

Anchor Attracting Tourists Visiting San Gabriel Mission

San Gabriel, Calif. —UPB— A new sight for tourists at the famous Mission of San Gabriel is the anchor of the first ship ever built in California. The anchor rests against a wall of the mission under a plaque describing the history of the schooner "Guadalupe." The ship was built at San Gabriel in 1830, making the mission the first shipyard on the west coast of America.

Thomas Workman Temple II, descendant of a pioneer family, uncovered records which tell about the construction of the "Guadalupe" at a site 30 miles from the nearest navigable body of water. Built in Sections

The ship was built in sections and hauled to the San Pedro harbor by ox-cart, indicating that prefabricated construction isn't as new as you may have thought.

Temple, official historian of the mission, said some authorities regard the ship "Santa Barbara" as having been the first ever built in California. But he said a diary from that period seems to contradict this.

Michael C. White, an Englishman and a shipbuilder, wrote in his diary that the Santa Barbara was actually a rebuilt version of the wrecked ship "Danube." With its new name it was launched in 1829 at Goleta.

White says he left his job on the reconstruction of the "Danube" and went to work with Joseph Chapman at Mission San Gabriel on an entirely new ship that was being built there.

Indian Labor Used White and Chapman designed the ship and its sections were constructed entirely by Indian labor. It was named "Guadalupe" after Chapman's wife, Maria Guadalupe Ortega, of Santa Barbara.

Capt. William Richardson took the "Guadalupe" on her maiden voyage to San Blas, on the west coast of Mexico. On her second trip, White was the captain. Then he left the ship and no further mention of it is found in his diary.

San Gabriel's oldest residents attest that the anchor at the mission is from the "Guadalupe." It lay in the courtyard for many years, and mission blacksmiths used to take pieces of its metal to make nails, hinges and other scarce items. Its ring, flukes and much of its stem are gone.

Legend in History White himself is a legend in early California history. He was one of the first Englishmen ever to reach the Pacific coast. After his voyage aboard the "Guadalupe" he and his wife, Maria, moved east and settled at Taos, New Mexico.

Later he and William Workman led the first emigrant expedition to California in 1841. His descendants still live here and attend church at the Mission San Gabriel.



FROM FIRST SHIP—The Rev. Michael Montoya stands by the anchor of the first ship ever built in California. The anchor is on display at the Mission of San Gabriel in California. The ship was the "Guadalupe," built at the mission in 1830. Note the blunt arm of the anchor, where mission blacksmiths cut off the spare iron for use in making other objects. —(UPI Telephoto)

Man-Made Snow Lasts Throughout Holiday Season

All the snowy splendor of a traditional White Christmas can be yours in holiday decorations this year at the flick of a finger—whether the outside temperatures is way up high, or very low!

Unlike nature's uncertain product, this man-made snow lasts till the end of the holiday season—still looking as fresh and cool as a new snowfall. The artificial snow is the result of blending several resins with a fluorinated hydrocarbon—the coldness or freezing action in most mechanical refrigerators.

In the snow cans the hydrocarbon acts both as a solvent for the resins and, because of its ability to expand rapidly when released under pressure, as a propellant for the resins.

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This snow can be used to "frost" window panes or will simulate fresh-fallen snow or evergreens!

Other novel effects can be produced on glass surfaces. Simple paper or cardboard cutouts of Christmas figures may be made, and placed on the glass while the "snow" is sprayed around them. Either a negative or positive print of the mask may be made.

Cut-out cardboard Santas, for example, can be sprayed in several snow colors to make in-expensive but eye-catching place cards for holiday parties.

There is also a welcome note for the housewife who faces the task of cleaning up after the holiday season. All she has to do is wipe the coated areas with a warm, damp cloth and off comes the snow.



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Fine Silver Makes Desired Gift for Young Homemaker

The date on a lady's marriage license may be a strong clue to her Christmas yearnings for fine silver.

The close relationship of her marriage date with her Christmas wish was just revealed in a special gift survey completed by the Jewelry Industry Council.

Young home makers with the ink barely dry on their license, struggling with the high costs of setting up a home, stated that they want the kind of beautiful, decorative silver pieces their cramped budgets won't allow them to buy.

Silver serving bowls and silver serving trays of many different sizes and descriptions help the young hostess reflect the pride she feels in her new home. Such silver table accessories become tomorrow's heirloom for the recently married woman.

Special Outlook The woman whose marriage date puts her in the category of "mother of teenagers" has another special outlook on the desire for fine silver, the Council reports.

