until 6 o'clock Saturday to accommodate belated patrons. Although the regular employees will have Christmas Day and the following Monday, Dec. 25 and 26, off, all gift parcels received up to and including the morning of the 26th will be delivered that day. All parcels and mail received here for mailing up to 3 o'clock each afternoon are being dispatched at 3:45 p. m. Postmaster Earl Conner advises sending packages and mail via "Special Delivery" or "Special Handling" to facilitate speedy transmission.

Seals Available at Two Locations...

Christmas Seals can be secured at the Torrance Health Center, 2200 Carson, or at the postoffice. "The recent finding of an alarming number of active tuberculosis cases in one of our high school districts (not Torrance) in which we have just completed tuberculin skin tests and the chest X-rays, is convincing proof that we should double the scope of our work next year," states Mrs. R. L. Adamson, treasurer of the L. A. County Tuberculosis association. "We therefore are putting on a special campaign to make Christmas Seals available to everyone and urge all to do so who have not yet sent in their contributions for the 1939 tuberculosis preventive program in our schools."

Radio to Carry F. D. R.'s Greetings...

For the sixth time since his inauguration President Franklin D. Roosevelt will light a Christmas tree in Lafayette Park in front of the White House and send his season's greetings to the nation over Columbia network and to Europe through CBS. The program will be heard over KNX from 2 to 2:30 p. m. Bob Trout, CBS commentator, will describe the entrance of the Presidential party which usually includes Mrs. Roosevelt and any relatives or friends staying at the White House and the pressing of the button which lights the National Community Christmas tree and rings the chimes.

Elementary Pupils to Sing Carols...

A program of Christmas carols in song and by the school orchestra has been prepared for the Torrance Elementary school Christmas party to be held tomorrow (Friday) morning and afternoon. The P.T.A. is cooperating in the festivities and at the close about 465 pounds of candy will be distributed to all of the youngsters. In the morning an auditorium program will feature the singing of carols by the Glee clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Simpson and Mrs. Juliet Young, and Christmas music by the orchestra directed by Mrs. Margaret H. Cook. In the afternoon will be dramatic numbers staged by Mrs. Ted Williams' students and all pupils will join in singing the traditional Christmas hymns.

Hospital Staff Party is Friday Night...

The annual Christmas party for the staff at Torrance Memorial hospital will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening, according to Miss Esther Maxwell, superintendent. The 17 members will be entertained with a Yuletide program and there will be gifts on the decorated tree. Arrangements have been made to provide Christmas cheer for all patients in the hospital next Sunday. On that day, nurses will alternate so all will get a few hours off on the holiday. Special Yuletide treats and plans for the two oldest patients in the hospital, Mrs. Elizabeth Harney, 77, of Gardena and Mrs. Grace Merritt, 57, of North Redondo, and three children who are recovering from severe attacks of pneumonia—29-day old Julie Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hilarides of Gardena; six-year-old Alvin Pursche of Gardena, and Helen Stebinger, five, of Gardena. All patients will be greeted with Christmas favors on their trays at every meal.

Spanish Yuletide Narbonne Theme...

"Las Posadas," a one-act Spanish Christmas play by Agnes E. Peterson, will be presented tomorrow (Friday) at Narbonne high school during an assembly period. The play will combine the work of several departments. Students from Miss Irene May's dramatic classes will take part and students from Miss Edlin Neum's music classes will sing Spanish Christmas carols. Billy Morris will accompany them on the accordion. The art classes under the supervision of Mrs. Alice Heilmann will decorate the stage, while Mrs. Hulda Peterson's sewing classes have made the costumes. Other schools in the Narbonne district will hold their annual Christmas parties in the various rooms. In many of the school rooms, the children have made their own decorations and gifts for parents and friends. The schools will be closed at the end of the Friday session until Tuesday morning, January 3, 1939.

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FIREMEN HOST TO 1,000 AT YULE PARTY LAST NIGHT



"GLAMOUR GIRLS" OF 1938!... These attractive young ladies, dressed in their gay dancing costumes, helped add gaiety and talent to the Firemen's Christmas party for Torrance youngsters last night. They are, left to right: Janis Haarer, Beverly Hopkins, Nancy Ann Whyte, Marilyn Haarer and Ann Marie Bishop—all Muriel Zabelle's Starlets and all of Torrance.

