



Child's Grandfather Arrives from Denver For Birthday Fete

The fourth birthday of Thomas Packard Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert T. Barnes of 1640 Post ave., was a gala occasion at his home Friday afternoon. A Christmas motif was followed in the use of red and white for the beautifully decorated birthday cake, toy balloons and favors.

Tommy's guests were Tom Durn of Manhattan Beach, Judy Johnson of Los Angeles, Tommy Quaggin, Michael Rogers, John and Charlie Sherkey, Becky Jones, Tunky Diesel, Larry Prubert, Ann Marie Bishop and Bruce Barnes.

Tommy's grandfather, R. P. Barnes of Denver, following his custom for the past four years, arrived Dec. 17 for the birthday festivities.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS ORACLES ARE FETED

The home of Mrs. C. A. Benzel was an attractive setting for a recent party given for the Royal Neighbor Oracles' Club of the Bay District.

Poinsettias, white chrysanthemums and a decorated tree created an effective background for an evening of bingo, with prizes for high-score holders. An exchange of gifts and the disclosure of names of secret friends preceded the games. Refreshments were served.

Those present were Mrs. Marnie Kirchner, district deputy; Mmes. M. Jones, M. Rainier and M. Hill and daughter, all of Culver City; K. Colburn, E. Wade, R. Conlon and H. Smythe, all of Inglewood; L. Jones, N. Kinsor, I. Muir, L. Dean of Redondo Beach; M. Hazeman, M. Balange, A. Parker and C. Hunter of San Pedro; Louise Walker, Mary Baker, Mary Conner, Elsie Smith and Lizzie Benzel of this city.

BANKING STAFF AT DINNER, DANCE

Among the gala Yuletide festivities last week was a dinner party Wednesday evening for staff members of Torrance branch Bank of America at Los Angeles Nikabob Club. Dancing at the Palladium concluded the group's annual organization festivities.

Enjoying the party were Messrs. and Mmes. Dean L. Sears, C. B. Mitchell, J. A. Elsenhardt, George Johnson, Everett Johnson, Tom Parisi, Milton Pagel and his guest.

COUNCIL TREATS DEVELOPMENT PUPILS

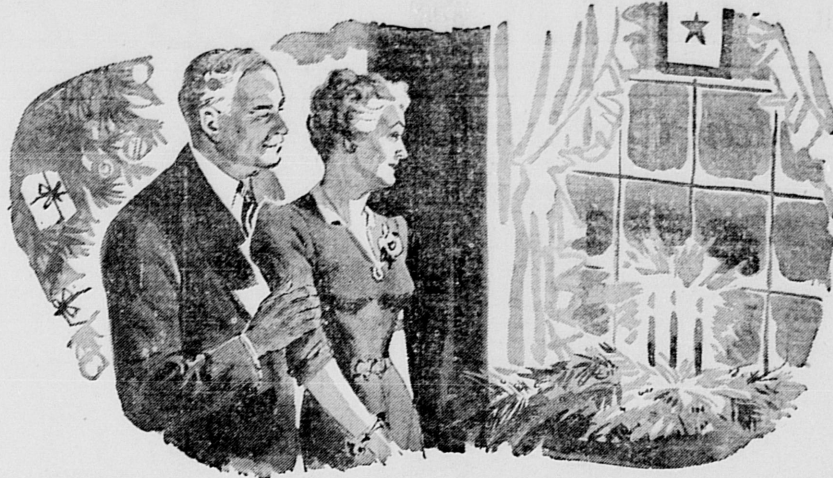
As an annual project, Lomita-San Pedro Council P.T.A. furnished treats for its two development schools, Meyler st., San Pedro, school and the Torrance school. Each pupil in the San Pedro school received a gift of popcorn balls and candied apples while the Torrance children enjoyed ice cream.

MAUPIN HOME IS GAY PARTY SETTING

Mrs. Ina Mae Maupin was a delightful hostess to club members when she entertained Wednesday evening at contract. A decorated tree and other Yule decorations enhanced the party setting and prize winners were Mmes. Bette Smith and Marion Trezise. Club guests were Mmes. Ruth Barnard Blair and Adeline Miller.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS AT EVENING PARTY

Torrance Camp No. 8908, Royal Neighbors of America, met at Men's Bible Class bldg. last Wednesday evening, where a bountiful turkey dinner was served to the membership. Christmas decorations were used and an exchange of gifts preceded an evening of card play.



