

Library Displays Special Collection

The following books are part of a special collection now on display at the Torrance Library. They represent only a portion of the many Christmas books that are available to the public.

ADULT
"Idea for Christmas Decorating," by Sunset Lane. 48 pages.

A do-it-yourself book on how to make Christmas ornaments, table decorations, window murals, wreaths and pinatas.

"The Christmas Cookbook," by Zella Boutell. Viking. 269 pages.

From more than 500 recipes and menus come favorite ways of making Christmas candy and cookies, also egg-nogs, puddings and punches.

"A Treasury of Christmas Plays," by Sylvia Karmann. Plays, Inc. 509 pages.

In one volume are brought together contemporary comedies, plays with musical background, and dramatizations of the Christmas story that best convey the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.

"The Complete Christmas Book," by Franklin Watts. Watts, Inc. 339 pages.

A Christmas manual with instructions for the entire family on everything from selecting related gifts to making your own Christmas cards.

JUVENILE

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," by Theodore Geisel. Random. 45 p.

How the Grinch tried to stop Christmas by taking away the little Who's candy and toys.

"Pedro, the Angel of Olvera Street," by Leo Politi. Scribner. 56 pages.

The story of Pedro, the little Mexican boy, who sings like an angel in the traditional celebration of Christmas on Olvera Street.

"Christmas," by Alice Dalgliesh. Scribner. 244 pages.

A collection of Christmas favorites, from the story of the first Christmas to Christmas in America and other lands today.

"Favorite Christmas Carols," by Margaret Boni. Simon. 176 pages.

Christmas songs and hymns for children of all ages.

Vegas Licenses To Torrancites

Marriage licenses issued include:

Cook-Chek — Dec. 4, Ronald Earl Cook, 19, of Harbor City, and Sharon Lynn Chek, 20, of Torrance.

Redditt-Campbell — Dec. 8, William R. Redditt, 25, and Kayren Campbell, 18, both of Torrance.

Mason-McDonnell — Dec. 8, James A. Mason, 51, and Betty Gale McDonnell, 43, both of Wilmington.

Thornton-Schultz — Dec. 9, Winston Dale Thornton, 21, of Wilmington, and Betty Ann Schultz, 20, of Torrance.

Heim-Kincaide — Dec. 9, David E. Heim, 30, of Gardena, and Victoria M. Kincaide, 20, of Torrance.

Marler-Marler — Dec. 9, Paul L. Marler, 38, of Torrance, remarried LaVerne Marler, 33, of Paramount.

Neeley-Lackyard — Dec. 9, Thomas E. Neeley, 35, of Los Angeles, and Edna M. Lackyard, 41, of Torrance.

De Fever-McIntyre — Dec. 9, Robert L. DeFever, 35, and Charlene McIntyre, 37, both of Torrance.

Martin-Forrester — Dec. 9, Leo F. Martin, 33, of Torrance, and Peggy Ellen Forrester, 34, of Whittier.

Harbin-Akman — Dec. 10, Robert H. Harbin, 22, of Torrance, and Naomia P. Akman, 27, of Shafter.

ARRESTED 13,359

During 1960, members of the California Highway patrol arrested 13,359 drivers who were under the influence of alcohol. This is an average of 1,113 per month, or 37 per day. This is a decrease of 3.8 percent compared to the previous year.

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Areas 'Light Up' During Holidays

Christmas in the West is a combination of Santa Claus, sun and surf, community singing, football games, skiing in the mountains, and gaily-lit boats parading on bays and lakes, the Automobile Club of Southern California reports.

Some western families will be decorating their Christmas trees with flowers from their gardens rather than using silver tinsel, or displaying modern pink trees with black ornaments instead of the more traditional evergreens.

On the Pacific Coast, oranges, dates, figs, raisins, walnuts and almonds are picked, packed and elaborately wrapped to send to snow-bound easterners.

Along "Story Book Lane," Altadena, 33 homes are displaying life-size characters from familiar nursery rhymes. La Fiesta, Calaveras and Glenrose Avenues are

illuminated with exhibits through Dec. 31.

Spanish California celebrates the holiday season with the traditional "Las Posadas" festivities of Old Mexico. In recent years, at Padua Hills and Olvera St., the "Pinata" has been added to the more Mexican ceremonies.

