

# Here At Home

By Maude Miller

"And on earth peace, good will toward men."

Anyone else react as we did to that propaganda story in a national magazine . . . the one about the fantastic sums being spent this year on Christmas gifts? Seems there are cozy trifles to be bought for "the man who has everything" . . . Stuff like solid gold belts at \$30 and inch. For "her," in case she's hard to please, a \$10,000 mink coat might help. And charming suits of armor for the kiddies at only \$100 per! What ever happened to the idea that it isn't the cost of the gift that matters, it's the thought behind it?

Could be we're spoiled . . . because we've prowled through the Sam Levy Dept. Store for the past couple of weeks and, except for toys for the little ones, we've come up with just about everything to delight hearts and preserve pocket books. We're just stubborn enough to think that's important!

Fact is, we issue a guarantee with your shopping at the store: . . . No unnecessary tension, no tangled nerves, no emptied wallets, and everything wrapped in love. So here are your last minute Christmas gift suggestions. After this you're on your own!

### WOMAN SIDE

Something new in Sweaters! California's answer to that famous Italian make. It's a "Wunda Lam" wool and cashmere, styled either in a long-sleeved, full-fashioned cardigan with a soft, high collar; or the handsome V-neck with collar and short sleeves. Unbelievably priced for such a quality article.

More sweaters! Jane Irwill does things with sweaters that makes each one look custom designed and hand made! Especially stunning . . . her white bulky knits sparkling with lace and jewels. And if you want to look like the very spirit of Christmas . . . get someone to buy you that long-sleeved, turtle neck pull-over. Glowing Christmas green, warm and glamorous.

Luggage! Bet you didn't know Sam Levy's carry a complete line of Samsonite airplane luggage. Neither did we . . . 'til we looked up and there they sat, high and handsome. Nationally advertised, Samsonite Christmas Jubilee sets will set his or her heart singing . . . and feet traveling. Marvellous range of colors and sizes. These bags will take your gifties anywhere from Azusa to Afghanistan and back.

### CHILDREN'S SIDE

This section in the rear of the store is bulging with girls' pretty party dresses, and slips, and jeweled sweaters, and Capri pants, and even umbrellas . . . Everything gay and fresh and delightful. And for the Young Gentleman . . . everything Dad has he can get too. Sport shirts, dress shirts, ties, socks and even McGregor jackets!

### MAN SIDE

We say it, and we're glad! We've got the best looking collection of wallets and other leather goods for the best looking men in the whole U.S.A. Ask to see that topgrain cowhide box by Tostan, fitted with matching wallet and key case . . . all under \$10!

Ever know a man who hasn't secretly longed for a suede jacket? See ours in the well-stocked Jacket section! They're appered, lined, knit cuffs, collars and waist bands, and come in wonderful, strong colors.

Yes indeed, "the world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we would all be as happy as kings!"

So . . . good shopping. We know you'll find everything you want right here at home . . . at 1311 Sartori, Sam Levy Dept. Store. Naturally!

### OUR SIDE

From the hearts of two of the dearest people we've ever known comes this greeting:

"We have so many nice customers and wonderful good friends that we can't greet them all personally. So to all of you whom we love . . . a Merry Christmas!"

Frances and Sam Levy.

### Five Youths Sought For Theft of Beer

Five boys who were seen taking three cases of beer from a truck owned by the Corsaro Distributing Co., of Redondo Beach, were being sought by sheriff's deputies Friday. Driver Mike Leonte told deputies that he found the beer, valued at \$12, missing from his truck and witnesses said that the boys had spirited away the beer in a waiting car near 2074 Pacific Coast Hwy.

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# Woman Loves Wrestling, Spurns Glasses at 98

Mrs. Martha Weber, of 21107 Anie St., has seen 98 Christmases come and go, but she is still going strong.

The oldest person yet reported in the Torrance area, "Grandma" Weber is still active, reading and writing without glasses, keeping up with current events through the newspapers, voting at every election, and hissing and cheering the wrestlers on TV.

Born July 14, 1887, in Berlin, Germany, Mrs. Weber came to the United States in 1873 and to California in 1902.

"The boat that brought me to the United States sank on the return trip, so I guess I was lucky," she declared. "After I got here, I kept on moving westward whenever I got enough money. I finally got to California, and there wasn't much further west to go."

California fan

As devoted to California as the state Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Weber now makes her home with friends, Mr. and

Mrs. E. W. McManus. She has her own little cottage behind the McManus' home.

She joined her sister in New York at the age of 16 and married an American citizen shortly afterward, gaining her American citizenship. They had one son and her husband died only two-and-one-half years after their marriage. She promised him she would never marry again and she raised her son by doing cooking and housework. Now 77, her son lives in Hawthorne.

Studies English

She went to night school to learn English, since she spoke only German when she arrived. In her early days, she worked from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight for about \$3 a week.

