



**HOLIDAY CRAFTS . . .** Three Torrance teachers test some practical tips on making holiday decorations during a workshop session at the Educational Materials Building. Shown here are, from left, Mrs. Margaret Crampton and Mrs. Thelma Crompton of Jefferson School, and Mrs. Kit Gregg of Lincoln School.

## IT'S TINSEL TIME

# Holiday Spirit Pervades City's Classrooms, Kids

There's no doubt about it—it's tinsel time in Torrance. From the rooftops of homes to the corridors and classrooms of the city's schools, the spirit of the season is in the air.

As elders grope around the garage for boxes of bangles from by-gone years, Torrance youngsters are painting poinsettias, spraying Santas, and cutting candles for Chanukah.

Under the academic eyes of Torrance teachers, students are supplementing their store of skills with a knowledge of crafts which range from turning plastic detergent bottles into lanterns and tissue paper into flowers. They are learning that macaroni on a paper plate isn't always something to eat: when it is uncooked, glued in a design to the plate and sprayed gold, it is something to adorn a wall.

**AND THEY'RE** learning how the holidays are celebrated in other countries. With the help of books, filmstrips, and recordings they are becoming familiar with festivities in France, the custom of caroling in England, and traditions in Germany, Scandinavia and Israel.

They are gaining insight as to how the music of the season is a part of the culture of the nation and how the holiday traditions tie in with the folkways of the people, their teachers say.

Typical of seasonal activities currently going on throughout the city is that of Arnold School, the city's newest school. Arnold students are writing individual reports on holidays and tradi-

tions in other lands and are learning folk dances and folk songs which they will perform at a holiday assembly.

**WHERE DO** teachers go to get new ideas for holiday crafts? While seasonal shoppers are thronging to the city's stores, teachers are shopping for ideas at their resource headquarters, the Educational Materials Building.

"Just as a housewife who goes for a quart of milk comes home with a basketful of groceries to enrich her family's diet, so do the teachers who come to the EMB for a specific material wind up with a basketful of ideas to enrich the classroom diet," says Lynn Shidler, EMB consultant.

One of the jobs of the people who work at the EMB is to motivate teachers, so that they in turn can motivate youngsters. During the holiday season this means eye-catching seasonal displays scattered throughout the building.

**TEACHERS** who come to get records or filmstrips or books on holiday observances in a particular land often find themselves leaving with ideas for sparking up bulletin boards or new ways to make seasonal decorations out of scrap materials.

The EMB displays might be compared to promotional displays in a grocery store or department store, or to the commercials on television. "What we're trying to promote is use of our products—books, records, and filmstrips—to stimulate learning. Displays are one way of accom-

plishing this," Mrs. Shidler added.

Other ways of stimulating new ideas among teachers are by workshop sessions, held throughout the year as well as at the peak of the holiday season, and at monthly grade-level sessions. In addition, EMB personnel provide a consultant service to answer teachers' individual questions.

**FOR THE** teacher who is unable to get to the EMB, who might be compared to the at-home catalog shopper, the district provides each school with a holiday kit to circulate within the school. Included in the kit are printed materials, ideas for crafts, background information on holidays in other lands, and stories to be read aloud such as Dickens' famed "Christmas Carol."

Who motivates the EMB people to motivate the teachers to motivate the children? Mrs. Shidler has an uncomplicated answer. "You might call it our idea bank. We read the professional journals and we attend conferences and we exchange ideas with other people in our profession. When teachers call upon us for new ways to do old things we draw upon this bank of ideas. But the nicest part of our 'banking' set-up is that teachers not only withdraw; they deposit. Some of our best ideas are those adapted from the creative efforts of our teachers."

"Show the same idea to a dozen teachers, and you'll come up with a dozen ideas of additional applications of the original principle," she stated.

## Motorists Asked for Comments On Cost of Auto Smog Control

California motorists have been asked to express their opinions as to the cost of exhaust smog control devices on used cars.

