

### City Has More Women than Men In Last Census

There are more women than men in Torrance, according to the detailed report of the special census sent to City Manager George Stevens this week. There are 86 more.

Of the 44,914 persons tabulated in the special census as of Nov. 4, 1953, there are 22,490 women and only 22,424 men.

Announcement of the census breakdown was reported by Robert W. Burgess, director of the census, who also said the official count of 44,914 had been certified to the State Division of Highways and to the State Comptroller.

### Pre-Yule Fetes At Playground To Start Friday

A series of seven special pre-Christmas celebrations will begin Friday at 7 p.m. at Normandale Playground, 1328 W. 224th St., it was announced yesterday by the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Dept.

Following is the schedule for the local playground:

Woodcraft Rangers Party  
Dec. 11, 7 p.m.  
Boys' Club Party  
Dec. 16, 7 p.m.  
Square Dance Club Party  
Dec. 17, 8 p.m.  
Lamp Club Party  
Dec. 17, 8:30 p.m.  
Children's Party  
Dec. 18, 4 p.m.  
Community Night Program  
Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.  
Teen Age Dance  
Dec. 18, 8:30 p.m.

Arranged by recreation directors in charge of the centers, a series of more than 500 special 1953 pre-Christmas events is now under way at Los Angeles' 100 municipal playgrounds.

According to Superintendent of Recreation William Frederickson Jr., the play centers' pre-Christmas fetes are slated to continue through Thursday, Dec. 24, and will include community night programs, plays presented by youthful thespians, teenage dances, tours of residential areas near the playgrounds by caroling groups, "dees" for decorating community clubhouses, parties for members of boys' and girls' clubs, and a long list of sports tournaments, games, and other outdoor events.

The playgrounds' community night programs, planned for the enjoyment of every member of the family, will be highlighted by Christmas music, dancing offered by members of the centers' classes for children, teenagers, and adults; and the presentation of Yule dramas by well-rehearsed youngsters. The appearance of Santa Claus will climax the programs, those planning to attend were assured.

Extending a special invitation to all Los Angeles residents to join in the fun of the playgrounds' pre-Yule festivities, the Recreation and Park Department pointed out that the events have become traditional opportunities to extend "welcomes" to the city's newcomers.

### City-County Agreement On Recreation Readied

Preparation of a community recreation contract between the County and the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1953-54 in the amount of \$3425.75 was authorized this week by the County Board of Supervisors.

The contract amounts to a renewal of the agreement currently in effect and was made in accordance with allocations in the county's current fiscal budget, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

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