

Here At Home

By Maude Miller

Sales And Staff

Of course, our town will never be the same. But when Sam Levy Dept. Store holds a sale . . . it's a sale! We're talking about the temporary store down on Carson (next to The Palms) . . . which was fondly known for the past two weeks as the "Snake Pit." Everyone had fun . . . including your columnist who picked up her share of the unbelievable bargains.

Got our biggest kick out of Ella's boy, Alan. All of eight years old, he sat at the ancient bronze cash register, "helping." Ella handed him the purchase money of a lady who was buying quite a heap of merchandise. "How much is it, Mom?" asked Alan.

"Fifty-four dollars," answered Ella.

"Fifty-four dollars!" exclaimed Alan. "I thought you said this place had bargains!"

Wasn't satisfied that the customer was getting the breaks "til Ella totaled up the amount it would have cost at regular prices . . . some \$160. Obviously someone's always looking out for the customer's best interests at Sam Levy's!

Sam runs a sale only once every 87 years or so . . . but we've discovered that the buys in the store-in-between times are pretty special too. Take a look at some of those stunning new fall and winter dresses in the racks . . . and see what we mean!

We complained last column about Christmas encroaching on Thanksgiving . . . but found out that people still celebrate Thanksgiving, millions of them, and all away from home. On the desert, to be exact. We know . . . that's where we were for a glorious weekend of sun, moon, stars and air . . . and bumper-to-bumper driving home again on Sunday night! Makes you realize that we live in the center of a huge metropolitan area. See by the papers the scientists are about to come up with a cure for smog too. So get ready for an influx of Eastern relatives and friends. After viewing the S.C.U.C.L.A. game on television, with blue skies and sunlight shining on the shirt-sleeved fans, my freezing New Jersey relations write me that smog must be a figment of our imagination dreamed up to keep them away!

Well . . . we're ready for 'em . . . Torrance and Sam Levy's . . . At any rate we've got enough new and wonderful holiday wear and gift merchandise in the store for a whole invasion.

Talking about the desert . . . I was in the Store day before we left. Some Resort Wear dresses had just come in . . . and out of two of them walked with me. One a two-piece Bates cotton by Junior House . . . roses on a white quilted skirt with its own red leather belt and matching shirt. The other, a fabulous Tabak (one of California's best designers) . . . four piece, pure silk shirred skirt in a floral print, another straight, solid color, nubby silk skirt, and a matching, lined sweater. Mine's in burnt orange on white, but we have the same ward-robe-making outfit in electric blue or rosy pink. Never felt so well dressed . . . and compliments galore! These are real mix or match 'em outfits . . . good for resort wear, or to buy now and hoard 'til Spring or Summer.

WOMAN SIDE
Some Christmas gift ideas! (C'mon now . . . it's really time to start, or you'll be sorry!)
Scarves and Hankies . . .
Scarves and Hankies . . .
Glamorous gifts
That won't break your bankies!

Bad poetry, but a good idea! Especially our pure silk, white handkerchiefs, all frothy with hand embroidery . . . and our pure silk, custom designed scarves by Carol Stanley, all color and design and no bulk so they'll stay put. Get 'em while they're last, 'cause they're going fast!

MAN SIDE
A secret suggestion for the royal gift that will make her think you're a prince! We have a few, a very few, hand-headed French bags, just in from Paris . . . and by some magic they're priced no higher at Sam Levy's than identical ones we saw in Europe! For a more practical, but still breath-taking gift, don't forget those Theodor bags . . . Marvelous for marvelously little!

OUR SIDE
Know anyone having a birthday in December? (Congratulations to Torrance Woman's Club on their 35th, by the way.) Well . . . don't neglect him (or hers) just because it's so close to Holiday time. Birthdays are still very special . . . and it's tough to have them crowded out.

Tate Named To New Job

Appointment of L. C. Tate as assistant chief aircraft inspector in the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics office at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo Division was announced here Friday.

For the past 6 1/2 years, he has been the supervisory electronics inspector at the Douglas El Segundo Navy BuAer office.

In his new position, he will serve as assistant chief inspector and technical administrator in the administration and coordination of the work of the quality control branch. He will be primarily responsible for the supervision of the inspectors of electronics aircraft equipment.

Tate has been assigned with the Navy at the Douglas El Segundo Division since April, 1944, when he went to work there in electronic repair work.

He previously had held civil service positions with the Federal Communications Commission, did communications work with the Office of Strategic Services.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY SET BY TORRANCE ELK LODGE

The Torrance Elks' Lodge will honor the departed members of its organization Sunday, as it celebrates Memorial Sunday.

The Rev. Truman M. Jolly, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Gardena, will be principal speaker at the rites, to be held in the lodge rooms at 1951 W. Carson St., at 3 p.m.

Music will be presented by the Santa Monica Elks' Male Chorus, under the direction of Herbert Mustard. The officers of the local lodge will perform the ritual.

Each year, the Elks observe Memorial Sunday on the first Sunday of December. All Elks are urged to attend and the public also is invited, according to Exalted Ruler Joseph E. Yates.