"All car owners should have an interest in the maximum cost of these devices and should write to the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board before its meeting this December 16," said Harry V. Cheshire, vice president and general counsel of the Automobile Club of Southern California. "The Board's address is 217 W. First St., Los Angeles, 90012, and it has indicated it would welcome public reaction to the estimated cost for the installation and maintenance of the pending

exhaust control devices." The board recently withheld action requiring such devices on used cars until its December 16th meeting, because it determined that the cost of such devices is much higher than previously estimated.

**STAFF EXPERTS** of the State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board have estimated that the cost of installing the proposed exhaust control devices on used cars will be in the area of \$100. In addition, the Board has estimated that the annual maintenance cost of these devices will be about \$50. These expenses will be in addition to those already

imposed by the requirement to install and maintain crankcase smog devices on used cars which will hit the pocketbooks of most car owners in California during the coming year.

"One exhaust control device has already been approved by the Board, and only one more needs to be accepted to trigger the requirement for the installation of such devices on used cars," Cheshire said.

Starting with 1966 models next year, new cars will be equipped with exhaust control devices by auto manufacturers under rules already adopted by the Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board.



**CHOICE MEATS . . .** are examined by Sam Morris (left) and Fritz Velarde co-owners of the Sir Loin Meat Shoppe in Rolling Hills Plaza. Morris and Velarde have a combined experience of more than 40 years in the meat business. The new shop is open seven days a week.

## Tartar Teen Talk

By Pam Flemming

The last scene was scarcely finished as a near-capacity audience hurried to signify its most genuine approval. Applause stimulated the playgoers through four curtain calls at the annual Senior Play last Friday in the Torrance High Auditorium.

Characters of "The Rainmaker" were portrayed with excellence by the seven-member cast. Authentic sets and costuming set the mood for the performance.

Congratulations to all of the hard-working Tartars who helped to make "The Rainmaker" a smashing hit! Also, a special thank you to Charles Slater, THS drama instructor, and the play's director.

**AS WE RACE** through the last days of school before Christmas vacation, holiday spirit is high at Torrance.

Foreign celebrating was done by language students at a Language Party, held Dec. 15. The event, an annual one, included skits by the Latin, German, French, and Spanish clubs; dancing, and refreshments.

Tomorrow evening Torrance families are invited to attend a Feast of Lights in the auditorium at 8 o'clock. The "program musicale" is presented each year by the Tartar Orchestra, Girls' Glee Club, and Tartar Choir. Introductions to a wide variety of seasonal music and a narration will be given by a student to be selected prior to the "Feast." There is no admission charge.

A SPECIAL Christmas treat awaits Tartars Friday when an aul call will be held

shortly before school is closed for the holidays. Planning for the skits, song, arrangements, and additional surprises is under the direction of student council.

It's here! That fabulous event, long awaited by many loyal Tartars . . . the 1964 Winter Formal! "Frohes Fest," theme for the semi-formal dance, will officially launch the holiday season at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Site for the celebration is the Torrance Elk's Lodge. Outstanding decorations, refreshments, and the special guest, Renate Baier, foreign exchange student from Austria, are all part of the excitement planned for the evening. And, of course, the ASB President will be on hand to announce results of the Canned Food Drive.

**THE FOLLOWING** girls have been elected to represent their class as the class standings in the drive are announced: Renate Baier, senior class; Judi Rynhart, junior class; Mary Boughen, sophomore class, and Renae Johnson, freshman class. Representative from the class with the highest percentage of weight contributed will be declared Honor Princess and will receive a perpetual trophy.

"Frohes Fest" tickets are \$2 per couple with an ASB card, \$2.50 without. Bids are available through Friday. Happy Holidays! See you in 1965!

Many seniors will pick up Christmas presents in the form of senior portraits this week. Balance of money owed will be due at this time.

## South High Senior Gets Honorary Science Award

Michael Cruikshank, a senior at South High School, has received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award for superior achievement and aptitude in science.

