

And the Angels Sang



A NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . . Typical of the scenes to be found in hundreds of Torrance homes on Christmas Eve is the one depicted in this picture of the family of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley, 1747 Hickory Ave. Children kneel around the crib to adore the new-born Christ-child, whose birthday they celebrate, and to marvel at the Nativity scene. At the same time, they cast wistful glances

up the chimney, where stockings are hung and soon Santa Claus, with his bagful of toys, will make his appearance. These five handsome youngsters are Mike, 11, Jim, 8, Tommy, 7, Steve, 6, and Denny, 16 months old, bubbling with excitement because he has just been told the Christmas story by his older brothers.

(Herald Photo)

Christmas Is Here---and Torrance Joins Christian World in Celebrating the Day

Christmas is here . . . the candles are lighted, the tree is decorated, there's a fire in the hearth. And, in Torrance homes, as throughout the Christian world, families are gathering to observe the age old tradition of the birth of Christ. Anxiety fills the air, as it did on that night over 2000 years ago when shepherds gathered on the hills around Bethlehem to be told by the angel choir that "the Saviour of the world was born unto them this night." The spirit of love and friendship inspired by observance of the drama at Bethlehem coupled with the legend of St. Nicholas makes this the most glorious occasion for all mankind.

On Christmas Day, the Rev. and Mrs. John Taylor, 1542 El Prado will be hosts at dinner to members of Mrs. Taylor's family. Here for the occasion will be her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Phillip D. Norvell of San Jacinto; a sister, Miss Dorothy Norvell of Whittier; a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J. Norvell and family of Downey; her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Grill of San Clemente.

Over at the Fred Smith home at 2769 West Carson will be another family gathering. Present will be Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Edwards, and three daughters, of Santa Maria; Mr. and Mrs. Don Randolph, Chula Vista; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith and son of San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smith and children, Torrance; Mrs. Etha Smith, John Reed and William Patrick, all of Torrance.

TO CORONADO
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clinkscale, 1461 El Prado have reservations at the Hotel Coronado for the Christmas week end. There they will visit with old Navy friends.
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wood will go to Tarzana where they will attend a family dinner at the home of their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Culver.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Beeman will be Mrs. Beeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Griffith of Lake Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Osborne, 3026 Torrance Blvd., will have as their Christmas guests, Mrs. Osborne's mother, Mrs. Rose Desposito of San Pedro and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Carey and son George of Lomita.
Enjoying a holiday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Moore and sons, David and Dick, at 1741 Elm will be the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Percy and children, Charlotte and Timothy.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Bonstead of Beach Ave., will be among the guests at Christmas dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Alfred Byk and family,

1008 Cerise Ave. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banks and son, Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fernandez.

HERE FROM EAST

Brightening the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell 1137 Acacia will be the presence of their son Midshipman Donald Mitchell from Annapolis and his fiancée Miss Robin Gensley who has been studying at the American University in Washington, D. C.
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harvey and Sherry and Wayne, 20939 S. Denker will go to San Diego to spend Christmas with Mrs. Harvey's mother, Mrs. Signa Winchester.

Gathered around the Christmas dinner table at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Rippey, Sr., 1611 El Prado will be their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Don Coulson of Beverly Hills; and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rippey, Jr., and children Tommy, Kathy and Sherry of Torrance.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miles, 2303 Andro Ave., will be the scene of a happy family get-together. Sharing the joy will be Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Adams, and son Larry of Redondo; Mrs. Jane Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Niles and children, Bobby, Christy, and Tommy of Torrance; Mrs. Eva Jane Whitney, Miss Beverly Whitney, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker, Bill and Beverly of Rolling Hills, and Mrs. Stella Moon. The Miles' other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hutchinson and Jean, Jim and Johnny of LaHabra left by plane to spend Christmas in Kentucky with Mr. Hutcheson's family.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boswell will celebrate at their home, 2842 Onrado with a dinner party to be followed by the opening of gifts. Enjoying this affair will be Mrs. Francis Boswell, Jack Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holland, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Habler and daughter Sharon.

Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Louis of Los Angeles will arrive in time to help San-

ta make it a merry day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Humphreys, 1324 Crenshaw, where Nancy, Stephen and Geoff will be anxiously waiting.

TWO INCENTIVES

Two incentives, Christmas and a birthday, will spark the celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones, 2118 Martine. It's Mr. Jones' birthday as well as Christmas. Gathering for the dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Evan, Carolyn and Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and son and daughter, Bryan and Lorraine; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jones and Gordon and Diane; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chalton of San Pedro, Vaughn Hunt of Santa Ana and Miss Mary Olive Jones.

Four year old Julia Cox will be the center of attraction at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ewalt on Christmas morning when the family gathers for a Christmas breakfast and the opening of gifts. Other special guests will be the Ewalts' godchildren, Laura Lee and Kerry Sue McFarland. Here for the event will be Mrs. Julia Wamhoff and Carmen Wamhoff of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Cox of Indio, Mrs. William Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McFarland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears will leave tomorrow for Meza, Arizona to spend the Christmas week end with their daughter Mrs. Robert Trezise and family. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Montague on Date Ave., will be the setting for the family party this year. Gathering for Christmas dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Parke Montague, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Montague and three children of San Fernando.

TO FLINTRIDGE

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman and sons, Bill and Bob will drive to Flintridge Christmas morning for a family dinner at the home of Mrs. Bauman's sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynes.

Saturday afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Eastman will open

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DINNER GUESTS

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Bauman had as their Sunday night dinner guests Mrs. Bauman's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oswald of Long Beach.

HOLIDAY GUEST

Mrs. B. Q. Dysart of Henry, Illinois has arrived to spend the holidays here with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dexter and family, 1625 Juniper Ave.

Mrs. Whitney Hostess at Open House

A Christmas open house was enjoyed last Friday afternoon when Mrs. B. T. Whitney entertained a group of friends at her home 1003 Acacia Ave. The rooms were elaborately decorated in the Christmas decor with the beautiful tree as the center of attraction.

The wassail bowl was at one end of the dining table ornamented in the Christmas theme. Those enjoying the delightful affair were: Mmes. W. C. Boswell, Paul Loranger, Dean Sears, Ralph McNeil, W. I. Laughon, Lolly Aherns, A. F. R. Ewalt, J. E. Stavert, M. A. Bauman, D. J. Thomsen, John Melville, H. L. Mitchell, Ralph Rugraff, H. F. Heinlein, R. E. Moffitt, B. W. Roberts, John Oursler, Laura Felker, King Williams, Eva Young.

Boswell Home Party Scene

Silver and red decorated the home of Mrs. W. C. Boswell, 2842 Onrado, last Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Boswell was hostess to her bridge club at its annual Christmas luncheon and party. A tiny silver Christmas tree centered the table and effective arrangements in red and silver adorned the mantel.

After the luncheon a gift exchange was held around the brilliantly decorated Christmas tree. Adding fun to the afternoon was the picture making of the party by Mrs. M. A. Bauman who used her new polaroid camera, a Christmas gift from her husband.

Mrs. Boswell's guests were: Mmes. Dean Sears, Paul Loranger, Mel Miller, Al Posner, William Garrity, M. A. Bauman and J. K. Steinbaugh.



MRS. ALLEN JOHNSON
... Lovely Bride

(Portrait by Seeman)

Janice Crabtree Exchanges Vows With Allen Johnson Saturday Eve

Last Saturday evening, at 7:30, when Miss Janice Crabtree walked down the aisle of the First Methodist Church, to become the bride of Allen Johnson, she was picturesque in her wedding gown of white taffeta and lace. The fitted lace bodice had long lily point sleeves and a high neckline with a small collar. A billowy white tulle skirt fell over white taffeta. The fingertip illusion veil was held by a seed pearl tiara and the

Luncheon at Felker Home

Mrs. Laura Felker was hostess to her bridge club at a lovely Christmas luncheon on Monday at her home, 1010 Beech Ave.
The table at which luncheon was served was beautifully decorated in Christmas candles and flowers. After the luncheon bridge was played.

