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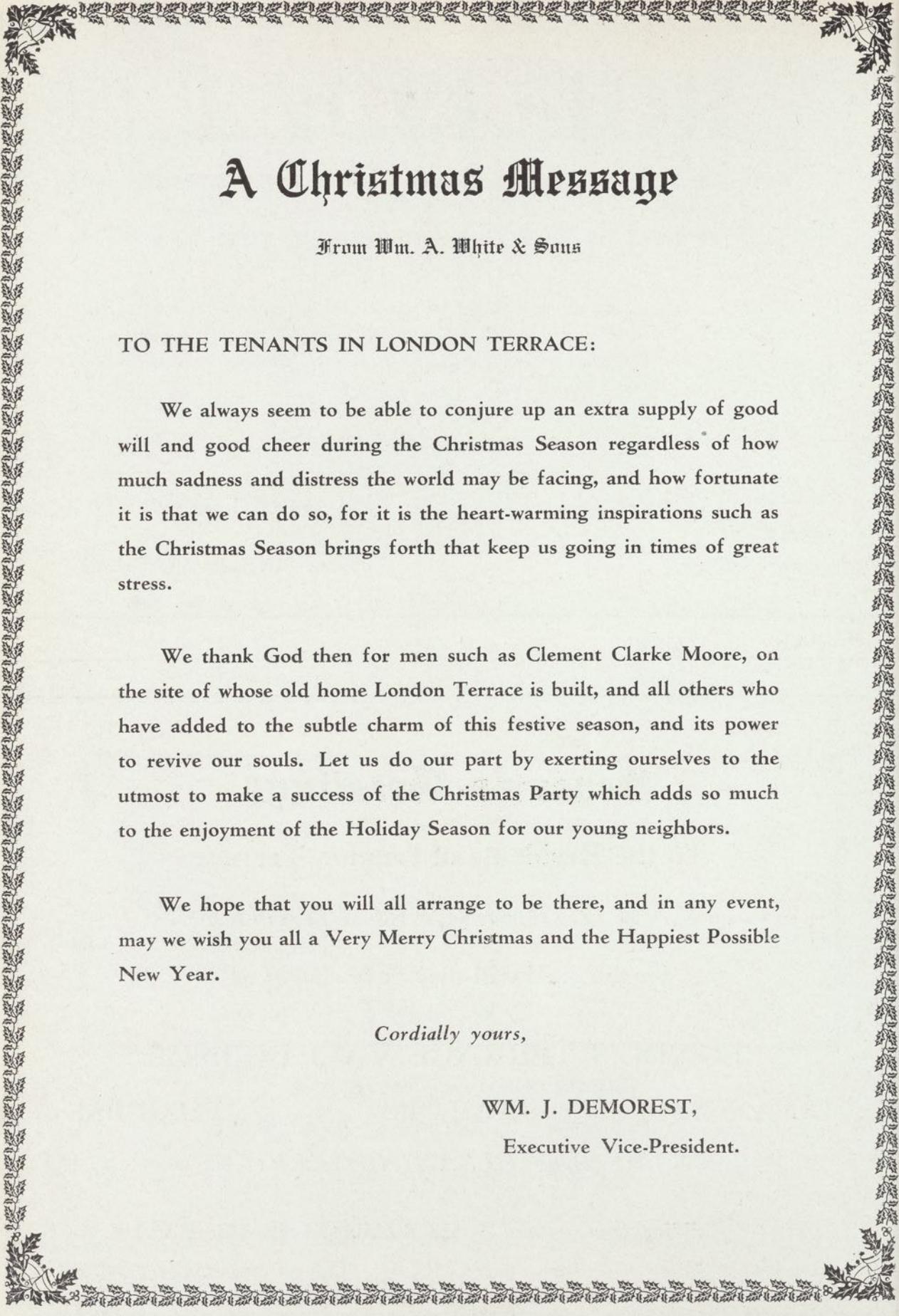
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A Christmas Message

From Wm. A. White & Sons

TO THE TENANTS IN LONDON TERRACE:

We always seem to be able to conjure up an extra supply of good will and good cheer during the Christmas Season regardless of how much sadness and distress the world may be facing, and how fortunate it is that we can do so, for it is the heart-warming inspirations such as the Christmas Season brings forth that keep us going in times of great stress.

We thank God then for men such as Clement Clarke Moore, on the site of whose old home London Terrace is built, and all others who have added to the subtle charm of this festive season, and its power to revive our souls. Let us do our part by exerting ourselves to the utmost to make a success of the Christmas Party which adds so much to the enjoyment of the Holiday Season for our young neighbors.