"Christmas Tree Lane," Altadena, a mile of 200 majestic cedars, will be illuminated from Dec. 24 to New Year's Eve. Decorating the 80-foot evergreens that line Rosa Ave from Las Flores to Woodbury Rd., is a 40-year tradition. Traffic is one-way southbound as cars, with headlights turned off, slowly drive in darkness to view this spectacular display.

Joshua Tree has again fashioned its Main Street after the homes and shops of Bethlehem on the first Christmas. With the residents of the little desert town in costume, the entire street will become a life-sized stage.

As the season progresses, various church will hold pageants retelling the story of the Nativity. Jolly old St. Nick at Santa's Village in Sky Forest will lend a special ear to children's wishes and westerners will decorate their homes for community trimming contests.

Carillon concerts are prominent on college campuses, "living crib" scenes are popular at some California Missions, and in many Southern California communities, special events will be held.

Prima Donna, Symphony Give Annual Concert

Celina Sanchez, prima donna of the Baltimore Civic Opera, will be guest soloist at the Civic Symphony of the South Bay and Torrance concert Dec. 28.

The annual program of the holiday season will be presented in Redondo Union High School auditorium.

Directed by Elyse Aehle, the symphony will play music from "Hansel and Gretel," "Children's Corner Suite" by Debussy, and parts of "Eugene Onegin" by Tchaikovsky.

A 60-voice chorus from Center School, Manhattan Beach, directed by Everett Covin, will sing the "Prayer" from Humperdink's opera.

The youngsters will also sing ancient carols in four part arrangements.

Ryan Firebee Sets Endurance Flight Record

A new endurance record for the Q-2C series of Ryan Firebee jet target drones has been set at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Ryan Aeronautical Company announced this week.

Flight duration of 97 minutes was established by a Q-2C of the 4756th Drone Squadron, during a target mission at 45,000 feet altitude, during which the Firebee was fired upon by Genie rockets and Falcon missiles.

After fuel depletion, the Q-2C was recovered by parachute and retrieved by helicopter from the Gulf of Mexico. Impact damage was minor, and the drone was repairable for re-use.

The previous record for the Q-2C series was 96.7 minutes, set April 2, 1959 by a test model during evaluation at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. This included 87.5 minutes of powered flight, and 9.2 minutes of glide before recovery was demanded.

The new mark, by a production model of the Q-2C, exceeded the prior record by only three-tenths of a minute, but the flight was entirely under power. During the flight 12 intercepts and three firings were accomplished.

New Year's Eve Party Tickets Sold at "Shanty"

Reservations are still available for the New Year's Eve celebration after the Dec. 31 performance of "Auntie Mame" at Smith Bros. Fish Shanty restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance.

Order of events for the evening will include dinner at Fish Shanty; seeing the performance at Chapel Theatre; return to Fish Shanty for a full evening of New Year's Eve celebrating including dancing to the music of "The Hi Hatters."

Reservations and further information may be obtained by calling FR 2-9636 or FR 8-9017 evenings, or Fish Shanty, FR 5-2294.

Director Fred West announces that the cast has been selected for "Streetcar Named Desire," next production at Chapel Theatre.

Included in the cast are: Ed Long, Stanley; Kathleen Briggs, Stella; Mitzel Phillips, Blanche; Sally Stowe, Eunice; Bob Connor, Mitch; Ed Rawlins, Steve; John Sanchez, Pablo; Ron McRae, the collector; Barbara Duncan, the nurse.

West announced that rehearsals will begin immediately.



LUCKY WINNER of a new Wurlitzer piano is Mrs. Edward P. Jordan. She held the winning coupon in a national contest sponsored by Wurlitzer Piano Company through its dealer, Leonard's piano department. Congratulating Mrs. Jordan are Pat Turino and Steve Chiappella of Leonard's and Everett Rothschild of Wurlitzer Company (left to right).

Department Gets Toys

Christmas will be real for many children of needy families because of a toy distribution program in which the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is participating, according to Chairman Ernest E. Debs of the Board of Supervisors.

Hundreds of toys for boys and girls are accumulating in readiness for the enormous task of distribution to the various parks.

Instead of being distributed directly to children at the various county park Christmas parties, the gifts will be earmarked for parents of needy families which have been checked with the proper social service agency.

Parents will be notified to pick up the gifts at the park so they may present them personally to their children at home on Christmas eve or morning.

The new plan, requiring parents to pick up the toys, is being developed by the department by arrangement with the "Toys for Tots" program of the United States Marines and the Christmas Donors Service of Welfare Information Service, Inc.

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