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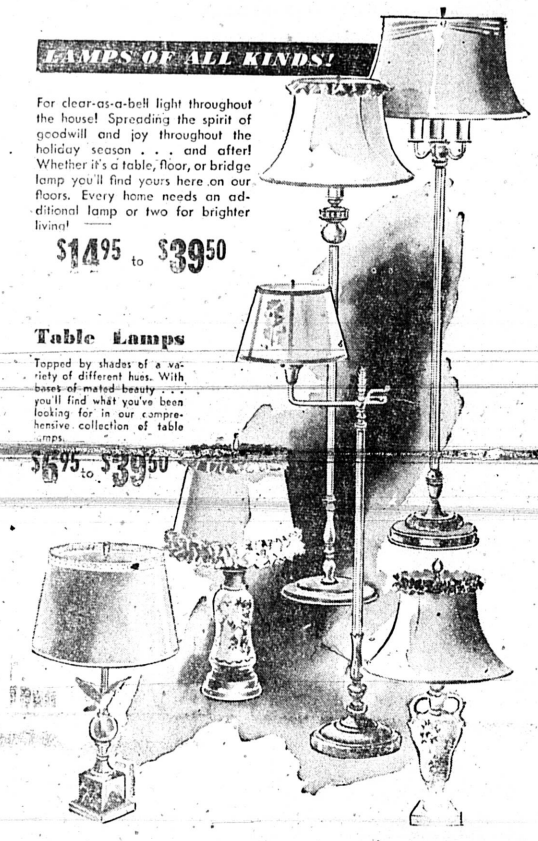

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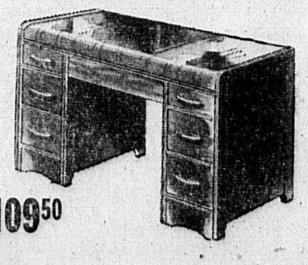

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# Last Rites Today For H.C. Mother And Daughter

Murder and suicide was the official verdict of San Pedro police department Monday following the deaths Saturday of Mrs. Marian Helen Crockett, 34, and her 12-year-old daughter, Rosemary.

A neighbor at 1735 W. 257th st. discovered the bodies, police say, when she ran to the house after hearing the shots. Her husband, Burch, a Merchant Marine officer, was notified. He told officers that his wife had been in ill health and despondent for some time.

Investigation revealed that the mother fired at her sleeping child in the bedroom of their home killing her, and then turned the revolver against her own body and fired four more times.

A note, saying, "We've been dead a long time; these bullets can't hurt us any more," was found unsigned.

Services for the mother and daughter will be conducted today at 2:30 p.m. in Cartwright chapel, Wilmington, by the Rev. William Merwin. Interment will follow in Roosevelt cemetery.

# 'National News' Of Torrance Works Hailed

**Hailed by the National Supply Company as the finest publication ever produced by any of its plants, the National News annual Christmas edition for 1946 now is in the hands of employees.**

**Produced by the commercial printing department of the Torrance Herald under the direction of D. M. Sowie, editor of the National News, the 44-page edition contains eight pages of three-color material, a new format with a full-page California mountain winter scene and 146 illustrations of employees and plant scenes.**

**In addition, hundreds of names of officials and employees are contained in accounts within its pages telling of activities in the giant Torrance plant, departmental, social, fraternal, service, biographical, athletic and others, with production affairs sharing the space, all done in the Christmas and New Year's theme.**

**Predictions are that the edition will take its place among the outstanding shop publications of industrial America, so complete and thorough is the issue.**

RETOUCH — Iris Bynum pauses to have her leg makeup touched up by Jane Rinck, during an interval on a Hollywood set. The attractive Iris is playing [illegible] soon to be released.

# Columbia Steel's Move To Purchase Consolidated Confirmed By Ross

William A. Ross, president of Columbia Steel Company, th Pacific Coast subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, confirmed that Columbia Steel had concluded an arrangement to purchase the principal fixed assets and inventories and work in process of Consolidated Steel Corporation, a California corporation, subject to approval of this sale by the stockholders of Consolidated Steel Corporation.

Consolidated Steel Corporation is engaged in the fabrication and erection of structural steel, plate and sheet products, its major plants being located in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas.

The fabricating operations of Consolidated on the West Coast should provide a market for a considerable tonnage of plates, sheets and structural steel to be produced at the steel plant at Geneva, Utah, recently purchased from the Government by United States Steel Corporation. This should be helpful in enabling the Geneva plant to be continued in operation as a peacetime project. Large plate and structural steel capacities, in excess of those called for by the normal needs of the Far West, were installed initially at Geneva by the Government to meet the requirements of its wartime shipbuilding programs on the Pacific Coast. One of the peacetime problems of the Geneva plant is how to utilize advantageously these large capacities.

At the present time United States Steel Corporation has no steel fabricating operations on the Pacific Coast, other than the drum and container plants of United States Steel Products Company at Los Angeles and Alameda, California.

# Grid Champs Entertained By Lions Club

Torrance Lions club Tuesday noon launched a round of entertainment for the Marine League football championship team of Torrance high school by entertaining the squad of 33 proud heroes at lunch in Allen's Blue Room.

Proudly led by Coaches Pete Zamperini and John Winfield, the champs broke bread with the Lions and spent a good one and one half hours chewing over the first complete Marine League football championship for Torrance since 1934.

