12 Patients Enter Hospital

Twelve patients including three children who underwent appendectomies, were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. The youngsters were: William deGoede, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. deGoede of Hermosa Beach, who entered Tuesday; Yosuke Fukumoto, 12, of this city, on Tuesday, and Jimmie Marshall, six-year-old son of Mark Marshall of 1012 Milton street, last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Marion Ashton, wife of Sergeant Ernest Ashton of 1726 Martina avenue, who was received Saturday for surgery, is making some recovery. She underwent a blood transfusion Monday morning. Other patients of the week were:

Thomas Atkins, Redondo Beach, for medical attention, Tuesday; Mrs. Mary Coffland, Redondo Beach, for medical care last Wednesday; Joe Eisenbrandt of Redondo Beach, father of Joe Eisenbrandt, Jr., of Acacia street, who is recovering from a fractured hip suffered in a fall from a ladder last Thursday.

Miss Jean Hudson, 20713 Shearer street, for an appendectomy last Friday; Mrs. Iva M. Johnson, Redondo Beach, for surgery last Friday; Ruth McCullough, Gardena, an appendectomy last Friday; Mrs. Winola Rauss, 708 Acacia street, for surgery Sunday, and Robert Underhill, 1516 Acacia street, for medical care last Saturday.

Santa's Visit Attracts City's Biggest Crowds

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him at Sartori and Marcelina avenue was deafening nd he was immediately besieged by thousands of youngsters eager to "say hello to Santa."

Previous to his appearance before the great throng, he had been taken on a trip about the residential streets of the city. As the sound of the fire siren on the truck was heard, mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and children rushed to the doors to wave him a warm welcome.

Santa was keenly interested in the delegation of youngsters that met him at Sartori and Torrance boulevard carrying hand-made placards inscribed "We Want a Gym!" This group fell in behind the fire truck and chanted that demand all the way down Sartori avenue. The kids kept shouting at him to see that the proposed athletic center for boys and girls is realized in Torrance.

New Method Next Year

After expressing his delight at being in Torrance once more, Santa called for a song and led the youngsters in a spirited "Jingle Bells." The Torrance Herald photographer had Dale Riley, city recreation director, lift up a little boy to be photographed with Santa, and then the jolly old visitor collected his mail from his special mail box in the triangular park.

When the balloons were distributed, the crush was so great that Santa was forced to appeal many times to "Keep back" so the children would not be hurt. His supply of souvenirs was quickly exhausted and Santa told his hosts afterwards that next year more must be provided and a better method worked out for their distribution. This was promptly pledged by those in charge of his visit to the city.

With more waves of his hands and a cheery goodby, Santa departed on the denuded fire truck to return again on the night of Dec. 22, when his huge Gift Chest will be opened and its contents distributed.

PAYROLLS GAIN

California factory payrolls in October were approximately 21 percent above October of last year.

Gift Chest Articles On Display Now

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ing tickets with every 50 cent purchase.

The Gift Chest stores are: Torrance Pharmacy, Firestone Auto Supply and Service, National Home Appliance, United Cut Rate Drug, Moore Hardware, Beacon Drug, Harvel's Service Station, Vic's Cut Rate Drug, Baker Smith Jewelry, Star Furniture, J. C. Penney Co., Howard's Jewelers, Sam Levy Department Store, Western Auto Supply Co., El Prado Furniture, Clara Lewis Bakery, Torrance Plumbing, Ellwood's, Royale Cleaners, Roberts Liquor Store, Quality Downtown Super Market and Harrett Leech Flowers.

Townsend Club Activities

By BETH PAIGE

A goodly number of cars met at Cravens apartments recently to take members of our club to Townsend headquarters in Los Angeles, where we enjoyed listening to Miss Roberta Schmale, one of our official lecturers and organizers.

The announcement that former Gov. Frank Merriam will speak the afternoon of Dec. 10 created a great deal of interest.

The Hard Times party given recently by the club was a gloom-chaser. We entertained visitors from as far away as Ontario, and a fine turn-out from the Gardena club, among them the young singer, Ross Ogilvie, who consented to sing for us, Mrs. Paige accompanying.

The sympathy of this club goes out to one of our members, Mrs. Ella Davidson in the recent loss of her brother, Mr. William Phillips. We are glad to extend the welcoming hand to a returning member Mrs. Hazard, who has been up north in Seattle and other cities all summer.

The dinner given last Thursday night drew a big attendance of Townsend members from Los Angeles, Wilmington, San Pedro and Gardena. Our secretary, Mrs. Lura Davis, is enjoying a visit to relatives in Colorado, her place being filled by Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Bouldin. The birthday and Christmas party will be combined on Dec. 21.

Rotary to Aid Needy Families

President Harold E. Appenzellar has worked out a plan that will exemplify the true Rotary spirit when "good will toward men" is the keynote of the season.

In his search for real worthwhile action by the local Rotary club to give happiness to unfortunates in this city, he contacted Mrs. Woodington of the Torrance Relief Society. At her suggestion, a plan has been evolved by which every Rotarian will be given an opportunity on Thursday, Dec. 21, to bring a box of groceries with them to the pre-Christmas meeting.

Each of the boxes will be sent to a needy family by the relief organization. President Appenzellar has learned that the Relief Society is having a great demand for children's clothing and he has suggested to his club-members that they include such garments as are available with their box of groceries.

Phone Company's New Almanac Now Available

Containing valuable information for farmers, business men, housewives, students and other telephone users, the 1940 Telephone Almanac is now available at the business office of the Southern California Telephone Company, according to O. V. Peitzke, manager.

The book includes a chronicle of 12 events in the history of the United States which serve to illustrate the importance of communications in shaping the nation's destiny. There is also a compendium of information in regard to the telephone, its invention, development and present importance.

MOVIES FOR FELONS

The latest motion pictures will be flashed on the screen at Folsom and San Quentin prisons before long, it was revealed by Warden Clyde I. Plummer.

Passes over the Sierra Nevadas are again closed.

Torrance Gets Branch Office for '40 Plates

Arrangements were completed this week by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce with the State Motor Vehicle department to establish a branch office at 1311 Cabrillo avenue in Torrance for distribution of 1940 automobile license plates.

This branch office, which was formerly a real estate center, will serve all motorists in Lomita, Harbor City, Walteria, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington and the Los Angeles Shoe String area. No branch will be opened in San Pedro or Wilmington for this service, it is understood.

The Torrance chamber has been working to obtain a license plate headquarters ever since it was announced from Sacramento that the list of branch offices would be drastically cut to save expenses. Only after a number of conferences with Motor Vehicle department officials were the Torrance civic workers able to convince the state that a branch here would be of great public service to a wide area.

The yellow and black 1940 plates which will be issued to those paying their automobile taxes and license fees after Jan. 1, 1940, will be composed entirely of five and six-digit numbers, for example 5S456 or 5S4567. Generally the A to L plates will be in Northern California and the M to Z plates in the south, merely to simplify bookkeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metz have returned home following an extended visit in Nevada where they went for **Mrs. Metz'** health. She is greatly improved.

Moose to Initiate Class Here Friday

A large class of candidates will be initiated into the order at a meeting of the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 785, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Moose hall, 1951 Carson street. The degree team from Los Angeles lodge No. 29 will be in charge of the ceremonies. Dinner will be served afterwards by the Women of the Moose.

Arrowhead Springs has been entirely rebuilt and will open to the public Dec. 15.

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