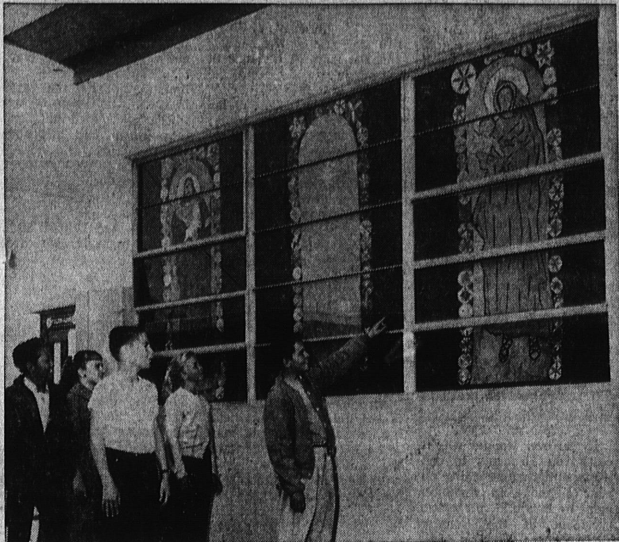


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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1956



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS . . . They aren't the genuine stained glass variety, but these window designs made by James Armstrong's class at Wood Elementary School give that effect. Admiring the handwork of the class are Willy Patterson, Sue Larson, Roger Holdsworth, Gloria Waltermeyer, and John Nething, who designed one of the windows.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS . . . Putting up the Nativity scene in front of Carr Elementary School this year are Mary Dougall, Larry Till, David Hoppes, and Helen Barbose. The Nativity scene is an annual display at

the north Torrance school and is observed as one of the variety of Christmas activities in local schools.



AN OLD SPANISH CUSTOM . . . Members of Mrs. Barbara Covey's third grade class at Riviera School demonstrates the pinata, in which a number of goodies are placed in the paper donkey, which then is broken with a stick. The children then scramble for the treats which fall when the decoration is broken. Taking part in the fun are Rick Coulter, Mike Hogan, Larry Lauback, Harry Conant, David McCabe, Margaret Melstrom, and Kathy Davis.

7-Year-Old Hit by Auto

Seven-year-old Richard A. Garland, of 3124 W. 181st St., suffered bruises when he was hit by a car while walking across Crenshaw Blvd. at 181st St. late Saturday, according to police.

The lad, taken to Torrance Emergency Hospital for treatment, was struck by an auto driven by Rodolfo Mendoza, 51, of Lawndale.

Sharon Patterson, 25, of El Segundo, was treated by a private physician for minor hurts suffered in a two-car crash during a heavy fog along Sepulveda Blvd. near Madrona Ave. early Sunday. Drivers were Robert Patterson, 29, of El Segundo, and Richard Graham, 17, of 4710 Sepulveda Blvd.

Betty Biscan, 22, and Joe Biscan Jr., 8 weeks, both of Inglewood, were slightly hurt in a Sunday mishap at 174th St. and Hawthorne Ave. Joseph Biscan Sr., 51, of Inglewood, and Joe Munoz, 28, of 25617 Walnut Ave., Lomita, were the drivers.

Mrs. Lydia Vega, 36, of 24432½ Hawthorne Ave., suffered head injuries Monday night in a three-car crash on Torrance Blvd. west of Western Ave.



NATIVITY SCENE . . . Riviera School children portray the story of Christ's birth in a special assembly held Monday at the school. Marilyn Flynn plays Mary, while the three Wise Men are Mike Dixon, Jim Handsaker, and

Bill McKnight. The rest of the Christmas story also was told in the pageant. Two choirs of youngsters furnished a musical background for the proceedings.



LOCAL MAN GETS POST . . . Newly-installed officers of the Holy Name Society at Allied Forces Southern Europe Headquarters, Naples, Italy, meet following their monthly Communion breakfast. Navy Storekeeper First Class James A. Pizer, son of Mrs. Helen Pizer, 1439 W. 221st St., (back left) was named marshal of the group. Shown are (front) Army Sgt. Raymond Narecki, secretary-treasurer; Navy Chaplain Seraphin N. Schlavone, spiritual advisor; Marine Maj. Ephraim Kirby Smith, president; Rev. Anthony Bosco, guest speaker, Pizer and Air Force CWO Richard Harris, past president, stand in back.

15-Year Douglas Pin

M. J. Berry, 22642 Draille Dr., has been presented with a gold pin commemorating 15 years' service with Douglas Aircraft Co., it was announced by T. E. Springer, vice president-general manager of the company's El Segundo Division.

Berry is employed at the Torrance facility of Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo Division.



4 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

Walter C. Silence in Hospital After Stroke

Walter C. Silence, former inspector with the Torrance Fire Dept., is seriously ill in San Pedro Community Hospital, after suffering a stroke last week.

Silence, who lives at 2373 Maricopa Pl., was a member of the Torrance Volunteer Fire Dept. in 1925 and later joined the regular force, serving as fire prevention inspector from 1948 to 1953.

Symphony to Give Hansel, Gretel Show

The Civic Symphony of the South Bay will present a pantomime based on the story and music of Hansel and Gretel, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 28 and 29.

The well-known music will be played by the 60 piece symphony orchestra, while the fa-

millar fantasy will be freely interpreted on the stage by a series of ballets, soloists, singers, a narrator, and pantomimes.

The leading roles of Hansel and Gretel are played by Julie Watson, 10, and Stephen Stackhouse, 11, who were awarded

this honor after competing with over 20 other aspirants. The cast of adult stars includes Marilyn Niska, soprano; Lyle Heck, baritone; Helen Carney, Becca Deteri, and Kenneth Halle, dramatists; and Jan Darian, Mary Tiffany, and Nancy Hesketh, solo dancers.

Dance and ballet sequences are produced by Jan Darian, Phyllis Moore, Mildred Stover, Mary Tiffany, and Helen Carney. A 42-member children's chorus from St. Cross Church also will perform. Elyse Achle is the orchestra director. Performances are set on Dec. 28 at 8 p.m. and on Dec. 29 at 2:15 p.m. in Redondo High School Auditorium.

Army Basic Training

Army Pvt. Robert B. Daligney, whose mother, Mrs. Frank F. Vogt, lives at 1650 W. 214th St., is receiving basic training with the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

A 1955 graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, he is a member of Sigma Pi fraternity.



CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . Mothersingers and students in the first and second grades at Fern-Greenwood Elementary School combine forces to sing Christmas carols at the annual Christmas meeting of the Fern-Greenwood PTA at the school cafeteria. Mrs. J. N. Oswell prepared

the numbers and directed the combined group in the singing. She is music chairman for the PTA unit. The performance was part of the Christmas program which included talks on the Christian and Jewish symbols related to the seasons.