More than a thousand youngsters, from tiny sleepers carried by their parents to lusty, boisterous high school youths, shared in the bounty of Christmas treats distributed at the Civic Auditorium last night by the city fire department. It was the firemen's traditional annual party for Torrance children and while the crowd was not as large as last year's throng, the same old spirit of Christmas pervaded the big municipal building.

Preceding the distribution of candy and nuts and applies to the boys and girls, the Muriel Zabelle Starlets—all girls this year—staged a number of costumed dance and song acts. And then there was Santa Claus—a bit thin in the paunch and a bit tedious with his footings on various instruments but still he was Santa to the youngsters who closely followed his every gesture.

The Zabelle dance numbers, each one different in conception and costume, were enthusiastically received by the large audience. The little girls, from the smallest hula dancer to the oldest tap artist, won the hearts of every boy and girls present at their gyrated, swung it and tapped with professional ability.

Community Petes Friday Dale Riley, city recreation director, assisted the firemen in presenting the gala program and the Torrance Municipal band contributed a splendid concert before the stage attractions started.

Tomorrow (Friday) afternoon Lomita youngsters will have their Christmas treat in connection with a free show, starting at 1:30 in the Lomita theatre, after a special screen program. Gifts of candy, nuts and fruit are to be distributed under the direction of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the affair.

All local talent program by

Most of the service station operators in Torrance indicated in a survey made this week by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that they intended to remain open until 12 o'clock noon, Sunday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Dec. 26.

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children and adults will be given tomorrow night at the annual Walteria community Christmas party in the recreation center. The Walteria Improvement association will be in charge of the entertainment and presents are to be distributed to all the youngsters attending.

Herald Staff to Have Three Day Holiday

The Herald staff will enjoy a three-day Christmas holiday this week-end. The entire newspaper and job printing plant will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Dec. 24, 25 and 26.

Promptly on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, The Herald will resume activity and will issue its year-end edition at the usual time, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29.

Service Stations Plan Half Holidays

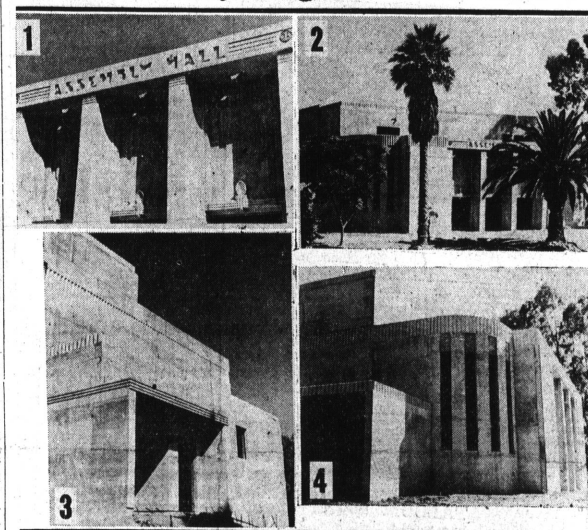
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H. S. HALL TONIGHT

Combine Opening of New Assembly Hall With Brilliant Early English Christmas Pageant



FUNCTIONAL IN STYLE... and exceptionally attractive in decoration is the new Torrance high school assembly hall. The facade, shown in No. 1, with its deeply recessed foyer fronts on what will be a sunken garden linking the building to other campus structures. Photo

Motorist Held for Hit-and-Run

An 18-year-old Torrance school girl was badly injured Tuesday night when she was struck and hurled 50 feet on 182nd street near Hawthorne boulevard by a motorist who sped into the darkness without stopping to render aid. Local police immediately began a search for the hit-and-run driver, who left a headlight rim and lens behind as result of the impact with the girl's body.

Seventeen hours later Director John Stroh arrested William H. Butterworth, 38-year-old county reliever living at 4934 Hickman Drive, North Torrance, on the felony charge of hit-and-run driving. Stroh says Butterworth asserts he doesn't remember hitting anything Tuesday night but he doesn't deny he drove down 182nd street about the time De- Vona Broadman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broadman of 18005 Hawthorne boulevard, was struck.