Merry Christmas, Son

It's Christmas Eve, son . . . the tree is trimmed and all aglow . . . the Lawsons and the Wrights have just said goodnight, and Mother and I are alone.

We miss you plenty, boy. Just as we did last year when you were at camp and we got your wire saying you couldn't get leave to come home. But there's this difference . . .

Last year we were looking **backward**; dreaming of Christmases past . . . harking back through the years to your very first Christmas when you neglected your new gifts to play with your old shoe . . . to the Christmas when Uncle Frank spent the whole day on the floor playing with your new electric train . . . to the Christmas, not too many years ago, when you got the chemical set and darned near blew up the whole house.

Last year it seemed—well, as though some of the happiest

days of our lives had gone, never to return.

But this year we know that the happiest day of our lives is still to come. This year we are looking **ahead**, waiting for the Christmas when you and your Mary are here to help trim the tree; we are thinking of the Christmas not so far away when you will be home.

And though you're farther away than ever this year—though there's a lot of blue water between you and our front door here at home, we know that every day that passes brings a little closer the great day when you will come back to all of us.

We can never forget those Christmases Past; but the joy of Christmas Present is made more real this year by the growing certainty of a Happier Christmas Yet to Come.

Merry Christmas, son.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members and guests of the National Business and Professional Women of Torrance enjoyed the annual Christmas party Monday night. A delicious chicken dinner was served by the chairman, Mrs. Addie Parks, in the rumpus room at the home of Mrs. Bettina Miller, 1217 Cota ave. Christmas decorations which included Santa Claus, snowmen and other traditional Yuletide trimmings, enhanced the large dining table.

Gifts were exchanged among the members, surprise packages drawn by lot, provided fun for all, and a number of presents were brought to be given to the Red Cross for distribution among soldiers of nearby camps.

MRS. L. C. BURGER IS PARTY HOSTESS

Among the Yuletide parties last week was a club luncheon at the home of Mrs. L. C. Burger Thursday afternoon. Poinsettias and matching tapers accented the decorative theme at the table, where covers were placed for eight. Prize winners at contract were Mrs. W. J. Neelands and Mrs. A. H. Cox.

Catholic Ladies Elect Officers At Social Meeting

Wednesday evening was an joyous occasion for members of the Catholic Ladies' Altar Society who met at Nativity hall for a social evening. Names of secret friends were disclosed and refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served at tables gay with Yuletide decorations.

At this time election of officers was held and a unanimous vote returned the same group to office, including Mrs. O. J. Batsch, president; Miss Rosa Ortman, vice-president; Mrs. Fern Woods, secretary and Mrs. Marie Bezieh, treasurer.

CLUB PARTY HELD AT MURPHY HOME

The home of Mrs. D. A. Murphy on Sonoma ave. was a pretty setting for a party Thursday evening when she entertained bridge club members. Christmas decorations were featured and an exchange of gifts was held. Prize winners at contract were Mrs. A. C. Steele, a club guest, and Mrs. W. I. Laughon.



MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR —to all our friends

VERDI DRESS SHOP

MISS MABELL CARSON, Manager
1312 Sartori

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We appreciate the friendly spirit you've shown during the holiday season. We hope we've helped to make your Christmas a success for you and all those you hold dear to you.

CHARLENE SPORT SHOP

1327 SARTORI AVE. TORRANCE
Next door to Torrance National Bank

SERVICE SHORTS

WILLIAM E. BLAIR . . . a lieutenant serving at Mather Field, Sacramento where he is an A.A.F. instructor, and Mrs. Blair, the former Ruth Barnard, have returned to their home following a ten days' visit with her parents and friends here.

ROBERT B. TREZISE, JR. . . . an aviation cadet stationed at Lemore Army Air Base will arrive to spend the holiday with his wife, Marion, their baby and his mother, Mrs. R. B. Trezise.

