

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Chamber President Thanks Press for Fine Cooperation

Editor, Torrance Press

As the year draws to an end, I wish to take the opportunity to thank the Torrance Press for their cooperation in making 1952 a banner year in Chamber of Commerce progress.

With the Holiday Season at hand thoughts turn to Santa Claus, making wishes, gay decorations, exchange of gifts and other customs associated with the Xmas Season. It is no time to present statistics showing Torrance's growth and accomplishments.

But with all this in mind, I can't help think what could happen if a community could only make like a youngster and call on Santa for some of the things it would like to have: Funds for a new school, or for a hospital addition would be possible simply by writing a letter to Santa Claus. Wishing a traffic bottleneck to be transformed into a safe, smooth-flowing thoroughfare overnight would make it so. But Santa Claus doesn't operate that way for grownups. Civic improvements don't come in packages marked "Do not open until Xmas" nor do they spring up overnight. A community becomes an increasingly better place to live and work because people want it so and are willing to spend their time and money to make it possible.

As you well know people alone don't make a better community. People working together do. That's where your Chamber of Commerce comes in, as it's the rallying point for those who want a hand in shaping their community's future.

Thanks for doing your part and we shall look forward to even greater accomplishments in the New Year.

Yours very truly,  
Robert I. Plomert, Jr.  
President.

### Major Thornton Places Second In Photo Contest

Maj. Eugene Thornton of 947 W. 256th st., Harbor City, placed second in the black and white division of a recent Army photo contest in Salzburg, Austria, the Army reported today.

His winning entries will be entered against others from throughout the command in another contest.

Major Thornton is assigned to the Adjutant General section at U. S. Forces, Austria, headquarters.

### Moose Slate Dedication of Club Addition

Dedication of the new \$1,000 addition to the Moose Hall has been tentatively scheduled for early next year, according to an announcement made this week by Marvin MacArthur, governor of the Torrance lodge Loyal Order of Moose.

Construction of the new addition was started this month under the direction of Dan Desmond, chairman of the Building committee. The addition will include enlarged club facilities.

### Haldale to Stage Two Performances Of Christmas Show

The board members of the Haldale P-TA met Dec. 12, to discuss plans for the Christmas program. There was a gift exchange and Mrs. Bonwell served refreshments.

The Christmas P-TA program will be held at the Normandale recreation center, 224th and Haldale avenue, on December 18. The theme of the program this year is "Living Portraits Of The Christmas Carol" and is under the direction of Mrs. Eileen Hough. Music will be furnished by the Haldale school chorus with Mrs. Adams as director. The Mother Singers will also sing.

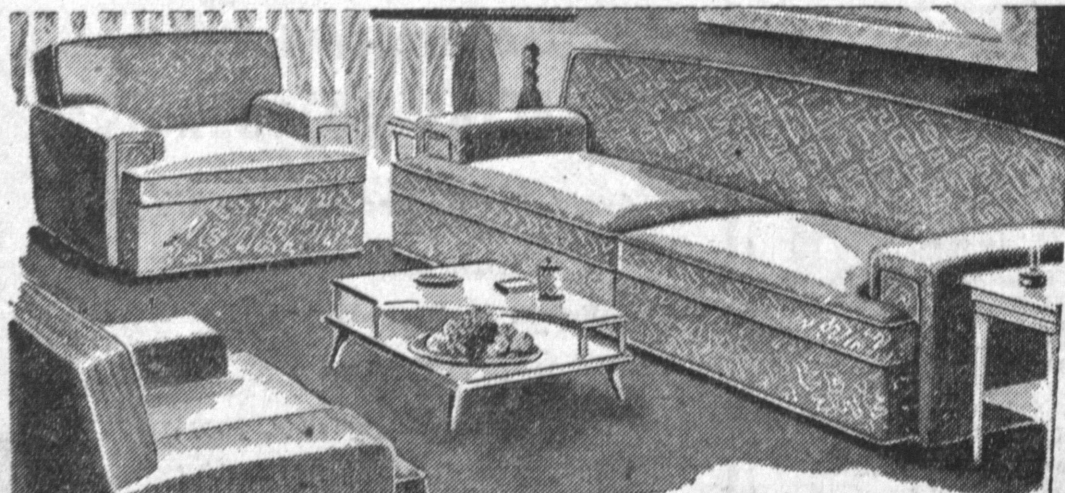
There will be two performances, the first will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be for kindergarten through third grades. The second performance will start at 8:15 p.m. and is for the fourth through the sixth grades. All children must be accompanied by their parents, P-TA officials state.

### Driving Tips

"U" turns can be made only at intersections, from the middle lane next to the center of the street, outside of the business districts.

This year's goal for the Christmas Seal Sale of the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association is \$550,000.

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