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As our trees begin to droop and we try frantically to organize the avalanche of dolls, trains, blocks, trucks, dishes and assorted paraphernalia left in Santa's wake, only to find that there is still one kid on the block who hasn't seen the loot, there is a contentment, a peace of mind that follows a "job well done." And just to prove we are good mamas and papas in Torrance, I have only to list what Santa left under our trees.

**At the Ed Collinuses at 17008 Crenshaw Blvd.** Sally helped Santa dress up the Collins home bathroom in green and white. That eased the pain of having a fender of their car "wrinkled" on Christmas Eve near Jack's Drive In.

**The Duane Sherwoods, 17204 Ardath, awoke up Christmas morning to find two red wing chairs, a mahogany step table and two lamps in their living room.**

**David, age 6, is doing a thorough job of driving the family mad with a set of drums left for him.**

**On 170th and Faysmith Ave.** it seems that Santa left shiny black nighties at almost every house on the block? Well! Mrs. Arnold Beauchamp, 17039 Faysmith Ave., has a new floor polisher and a camera and flash gun.

**At 17030 Faysmith,** Laura Peola is lounging in a gold satin quilted robe and pajama set with scuffs to match while Mrs. Harold Wright at 17024 Faysmith Ave. is doing ditto in a pink quilted robe with navy blue satin p.j.s.

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**Jerry and Walt Bronson, 17229 Atkinson Ave.**, are looking forward to summer with a new barbecue, but Jerry is going to enjoy winter too with her white shorthair coat.

**Emma Fagnano, 17223 Atkinson Ave.** looks like a creamy confection in her nylon white coat.

**Janis Beeson, 3437 W. 175th St.** and Eleanor Black, 17224 Atkinson Ave., both adore whatever it was that told Santa Claus to leave their bejeweled sweaters in their stockings.

**Modest Juanita Alford, 17226 Atkinson Ave.**, couldn't think of anything really BIG she received. Santa left a little old Bulova watch in her stocking plus the forbidden perfume!

**Mr. Rod Bailey, 4222 W. 179th St.** made a beautiful gift case for Mrs. Bailey's gift.

**Marcella Fannan, 17520 Cerise Ave.** is bewitching in her black corduroy canasta slacks and vest.

**Helen Holbrook fears naught from Jack Frost after receiving a gray coat.**

**One girl who really worked for her gift was Emily Magill, 17228 Crenshaw Blvd.**, whose husband, Bill, and neighbor Gordon Woods spent half of Christmas Eve tying string and setting up signs for her to follow in order to find her present.

**At the crack of dawn, while the frost still lay on the grass,** Emily traipsed in and out of backyards, up trees and finally found a Kenmore sewing machine in the Woods garage, 17104 Crenshaw Blvd.

**A frosty Emily and family then had Christmas breakfast with the Woods.**

**Andrey and Bob Richter, 16914 Casimir Ave.**, spent a white Christmas at Big Pine at the foot of the Sierras with Andrey's mother, where they will remain for one week.

**Ed and Ann Collins spent Christmas Day with the Norris Chaddocks, cousins, whose father, W. B. Chaddock of New York, is spending the winter here.**

**We were sorry to hear of the death of Ann's stepfather in New York.**

It was Peggy's first day up after a week's illness.

**Marlene and Robert Doyle,** 17008 Alinsworth Ave., held a Christmas Get Acquainted party for their block.

**Charades, and a buffet supper were enjoyed by the Ken Basses, the Allan Leways, the Stewart Averys, the Van Spellmans, the William Sales and the Newberrys.**

**The William Sales, 17002 Alinsworth Ave., held a family reunion Christmas afternoon. It was a double celebration because Peggy's mother also celebrated a birthday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McVae,** 17008 176th St., held Open House to introduce Mrs. McVae's parents who were visiting from Arizona.

**The Hamilton Blacks, 17224 Atkinson Ave.**, gave a party Christmas Eve and in the mood of the season, were the William Verburgs, the Delbert Alfords, the Alfred Schultzes, the Ed Collinuses, the Dave Dyers, the Lou Simons, the Chuck Constines, Eleanor's parents, and the Walt Bronsons who brought along Jerry's sister and brother-in-law from Riverside.

**Party fare was Boston-baked beans and brown bread.**

**The Al Pesolas are hosts to Mrs. Pesola's mother from Vancouver, Wash.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy,** 17028 Faysmith Ave., had Mrs. Murphy's mother from Seattle, Wash., as a holiday guest.

**Mrs. Eva Hami returned from a visit to her son, who is an M.D. in Redlands, to spend Christmas and a big family dinner with the Robert Haases, with whom she makes her home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Gerschel Babbs,** 17209 Ardath Ave., entertained a nephew, Mr. G. W. Patterree and niephews all eager to blow out the candles on Baby Jesus' birthday cake.

**Martha Babb, now sweet sixteen, had her crowd in for cake after a movie to celebrate her birthday.**

**Doris and Gerschel celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last week in "the usual manner."** Don't ask me what is usual—I haven't celebrated my 20th as yet and Doris wouldn't elaborate.

**The Duane Sherwoods, 17204 Ardath Ave.**, held a family party with 18 hungry nieces and nephews all eager to blow out the candles on Baby Jesus' birthday cake.

**Meeting at the Sherwood home and Gordon Woods at a buffet supper.**

**Bicycles seem to have been a popular item on Santa's list this year as Freddie McKenzie, 4322 W. 179th St.; Johnny and Jerry Leininger, 4303 W. 179th St.; Eugene Green, 4247 W. 179th St.; George Beckham, 17516 Ermanita Ave.; Lloyd Brummett, 4303 178th St., are only a few of the many riding shiny new bikes.**

**Two happy little girls and the envy of the block are Patricia and Kathy Spence, 17504 Cerise Blvd., entertained the Kenneth O'Dells, Wayne Lindsay's playhouse.**

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