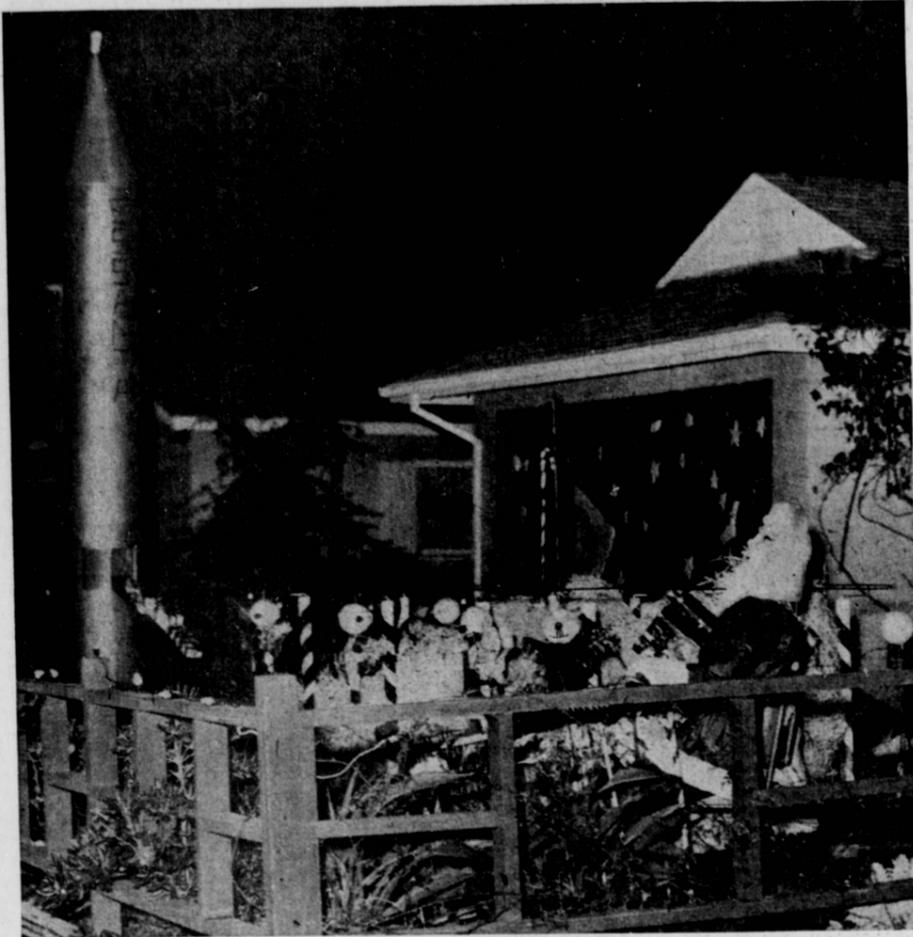


Homes Put on Christmas Garb



SPACE AGE CHRISTMAS . . . Charles Smith, of 5107 Lee St., has again set up one of the outstanding novelty Christmas displays of the area. His mechanical wonder

is made up of a rocket ship and men from Mars, who are busy taking presents out of their ship and carrying them to Santa Claus. (Herald Photo)



HAPPY HOLIDAYS . . . Santa waves from porch as he surveys his Christmas circus on the lawn of a home at 4626 Toucan, one of the many homes on the Southwest

Park street transformed for the holidays. Here clowns and trained dogs go through their paces as St. Nick watches. (Herald Photo)

No Changes Slated for Workers Meal

The taxable valuation of meals furnished employees during 1961 will remain the same as for 1960, Irving H. Perluss, Director of Employment, announced today.

Under the California Unemployment Insurance Code, meals furnished employees are wages and are taxable for unemployment and disability insurance purposes. Perluss explained that unless meal values are stipulated in a union agreement or contract of hire, or established as a basis for compliance with minimum wage laws, the schedule established by Department of Employment regulations applies.

THE REGULATIONS provide for modification of the 1948 standard schedule whenever the average of retail food prices during the first nine months of the year varies by 10 per cent or more from the average of prices during the same months of 1948. The most recent modification of the value of meals schedule was an increase of five cents a day in 1959.

Cost of living indexes published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, show that the average retail prices of food in California cities from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1960, were approximately 21 per cent above the same months for 1948.

Effective Jan. 1, 1961, the schedule will remain as follows: three meals a day, \$1.35; breakfast, 30 cents; lunch, 40 cents; a meal not identifiable as either breakfast, lunch or dinner, 50 cents.



