



**SANTA VISITS WAR PLANT . . .** It was a joyous gathering on Sunday afternoon at the Torrance plant of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works on Lomita blvd. as 200 children of the employees of the organization gathered to participate in the Christmas tree and attendant festivities. Here, Nancy Chittenden, Lomita

resident of the Hendy personnel department and hard-working member of the employees' committee, leads the happy youngsters in an impromptu song alongside the Christmas tree, as Santa Claus (Hal Griffis) looks on. Over 400 persons attended. Similar employee-sponsored affairs were staged at Hendy plants throughout the country.

cepted as a substitute. A candidate must be physically fit to perform his Naval duties. He must be a citizen of the United States, and ordinarily must have been such for at least ten years.

Among the billets open are: supervisors in rehabilitation of oil refineries, age 25 to 50; supply officers, general service, age 19 to 29; supply officers, administrative, age 30 to 38; purchasing agents, age 30 to 38; shipping experts, age 25 to 50; warehouse managers, age 32 to 50; general sea duty officers, age 19 to 35; mine depot officers, age 21 to 30; under water ordnance and anti-submarine officers, age 21 to 35; production expeditors, age 30 to 50; oil terminal officers, age 30 to 50; industrial relations officers, age 30 to 50; labor relations officers, age 32 to 50; Naval transportation officers, age 30 to 50; storage warehouse officers, age 28 to 49; repair officers, age 21 to 22.

Petroleum engineers, age 23 to 45; instructors in ammunition handling, age 28 to 40; material reclamation officers, age 24 to 50; international business machine supervisors, age 24 to 50; job analysis and evaluation officers, age 25 to 50; safety engineer officers, age 30 to 50; packaging officers, age 28 to 48.

**Steady Rainfall Brings Moisture Badly Needed**

The rainstorm which broke over Torrance and Lomita last Friday continued over the weekend, bringing the precipitation in this area up to Tuesday morning to 2.14 inches and hiking the season's total to 4.77 inches, compared with .72 at this period of one year ago.

The rainfall came without dash and continued intermittently at a steady pace, giving the ground a long-needed soaking and without creating damaging

flood conditions in this vicinity. Police reported only minor auto accidents resulting from the storm, much to the astonishment as well as to the satisfaction of the police. There were cases reported of cars being stuck in mud and out on Western ave. near the Federal Housing project two trailers being brought into the camp adjacent, were mired down to the hubs just after being moved off the pavement Sunday morning. Several auto accidents were reported in nearby areas, resulting in damaged cars and some injuries, none of which were made of record on the police log.

Don't battle for the right of way at intersections, warns the State Department of Motor Vehicles. Let the other fellow take the chances and you take your time. It is better to be a little late than a long time dead.

**COURSE IN DRIVING**

Schools in Ohio will be asked to establish a course in automobile driving which will qualify students for driver's licenses without further examinations, according to word received by the Automobile Club of Southern California.

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**Christmas Party Given Children at Joshua Hendy Plant**

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presentation of gifts all present, numbering over 400, were served with refreshments, including ice cream, cake and punch. The supply was ample for all, and while a news photographer snapped pictures of the crowd in various cheerful attitudes, the committee members passed among those present eagerly inquiring as to how they were enjoying themselves.

As the children crowded around the jolly old joy dispenser, Nancy Chittenden stepped up beside him, raised her hand and led the youngsters in the traditional songs of the season. It was a happy touch, and added just the right spark of enthusiastic appreciation to the gathering.

After the refreshment period, the crowd broke into smaller groups and, where it was possi-

ble, there may have been some "shop talk."

Men and women from the plant, attired in their working clothes were greeted as cheerfully as those who came all dressed up in their Sunday best.

The plant manager was fraternizing with a machinist in overalls, a toolmaker who was a committee member was advising Sword regarding some feature of the party. Compliments were being extended, the children were crowded around Santa Claus, who was trying to explain why he didn't bring his reindeer upstairs to the big room where the celebration was to receive a gift, and a stocking filled with candy, nuts and choice fruit. Following the held. All in all, it seemed like a happy party.

The employees committee, with Sword as chairman, was made up of the following local employees: Leon Nenzler, assembly; Peter J. Sheehan, maintenance; Mrs. Nancy Chittenden, personnel; Lester Trevillian, stores; James Harbuck, toolmaker; Bob Coyle, shipping and receiving; Mary Laski, payroll; Frank Corbett, machine shop and Mary Walter, the chief nurse at the plant who was the head greeter for the occasion. Sheehan, Miss Trevillian, Mrs. Chittenden and Mary Laski live in Lomita.

More significant, perhaps, than all the news of smashing Red Army advances is the brief dispatch which seeped out a few days ago that Russian troops are studying the German language!

**Shortage of Manpower Felt By U.S. Navy**

The man-power situation in the Navy continues to be critical. There is a present and a potential shortage of both enlisted men and officers. The shortage of enlisted men is due primarily to the slowness of American women to sign up in the WAVES and thus release a man for combat duty in new ships. The shortage of officers presents a somewhat different problem: for one thing, the percentage of men who are qualified to become Naval officers is small; but the primary reason, despite all our efforts, appears to be a nearly universal ignorance of the fact that the Los Angeles office is engaged in taking applications for direct appointment as officers in the U.S. Naval Reserve, according to I. C. Johnson, rear admiral, U.S. Navy, retired.

That this latter situation exists is evidenced by the large number of men from the 11th Naval district, who as civilians were qualified for appointment as officers, and who were nevertheless inducted as privates or apprentice seamen, without having approached Los Angeles office, Admiral Johnson explained. It is desirable that all candidates have a college education, and it is mandatory in some billets, but in the majority, extensive experience will be ac-



**AS CHRISTMAS DAWNS . . .**

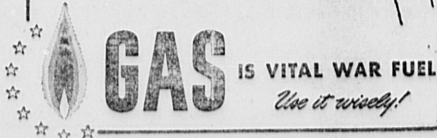
We all wish that we could share with our boys at war the joys of Christmas at home . . .

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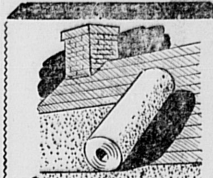
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