

## Coordinating Board Meets

The Torrance Coordinating Council executive board held a meeting at the Torrance Service Center on Tuesday evening, December 7, to formulate plans for the regular Council meeting in January.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**THE CHURCH OF GOD**—2230 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance. Pastor, Rev. W. E. Combs. Bible Study, Tuesday 7:30 P.M.; Y.P.E. Meeting, Friday 7:30 P.M.; Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Preaching, 11:00 A.M.; Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M. Everybody invited.

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**—1447 Engracia Avenue, Torrance, California. Rev. Patrick McGuinness, Pastor. Telephone FAirfax 8-2776. Schedules of Masses and Services. Seven Sunday Masses—6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 (High), 12:15. One Mass at 9:30 in St. Joseph's Church, 2314 West 203rd Street. (Pueblo) Torrance. Wednesday Evening Devotions at 7:30 P.M. Confessions Three Times On Saturdays—9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. P.M. to 6:00 P.M., 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Baptisms Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 P.M. Children's Instructions and Bible Study—Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:10 A.M. at 2371 W. Carson Nativity Catholic School. There are five groups beginning with first grade of Elementary School to the last year of High School.

**THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**—El Prado at Manuel Avenue. Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister. Church School for all ages, 9:00 Early Worship. Youth Choir church school fourth grade and below 10:00 Church School, all ages, extended sessions fourth grade and below, 11:00 Morning Worship—Adult Choir, Infant care from 9:00 to 12 A.M. 6:30 High School Youth Fellowship.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST OF TORRANCE**—1217 Cravens. Meets Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.; Evening Worship, 7:30 P.M.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Elmer Prout, Minister.

**KEYSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH**—435 West 220th Street, Torrance. Rev. W. L. Lowe; home phone, 7Erminal 4-5874; study phone, FA 8-6734. Torrance. Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Training Union, 6:30 P.M.; Evening Worship, 7:30 P.M.; Mid-Week Service, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Cooperating with Southern Baptist convention.

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Located on Carson Street and Flower Avenue in Torrance. Rev. Paul Wenske, Pastor. Residence 2550 El Dorado. Phone FA 8-3249. Church Office: 1725 Flower Avenue, FA 8-5884. First Church Worship, 8:00 A.M.; Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; second Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**—219th Street at Manuel Avenue. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Sunday Service, 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8:00 P.M.; Reading Room, 1617 Cabrillo Avenue. Open 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P.M. daily except Sundays and holidays. Monday and Friday, evenings, 7 to 9 P.M.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**—1501 West Carson Street. Rev. Freeman A. Brunson, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Youth Groups, 6:30 P.M.; Evening Service, 7:30 P.M.; People's Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**—Carson at Manuel. Rev. C. Miles Northrup, Pastor. Mr. Douglas Jeffrey, Director of Music and Youth. Church phone: FA 8-5050; Northrup, FA 8-3405. Bible School, 9:30 A.M.; Morning Worship, 10:30 A.M.; Junior Church in annex, 10:30 A.M.; Training Unions, 7:00 P.M.; Evangelistic Service, 7:00 P.M.; Mid-Week Service, Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Nursery for every service.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD REVIVAL TABERNACLE**—Normandie at 256th Street, Harbor City, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Martin. Services: Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M.; Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.; Thursday, Young People, 7:30 P.M.

**FOUR SQUARE CHURCH**—1207 El Prado; telephone, FA 8-5736. Rev. and Mrs. James P. Lowen, Pastors. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.; Group Services, 6:30 P.M. (Y. P. Cadets, Defenders); Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M. mid-week; Wednesday, Bible Study at 7:30 P.M. Public invited.

**LOMITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—245th Street at Woodway Ave. (Near Lomita Boulevard and Normandie Avenue) Rev. Eldon Durham, Minister. Residence 25307 Oak St. Telephone DA 6-0139. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M. and Morning Worship, 9:30 and 11 A.M. Westminster Fellowship Youth Groups, 8:30 P.M.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE**—2930 El Dorado. Reverend H. Milton Sippel, Pastor. Residence phone FA 8-4583. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Morning Worship, 10:50 A.M. Nursery provided for morning service.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA**—16414 Dalton Ave. (between Western and Normandie Ave.) Summer schedule: Bible school 9:15; Church, 10:15; Junior church, 10:15; Midweek services at 7:30 on Wednesday. Rev. Maurice Knott, Pastor.

**TORRANCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**—Located on Arcadia and Sonoma in Seventy-Day Adventist Bldg. R. L. Thurmond, Pastor. Resident Phone, TErminal 4-4967, 9:45 A.M. Sunday School; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; 6:30 P.M. Bible Study; 7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

**EVANGEL TEMPLE—ASSEMBLY OF GOD**—Located in the Grand Theatre, 1522 Cravens Ave., Torrance. Sunday School, 10 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11 A.M.; Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P.M.; Mid-Week Service, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Rev. Clyde Stockdale and Rev. Gene May, Pastors.

**KEYSTONE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**—21916 Moneta Ave., Keystone, Pastor Charlotte Shook. DA 6-5861. Sunday School, 9:45; Preaching, 11 A.M. Evening Evangelistic Service 7:45 P.M. Sundays, Mid-Week, Thursday 7:45 P.M.

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TRUTH (Spiritualist)**—Masonic Hall at 1006 1/2 Gardena Blvd. Sermon, Healing, Spiritual Messages, Sunday School at 10:15 A.M.; Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M. We extend a cordial invitation to the public.

# MEXICAN CHRISTMAS CUSTOM OBSERVED BY LOCAL FAMILY



"NACIMIENTO," Bethlehem's Nativity scene made up annually by Mrs. Gilbert Atencio, was visited last year by over 500. Holy Family

statues are handmade and imported from Mexico.

## 'NACIMIENTO' OPENS TO LOCAL VISITORS

Perpetuating a family tradition, as well as an ancient Mexican custom again this year is Mrs. Gilbert Atencio of 22963 Cabrillo avenue in Torrance, as she has on display her "Nacimiento" or Nativity scene, that drew over 500 visitors last year.

Children, especially, love to visit the Atencio home and view the lovely little scene surrounding the Christ-child . . . a tableau that is typical of those appearing in all homes of Mexico, regardless of the family's station in life.

### Las Posadas

Nine days before Christmas the people of Mexico start the "Posadas" when the "Madrina," or God-mother, who is the lady of the house, brings the tiny statue of the Christ-child to nine neighbors, the last neighbor in turn bringing the effigy back to the home of the "Madrina" before midnight December 24.

As Christmas eve arrives, visitors come to see the "creche," and they are served a special Mexican Christmas candy called "ginaldos."

### Gifts at Epiphany

In Mexico, Christmas, December 25, is observed strictly in its true religious sense as the birthday of Christ. Gifts are exchanged only on the children's Christmas which is observed on January 6, the feast of "Los Santos Reyes," or the Epiphany, which commemorates the three kings who brought gifts to the manger at Bethlehem.

### Statues Imported

The three principal statues, those of the Christ-child, Mary, Joseph, were brought to Mrs. Atencio early this year by a friend from Mexico. They are hand-carved by natives of the small village of Leon Juanajato, the only place in Mexico where religious statues of this type are made. The three figures cost \$40, or 490 pesos.

The natives make even their carving tools by hand, the wood-carving knives resembling shrimp knives. The carving is done by the men, while women and girls paint the statues. The figures, about 18 inches tall, are intricately fashioned with movable joints, and are painted several times.

## Christmas Party Set By Y-Wives

The children of Y-Wives members will be entertained with a Christmas party at the YWCA on Friday, December 17. The party will start at 9:30 a.m. and decorated tree, with refreshments and gift exchange is planned.

On succeeding Fridays, December 24 and 31, because of the school holidays, there will be no meetings.

An installation ceremony for new officers is planned for the first meeting in the new year, January 7. Results of the elections will be announced when all ballots are in.

Membership is always open for new members in the YWCA. For information call FA 8-5914.

## Brownie Troops Hold Yule Party At Lomita Church

A Christmas party was enjoyed last week by Brownie troops 1423 and 1390, as tables were decorated accordingly, and a huge tumbledweed was cleverly transformed into a Christmas tree at the Wayside Chapel in Lomita.

Enjoying refreshments and receiving Christmas gifts were twenty-nine girls of the two Brownie troops. Kathy Oberst of troop 1423, accompanied on the accordion as the girls sang Christmas carols.

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MARY BARRETT, Women's Editor

## Trio Holds Initiation And Elects Officers

Trio Rebekah Lodge 240, amid Christmas decorations, initiated into its order Mrs. Margaret Worrell, Mrs. Lucille Sloan and Misses Peggy Cooper and Patricia Rydstrom. Mrs. Maude Golden transferred into Trio.

