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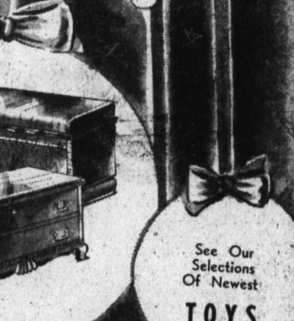
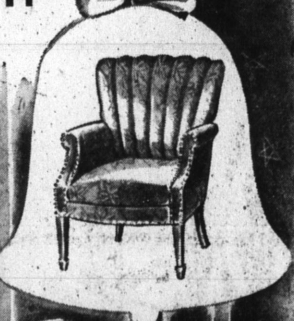
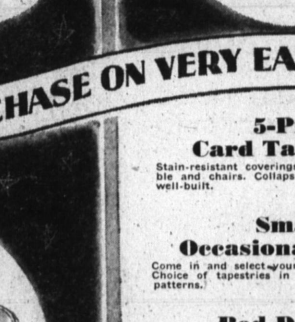
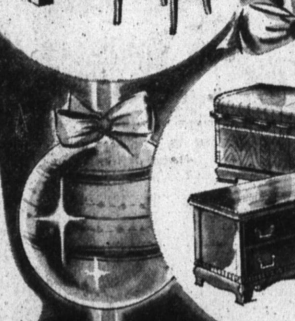
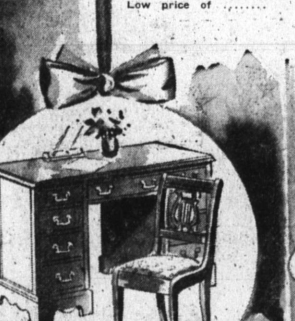
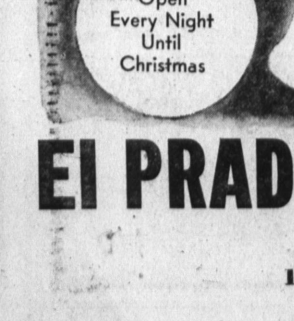
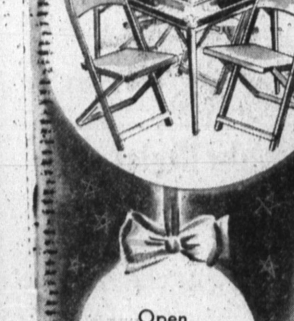
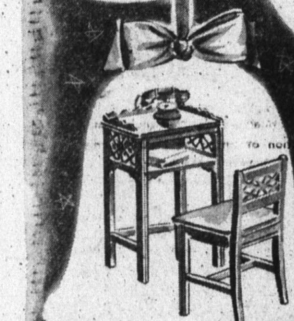
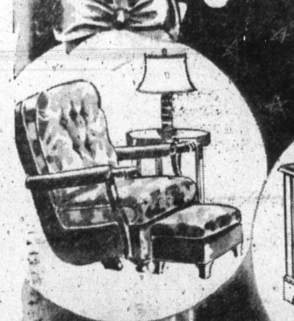
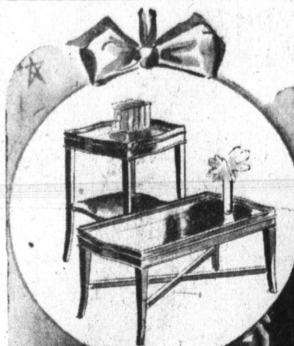
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**Two Groups Contribute To Audiometer Fund**

Walteria School P.T.A. has contributed \$10 and the Kiwanis Club \$25 toward the purchase of an audiometer for Torrance City schools, according to Mrs. Gertrude Boyle, in charge of the drive which the American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring.

A letter from the Walteria P.T.A. congratulated the Auxiliary for its work and said that Walteria had to borrow a similar hearing testing device at one time in order to give a local child proper attention and treatment.

Mrs. Boyle asked that organizations planning to donate to the fund do so immediately so that the audiometer may be presented to the schools as a Christmas gift.

Previous contributions have been received from Torrance High School P.T.A., \$10; Women's Benefit Association, \$10; Rotary Club, \$15; Torrance Woman's Club, \$10; the American Legion, \$25; the American Legion Auxiliary, \$25; Torrance Elementary P.T.A., \$10; St. Cecilia's Guild, \$10; To-Lo-Ha club, \$10; Perry School P.T.A., \$20; National Business and Professional Women's Club, \$10; Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, \$10; Fern Avenue School P.T.A., \$10; Women of the Moose, \$5; and the Lions Club, \$25.

