

# San Diegans Forget Their Busy Cares and Join In Outpouring of Real Christmas Good Will

## CAROLER BANDS CARRY SONG TO CITY RESIDENTS

Tree in Balboa Park Largest Observance of Kind Ever Given in Harbor of Sun.

With hearts filled with the spirit of Christmas, San Diegans observed Christmas eve last night and today welcome the advent of the greatest holiday, the only one on the calendar that has such a universal significance.

Time was halted in its flight and even turned backward, figuratively speaking, when that almost forgotten but always beloved celebration, the Christmas caroler, made his appearance on the streets of the city.

Dressed, many of them, in the storied red and white of the ancient caroler, the singers went from place to place and left cheer wherever they halted.

Christmas tree celebrations were held in various parts of town where the community spirit is strong and numerous organizations staged celebrations.

THOUSANDS TAKE PART Eight lights and brilliant decorations swung from the mighty branches of the big twin cypresses and thousands of citizens took part in the program.

Under the light of a not too brilliant moon the program at the park brought home to the people some of the true meaning of Christmas.

In addition to the community celebration the Y. W. C. A. staged an entertainment for the young women living here who have no relatives or friends with whom to observe the day of days.

The Carol club had a busy night, starting shortly after 6 o'clock and ending at the community tree in the park. A carol program was broadcast from KDPT, the Union-Tribune-Southern Electrical radio

These Christmas carolers under the leadership of Wallace Moody helped bring to San Diego's Christmas eve much of its old-time significance. They caroled greetings throughout the city last night after giving a program at KDPT radio station.



broadcasting station and from there went to the detention camp at the naval training station. The club members then took part in the Christmas exercises at the barracks of the naval training station.

From the station the carolers went to the plaza and then to the quadrangle of the naval hospital where the Christmas carols cheered the patients at the big government institution. Then the program at the community Christmas tree wound up the celebration.

Among the neighborhoods which held celebrations last night were Hillcrest and Brooklyn Heights. At Logan Heights the neighborhood house was brightly lit and the children joined in the caroling.

The Casoloma hotel on Fourth street followed its annual custom by dressing one of the trees in its garden and the brilliant lights attracted much comment.

It seemed that even nature wanted to join in the celebration last night. During part of the day overcast skies threatened rain, but as the carolers made their appearance the mists seemed to clear away and the moon's pale face shed radiance on the harbingers of the happy day.

UNSETTLED WEATHER Today in every San Diego home the Christmas spirit so happily instilled last night will prevail. The weather man, unable to promise the white Christmas of the east, looked at the skies yesterday and said the city would have unsettled weather today.

In addition to the individual celebrations in every home, neighborhoods and organizations will observe the day fittingly. The Y. W. C. A. will have a Christmas day celebration today and Camp Kearny will be visited by the carolers and other organizations.

Ending the Christmas celebration will be the program at the organ pavilion in Balboa park. This has been arranged by the Friends of Art and the Amphion

## COURT DECISION ON ZONING LAW TO BE CARRIED HIGHER

Los Angeles City Attorney Announces He Will Take Appeal to Supreme Bench; San Diego Council Refers University Heights Measure to Commission.

Just as the San Diego city councilmen were busy yesterday discussing the recent decision of the court of appeals declaring the zoning laws unconstitutional, Jess Stephens, city attorney of Los Angeles, announced that he will take an appeal from the appellate court to the supreme court.

Stephens announced that in his opinion the decision of the court of appeals had no bearing on zoning ordinances in general, and that the city of Los Angeles would continue to hold up building permits in conflict with existing zoning ordinances until a final ruling has been handed down by the higher court.

The San Diego city council took the same attitude yesterday, although at that time the local council members did not know of the decision of the Los Angeles city attorney.

The decision of the court of appeals was that cities cannot be zoned for "city beautiful" reasons, but that police power can be exercised when building construction for tonight and the people are asked to join.

Additional singing of Christmas carols and chants by four vested choirs from city churches will be followed by the presentation of tableaux reproducing paintings by famous masters. These tableaux will be accompanied by fitting music and this beautiful presentation will bring San Diego's Christmas observance to a fitting close.

tion amounts to a menace to health, safety or public welfare.

OPPOSES PETITION Asserting that he does not intend to make himself ridiculous in the eyes of the people, Councilman Harry K. Weitzel yesterday opposed referring a petition for zoning in University Heights to the city planning commission.