Elected to office for the ensuing year were Mrs. Robert Jacobs as Noble Grand, Mrs. Mitchell Vash, Vice Grand; Mrs. John Fern, recording secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, financial secretary; Mrs. Ada Andersen, treasurer; and Mrs. Cal Yerton as trustee for 18 months.

**Good Fellowship Program**  
Trio took part in the area Good Fellowship program at

the Redondo Beach High School. Saturday night, December 11. District 84 enacted the Gay Nineties recalling the "Good old days on the Bowery" with a propitious songs and the Parisian Can-can girls as an added attraction.

Other skits were "At St. Peter's Gate" by District 66; "Old Fashioned Night Before Christmas" by District 71; "Miniature Minstrel," District 10; "Dress Rehearsal," District 60, and "Light Opera," District 80.

The program opened with the good fellowship chairmen singing "Side by Side" and closed with "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." The Good Fellowship program through the presentation of the Alladin Lamp between District 66 and 84 accumulated over \$325 for the modernization of the Childrens Home at Gilroy.

**Christmas Party**  
Trio will hold its Christmas party Wednesday, December 22 at the California Hall, 1932 Pacific Coast Hwy. beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a pot luck supper. A program has been prepared. The Odd Fellows Lodge and the Theta Rho Girls have been invited to join with members of their families.

### BETROTHAL TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sandstrom of 2042 W. 238th street, Torrance, announced this week the betrothal of their daughter, Carlene Louise Sandstrom, to Joe Mooneyham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mooneyham of 1309 Ravenna street, Wilmington.

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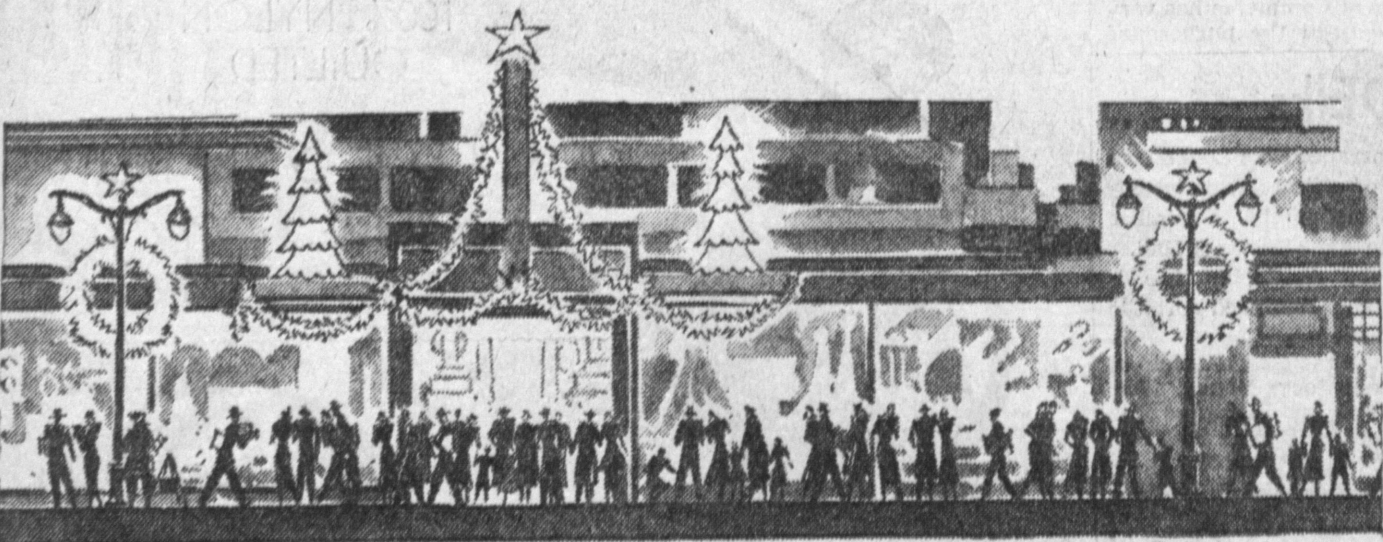
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while their small 5-year-old son Phillip, acted as an interested onlooker.

Although Mrs. Atencio works at night and takes care of three children during the day, she is still the gracious hostess and "Madrina" to visitors who come to view her art. She holds her home open from 6 to 8 p.m. on the days of December 16 and 17 and 19 through 24. Her Nativity Scene will also be on display after Christmas. She may be reached by phone at DA 6-0302.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Partusch, of 1244 E. 213th St., announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Ellen, weighing 7 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Porras, of 1312 Santa Fe, announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Ellen, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces.

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