We hope that you will all arrange to be there, and in any event, may we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and the Happiest Possible New Year.

Cordially yours,

WM. J. DEMOREST,
Executive Vice-President.

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Cover

The season's the reason, of course, for our very original cover decoration this month. The Party, Santa Claus and Christmas receive a rousing welcome each year from everyone who lives or works in the Terrace. The drawing was made by Mrs. Winton Corbett and thanks are due her for a lively job.

Many Bundles

The ladies of the London Terrace War Relief Unit already have made a resolution for an even higher record of accomplishment after the New Year. They cordially invite residents who wish to devote a few hours a week in knitting and sewing to look in at their workrooms, Apartment 19D, 470 Building, any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Garments produced by the group are distributed through such established agencies as the Red Cross, the British War Relief Society and the Maple Leaf Fund. They include knitted articles for armed forces as well as children's clothing, baby layettes and used wearing apparel

which are sent to the other side.

Money is needed to buy materials and a charge of one dollar is made for membership in the Unit. Others interested in the work have sent donations that have been put to good use. Mrs. Bruce White, chairman of the Unit, will be glad to explain details of the work and any help, either with money or time, will be greatly appreciated.

Footwork

The dancing class customers of

Gertrude Dutton and William Crook are feeling pretty pleased with themselves on the polished floors these evenings and many of them are continuing with advanced instruction—which will start in January. Another beginners class also will get into operation after the New Year.

Residents and their friends interested in either of the classes are invited to come to the Gymnasium downstairs in the 470 Building on the evening of Tuesday, January 6.

Better Speaking

The Speak Easy Club thinks it's spoken enough for this year, and the members are taking time out from their weekly Thursday meetings until January 8, 1942.

If, along with your other good resolutions, you decide you owe it to yourself to indulge in some regular training in the art of speaking and thinking on your feet, stop in at the Penthouse Club at 8:30 P.M., on that date. You'll meet some pleasant people with a common objective—helping themselves to express themselves with clarity and force. There are no dues, and you may sit and listen if you wish.



"Spooks" Are With Us

Players presenting a whodunit
melodrama for season's opener

THE London Terrace Players make their bow of the 1941-42 season this month with a presentation of "Spooks," a well-known success by Robert J. Sherman, and described by the group's publicists as "a thrilling, blood-curdling, spine-tingling melodrama." The thriller will be played for three nights, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 10th, 11th and 12th, on the stage of the Hans Jaeger Grille downstairs in the 405 Building.

This production is in the nature of an extra added attraction to enliven the holiday season and will be given as a benefit for the U.S.O., with a portion of the receipts being turned over to the organization which is making life brighter for the boys in the American armed forces. Terracers and their friends who patronize "Spooks" will thus be treating themselves to an entertaining evening and helping a very worthwhile cause at

the same time. Tickets are priced at \$.55 each.

Members of the cast include many of the Player veterans, among them Paul K. Addams, Nick Bernard, Virginia Desmond, Bill Hoff, Jefferson Evans, Helen Skellie, Isabelle Yaeger and Charlotte Lou Zentner. The production has been directed by Hudson Faussett, who has had stellar success with previous offerings of our amateur organization, and promises a plenitude of laughs, screams and shudders.

In the meantime, rehearsals for the previously announced "You Can't Take It With You" are proceeding and the date of the performance of this famous Broadway comedy will be revealed at the "Spooks" performances. There are still a number of parts open and the Players wish it known that ambitious residents who have a desire for work in front of the footlights will be welcome for tryouts in Apartment 17C, 405 Building.

Below are seen Paul Addams (prone) and Jefferson Evans (kneeling) in what appears to be a grave scene from the production on view this week in the theatre downstairs in the 405 Building.



Above, four members of the Terrace Players register horror in another tense moment of the play "Spooks." Reading melodramatically from left to right they are Virginia Desmond, Bill Hoff, Helen Skellie and Nick Bernard. You can see for yourself how they get out of the predicament by attending the performances Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

The Christmas Party

Garden event will start off the holiday week in fitting fashion

ON Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, the Garden will be the scene of the annual London Terrace Christmas Party, which for the twelfth consecutive year sets the note of the season in an expression of good will, charity and mutual enjoyment.

The famous lines of the poem beginning " 'Twas the night before Christmas" again will be read in honor of Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, who, on another Christmas Eve 119 years ago composed them as a gift to his own children in their home on the present site of London Terrace. The spirit of the poem will once more live as over five hundred neighborhood children from homes unable to provide them with real holiday cheer will be guests at the Party, will be entertained and presented with gifts of food, clothing and toys donated by Terrace residents, employees, concessionaires and management.

