

LOOSELEAF NOTEBOOK

Night Before Christmas Starts 7 Weeks Early

By ALAN ANTHONY
We used to think they were kidding about keeping the Christmas spirit alive the year round. By George, they must mean it. We had the occasion to go through Temple City last week and got the jolt of a lifetime. (Temple City is about the squarest settlement this side of Clarinda, Iowa, but that's no excuse.)

We used to enjoy shopping in Temple City. You can shoot a cannon down the sidewalk most anytime with no adverse effects. It's a sort of painted ghost town.

But now — two weeks before Thanksgiving — huge silver gewgaws are stretched across the main drag heralding the advent of yuletide. If the Wise Men had to get ready this early, there wouldn't have been a Christmas.

The first Christmas decorations herald the season of the open palm — scrawny, undernourished Santas start cumbering the sidewalks, and everyone is on the make for your last dime while you're in a giving mood. The missions get real active and prepare to give the bums their annual meal — on your dough.

The little runny-nosed black-mailers — fresh from collecting bagful of trick-or-treat crud they couldn't devour in a year — will be on us with first tinkle of a yule bell. Their demands can never be filled, but your pockets can quickly be emptied. We haven't paid for last Christmas, but here it is again.

We know what's coming; it's just coming too early this year: a deluge of Hollywood starlet photos in Santa costumes that resemble a pen wiper, interchangeable reminders of the shopping days remaining, a message from the fire chief on how you're likely to be barbecued in your bed if you don't fix the tree just so, 10 features on the dangers of the office party, a mighty blast from the police on having one martini as a bolster against the storm, the road blocks and attendant indignities, the crow-

ing of the gendarmes over how full are their jails Christmas Day, enough features from the National Safety Council to scare the wits out of you at home and on the highway, squawks from the child psychologists that all the toys look like guns, and a sermon by at least 118 ministers on the topic of having the Christmas spirit the year round.

This is where we came in. We submit our own system — good for the past 30 years: Send cards out two days before Christmas (we forgot the annual statement by the postmaster to mail eight months in advance). That way no one has time to remember they forgot you, and you know who your friends are.

Make out your gift list early the day before Christmas. Sneak a bourbon or two with a co-worker in the morning. Attend the office party and pretend to have fun. Tell the boss how the enterprise can be improved, and point out his shortcomings.

Buy a pint of brandy (a half-pint will not do) and go do your shopping. Sign anything. They won't try to collect till January. Buy the tree. The best of them only cost a buck Christmas Eve. Buy misletoe. Buy Chlorettes.

Having gone into hock till next Labor Day, take purchases home and dramatically insist your bitter half join you in an egg nog before she gets a whiff of your breath. Make veiled allusions to your own magnanimity while she voices her fears that you won't like your gift. Make usual inquiries into the condition of the children's health and attitude.

Put the top ornament on the tree before standing it upright. Under no circumstance climb onto a chair. Agree with all suggestions. Keep her glass replenished. You will produce, thereby, a spirit of Christmas and love that never can be emptied.

As now the eager profiteers betray a greed that never can be filled.

Mike Sedlak, Dave McNary Take Part in Army Maneuvers Abroad

Two soldiers from Torrance, Pfc. Michael G. Sedlak and Pfc. David R. McNary, participated with the 4th Armored Division in an intensive field training exercise in Grafenwohr, Germany.

They entered the army in 1958 and completed basic training at Fort Hood, Tex.

Sedlak, a mechanic in headquarters company of the division's 37th Armor in Crailsheim, arrived overseas last June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Sedlak, 18808 Haas Ave.

McNary, 23, a gunner in Company B of the division's 37th Armor in Crailsheim, arrived overseas last May. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. McNary, live at 5304 Reese Rd. He is a graduate of Torrance High School and attended El Camino College.

Charity Workers Call for Clothes

Continuing its appeal for used clothing, furniture, and household articles, the St. Vincent de Paul Society receives its greatest demands for charity during the fall and winter. Msgr. James E. Dolan, director, said today.

Needed for Southland poor are warm clothing of all sizes, chairs, tables, beds, stoves, dressers, lamps, heaters, and appliances. Materials can be donated by calling TE 4-4533.

Use classified Call FA 8-2345 FA 8-2345; ask for an ad-taker.

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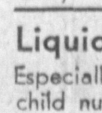
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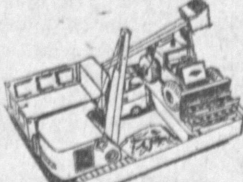


Liquid Vitamins
Especially formulated for child nutrition. Pint
1.09



Century Electric Blanket
Double bed size blanket with single or dual control, new nylon, cotton, rayon fabric in assorted colors. Washes with ease. UL approved, 2 year guarantee.
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LAY-A-WAY SALE OF TOYS




Highway Builder Set
11-piece assortment includes: dump truck, power shovel, bulldozer, 2 road barriers and 6 vinyl construction figures. All pieces of equipment have moving parts.
7.98




Wolverine Toy Stove
Big, heavy gauge metal lithographed and embossed in colors. Hinged door, push-buttons actually operate. Colored cooking utensils included. 11" x 12" x 6 1/2".
2.49




Wolverine Electric Iron
Modern iron, latest "open" style handle and thumb. Bright chrome base with dial control. 6 1/2" long and UL approved.
1.68



Toy Refrigerator
Perfect replica of modern pieces. Doors open, one to freezer compartment and one to refrigerator. Ice cube trays and miniature packages of products. 13 1/2" x 5 1/2".
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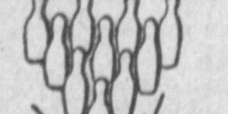
Wham-O Draw Yarn
Newest drawing fun... draw pictures with yarn as you would with pencil or crayon. Patterns included or make your own. Pen uses ordinary yarn.
2.38




Highlander Tumble-Bug
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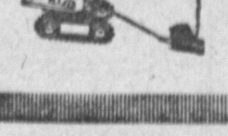
Snippy Electric Scissors
Newly designed 4-color gift package. A safe electric toy with no sharp points. Thumb-operated button type "on-off" switch! Project suggestions included.
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Plastic Bowling Set
Water-filled 11" unbreakable white pins with red strip. Can be used without water, too. Two 5" finger hole balls. Use indoors or out.
2.79



Football Kick-off Set
Rugged, laminated rubber official football and kicking tee. Football is brown with white stripes. Tee is yellow. Needle to inflate ball is included.
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Bicycle Playing Cards **2 for 1.00**
Pinochle, straight, bridge. Air cushion finish.

Plastic Poker Chips **69c**
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Bowling Bag **3.98**
Heavyweight naugahyde. 2-tone color. Reg. 5.98

Stuart Hall Typing Paper **2 for 1.00**
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Girls' Can-Can Panties **1.69**
Lanokins bloomer style with cute ruffled rear. Leakproof, in Small, Med., Lge., X-lge.

Empire Baby Pants **4 for 79c**
Washable-boilable slip-over style. Lightweight plastic. Sm., med., lge.

Play-Pen Pads **2.49**
Extra thick, corner ties. Washable plastic covering. Assorted prints, colors.

Plymouth Puddle Pads **1.17**
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