"He also admitted to me that the headlight we recovered at (Continued on Page 2A)

2 shows its massive construction, similar in architectural style to the Civic Center building. No. 3 shows the rear with its wide service entrance for scenery and other equipment. Modern lighting effects are possible from the long narrow window grilles (photo No. 4) to the left of the entrance.

Design and Appointments of New School Structure are Described

Auto Plate Office Opens Here Jan. 3

All details in connection with the opening at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Jan. 3, of the Department of Motor Vehicles branch office at 1601 Gramercy, corner of Cabrillo, were completed yesterday by a representative of the department here. The new 1939 blue and gold plates for autos, trucks and trailers will be issued at that location every day (including Saturdays and excluding Sundays) from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

No non-resident registrations will be taken here, however, and no driver's licenses are to be issued from the branch office. Leonard Furman will be the manager in charge. The Torrance branch will save local and surrounding residents trips to other cities to secure their new license plates.

By ADA M. F. CHASE Art Instructor at T.H.S.

The new assembly hall is attracting most interested comment and appreciation from the students and faculty of the school and the public who have followed its development. Its spacious modern design and unique construction make it one of the outstanding structures of the community.

The emphasis which has been placed on the horizontal forms of the exterior of the building produces a low and broad effect which leaves one unprepared for the spacious height of the foyer and auditorium within. On entering, the foyer introduces the guest to the main color scheme of the building—red and gray—the colors of Torrance high, whose sign "T.H.S." appears as a design worked out in the asphalt tile of the flooring.

Passing through this entrance hall one enters the auditorium which gives an immediate impression of light, airiness and space. The unusual construction of light ceiling is largely responsible for this effect. Upper portions of the walls are decorated with the school colors (repeated in an agreeably low intensity) while the window spaces are filled with glass bricks—new in architectural use.

Has Excellent Acoustics

Below this panelled wall runs the wainscoting which is of highly finished birch in natural color. Touches of gold in ventilators, grills and other metal work are found throughout the building, repeating the general tone of the polished wood. The color scheme comes to a focus in the two large red columns which flank the stage, and the curtains which will shortly be hung in the proscenium arch will complete the rhythm of color. The assembly hall and orchestra new trend in design and construction of auditoriums. The (Continued on Page 1-A)

Civic Function Is Open to All

Combining dedication ceremonies with the annual Yuletide program given by the Music department, Torrance high school faculty, students, and P. T. A., assisted by board of education officials will formally place the new \$100,700 high school assembly hall in service tonight at 8 o'clock.

This splendid structure adds a distinctive modern note to the campus and fills a vacancy in the school equipment that has seriously curtailed extra-curricular activities for lack of an auditorium. The program tonight is an outstanding civic function and undoubtedly every one of the 900 seats will be occupied by parents and friends of the school.

Following the hour-long dedication portion of the entertainment, the Music department will stage an elaborate Yuletide pageant based on the Early English festival when knights in shining armor gathered around the festival board to herald the coming of Christmas with song and gaiety.

To introduce guests Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, president of the Torrance high school P.T.A., will preside and open the dedication program. Charles B. Moore, assistant superintendent of schools, is scheduled to deliver the principal address. He will speak on "Democracy in Our School System."

Principal Thomas H. Elson will introduce the honor guests and Lawrence L. Larrabee, president of the Los Angeles City board of education, will present the new assembly hall. Vierring Kersey, superintendent of schools, is to speak and Henry Pfeiffer, president of the high school student body, will give the response.

Mayor William H. Tolson is to express the city's appreciation of the new structure and Mrs. Woodcock will close the dedication in time for the Christmas pageant which will be under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke.

An exceptionally attractive setting has been arranged for this on the large auditorium stage and all of the music organizations in the school, orchestra, Glee clubs, A Capella choir and others will participate. Traditional Christmas music and carols will enliven the festivities to be presented by a large cast of students.

Principal Elson announced the following list of honor guests today for the dedication event: Board of Education members, headed by President Larrabee, Dr. Edwin V. Askey, Roy Becker, Mrs. Margaret L. Clark, John F. Dalton, Mrs. Gertrude H. Rounsaville and Dr. Clarence W. Pierce.

Members of Superintendent Kersy's staff, Charles Moore and Robert H. Lane, assistant superintendents; A. S. Nibecker, Jr., business manager for the City school district, and F. E. Wagoner, equipment supervisor. (Continued on Page 2A)

