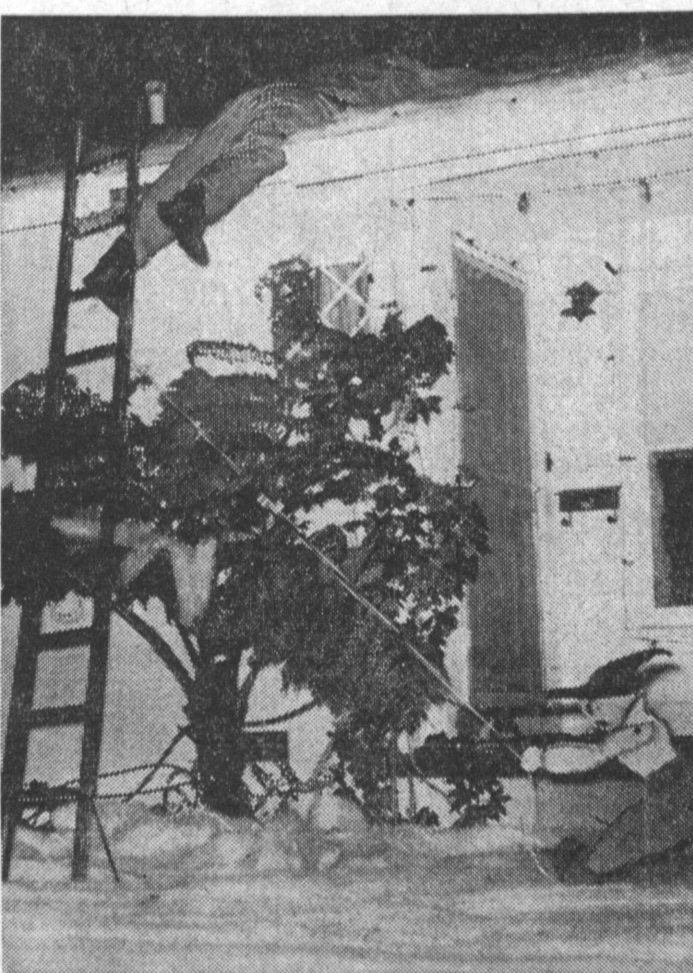


YULETIDE LAWN CHARACTERS ENTICE ONLOOKERS

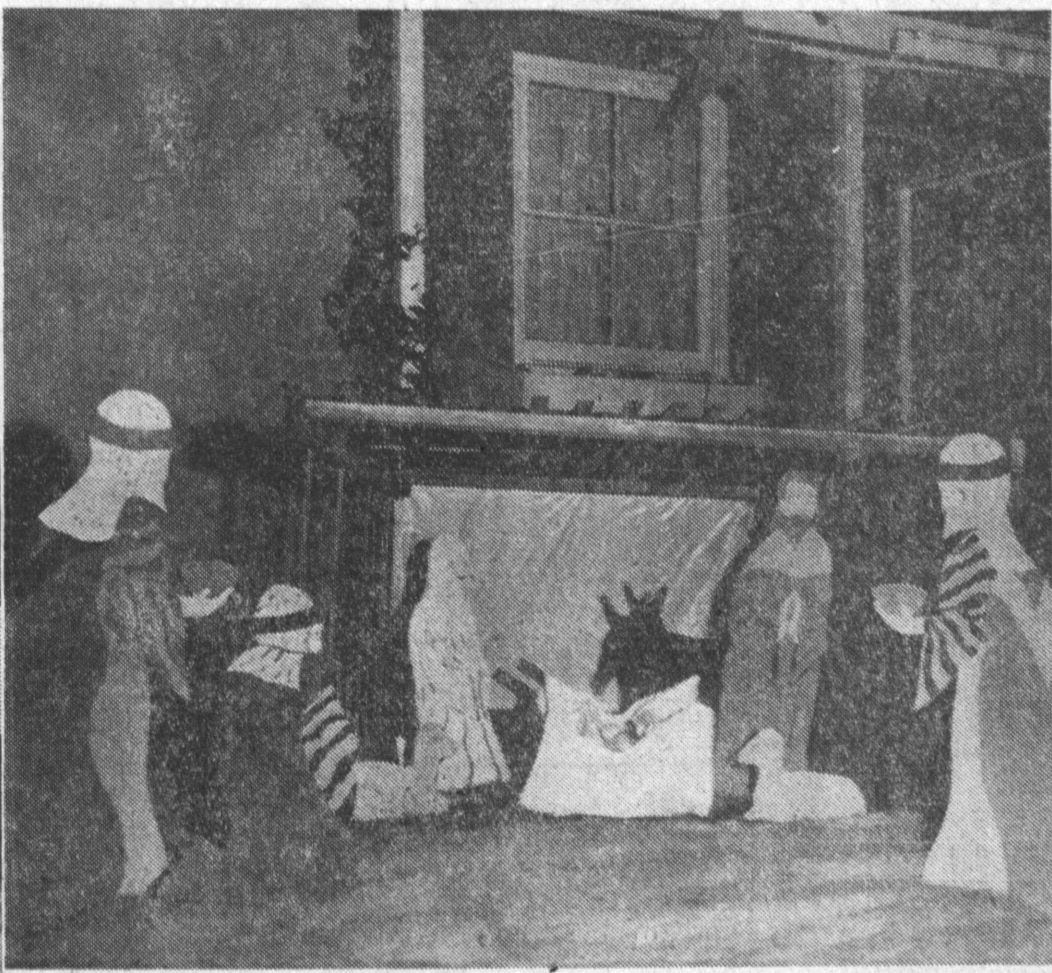


HOLIDAY DESIGNERS—Finishing a Christmas tree on the lawn of the Roger P. Hogue home, 4634 Tucan St., are busy wooden elves who are being entertained by the

Three Chipmunks. Leading the trio is Santa himself, who is taking a breather before beginning his world-wide Christmas Eve trip. —Press Photo



WOOPS—In an attempt to scramble to the top of the roof at the home of the G. L. McCowns, 4614 Tucan St., Santa loses his ladder and depends on a faithful elf to pull it back into place. —Press Photo



NATIVITY SCENE — Telling the story of Christmas is the Nativity scene on the lawn of the Lyn White family, 4536 Tucan St., in Candy Cane Lane. The display shows the

three wise men offering gifts to the Christ child in the manger. The figurines are made of painted plywood. —Press Photo



SPARKLING SNOWMEN—Decorating the lawn at the Robert A. Walker home, 4608 Tucan St., are four bundled-up snow-people and a companion snowdog. The

young snow girl in the foreground tries out a new sled found under the Christmas tree following Santa's visit. —Press Photo

Families Join To Construct Lane Scenes

String of lights . . . cotton snow . . . wooden Christmas characters. Such elements, when put in combination on the lawns and homes of Torrance people, result in enticing holiday scenes like the ones on Candy Cane Lane on Tucan Street and the display owned by Russell Mayer at 4919 Laurette.

At Candy Cane Lane, a more than a block long wonderland of snowmen, Santa's reindeer, nativity scenes and snow-clad lawns, the street was made into a one-way lane for the Christmas festivities.

Greeting autos driving down the lane is Santa Claus who passes out suckers and quizzes youngsters about Christmas hopes. Men living on Tucan Street are taking shifts at the Santa Claus post, according to a Candy Cane Lane resident.

INSTIGATOR

The project on Tucan was begun by Chuck Schoendienst five years ago who built a nativity scene. In the years following the initial project Schoendienst created a moving train display, a scene with skaters and a moving snowball display.

This year Schoendienst created a winter waterfall scene with water running down a slope he built on the lawn of his home. "We're just about out of ideas," commented Mrs. Schoendienst as she recalled the scenes built during the past five years.

After using a scene the Schoendiensts passed it on to a new neighbor on Tucan Street with an agreement that the neighbor would create his own display the following Christmas.