School Employees Plan Dinner Meet Saturday

All classified employees of the Torrance Unified School District are invited to a spaghetti dinner in the Torrance High School cafeteria Saturday at 6:30 p.m., according to officers of the California School Employees Assn.

Topics to be considered will be the merit system and the effect of integration of Social Security with the retirement system.

Car, Forced Off Road, Hits Pedestrian

Two persons, one a pedestrian, received minor injuries in separate traffic accidents in Torrance, Sunday, according to police reports.

Oren E. Bosley, 23, of Redondo, was walking west on Sepulveda Blvd., about 250 yards east of the Torrance-Redondo boundary, when he was struck by a car driven by Oren C. Wilkins, 51, of the same city shortly after dark, police said.

Lillian Patrick, 24, of Culver City, sustained minor hurts when her car overturned early Sunday morning at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Ave. "I". She was driving westbound on Pacific Coast Hwy. at the time of the wreck, police said.

City to Improve Prairie Avenue, NTCIA Informed

Preliminary survey work on gutters, curbs, and sidewalks for Prairie Ave. in north Torrance has been completed by the City Engineering Department, the North Torrance Civic Assn. was told at its meeting last week.

Edward Nobbe, vice president, and Cloyd Kirkpatrick, safety, health, and welfare chairman, recently met with City Engineer John Patrick. They quoted him as saying that the city is now working on a cost forecast for further action on the street improvement project.

The NTCIA indicated that it would continue to aid the El Nido residents in obtaining annexation of that area to Torrance. The NTCIA board attended the last meeting of the El Nido Civic Assn.

Plans to build a float for the Christmas parade tomorrow evening in downtown Torrance also were revealed.

The next regular meeting of the group will be held tonight at 8 p.m. in Verburg's Dairy Hall at 8 p.m. Any north Torrance resident is eligible to attend the meeting, according to President John K. Kesson.

Hospital Log (San Pedro Community Hospital)

PATIENTS ADMITTED
Nov. 23
Bertie F. Wells, 22528 1/2 S. Vermont Ave.
Timothy C. Larson, 1727 W. 348th St., Lomita.
Patricia F. Larson, 1727 W. 348th St., Lomita.
Nov. 24
Ada Pauline Foy, 1318 Rolling Knolls Walk, Harbor City.
Elna Dell Krebs, 217 Palms Verde Dr., North, Rolling Hills.
Tina Vivian Cornelius, 30 Sea Cove Dr., Portuguese Bend.

Citizens Committee Hears Pleas for Road Projects

Members of the county Citizens Committee for Better Roads, meeting for the first time yesterday afternoon, heard Supervisor Kenneth Hahn outline the seriousness of the need for improved secondary highways and roads of major importance.

"Traffic congestion is beginning to choke the county and the situation will rapidly grow worse unless we take positive action to modernize our road system," Supervisor Hahn declared.

County Road Commissioner Sam R. Kennedy declared that there had long been need for a Better Roads Committee, which recently was formed on Supervisor Hahn's motion, to assist in developing financing of badly-needed road improvements.

"There's nothing wrong with the major highways that money can't correct," Kennedy declared. "I believe that the highway problem is the number one or two problem in Los Angeles County—depending on whether or not it's smoggy," Kennedy went on.

Supervisor Hahn suggested that the committee consider three possible approaches to obtaining money for county-wide improvement of the road system:

Approaches
1. Submitting a bond issue
2. Home Cunningham, 1616 W. 246th St., Harbor City.
BABIES BORN
Nov. 22
To Mr. and Mrs. James F. Doran, 222 W. 14th Pl., Gardena. Baby boy, 6 lbs. 13 1/2 oz.
Nov. 24
Twins to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Foy, 1318 Rolling Knolls Walk, Harbor City. Baby girl, 4 lbs. 1 oz.; baby girl 3 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.

proposal of \$200,000,000 on the ballot so that the voters can decide whether they want the roads improved now—or if they are willing to wait 40 or 90 years.

2. Return of the two cents per gallon federal gas tax to the county where collected. This amounts to \$40,000,000 a year in Los Angeles County alone, Supervisor Hahn said. He stated that the federal government should be taken out of taxing for local roads.

3. Requiring that all gas tax money be spent directly on constructing roads and prohibiting such funds from being used for administrative and other overhead costs, including salaries in the county Road Department.

Millions Required
A year ago the Road Department completed a survey which revealed that it would cost \$402,000,000 to modernize and improve the county highway system to the point where it would cope adequately with today's traffic needs. This includes approximately 18000 miles of roads which are not well enough designed or major enough to carry the traffic. Approximately one-half of the system is designated as "critically deficient."

Supervisor Hahn explained that the Committee would study improvement of major arteries as well as in unincorporated areas. He said that typical roads badly in need of improvement include such important cross-county thoroughfares as El Segundo, Imperial Hwy., Rosecrans Ave., major roads, and scores of other major roads.

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