Mrs. Boyle's address is 1229 Acacia ave. and her telephone number is Torrance 606-J.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHAPEL CHOIR TO PRESENT CANTATA**

The Chapel Choir of the First Lutheran church will present a Christmas carol cantata, "Jesu Bambino" by Joseph Clokey, Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30. Soloists will be Mary Ellen Crawford, soprano; Dean Lougee, tenor and Ralph Prime, bass; Ben Prime, bass, will sing the role of narrator. Accompanist will be Allene Prime, and the director is Lin Branum.

On Friday evening, Dec. 19, Christmas Family Night will take place in the social hall of the church. The program will include the Christmas story by Mrs. Betty Husing, and items by the children of the church school. At the close of the evening, a gift will be given to each child from Santa Claus.

**CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS STEM FROM MANY LANDS**

"Christmas in the United States is composed of threads from many countries and reflects their customs in church and home," according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The traditional English Christmas calls for family reunions, gifts, carols, parties and a pantomime for the children in a season of general good will. Britannica points out that although many of the old and picturesque English customs have faded, they still contribute to the modern holiday through Christmas pageants, the designs of Christmas cards and the narratives in ballads and carols describing the festivities of the old days.

In Scandinavian countries, the Britannica relates, preparations and cooking are begun weeks in advance in order to stock the home for three weeks of hospitality and leisure during the holiday season. The celebration itself begins on Christmas Eve with an elaborate supper with family worship and singing before the presents are distributed. Early church is attended by everyone on Christmas morning, because the shepherds, the first to worship the baby Jesus, came early and then returned to their work.

Traditionally Germany kept Christmas with much heartiness, including a home festival and attendance at church, says the Britannica.

"The observance centers around the Christmas tree with the presents not on it, but piled under it and on nearby tables, their distribution preceded by the singing of carols including 'O Tannenbaum' and 'Stille Nacht.'"

Children in the Netherlands leave their wooden shoes, filled with hay for St. Nicholas' white horse on which he jumps from roof to roof, leaving toys and sweets. Britannica points out that in the Netherlands and Belgium Dec. 6 is the children's holiday. Dec. 25 is reserved for the religious holiday.

"The religious features are prominent in France, especially the processions in churches and homes, and the midnight mass followed by Christmas supper, with family dinners and reunions on Christmas Day," says the Britannica. "In Normandy where old customs are kept, the children go out on Epiphany



WHERE'S THAT FIRE? ... Third graders from Torrance, Elementary School clamber aboard the hook and ladder fire truck at Torrance Fire Department on a recent visit to the City Police and Fire Departments. They were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Gertrude Powell, (wearing the helmet) and several mothers. Standing beside the truck are Inspector Walter Silence and Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, with Captain Winters at the wheel. (Torrance Herald Photo).

**33 Youngsters Visit Police, Fire Department**

Thirty-three small hearts leaped with excitement Thursday as the siren wailed when third grade pupils from Torrance Elementary School paid a visit to the Torrance City Fire and Police departments.

Chief J. E. McMaster invited the children to tour the Fire department after receiving letters written by the pupils asking to see the nets, pole, fire engine and other equipment in the station.

At the Police department, which the children had studied in school, Jimmy Paget was "captured" by a police captain and had handcuffs slipped on him as a demonstration.

Members of the class taking the trip were: Karen Courtney, Donna Evans, Marzetta Fowler, Carmen Grajeda, Lillian Hedecor, Neva Holdsworth, Stella Ordaz, Lavada Perry, Antonia Rodriguez, Laverne Withers, Marilyn McGary, Rosalind Lombardo, Glenn Barlow, Robert Bennett, Paul Carrice, Larry Drury, Frank Greminger, Larry Grisham, Ronnie Hase, Fidel Herrera, Robert Kelton, Gary McKenzie, Jimmy Paget, Gary Parton, Robert Plank, Roy Rusk, Frank Theodosis, Leonard Thornton, Jimmy Watson, Ronald Willis, Lee Zuver, Michael Elliott and Tommy Hammock.

**Lions Leader Visits Club**

Arthur Bellevue, of Alhambra, district governor of Lions International district 4-D, which includes Torrance, paid his official visit to the Torrance Lions Club on Tuesday noon.

Accompanying the governor was Deputy District Governor George Brown, of Long Beach. In the session presided over by Dr. Rollin R. Smith, zone chairman, Governor Bellevue told the Lions of the 85,000 separate activities which are being carried on by the 6,000 clubs making up Lions International. Bellevue declared that service clubs throughout the world are needed now more than ever, "until people settle down and feel secure."

**LITTLE TAIL**

The world "pencil" originally meant a small, fine-pointed brush used in painting. The finer camel's hair and sable brushes used by artists are still called "pencils" and the word is derived from a Latin term meaning "little tail."

**EDUCATION GROUP MEETS TODAY**

The regular monthly meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will be held at 12:15 p.m. today at Daniels Cafe, according to J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of Torrance City schools. On the agenda will be the Bill of Rights, art in primary grades and questions from the floor.

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