TALKED INTO

The "regular" neighbors were talked into following the example set by the Schoendiensts and have united to present Candy Cane Lane, according to the homemaker.

At Laurette Street the Mayers have created a snow scene with skiers coming down a slope on the front lawn. The skiers originally were elves but changed identity when the Mayers cut off their ears and noses to make kiddies out of them.

Mayer, who said he hopes to get into the Christmas display business eventually, added that he sells the homemade characters.

Santa Makes Early Visit

For the fourth year in a row Santa Claus made an early visit to the 900 children of Halldale School. Friday, December 15, Santa spent the entire day taking Christmas requests and handing out candy canes.

Schools' Staffs Hold Festivity

Marking the end of the first half of the school year, members of the cafeteria staffs of the Torrance Unified School District celebrated at a Christmas party at Crenshaw Elementary School December 15.

Gifts were exchanged, Christmas songs and hymns sung, and refreshments were served. A special collection was made and donated to the Salvation Army to aid it in its Christmas work.

Among those attending were Assistant Superintendent Sam Waldrup and Mrs. Waldrup, and Supervisor of Food Services John Blandy and Mrs. Blandy.

The visit, actually made by one of Santa's many helpers, is becoming an annual event. Time in the red suit is donated by Donald Hartman, Halldale PTA member. Hartman, an employee of Pacific Telephone Co. for 14 years, performs the same services for children of telephone company employees each year.

A graduate of Narbonne High, Hartman knows what to expect as he has four children of his own; Cheryl, 10; David, eight; Linda, four; and Julie, two.

Iraq Ambassador Dines

Dining at the Marineland Restaurant on the Palos Verdes peninsula were Ambassador Maung Maung Soe of Burma and Najdat Fathi Safwat of the Iraq Embassy, who recently spent an afternoon in Torrance.

Lindborgs Dine

Dining recently at the Polynesian Restaurant were Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Lindborg of Torrance.

Osteopathic Guild Aids "Intensive Care" Section

Participation in civic events has marked recent activities of the Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital Guild. The volunteer organization, directed by Mrs. Van Lisman, San Pedro, has participated in community and hospital improvement projects.