In the setting of the holiday-decorated Garden with its huge tree, lights and candle-lit apartment windows, the features of the Party will be performed and sent out over the air to many thousands of listeners. For the fourth year the Mutual Broadcasting Corp. will broadcast proceedings over station WOR and its network as part of the 6:00 P.M. program of Uncle Don. The studio broadcast will be moved right into the Garden for the occasion and the friendly cooperation of the Mutual management, Uncle Don, the engineers and assistants should, as usual, help greatly to make the Party a success.

However, the real accomplishment of the Party lies in the cooperation of all concerned to make the event a true expression of the Christmas spirit. The officers and committee members of Chelsea Charities, tenant organization in charge of the affair, have received splendid assistance from Terrace people and from the neighborhood. St. Peter's Church, which has a special interest in the celebration because of the close association of Dr. Moore with the beginnings of the church, will again be represented by its rector, Reverend R. A. D. Beaty and its Choir led by Elsie Rosalind Wood. A group of our Bobbies will be on hand dressed in colorful capes and carrying lighted flares and the children of the French School will have a part. Eight of the latter se-



The Garden scene last year during the Christmas Party broadcast. This photograph, which has caught the spirit of the occasion in excellent style, was taken by resident Marjory A. Martin. It has aroused so much interest around the Terrace that prints have been made up for sale at the Book Store.

lected by Mme. Anna Fregosi, head of the school, will portray the tiny reindeer of the poem, pulling the sleigh containing the gifts for the neighborhood children and driven by the small Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, residents Hampton Denny and Ruth Ellen Berry.

In addition to the main Garden entertainment, two special parties will be given for resi-

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Bingo Aids A.W.V.S.

Party proceeds buy materials as
new classes are being organized

A BINGO party held last month and plans for new classes to be started after January first give evidence of continued activity among Terrace members of our Unit of the American Women's Voluntary Services. In addition to new enrollments for classes which have completed their first courses, a new course in Nutrition will be instituted.

The Bingo party, proceeds of which went to buy material for the sewing and knitting classes, was a great success, providing some lively competition and a total of \$85.00 in cash. The material purchased will go into sweaters for



There was fun and profit in the Bingo party held by the A.W.V.S. to raise funds to purchase materials for the knitting and sewing classes. The two pictures are the result of the cameraman's concentration on the contestants while they were endeavoring to fill out their number rows.



Photos by Jacob Deschin

American armed forces and baby layettes to be distributed among Chelsea families. The Sewing and Knitting group meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in Apartment 19D, 470 Building.

As part of the national organization for training women in necessary defense activities, the Terrace Unit is continuing its enrollment of members for free courses in First Aid, Mobile Kitchen, Air Raid, Precaution, Spanish, Photography and Physical Fitness on our premises. Courses outside the Terrace include Recreational Therapy, Code Practice, Teleprinting and Teletyping, Map Reading, Child Guidance and Small

Boat Piloting and Navigation.

In line with official regulations regarding persons engaged in defense work, finger printing of A.W.V.S. members is being undertaken by four members of the Terrace Unit who were given instruction by the New York police and are now qualified for this work.

The A.W.V.S. presents a fine opportunity for education and patriotic service. If you haven't enrolled as yet, members of the enrollment committee will be glad to take care of you any afternoon or evening except Saturday and Sunday, in the Penthouse Club, from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Singing the Vocals

Ray Eberle finds that warbling for a dance band is no spare time job

ANYONE with an ear for a roundelay in the modern manner has no doubt tuned a radio dial, hooked up a phonograph record or hoofed a measure to the strains of Glenn Miller's orchestra. And as a singer is an important adjunct to a dance band they will have heard Ray Eberle giving with "You and I" or other ditties that have caught the musical fancy of the customers.

Mr. Eberle, his wife and his eleven months old daughter recently joined the ranks of Terrace residents, so your rambling reporter, in the course of his rounds, stopped in to hear what they had to say for themselves. The daughter, Raellen, didn't have much to say, because at the beginning of the visit she was tucked away for her P.M. nap. But before we left, she made her appearance, grinned cheerfully and gurgled her assurance that London Terrace was a very fine place.

Her mother and father were inclined to agree with her and the story of their coming is an interesting one because it kicks right back at the theory held in some quarters that the place to live when you have children is the wide open spaces. The Eberles took a flier at suburban living, but somehow it didn't seem to work out.