Her entertainment schedule has been stepped up considerably by the demands of her socially conscious children. This calls for "auxiliary" silver—often flat silver, silver serving pieces or special "sets" such as salad or meat serving pieces.

Teen-agers are sharply sensitive to the prestige value of lovely things and their mothers reflect their awareness by putting fine silverware high on their Christmas gift lists.

Whatever the age, of either the gal or the license, silver Christmas gifts for the home always bring a lovely glow of pride and happiness!

Holiday Breakfast Hints Are Given

Children's appetites and Christmas morning just do not seem to go together. Serving a sitdown breakfast on this exciting day is next to impossible in most households.

One way to get them to eat without forcing is to put their breakfast in their Christmas stockings: nourishing cookies and both dried and fresh fruit.

With it serve egg-nogs... the youngsters' flavored with vanilla and the adults' with more potent things.

FOR SPORTS FANS For those who are fond of spectator sports, such gifts as cameras and leather gadget bags for the amateur photographer, binoculars, sports apparel and a cushion for those double-headers will be very welcome.

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Hose Suggested For Best Girl

If you are "stuck" for the right gift for your favorite gal, then the sharp answer is hosiery!

First of all, no woman—whether homemaker or career gal ever seems to have enough stockings! And if she's the type to usually choose what might be termed a service weight, then gift her with the glamour of lovely sheers in distinctive colors.

The clue to hue this season is in the browns—at the deep end there are mahogany and coffee darks, rich cocoas and chocolates, muted earth tones and lighter saffrons, cinnamons, nutmeg and curry tones. If she's already a sophisticate about colored hose, then treat her to the newest novelty knits in finely-ribbed textured and lace-like patterns.

New from Paris, are the clocked styles... exciting new patterns at the ankles—in seamless and full-fashioned styles.

The meaning of the word Bethlehem, the city where Christ was born, is home of bread. Although Beth resembles our word bread and lehem is close in sound to home... actually the translation is reversed: Beth is home; lehem is bread!

Pinata Party Borrowed From Latin Neighbors

Here's a wonderfully exciting idea to be used as the theme for a children's Christmas party... or as a part of the traditional party.

The idea—admittedly, is an old one, and not only that, it is borrowed from our Latin neighbors—it's the pinata party.

At Christmas time in Latin American countries, a brightly painted earthenware jar, called an olla, is bought in the market place and taken home to be decorated. It is filled with sweets and hung in a doorway. It was then called a pinata.

Children were blindfolded and given a stick. While the older folks watched, each child was given a chance to try to break open the pinata.

For your party, rather than a jar, which is a bit risky, an ordinary shopping bag may be used as a pinata. Decorate the bag with crepe paper and other trim. Hang it from a doorway. Put small wrapped gifts inside. Tie a ribbon with a long streamer to each one.

Cut slits in the bottom of the bag and let the streamers dangle long enough for the children to reach. At a signal each child should pull on a ribbon, tearing out the bottom of the bag so a surprise package falls into every eager hand!

Delicious goodies from your own kitchen are always wonderful gifts. But, what makes them even nicer is the way you dress them up.

Little individual cakes, for instance, are so gay when tied with ribbons.

Ornamental-shaped cookies are even more appreciated if you bake them with a hole at the top and then tie a ribbon through them for hanging the cookies on the tree.

Coffee cans, painted, trimmed and lined with doilies, are just-right containers for a gift of home-roasted nuts.

Festive little mincemeat or cranberry pies are even more giftable if set on a small paper plate and wrapped with cellophane, clear or colored, and tied with a spring of holly.

Wicker baskets, trays, and apothecary jars all lend themselves to imaginative and gay displays of home-baked goodies.



GOWN—Dance until dawn during the holidays in this beautifully shaped gown that is enhanced with bows and roses at the shoulder. Fabric of Estrom insures a luxurious hand and lasting crispness. —By Will Steiman

Men Like Socks, Robes, Pajamas

Men like gifts of "lingerie" too... undies, socks, pajamas and robes.

The big news in socks this year are solid color styles trimmed with the ever-popular argyle design in a clock position.

Pajamas tend toward the lounging styles. Many have their own robes. Patterns and colors range from very bold to ultra-conservative.

Robes are returning to the luxurious models of yesterday... with those that are not truly luxury fabrics taking on the same appearance.

Choice of undershorts and shirts of course depends on the man's preference, but in the boxer short category there are a lot of new and neat prints.

Each of the gifts received by the Infant Jesus from the Three Wise Men had a symbolic meaning: gold expressed the royalty of the Babe; frankincense for His priesthood; myrrh for Christ's entombment.

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