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BENEFIT PLAY SCORES HIT AS REVIVAL

"Harum Scarum" Has Old-Time "Meller" Appeal

It will be a long time before Torrance forgets "The Harum Scarum." The purpose for which that excellently-produced melodrama was staged at the civic auditorium for four performances beginning last Friday night under the auspices of the Columbia Steel Company employes, will remain as a highlight in civic enterprise. But the play itself, a revival of old-time comedy-drama of the "ten-twenty-third" days, deserves a niche in the memory of all who braved rain and cold to enjoy its lusty lines.

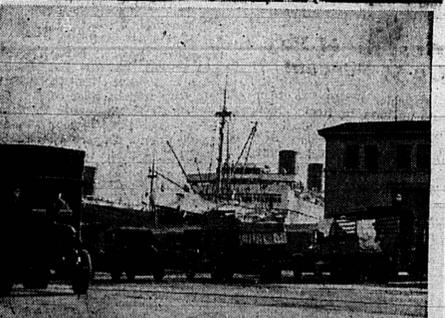
Presented as a benefit with all net proceeds being donated to the relief of the mid-continent flood sufferers, "The Harum Scarum" served a splendid humanitarian end. A full report of the attendance and fund raised is given in the adjoining column. This shows that the four-act play received excellent recognition and as result, this city's total contribution to the national disaster relief fund may be considered outstanding.

Oldsters who remember their "St. Elmo," "Under Two Flags," "The Old Homestead" and other stage attractions of bygone years looked upon Harry N. Showalter's melodrama of rural Quaker life as a revival of stage days when villains were deep-eyed, heroines were always brave and sweet and heroes were manly, self-sacrificing and never clay-footed.

"Asides" are Revived To Author-Director-Actor Showalter goes the credit for a major share of the work entailed in presenting such a home-talent attraction. His years in the theatre equipped him with the evident talent he displayed in training the fine cast and staging the production.

His stage ability was revealed in every practitioner's nature of his right hand, the rich (Continued on page 6B)

Men, Cargo and Ships



The above pictorial series was taken this week as longshoremen and seamen returned to work after the Pacific Coast maritime strike had tied up water-borne traffic for three months, paralyzed many businesses and kept 40,000 men out of work. Upper photo shows seamen carrying their duffel bags aboard a Matson liner. The second picture is of longshoremen loading cargo aboard the M. S. Hoyanger in San Pedro. Lower photo shows the S. S. President Hoover of the Dollar Line, first liner to resume American-flag travel over the sea lanes and first to pass out the Golden Gate from San Francisco Bay.

Millions Spent Yet State Highways Said Inadequate

MULTI-LANE ROADS NEEDED TO HANDLE TRAFFIC

"Auto Population" Increasing Faster Than Road Funds

Despite the millions spent each year and the praise given California's system of highways, the state is "far behind where it should be in highway construction activities," in the opinion of Earl Lee Kelly, director of public works.

Construction of multi-lane highways will provide the logical solution to the problem concerning traffic jams and highway accidents, Kelly said, pointing out that California, with only half the population, has as many automobiles as New York and probably will have more at the end of this year.

"When we began preparing the 1937-39 highway budget and asked various localities to submit the projects they wanted included," Kelly said, "we received applications for highway projects that would cost \$120,000,000. We will have only \$28,000,000 to spend in actual construction.

Can't Reduce Tolls "I would say that 98 percent of the applications were worthy. We simply do not have the funds to keep up with the demand for improved highway facilities.

"We are coming to the multi-lane highway. That will be the major development of the future. Two-lane highways are the most dangerous of any, with one exception—the four-lane Bayshore highway south of San Francisco. The danger of a four-lane highway lies in the fact that motorists sometimes swing over into the third lane, meeting oncoming high-speed traffic. To counteract that, we will try a divided four-lane highway, with a division in the center, on the extension of the Bayshore into San Jose."

In view of the growing demands for better highways throughout the state, Kelly said he did not see how gasoline tax funds could be used to reduce tolls on bridges or to purchase private bridges and make them toll free.

Would Reduce Crashes "At the present rate of growth," he said, "in eight years there will be more automobiles in Los Angeles county alone than there are in the entire state right now."

"That will mean further widening of highways, further expenditure of funds to improve motor vehicle transportation facilities."

Kelly said a check of accidents in 1936 revealed that 24 percent were caused by improper passing, 21 percent by intoxication, and 15 percent by excessive speed. He believed widening of highways would tend to reduce accidents, provided motorists cooperated by using more care and not trying to "mix liquor with gasoline."

Must Rearrange Electric Conduits in New HS Gym

Extension of time for two days to complete the details in construction of the new boys' physical education building at Torrance high school was approved this week by the Los Angeles board of education, upon recommendation of engineers.

Electric conduits in the gymnasium, are to be rearranged to conform to requirements of the school board, and construction joints are to be revised, to conform to requirements of the state division of architecture.

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West Steel Pay Up 55 Percent

Payrolls of the 16 iron and steel plants in Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast states during 1936 rose 55 percent over the total in the preceding year, according to reports received by the American Iron and Steel Institute. More than \$17,000,000 went into the pay envelopes of far western steel workers last year, which compares with payrolls of \$11,000,000 in 1935.

The 16 iron and steel plants in the far West are located in five states, California containing ten and Washington three. The states of Colorado, Oregon and Utah each contain one plant. More than 12,000 were employed in western plants during 1936.

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Speed Boats Race Sunday At L. B. for Flood Relief Fund

Outboard and speed boat race drivers from many Southern California points have joined in a flood relief benefit to be staged Sunday, Feb. 14, at Marine stadium in Long Beach.

All of the gross proceeds from the racing events and exhibitions will go to the Red Cross for flood relief use. There will be no established admission to the stadium but the gate will be operated by the Red Cross on a basis of individual donations.

Participating in the meet will be the Southern California Outboard Association, the Los Angeles Speed Boat Association and the Channel City Outboard Club of Santa Barbara.

Substitute Teacher for Casey At School

Oscar Alfred Trygg is the substitute instructor at Torrance high school now for Raymond J. Casey, who recently became substitute vice-principal of the Frank Wiggins Trade school in Los Angeles. Casey succeeded Leslie G. Sher, who is on a leave of absence from the Los Angeles city school system while with the Department of Education in Washington, D. C.

City Gets \$1.05 From Pipe Line Franchise

A check for \$1.05, representing the proportionate revenue derived from 392 feet of pipe laid during the last of 1936 was received Tuesday night by city officials from the Southern California Gas company. The check was ordered duly banked.

The Craigwater-Associated Oil company reported no receipts or earnings from its pipeline franchise during the same period.

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"But Valentines, like washers, refrigerators and radios, have changed and we just don't know of a better Valentine to send the wife than a new appliance for the home."

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