For one thing Ray's strenuous, broken up hours of work would leave him stranded at meal times and at odd moments of the day without time to get home. He'd leave at noon and be back in the bosom of his family some fifteen hours or so later. The way it is now, he's situated for a short hop to the Hotel Pennsylvania, where his evening chores at singing occur and is likewise conveniently poised for frequent trips to the broadcasting and recording studios. His day with Mr. Miller starts in mid-afternoon with rehearsals, carries on later with radio time and through the nightly entertainment at the Pennsylvania, with the thrice-weekly Chesterfield program thrown in for good measure. And at odd moments they make records, broadcast for U.S.O. and take care of other assignments that crop up regularly.

So you can see that preservation of any vestiges of Eberle family life necessitated closer harmony with Ray's professional assignments than was provided by a commuting residence.

The Eberle family is turned out with a nice



Ray Eberle

eye for physical contrast. The missus is blonde, petite and attractive, the mister is dark, wide-shouldered and handsome, and the miss is inclined at the moment to take after her mother in coloring, although of course you can't tell just how infants eventually will turn out.

Ray's vocal flare stems from musical parents. His father was a singer, his mother a professional pianist. They met at the beginning of their respective careers, while providing musical accompaniments for early silent pictures as they were run off in theatres. Later, Mr. Eberle devoted his talents to operetta while Mrs. Eberle concentrated on raising a family of eight children. Ray's brother Bob is a top vocalist who has made himself famous with Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra and there is a younger brother whom Ray and Bob are grooming for a singing career.

Ray spent his early years in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., where his father had taken over a hotel and restaurant. Ray's introduction to the stern realities of life came about with his delegation to take charge of the clam department and he claims he can still sense the odor of steaming

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More Wardens

Resident Manager W. A. Lockwood wishes to express his thanks for the response among residents to his recent appeal for Air Raid Wardens to act under the national Civilian Defense program. Mr. Lockwood is Head Warden of our local zone and says that there are still a number of posts to be filled. He hopes that more residents will volunteer for this very important service. Both men and women are needed and the work takes only a few hours a month.

Mr. Lockwood or Mr. White in the Office will be happy to explain details of the work. Volunteers should register at the local Police Station, Tenth Precinct, at 230 West 20th Street, to be officially enrolled and fingerprinted.

Swim Meet

Residents, as well as the general public, will get their first glimpse of the season at big-time water competition on Sunday afternoon, December 14, at three o'clock in the Terrace Pool. This is the date of the first Open Meet of the Women's Swimming Association, whose members use the Pool as official headquarters. The gals of the W.S.A. will be matched against top outside competition and there should be plenty of thrills for everybody.

Better mark that date down for some unusual entertainment.

Red Cross Report

You'll be glad to know that the Terrace sector turned in a good account of itself in the recent Red Cross Roll Call drive. Mrs. Bruce White, who is officially in charge here, reports that as we go to press \$275.00 has been turned in by residents, with more coming in each day.

In view of the fact that many people enroll through their churches and places of business, this is considered a very excellent showing.

Help Wanted

For the Christmas Party

THE Christmas Party needs your help. It cannot be counted a success unless you make it so. You can help in various ways—by supplying gifts for the neighborhood children who will be our guests and by taking part in the work of wrapping and classifying the presents. The following suggestions are offered so that there will be no waste of time or effort.

Packages should be addressed to Mrs. Ethel Nugent, Playroom Supervisor, 470 Building. All you have to do is hand your packages to the doorman of the 470 Building if it's convenient or to your own doorman and they will be delivered promptly.

Select presents for children not younger than six and not older than twelve. The invited children are to be kept within these ages.

Try to select gifts which will be suitable for either boys or

girls—books and games being most desirable. It will be of great aid to the distribution if the gifts are suitable for either sex.

Money will be accepted with pleasure! It will not of course be distributed to the children in the form of cash but will be used to make up any possible shortage of gifts. Surplus—if any—will go toward providing food and clothes for needy families in the neighborhood. Send presents as early as possible so that they may be properly wrapped and so that the number of children to be provided for may be estimated accurately. Money, in particular, should be sent well in advance of the Party. Make checks payable to Ethel Nugent or Christmas Party Fund.

Volunteers are needed to assist in wrapping and sorting the presents. Anyone wishing to help the cause in this manner may call Mrs. Nugent or Miss Bieber.