Dr. John A. Lucas, principal of South High, said Cruikshank would receive the bronze medal award at commencement exercises in June. Winner of the award are eligible to compete for science scholarships at the University of Rochester, New York.

**CRUIKSHANK**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cruikshank of 23115 Kent Ave., has maintained a straight "A" average in science classes at South High. He also has honors grades in all courses he has taken.

A member of the varsity tennis team, Cruikshank is also a member of the Order of Apollo, South High boys service club, and serves as treasurer of that group. He is president of the Science Club and the California Scholarship Federation chapter, and vice president of the Latin Club.

**A HOLDER** of a National Scholarship Foundation grant for the California Museum of Science and Industry summer

## 7,000 Take Shots as Volunteers

Despite the fact that children don't consider getting shots one of their favorite pastimes, more than 7,000 Torrance youngsters volunteered to take diphtheria-tetanus shots at Torrance schools this fall.

Available to the children under the age of 10, the injections were administered by the Los Angeles County Health Department in September and October.

Of more than 16,000 eligible children, 7,455 signed up for the shots.

Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services, said no cases of diphtheria have been reported in the Torrance area by the Torrance Health Center.



**WINNERS ALL . . .** Admiring awards won in college competition at the national Beta Phi Gamma convention are members of the El Camino College chapter of the honorary journalistic fraternity. They are, from left, Eric Williams, Frank Lander-ville, Danny Bearden, Jim Braden and Vern Perry.



**SERVICE AWARDS . . .** Twelve employees of the Rome Cable Division of Alcoa Torrance plant were awarded ten year service pins by Frank B. Francis, general manager. Back row from left, William Hill, Robert O'Toole, Rudolph Johnson, Robert Moore, John Fedor, and William Steel. Front row from left, Victor Miller, Lionel Livingston, Marion Smith, William Barwick and J. B. Gilbert. Vern Carrig, not present, received award, also.

## Bill of Rights Week Observed in Schools

"For every right there is an obligation to uphold."

"Do we have to be denied a right before we stop taking it for granted?"

"One of the most important ideas which young people must learn is that freedoms must be balanced by responsibility."

These observations were made in the course of classroom work in the Torrance schools last week, the result of discussions, debates, and special assemblies held as part of the annual observance of Bill of Rights Week.

**ACTIVITIES** throughout the school district were geared to the class level and aimed at interpreting the effect of the Bill of Rights on the lives of today's youngsters.

Beginning with the basic concept of rights and rules, kindergarten students talked of the reasons for rules and regulations in class or on the playground. As the children progress through the schools,

the talk becomes less superficial.

**IN HIGH SCHOOL** debates, students tossed the ideas of "excessive bail" and "due process." They also talked of the philosophy and the ramifications of the guarantees in the Bill of Rights.

At South High, a junior history class debated the Bill of Rights, basing their discussion on recent events.

Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of schools for instruction, said the emphasis on the Bill of Rights "is not an isolated part of the curriculum occurring only during a specific week." Dr. Posner added, "Awareness of our rights is an ongoing, year-round thing. When our primary students study Thanksgiving or talk about Christmas, we remind them this is an example of religious freedom. Bill of Rights Week is part of our total American history program."

## Watch Out For Thief, He Warns

Sheriff Peter Pitchess today warned all residents of Los Angeles County of the "Christmas criminal."

In urging an all-out campaign to halt this thief who preys on Christmas shoppers, Pitchess suggests the following three basic rules:

- Lock your car at all times—even if you leave it unattended for only a few minutes.
- Place your gifts out of sight in your automobile—preferably in the trunk.
- While shopping, hold your packages—don't lay them down for a sneak thief to steal.

National statistics show an annual increase in crime during the month of December. Every citizen can help reduce this by following the three rules.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Not all men are homeless, but some are home less than others.

**CENSUS TAKERS**  
Mrs. Edith Naples of Gardena and Mrs. Frances Bryant of Lomita have been named enumerators for the 1964 Census of Agriculture in the Torrance area.

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