CALIFORNIA SNOWMAN . . . Typical of the many tumbleweed snowmen which have made their appearance throughout the city during the past week is this fine example at 1542 El Prado. Without snow, huge tumbleweeds, scourge of the midwestern farmer, are brought into service to serve as a substitute. (Herald Photo)



TRIP WINNER . . . Joseph Harris (right) receives notification that he has been selected winner in Mayfair Creamery's "Win-a-Trip" contest and will be sent with members of the family to the inauguration in Washington, D.C., next month. With him here is John Melville, manager of the creamery.

Aviation Senior Wins Trip To Kennedy Inauguration

Joseph Harris, a senior at Aviation High in Manhattan Beach was the high scorer in Mayfair Creamery's recent Win-A-Trip to Washington contest, a competition which was open to all teen-agers in the South Bay.

With a score of 92, the Harris lad's reward is an all-expense paid jet flight to Washington with his 19-year-old sister, Lucy and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Harris of 1608 Faymont Ave. in Manhattan Beach. While in Washington, the family will stay at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

SO GRATIFIED was creamery management with the high calibre of the work submitted that additional scholarship awards were made to the four runners-up.

"We were so impressed with the exceptionally good work of this top group that we decided to give them some sort of special recognition," creamery manager, John Melville said.

"As a result, we are giving Margaret Battles, the second-place winner and a senior at Redondo Union High, a year's tuition at the college of her

choice, plus a \$100 book allowance. The three young people who tied for third place will each get a semester's tuition at the college of their choice plus \$75 for books," Melville said.

THE THREE who tied for third place are: Steve Wood, a senior at Aviation High; Kathrine Brown Free, a junior at Marymount; and Le Grand Burt, a junior at Mira Costa.

Harris' flight to Washington is timed to coincide with the inauguration of President-Elect John F. Kennedy, and while there, the family plans to visit Congress and the Supreme Court.

WITH AN ultimate goal of teaching either physics or chemistry, the Harris youth is currently captain of the Aviation High Tennis Club and is a past president of the Harbor Area Youth Symphony. His present plan is to attend the University of California at Berkeley.

Other colleges tentatively selected by the youngsters include Reed College in Oregon, the Coast Guard Academy, and Scripps College for Women.



ON HIS WAY . . . We always thought Santa stepped directly from his sleigh to the chimney, but here he is, bag in hand, climbing a ladder to the chimney top at a home in the 20800 block of Madrona Ave. He's heading in the right direction, at least. (Herald Photo)

Garden Checklist

1. Crabgrass controls can be applied now to kill weeds that are waiting spring germination. Ask your nurseryman to recommend a product for the job.
2. Early planting of dormant roses is preferable to late-season planting. The shrubs have more chance to establish themselves before spring growth starts.
3. Post-Christmas care of gift plants includes plenty of water and an occasional breather outside the stiffness of a heated room.
4. Prune grapes and berries now or next month. When in doubt, ask your nurseryman for pruning advice.
5. Fuchsias should not be pruned until later—not before February at least.



CANDIDATES . . . One of this trio will be selected as foreign exchange student from Torrance high school and will study abroad next summer. From left, Carol Echols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Echols, 20532 Eastwood, has a C.S.F. scholarship, is a member of Girls Athletic Assn. and is running for commissioner of publicity; Ann Louise Heinlein, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. H. F. Heinlein, 2208 Gramercy, is a member of the debating and French clubs and is a United Nations Contest winner; and Richard Hart, son of Mrs. Vivienne Hart, 2414 W. 237th, member of Tartar Knights, scholarship society, and varsity wrestling team. (Herald Photo)

McCoy Gets CHP Cycle Instruction

Five days of advanced motorcycle training have been completed by Traffic Officer William McCoy of the California Highway Patrol's Compton Area.

Twenty hours of classroom instruction and 20 hours of field riding were included in the training which is designed to build a pool of skilled riders from which new assignments to motorcycle duty can be made.

Officer McCoy, who lives in Torrance, studied nomenclature and maintenance of the cycle, all-weather riding, congestion control and other subjects.

Work Ordered on Site, Sewers at West High

A low bid of \$188,400 for sewer work and construction of sewers at West High School was accepted Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education.

The Hann Construction Co. will do the site work which will prevent erosion and prepare the way for construction of the first unit of the new high school, which is set to open in September, 1962.

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