Chess Clubbers See Action

A YEAR-OLD chess rivalry was renewed last month when a twelve-man team from City College barged up to the Penthouse Club to engage the Terrace experts in combat. The collegians were in hot form and registered a much more decisive defeat of our locals than they managed last year. The score: C.C.N.Y., 7½; L.T., 4½. Those chalking up points for the home team were Jerome Barry, David Hoffman, Mark Peckar and Dr. Martin Biederman, who won at boards one, two, four and ten, and Morris Kramer, who drew at board six.

Until the first of the year,

Chess Club activities will consist of the ladder tournament, intra-Club matches and brief lectures on different phases of the game by leading players of the Club. New members will find the latching out on any Wednesday evening at eight o'clock in the Penthouse Club.

Come the New Year and the annual championship tournament will get off to the starting gun. There will be competition among the expert, the not-so-expert, and the fair-to-middling, with prizes awarded. If you know a pawn from a knight, say the Clubbers, get into action. Maybe you can win.

Photogs Exhibit Contest Prints

MEMBERS of the London Terrace Camera Club came through with an excellent show for their first salon print contest of the season, Wednesday, November 12. Entries were of such high order that the official judge for the occasion, Stanley B. Katcher, A.R.P.S., was almost confronted with a Solomon's choice.

However, when the decision came in, it was found that Flora K. Howes had the edge and romped home with both first and second prizes. Her print titled

"Sunset in Chelsea" was the winner, with "Chief Big Snake" second. Don Jackson took third place with his "On a High Hill." Honorable mentions were plucked by Nell Greenfield, Don Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kent.

Members of the Club were highly appreciative of the fine cooperation of Mr. Katcher as well as the audience turnout for the show, the latter being so numerous that some had to be turned away. They invite residents to attend future shows and lectures.



Winning prints of the Camera Club contest: Below, right, first prize, "Sunset in Chelsea." Above, second prize, "Chief Big Snake." Below, left, third prize, "On a High Hill."



Special Christmas Church Services

SPECIAL Christmas services in neighborhood churches as reported to the NEWS, follow:

Saint Peter's Episcopal—CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 11:30 P.M.: The Holy Communion. CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday, Dec. 25, 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.: The Holy Communion. SATURDAY, Dec. 27, St. John the Evangelist, 3:00 P.M.: The Children's Party for the Church School.

Chelsea Presbyterian — SUNDAY, Dec. 21, 11:00 A.M.: Christmas Sunday Worship. CHRIST-

MAS EVE, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 12 o'clock Midnight: Candle-Light Service. SUNDAY, Dec. 28, 11:00 A.M.: Special New Year Service.

Saint Columba—Special Christmas masses are listed in a separate announcement in this issue of the NEWS.

Guardian Angel — CHRISTMAS EVE, 12:00 P.M.: Solemn Midnight Mass. CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses every hour from 5:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M. and at 12:45 P.M. NEW YEAR'S DAY: Masses every hour from

5:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M., and at 12:45 P.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles—CHRISTMAS EVE, 11:30 P.M.; Christmas Carols; 12:00 P.M.: Midnight Holy Communion, Christmas Music. CHRISTMAS DAY, 8:00 A.M.: Holy Communion; 11:00 A.M.: Holy Communion, Sermon by the Rector, Christmas Music. HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY, Dec. 28: Church School Festival and Gifts. NEW YEAR'S EVE: Watch-Night Service and Address, Midnight Holy Communion.

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FOR HIM — We will gladly help you select the "just right" gift for him from our distinctive selection of gifts for men.

CANDY — Gaily gift-packaged—or in bulk—will make Christmas merrier for EVERYONE.

PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT

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SODA FOUNTAIN

For shopping fatigue—stop at our Soda Fountain for a warming, nourishing drink of Hot Chocolate.

USE THE HOUSE PHONE

PROMPT DELIVERY

Christmas Mail

Mail congestion around the Christmas season is something of a problem and residents can help out with swift delivery of packages and letters if they will be sure that their correspondents utilize the exact Building address rather than the generalized "London Terrace."

Our mail room organization is set up for speed and accuracy, but naturally it's going to feel the burden of the extra work in the days to come before Christmas. Mail routed direct to lobby mail boxes through a street address designation relieves the mail room of a good deal of time and labor and helps to make everybody happier.

Magazine Donations

The neighboring American Seamen's Friend Society acknowledges with thanks a total of 92 books, 3130 magazines, and four decks of playing cards donated by Terrace residents during the month of October. Although the official report for November was not in at the time of writing, indications are that about the same response was turned in for that month.