Mrs. Felker's guests were Mmes. B. T. Whitney, B. W. Roberts, Robert Moffitt, D. J. Thomsen, Ralph Rugraff, John Oursler and Ralph McNeil. Mrs. McNeil will entertain the club at its January meeting.

Coeds Gather At Nash Home For Dinner

Miss Judy Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nash of Rolling Hills who is home from Michigan State to spend the holidays with her parents, entertained Sunday evening with a Christmas party for former classmates of Torrance High, class of '55.

In their first get-together since last fall, the former school chums who are attending various colleges, held a gabfest as they gathered around a dinner of pizza. Table appointments were carried out in the Christmas motif.

Present at the holiday reunion were Misses Pat Flanagan of USC, Doris Popovich of UCLA, Cynthia Easley and Ann Steinbaugh of Stanford, Marylou Sasse, Sally Moore, Judi Reid and Judy Wright all of Santa Barbara, Dee Gibson of El Camino, Peggy Wood of Santa Barbara and Connie Ericson who is with American Airlines also Mrs. John Forth the former Connie Stout.

Those who were told of the engagement at Sunday evening party were: Mr. and Mrs. Baker Olivera, Miss Penny Bendar, Mrs. John A. Stewart and Miss Blanche Stewart of Inglewood, and Mr. and Mrs. George Machado.

Mrs. Oursler Entertains

Mrs. John Oursler entertained her bridge club at a lovely dinner party at her home 4101 Via Cardelina last Thursday evening. Places were marked at a table beautifully covered with a pointsettia cloth and centered with white Christmas candles.

After the dinner a gift exchange was held at the sparkling Christmas tree. Bridge games filled the remainder of the evening.

Mrs. Oursler's guests were Mmes. Robert Sleeth, Dean Sears, Robert Lowellen, Alma Smith, J. B. Scotton, Helen Dryer, and R. A. Murphy.

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Mrs. C. M. Crook was hostess at a bridge party at her home 1328 Gramercy Ave., on Dec. 6, as a part of the diminishing card party ways and means project of the Torrance Woman's Club. Mrs. Crook's guests were Mmes. E. A. Miles, Charles Woodcock, Earl J. Kent, C. Jones, R. Olson, R. J. Rogers and Charles Ward. Prizes were won by Mmes. Jones, Miles and Rogers.

Donating to the club fund in lieu of parties were: Mmes. John Keefer, W. A. Clinkscale, R. E. Moffitt, E. P. Kent, Charles Woodcock, J. A. Tweedy, Charles Schultz, Sr. and H. J. Osborne.

HEAR ARTIST

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mewborn, 3321 Reese Rd., joined Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faull of Palos Verdes for dinner at the Statler hotel last week. The group then had the privilege of hearing Nelson Eddy sing.

bride wore a strand of pearls which her father had given her when she was quite young. Completing the bridal picture was a cascade bouquet of white carnations and stephanotis encircling white orchids. Mr. Crabtree escorted his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage.

The bridal party entered as Miss Janet Vigil at the organ playing the traditional nuptial music. The Rev. Don Shelby sang "The Lord's Prayer," "It Was Heaven's Grace" and "No Other Love."

Entering first were the bridesmaids Misses Carol Maloy and Carol Fox, both wearing blue tulle and taffeta ball-erina length gowns. Each carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. Miss June Gold served as maid of honor. She wore a gown of peach taffeta and tulle and carried pink carnations.

Candles were lighted by Misses Allen Johnson and Sandra Crabtree both wearing blue tulle and taffeta creations. Bob Reimer served as best man and ushering were Don Carter and Jim Spivey. In charge of the guest register was Miss Lois Lenon.

The Rev. Leonard Babcock assisted by the Rev. John Taylor officiated at the vow exchange.
Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church where Mrs. Ed Thayne and Mrs. Ernest Maloy presided at the punch bowls. Mrs. William Hedrick was in charge of the wedding gifts.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Crabtree, 1753 Gramercy, was graduated from Torrance High School and attended El Camino College. She is a past honored queen of the Job's Daughter's Bethel 50.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, of Los Angeles, attended Harbor Junior college. He is now attending the Art Center in Los Angeles. The newlyweds will reside at 1315 W. 109 Place.