She later moved to Louisville, Ky., from New York, then to Chicago, Wyoming, and Denver, finally coming to California 62 years ago. She loved to travel and would save her money to make the move. She lived in San Diego for about 10

years and later came to the Los Angeles area.

She has regularly voted as long as she was able and is looking forward eagerly to casting her ballot in the 1956 presidential election. A life-long Democrat, she cast her first ballot for a Republican in 1902 when she voted for President Eisenhower. She hasn't decided who she will support next time.

"I like to vote. I'm an American," she said. "This is my country."

She eagerly scans the newspapers and is a Mrs. McManus informed of the latest news. Although she owns a pair of glasses, she seldom uses them.

"I can't see with them," she announced.

Her doctor recently cautioned her not to watch TV so much in the future, because of her health. She is an ardent wrestling fan and also loves the jumping tunes on the "Polka Party."

Her activities have been slightly curtailed in the past two years, since she broke her hip, but she is still quite agile for her age. She loves to take rides in the car.

Before her fall two years ago, she used to take a bus and ride it to the end of the line and back again, just to see what was going on.

"I used to run out and jump on the bus, but I can't jump so good any more," she said.

She occasionally goes shopping, and once a month a priest from Nativity Catholic Church comes to see her.

In her younger days, she took a yearly vacation to Gilman's Hot Springs where she relaxed, riding horseback and burroback. Although she went alone, she seldom was alone for long because she made friends easily.

Mrs. McManus reports that Mrs. Weber eats nearly anything and sometimes as heartily as the young McManus boys. In her younger days, Mrs. Weber said, she used to love raw oysters and even now likes her meat rare.

"I've worked hard all my life and kept busy," she said. "Now I'm resting a little bit. I never hurt anybody and nobody hurt me. I've enjoyed my life."



MURDER 'M! . . . Mrs. Martha Weber is still an ardent wrestling fan at the age of 98. She had to cut down on watching TV on her doctor's orders, but still reads and writes without glasses because, "I can't see with them."

## YULE PHONE CALL HINTS

"Are you planning to call long distance on Christmas Day?" asks H. C. Vaupel, local manager for the General Telephone Co.

"If the answer is 'yes,' and the party you plan to call happens to be in one of the eastern cities, the chances of reaching him or her will be considerably improved if you obtain the distant telephone number in advance and place the call by number," he said.

"Furthermore, if you can arrange to talk on Dec. 24 or Dec. 26 the possibility of having your call completed is greatly increased," Vaupel said.

Vaupel made the following suggestions to expedite long distance calls:

1. Call the long distance operator and ask her to contact the information operator for the correct telephone number at the distant point.
2. Make a note of the number inside the front cover of your telephone directory or add it to your list of frequently called numbers.
3. Use the telephone number when placing your Christmas call.

With the overloading of tele-

phone lines, long distance circuits are extremely busy during the holiday season. If the operator finds it necessary to call information at the distant point on Christmas day, a duplicate use of the circuits will be required to complete the call—

first to the distant information operator and another to the distant telephone. Releasing the first circuit to obtain another may delay the call.

### Hackett Convicted on Three Counts of Forgery

A former Wilmington resident was convicted of three counts of forgery recently in Long Beach Superior Court and will appear for sentencing on the charges on Jan. 5.

William E. Hackett, will appear to hear probation report and sentencing. He was accused of passing bad checks in Torrance in April.

### LAND DAMAGE

Almost one-fifth of the crop and range land in the United States has been seriously damaged by wind or water.

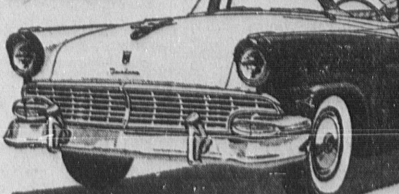
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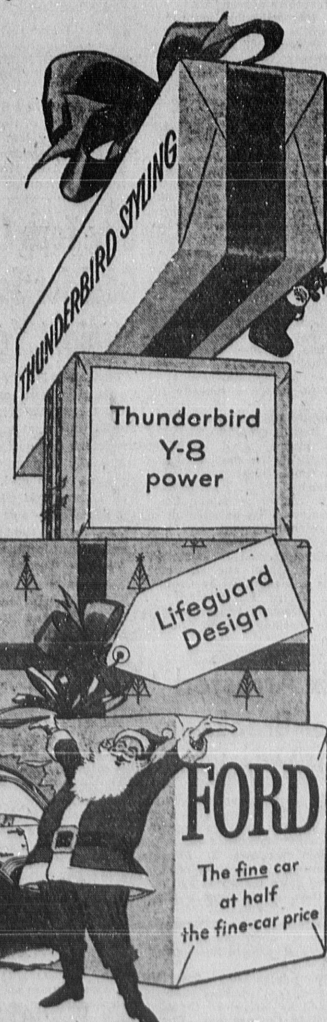
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