The donated reading and game material goes into the recreational facilities provided by the Society for seamen who otherwise would have heavy time on their hands when at liberty. With the generous response of the Terrace on the record books, let's keep up the good work. Your books, magazines and games should be sent to the Penthouse Club, where they will be picked up and delivered to the Society.

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Shop Shots



THE weather man is doing his best to make us forget that Christmas is just about upon us but the calendar tells a different story. Just in case you haven't done all of your Christmas shopping, let me suggest a visit to our many shops so conveniently located right in the building.

The Book Shop

will take orders for Christmas cards with your name printed on them up to a day or two before December 24th. Any gift that you select in this shop, or elsewhere, will look twice as attractive if it is wrapped in gay and appropriate Yuletide gift paper—some lovely new designs are on display here. Harmonizing and matching seals and ribbons and—good news—*boxes* of all sizes are to be found in the Book Shop. The usual wide choice of gifts may help you solve some of those what-to-give questions. A new line called "Neocraft" is described as "electrically treated aluminum" and looks, at a distance, like colored glass. Ash trays made of this new material are stain proof and other articles include dishes that can be used for candy or nuts. Or how about a hand forged aluminum ice bucket or pitcher? The children have not been forgotten and the new Tony Sarg and Walt Disney books are likely to be confiscated by the grownups before the Juniors have a chance to claim them. There is something for every member of every family in the Martin's Book Shop.

Whelan Drug Store

is all dressed up in red and green and ready to help Santa Claus

make a lot of people happy. Perfumes and toilet articles are a safe bet for any feminine recipient on your list. Mr. Sherman, our local Whelan manager, confided that they have a large supply of imported perfumes in spite of world conditions. Here, too, you will find plenty of things for your friends who smoke—popular brands of cigarettes and cigars done up in gay Yuletide packages, lighters and other items to add to smoking pleasure. Candy is pretty sure to be welcome and it adds a festive touch under any Christmas tree.

The Liquor Store

boys are busy fixing up attractive baskets and boxes with *more* attractive contents. The price of bottled goods seem to be quite reasonable at the moment but no telling how long they will stay put so better do your Christmas shopping early here.

The Food Store

as usual has anticipated the desire for gift baskets and as one must always eat, why not do some of your present buying here—both for yourselves and your friends? Everything that should go on the table any day, with special thought for December 25th and January 1st, are here to tempt you. Not necessary to worry about preparing dinner after a hectic day of shopping as ready-to-eat dishes are ready and waiting for you to take home.

The Restaurant

should not be forgotten if you don't feel like cooking. And be sure to make reservations for Christmas Eve as everybody and

Church Directory

We are pleased to list these churches, in the London Terrace Parish, for the guidance of readers. Special Holiday services will be held in all of them this month.

✕

Baptist

North Church
232 West 11th Street

✕

Episcopal

St. Peter's Chelsea
346 West 20th Street

Church of the Holy Apostles
9th Avenue and 28th Street

✕

Lutheran

German Lutheran Church of
St. Paul
312 West 22d Street

✕

Methodist Episcopal

18th Street Methodist Church
305 West 18th Street

✕

Presbyterian

Chelsea Presbyterian Church
214 West 23d Street

✕

Reformed

Manor Church
350 West 26th Street

✕

Roman Catholic

Guardian Angel
10th Avenue and 21st Street

St. Columba
339 West 25th Street

his uncle wants to join in the festivities in the Dining Room after the Garden celebration. Many Terracers are planning on eating dinner here on the 25th so give Walter a ring and he will reserve a table for you for either, or both days.

The Beauty Shop's

calendar is getting filled up for those popular days before Christmas and New Year's. Parties are so much more fun if you look your most beautiful and a permanent wave for yourself or someone else, is about the most useful gift I can think of. Freddie, permanent wave expert at the shop, is giving me mine next week, which will make my next one due when it is most needed in June.

Chelsea Dog and Cat Hospital

urges all animal owners not to forget that their pets like to get beautiful too! A trim or hair cut or manicure means just as much to them as it does to you. Here is the place to park your animals if you are planning on being out of town for the Holidays.

The Florist

will soon be setting up an array of Christmas trees out in front of his shop and wreaths and Poinsettia plants in the window will remind you, if you need reminding, that the big day is drawing nigh. Floral decorations in keeping with the season should be a must in every home. Everyone with windows on the Garden is urged to hang wreaths in them for their own enjoyment—as well as their neighbor's. The same suggestion goes for those living in apartments with windows on 23rd and 24th streets up to the fifth or sixth floor, for obvious reasons. Let's make the Jersey-bound bus riders wish they lived in our cheery midst!

