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THREE YEARS of labor are seen in the jeweled robes of the Christ statue belonging to Kathy Kenny, Torrance, El Camino College employee. Work began with stones from a broken bracelet.

## Story of Statue **Symbolizes** Yule

TORRANCE-Christmas in the home of Katherine Kenny, member of the classified staff of El Camino College, is symbolized by the traditional tree and wreaths of the season, but also by a small, porcelain stature known as the Infant of Prague.

The story of her statue the collar gems from her begins with her father's mi- husband's cuff links, "So gration from Ireland to many people gave so many Scotland. It was there that parts and pieces of the she was raised until the whole that now I can't even family's longer journey to find the real gems among the costume jewels," she the United States. However, the influence of 'said.

the Scots is still strong in Mrs. Kenny's speech and, as Camettes, young ladies whoshe suspects, "in her ways," perform during halftime ac-

She married John Kenny tivities at El Camino footin New York, and, shortly hall games.' A few years back afterward, they moved to the initials EC were sewn on their costumes from Their first home was in material faced with sequins.

Lawndale. In time, to be As the letters were cut, nearer the school of St. small strips of it fell aside. Catherine Laboure, they Mrs. Kenny collected these moved to Torrance. Michael, and they now are part of her son, is now in the sixth the cape of her statue. grade at St. Catherine's "It's a truing done out of twist of fancy." "It's a thing that was

John Kenny, a tool and she said, "but now, after my boy, Michael, it's the thing die maker, died in 1960. About six years ago, Mrs. I'm most proud of."

Kenny acquired the small statue of the Infant of CAUTION NEED SHOWN

Prague. Tradition holds that the statue should only be railway grade crossing accigiven or received as a gift. dents last year shows, ac-Keeping it as a reminder cording to the Greater Los of her Faith, Kathy, placed Angeles Chapter of the Nait on a table near the en- tional Safety Council, that trance of her home. There it in half of the grade crossing stood, to be dusted properly, accidents occuring at night and to "catch the eye in more than half of them inpassing and lift the mind in a little prayer," as she says One day, about three years ago, a bracelet of Mrs. Kenny's broke from her wrist motorists to exercise a and scattered jewelry over sharper lookout for grade the floor. It was then, out crossings and grade crossof early Scot's training or ing signals.

decided to save the loose HILLTOP DANGER stones by cementing them ways lengthen after you've That was the beginning. hill even if you don't indriven over the crest of a crease speed. Combat this by slowing down as you apbeen decorating her statue proach hilltops.

In the crown are stones W. McLean, 1028 Arlington, from her wedding dress, in Torrance.



FOR FIFTH YEAR hundreds of letters to Santa Claus (Indiana) are flowing out of Pacific State Bank's offices. Bank annually has aided Torrance area "junior citizens" who have poured out their hearts at Christmas time, and 1962 is no exception. Here two-year-old Cathy Nimchuk deposits a letter in Santa Claus mailbox with assistance of Teller Ann Rae. Bank President Robert C. Yeary looks on to make sure job gets done. PSB is conducting "Letter from Santa" opera-tions as a free service at its offices in Torrance, Hawthorne, Lennox, Windsor Hills and Rolling Hills Estates.