JAMES L. GRUBBS . . . an ensign, has returned from Tucson for a holiday leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grubbs, 1515 El Prado. He will then be assigned to a school for additional training.

JIMMY MILLER . . . a sergeant, stationed at Maria, Tex., arrived this week for a holiday furlough with his wife, the former Jayne Johnston and friends and relatives here.

B. SCHROEDER . . . stationed at Ontario, will join his wife Helen at their home, 1622 Acacia ave., for the holiday.

WILLIAM NEWTON SLEETH . . . an aviation student stationed at Santa Ana Army base has been transferred to Glendale, Ariz.

EDWIN O. ROWELL . . . is now an aerial radioman, 2/c, serving in the South Pacific area on a dive bomber on an airplane carrier.

LOMITA-SAN PEDRO COUNCIL MEET PLANNED
Lomita-San Pedro Council P.T.A. will hold its regular meeting at 9:45 a.m., Dec. 30 at Harbor City school. Mrs. M. C. Isaacson will preside and Mrs. J. S. Dresser, program chairman, will present as guest speaker Rev. Charles H. Swift of Wilmington.

A diversified program will feature music, art and child welfare.

YOUNG MATRON IS SHOWER HONOREE
Complimenting Mrs. J. B. Wallace, the former Ruth Taylor, Mrs. Adrian Clinger (Barbara McCune) entertained recently at a stork shower at her Inglewood home. Shower games were the evening diversion following the presentation of many handsome gifts for the heir-to-be. Mrs. J. B. McCune assisted as hostess.

Refreshments following the stork motif were served to the honoree and her mother, Mrs. W. P. Taylor, and Mmes. Keith Coast, Albert Coast, Arvol Smith, Charles Williams, William Rock, James Lines, J. J. McCune and Miss Marian Lincoln.

FORMER PRESIDENT AT YULETIDE FETE
Carrying on her traditional custom of 30 years' standing, Dr. Minnie M. S. Procter of 433 Westminster ave., Los Angeles, and formerly of Torrance, this week entertained at a gala Christmas party for the children in her neighborhood.

P.O. Keeps Pace With Big Volume Of Holiday Mail

Aided by special help put on for the Christmas mail rush season, most of them being boys from the Torrance high school. Postmaster C. Earl Conner and his staff have performed excellent service to the public this season.

"We are right on the top of the heap and have kept both incoming and outgoing mail going without allowing it to pile up on us. Everything is being held right up to the minute," the postmaster said.

He wanted The Herald to express the appreciation of himself and staff for the splendid cooperation of the public by mailing their parcels early. This, Conner asserted, has been of great assistance.

It was announced that the postoffice will be closed on Christmas day and that no regular deliveries will be made by carriers. However, the postmaster said, all Christmas parcels arriving up to noon on the holiday will be delivered.

Conner believes this has been a record year for holiday business through the Torrance postoffice, but he will have no definite record of the volume compiled until after the rush is over.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

AXEL QUALE, Norwegian seaman, rescued from San Pedro channel by Coast Guard—"I had a few drinks of gin. Then I got homesick, so I decided to swim back to Norway; that's all."

RAYMOND REEVES, Department of Commerce analyst, addressing Long Beach businessmen—"In the post-war period, women will go back to their homes; young people will go back to school—and it will be, 'share the job'—rather than 'share the wealth.'"

ALLENS ARE HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Allen entertained at dinner Sunday at their home on Post ave. Places were set for Mr. and Mrs. Martin Petersen of San Pedro, Jack Peterson, a private first class, recently returned from New Jersey, their daughter, Lois Jayne, Miss Jean Sommers and Hugh Allen.



... and your Electric Ironer will last longer

You can expect longer and better service from your ironer, and other faithful electrical appliances, if you take good care of them. Help keep your ironer "rolling" by covering its heating plate and roll when the ironer is not in use. It is important to always keep the plate dry to prevent rusting. Avoid overheating your ironer . . . and be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for oiling the motor.

Keep your Electric Heater in top working order, too!

Electric motors in fan-type heaters need regular lubrication, especially during winter months when heaters are used often. Keep metal objects away from inside of heater. Never allow water near the heating element.