Postal Telegraph

has those Yuletide greetings all

neatly and gayly printed ready for your last minute visit when you realize that there are some on your list that require a wired message.

Geo. Nockin's Jewelry Store

our good neighbor up on 8th Avenue, just off 23rd Street, should not be forgotten if you are in the market for a few diamonds or watches. I should add that there are many things here besides these expensive items so pay this "70 year old store" a visit before you give up hope of finding everything you need in the way of presents. And after Christmas, remember that your watch or jewelry repair work is in expert hands if left at Nockin's.

Mr. Higgins,

who has a studio in 12H—410, can help you if you are looking for something in the way of bric-a-brac or articles of furniture. Or how about giving hubby a pair of draperies or a slip cover for his favorite chair? If these things are not on your present shopping notes, keep Mr. Higgins in mind when you do start thinking about yourself and your house.

The RKO Theatre

has a novel suggestion that is sure to please the lucky person receiving same—a book of tickets that will mean many happy hours for them, thanks to you!

The Radio Shop

suggests that you check your radio so that you will be able to enjoy the many interesting Holiday programs—our Christmas Party, for instance. Or if you should want to buy a radio they will take care of that too.

The Laundry and Valet,

like the poor, are always with us and pretty necessary when it comes to preparing for the Holidays or getting over them. Plenty of clean linen for the table and

for those extra beds that may have to be made up for visitors, should be checked in plenty of time. Is your wardrobe ready for the parties that I hope you are going to be invited to? Same day cleaning is available at our Valet shop but why put off until tomorrow what you could have done day before yesterday—fooled you, didn't I?

And now it's about time for me to start doing some of the things that I have been telling you to do so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all,

Yours truly,
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Flowers

A NUMBER of Terrace holiday tables will look particularly charming this year, due to the fact that a group of women residents have been delving into the intricacies of flower arranging in a regular weekly class under the teaching of Miss Matilda Rogers. Miss Rogers' idea is that it isn't so difficult to make a dozen American Beauties look beautiful, but given a half dollar's worth of posies and the hostess is confronted with more of a problem. The class is designed to train her in what she can do to make them really effective as table decorations.

The ladies who have been taking Miss Rogers' course have made such progress that they are exhibiting at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, on Tuesday, January 13 from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. The show is open to the public and anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

A new class in this practical pursuit will be formed after the holidays—both afternoon and evening groups will be organized if the demand is sufficient. If you're interested stop around to the Penthouse Club Thursday afternoon, January 8th at two o'clock and meet Miss Rogers.

The Dotted Firing Line

THE Firing Line is still on duty—very much so! In former years October First was almost "Retreat" for the Renting Office, and certainly "Winter Quarters," but no more.

The Army and Navy and other Government departments have contributed heavily to this post season activity as well as persons engaged in various branches of defense work. While New York, they tell us, has not received as much impetus in renting as some sections of the country, London Terrace has most definitely received a generous share.

Yesterday one of our older tenants ("in point of service") rented a second apartment—the addition is near her present apartment, so now she has extra space, extra privacy, real elegance (almost a duplex) and doesn't have to break up her already satisfactory establishment.

Quite a number of our tenants hold two leases—several of the

doctors do—(incidentally, isn't it wonderful to have capable professional aid right at the end of your house telephone?)

Then there are the family groups here; how very nice it is to have one's parents next door or around the corner or across the Garden, yet under the same roof! (Sort of nice for Mother and Dad too, isn't it?) We have several sets of sisters or brothers in our little city of London Terrace, with a sprinkling of cousins and other "connections," as we say in the South.

The Guest Apartment Service is continuing to prove popular with our tenants, and many a family reunion, or visit from old schoolmates, is scheduled for the coming holidays. Imagine being able in an apartment house to secure an apartment with hotel service for one night only! This is really an unusual and valuable service.

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The Christmas Party

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dent, employee and neighborhood children. The party for resident and employee children will be held on Monday, December 22, at 3:00 P.M., in the main room of the Ecole Maternelle Francaise—space which Mme. Fregosi has donated for the occasion. Hans Jaeger, of our Restaurant, is furnishing ice cream and cake, and gifts will be given by Wm. A. White & Sons, Managing Agent for London Terrace. There will be an entertainment of magic and other novelties suitable for children by Warren Simms, who numbers among his

professional engagements five performances before President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mr. Simms also will put on his same show at the party for the



Uncle Don, who will add his radio talents to the Garden broadcast.

neighborhood children, which will be held just ahead of the Garden entertainment on Christmas Eve from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. in the downstairs Restaurant Grille. This plan, made possible by the cooperation of Mr. Jaeger, follows the procedure which proved so successful last year. The guest children will be gathered in the Grille for their party and then will come into the Garden in time to receive their stockings filled with fruit and candy during the radio broadcast. Afterward they will go into the French School to receive the larger gifts. This arrangement will be particularly advantageous if the weather is unpleasant.