Songs were sung to and by Captain Leroy Schwenk, all-Marine League Halfback Ralph George, who tossed the pill for the winning touchdown, and Fullback Tom Faren, who caught the pigskin and stumbled over the goal line to break the 13-13 tie Friday, the 13th, with San Pedro High.

Every member of the squad had his say, however, when introduced by Dale Riley, program chairman for the meeting.

The Lions clubs entertains each high school athletic team at the end of each season, regardless of outcome, it was pointed out.

President Rollin Smith announced the committee for the Lions New Year's eve party to be held in the C.I.O. hall, as follows: Albert Isen, John Ritchie, Floyd DeVore, Dr. Don C. Moshos, O. W. Hakanson and N. H. Cucci.

# County Stops Cities' Escape Of Board Bills

No contract, no money. That has been the attitude of cities surrounding Los Angeles county which have prisoners hospitalized in the General hospital. As a result, the county has been unable to collect more than $9,024.64 since 1940.

The Board of Supervisors moved swiftly, however, to recover these funds by approving contracts with Los Angeles, Inglewood, Huntington Park, Signal Hill, Glendora and Torrance.

Bell, Monrovia, Hawthorne and South Pasadena have paid their bills upon presentation, it was stated.

Board members predicted that all cities would pay off since proper contracts have now been approved.

# Authorize Officer Procurement From Personnel

The Offices of Naval Officer Procurement have been authorized to procure officers selected from certain highly qualified ex-enlisted men to serve in the Naval Reserve, the Eleventh Naval District announced.

The program was established to take care of individuals who through lack of service or of opportunity were never eligible for advancement to commissioned rank during the war, but who are otherwise highly qualified for commission, and who desire to take an active part in the peacetime reserve.

Applicants must have served honorably as enlisted men or warrant officers in the Navy, Naval Reserve, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve in World War II. They must be between the ages of 19 and 30, native born or naturalized citizens for at least ten years, and must have satisfactorily completed at least two years in an accredited college, or be of the equivalent educational level. In addition, applicants must be enlisted in the Naval Reserve for inactive duty and must meet physical standards.

Interested Navy and Coast Guard veterans residing in the Eleventh Naval District should contact the office of Naval Officer Procurement, Room 534, I. N. Van Nuys building, 210 W. 7th st., Los Angeles 14, California.

## Junior Clubwomen Report Children's Christmas Party

Mid enthusiastic cries of delight, Santa Claus paid a surprise visit to climax the children's Christmas party given by the Junior Woman's club last Wednesday night. Each child was invited to tell Santa his Christmas wishes and was given a gingerbread man.

Earlier in the evening, both children and mothers were entertained by the antics of the "Three Little Pigs," a puppet show conducted by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Reed of the Harbor City elementary school.

Younger members of the audience also participated in the program when Connie Bergen, Dal Derouin and Gary Hackenson each played piano solos. This delightful portion of the program was arranged by Mrs. G. T. Derouin and was followed by the singing of Christmas carols by the whole group.

At the conclusion of the evening's festivities, guests were served punch and cookies by Mrs. Dwight Eubank and her committee of hostesses consisting of Mmes. Ronald Menmuir, Gerald Grubb, Carl Lamping, George Bradford and Ethan Schmidt.

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## Navy Mothers Plan Yule Party; Report Activities

Mrs. Ruth Buth, commander of the Navy Mothers club, will open her home at 1314 Grenwood ave., for a Christmas party for her organization on Friday, December 20 at 7:30 o'clock.

Members are asked to supply an exchange gift not to cost more than $1.00, for the club Christmas tree.

A feature of the party will be an exchange of Secret Pal gifts. At this time, too, names of "secret pals" will be revealed.

Members of the Sewing club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, 900 Acacia ave., for the group's annual covered dish Christmas dinner.

The ladies report that they are planning a card party to be held early in the new year. On this occasion a handsome flower garden quilt will be given away, they state.

# OBITUARY

**ALICE OTEIZA**

Rosary was recited Sunday in McNerney's chapel for Alice Oteiza, 33, who died Dec. 12. Miss Oteiza leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Oteiza, San Pedro; three sisters, Mrs. Oley Little, Wilmington; Mrs. Clifford Smith, Torrance and Mrs. George Forsberg, San Diego, and a brother, John Oteiza, Wilmington. Interment was in Holy Cross cemetery.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

On Tuesday the Torrance high school faculty gathered for the annual Christmas luncheon and gifts. This year each member of the faculty brought a white elephant, which was drawn by one of the teachers amidst much hilarity. Christmas cheer was passed on to others when faculty members gathered jams and jellies for the teachers' home.

# STORKatorials

Children born to local parents, among others, in the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Backland, 24315 Lomita dr., boy, Dec. 13, 6:03 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fischer, 534 Carson st., girl, Dec. 16, 6:40 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. James Catena, 1322 W. 219th st., girl, Dec. 12, 11:04 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Machado, 22211 S. Figueroa st., girl, Dec. 11, 1:03 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Patrick, 20418 N. Oak st., girl, Dec. 13, 4:13 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Scouler, 1229½ Portola ave., Dec. 16, 10:50 a.m.


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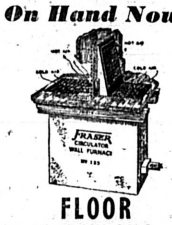

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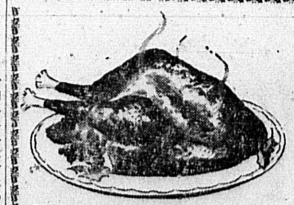

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