Plans for 1962 include an expanded program of general civic activities, according to Mrs. Lisman, who pointed out that women of the organization took an active part in the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce civic luncheon at the Hacienda.

Mrs. Jack Hurley decorated a guild table in the "California Christmas" theme. In addition the group has helped to provide equipment for a new "intensive care" unit at the Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital.

Members are planning two special sewing events in January to prepare puppets and dolls for children in the pediatric ward of the hospital. The women staged a special Christmas party for the hospital employees, nurses and doctors.

The sewing events are scheduled for Jan. 9 and 23 at the home of Mrs. Lisman, 1192 W. 18th St., San Pedro. More than 30 members of the volunteer group attended the annual guild Christmas luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lisman.

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I'M NEW HERE

Babies arriving at Riviera Community Hospital included:

A daughter to Dr. and Mrs. James R. Black 3506 W. 225th St., Torrance.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Montgomery, 2710 226th St., Torrance.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Dixon, 182 E. 213th St., Torrance.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Gonzales 22527 Shadycrest Ave., Torrance.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spears, 18923 Patrorella Ave., Torrance.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Watson 21229 Ocean Ave., Torrance.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ray Levell 1542 1/2 W. 227th St., Torrance, Nov. 30.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rivero, 1118 W. 256th St., Harbor City, Dec. 1.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ernest Taylor, 23106 Carlow Rd., Torrance, Dec. 1.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Charley D. Utton, 2247 W. 243rd St., Lomita, Dec. 4.

FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD

First religious Christmas cards were published in Belfast, Ireland in 1875. Religious designs started appearing on American Christmas cards in the 1890's.

Tots to Perform For Congregation

Ninety-seven tots from ages three to five years will sing Christmas songs for the 8 a.m. masses today and tomorrow at St. James Catholic Church.

The youngsters, performing for the entire church congregation, will sing "Jesus, Jesus Come to Me," "O Dear Little Children" and "Silent Night."

Each child will appear in a choir boy robe with white collars and red ties. This is the first time toddlers of this age have performed for the congregation, according to a representative of the church.

Responsible for the Christmas presentation is Mrs. James Fiest.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moon of Torrance were recent dinner party guests at the Polynesian Restaurant in Waltham.

FIRST MAILING LIST

First Christmas mailing list of any consequence was compiled by a busy Englishman named Henry Cole. In 1843, Cole commissioned John Horsley to design a Christmas "greeting" because he was too busy to write his friends at Christmas. The idea spread rapidly throughout England and the Continent.

Women

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Annual Yule Party . . .

Fleet Reserve Ladies Gather in San Pedro

Harbor View Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve gathered recently in Ula-brand Hall, San Pedro, for a turkey dinner and party. Tables were decorated with holly, poinsettias, pyranthia, cedar and pine boughs. A decorated tree also enhanced the room.

A gift exchange followed dinner. Mrs. Claude Fowler, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Emily Cofield, co-chairman.

Committee members were: Mmes. Tara Miekley, John Beauchamp, Joel Kellom, Michael Doletor, Elvin Patterson, Earl Rush, Catherine Loro and Harry Fralich.

Mrs. Harry Setzer was decorations chairman. Mrs.

William Davis, president, conducted a short business meeting.

Mrs. Davis reported on Operation Handclasp, an annual project which gives support to Formosan orphanages. Christmas bundles were sent to the island. The unit contributed aid

to Harbor Exceptional Children's Foundation, Salvation Army and Community Chest this season.

The group's next board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Beauchamp, 1814 W. 247th St., Lomita. Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2.

Couples Attend Trimming Party

Holding a surprise tree trimming party December 16, Mrs. Charles Myers, member of the South Bay Hospital Auxiliary, and husband entertained five couples at their home.

Joining the party dressed in Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus

outfits were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Raife. Mrs. Claus wore a full-length red dress trimmed with white fur. Mrs. Raife is also a member of the auxiliary.

Mr. and Mrs. Estil Sheeley, new residents of Torrance, were guests at the event.

Trio Carols At Civitans' Celebration

Nadine Nickol Singers, a teenage group, entertained Wednesday evening at Torrance Civitans' Christmas party.

Members and wives heard the trio, composed of Linda Fair, Terry Collin and Linda Holloway, sing carols and holiday music. The group was directed by Nadine Nickol, local voice instructor. The girls have appeared on the United States Hospital Ship Haven and have sung to various organizations.

The party was held at the Jump 'N Jack.



DECORATING SESSION—In preparation for Los Crusados Council New Year's Eve dance is cause for gathering of wives of members. Mmes. Arthur Cunningham, Stacy Rodman and Vincent Weigel (left to right) are on the decorating committee. Dance

will be at Knights of Columbus Hall, Avenue I, Redondo Beach. Dance chairman is M. Robert Lauterjung. Assistant is Martin O'Malley. Ken Woods' orchestra will play. —Press Photo.