Weitzel said the court of appeals had held that the Los Angeles zoning ordinance, which is identical with the San Diego ordinance, is unconstitutional and that he, for one, will not continue to vote for something which he knows is invalid.

Councilman Hellbron asserted that the Los Angeles case is to be appealed to the supreme court, and that San Diego should go right ahead with its zoning until the supreme court has made a decision.

Councilmen Held and Brushi declared that the "supreme court should settle it." The petition for zoning in University Heights was then referred to the commission.

L. A. ATTORNEY EMPHATIC In Los Angeles yesterday, City Attorney Stephens was emphatic in his belief that the question raised by a suit to open Wilshire boulevard to business was not involved, or that any other question but that a four-family dwelling at 2802 West Adams street was involved.

The interpretation of the court's decision by Mr. Stephens was concurred in by G. Gordon Whitnall, director of the city planning commission and Deputy City Attorney Rose Phillips, who has charge of the zoning department of Mr. Stephens' office.

In my mind there always was a question whether the city could legislate against multiple dwellings as such," declared Mr. Whitnall. "But the same point may be gained in an ordinance which will limit area and height. This principal has been definitely established by the courts of other states and new ordinances in Los Angeles would be framed along this line."

"But I take bold exception to the court when it says that city planning or zoning is predicated upon aestheticism. Perhaps it was once. A city beautiful may grow out of a zoning plan. But the fundamentals are based upon engineering, police and housing problems."

## WOMEN PRISONERS WILL GET TURKEY

Men Inmates at County Jail To Be Served With Roast Pork, Mince Pie.

Turkey with fixin's will be the main dish for women and juveniles confined in the county jail today, and it will be topped off with ice cream. Men inmates will fare equally well from a gastronomic standpoint, except that they will find on their plates when "chow" call sounds roast pork instead of turkey, but real mince pie will accompany the main dish.

The menu for men and women's departments follow: Chula Vista Colony: Combination Salad, Roast Pork, Dressing, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Spiced Beets, Home-made Mince Pie, White Bread, Spiced Cake, Apples, Oranges, Candy, Coffee.

Women and Juveniles (Extras): Roast Turkey, Cranberry Jelly, Assorted Fruits, Nuts, Popcorn, Ice Cream.

CALIFORNIA WEATHER San Francisco and vicinity: Fair Tuesday; moderate winds, mostly westerly. Northern California: Fair Tuesday except possibly rain in extreme northwestern portion; gentle winds, mostly northerly. Sacramento valley: Fair Tuesday; gentle southerly winds. Southern California: Unsettled and occasionally threatening Tuesday; gentle northerly winds.

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## Twin Sisters Part at Altar; Wed Same Day

San Diego's twin sisters took separate paths last night when they changed their names. But they followed a life-long habit and made the change together. Christmas eve was made the happy occasion for a double wedding when the Misses Ruth and Mary Lantz of Pacific Beach became the brides of Curtis Gabrielson and Jesse Bishop, respectively.

The pretty double service was performed at 3 o'clock in the Pacific Beach Presbyterian church, with Rev. J. W. Millar officiating. The two brides, dressed alike, were attended by the Misses Mildred McCrary, Ella Harrison, Helen Millar and Miss Edith Lantz, a younger sister who served as maid of honor. The ushers were John Curtis, Fresno; William Curtis, San Diego; Walter Lowe, Sacramento and George Schuyler of Los Angeles. The two bridegrooms acted as each other's best man.

Though the brides, who have been almost as one in every way for 24 years, assumed different names last night, they acted together in marrying two men from the same city. After a brief honeymoon they will live in Imperial.

## COMMANDERY TO MEET AT ITS ASYLUM TODAY

San Diego Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, will assemble at their asylum in the Masonic temple early today for Christmas observance. A light breakfast will be served in the banquet room on the second floor from 7:20 to 8:45 a. m. The program will then commence in the asylum at 9 o'clock. Full Templar uniform with side arms will be worn on this occasion, and all visiting Sir Knights are invited to participate. Officers will be installed at the Masonic Temple Friday at 8 p. m., to which services all Sir Knights and their friends are invited, according to announcement by Eagle 1234, the retiring commander. Robert E. Hicks is the new commander.

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