The neighborhood children are selected by Mrs. Ethel Nugent, social service director of Chelsea Charities, with members of her committee. Mrs. Nugent and her committee are in active touch with needy neighborhood families throughout the year and from

them come the five hundred children most in need and deserving of help.

Upon Terrace residents rests the responsibility of seeing to it that our young guests enjoy a Christmas worth remembering. Sheffield A. Arnold, chairman of Chelsea Charities, and his co-workers do a fine job of organizing and leading, but contributions and help from all members of the Terrace family are necessary for the success of the undertaking. Elsewhere in the NEWS you will find specific instructions as to how you can help out, the types of gifts that are needed and what you should do with them. Volunteers to wrap and classify the presents are needed as well as people to assist in the many tasks necessary for the carrying out of the program.

The Party entertainment in the Garden will start at six o'clock and the usual custom of dimming apartment lights and substituting window candles will be observed. Your cooperation in this matter is requested in order to give real atmosphere to the scene and set the stage for the spotlighted appearance of Santa Claus at the top of the 470 Building.

Residents may come down into the Garden for a closeup view of proceedings if they wish, but it is suggested that those living in Garden apartments watch from their windows, leaving the space in the Garden for residents from the outside apartments.

Our Party through the years has become an established feature of the Christmas season and its success is due to the unselfish contributions of time, money and gifts from everyone connected with the Terrace, as well as many neighborhood firms and private individuals. It brings cheer and material aid to those who otherwise would be without them and it unites us all in a real expression of the spirit of the season.

So Merry Christmas, everybody. See you at the Party.

Singing the Vocals

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bivalves if he concentrates on it, which he doesn't care to do any oftener than he can help. Bob took himself out into the world to land a singing spot with Dorsey and neither he nor Ray could rest until Ray had done likewise.

Ray came down to New York to see Bob work one time and sitting at a table with Dorsey's manager was Glenn Miller, then in the throes of organizing his own band. Ray and Bob bear a striking family resemblance and while Bob was warbling on the stand, Ray walked by Miller's table. Miller thought he was seeing double, but recovered himself in time to ask Ray if he was a singer. Ray, in a mood of self-confidence rather than strict truthfulness, said yes, and Miller gave him an audition which brought a contract. That was four years ago and he has been singing for Miller, his supper and his folding money ever since. Last year he took top male honors in a poll of collegians to determine their favorite band singer.

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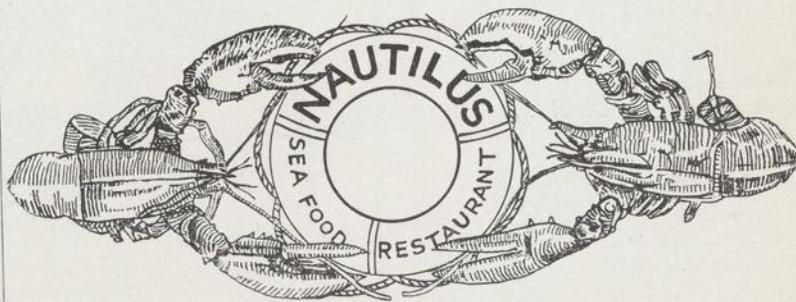
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enough in Ray's opinion, is not completely a merry sleigh ride. Miller's organization, like other popular dance bands, takes to the road for about four months each year, playing one-night stands and short dates. They've covered as much as twenty-four hundred miles in eight days—and that's not just traveling, but playing engagements between hops. Frequently the boys get right from their cars onto a bandstand and back again without as much as a quick glance at a bed.

Ray's one long vacation recently was not too fully appreciated by him because it meant his absence from in front of the motion picture cameras that mugged his

comrades in action. The band was signed for the picture, "Sun Valley Serenade," but one of the stars, John Payne, was assigned a singing role, thus automatically chalking up a strikeout for Eberle through no fault of his own. He's had one picture test, however, and there's another in the offing, and while he didn't come right out and say so, it is your reporter's opinion that Ray wouldn't mind at all the opportunity for a joust at the lenses. Naturally, you can't blame him for that, and close up he gives the impression that he ought to be all right in a closeup.

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