

Play Slated

"The Youngest" a three-act comedy, will be presented Friday, January 13 at the Narbonne High School auditorium. The play stars Georgina Clark

as Nancy Blake, and Bob Smith as Richard Winslow. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Narbonne senior class or at the door.

Others in the cast are Orrin Pollock, Jim Boylson, Jean Latlow, Bob Buchanan, Liz Reed, Carol Graham and Diane Garcia.



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1949 Building Just Short of 1948 Record

Building activity in Torrance during 1949 fell a scant nine per cent behind the record breaking total set in 1948, the records of Building Inspector John R. Patrick revealed this week.

Total permits issued by Patrick for residential and industrial construction totaled \$7,296,905. This is only \$682,920 behind the record of \$7,979,825 established two years ago.

Three of the months saw over one million dollars in permits issued. Lowest month of the year was January with \$132,140.

By months the permit activity was as follows:

January	\$132,140
February	233,143
March	281,503
April	181,184
May	1,126,769
June	532,100
July	652,595
August	410,781
September	1,019,390
October	1,443,270
November	764,885
December	\$19,355

According to a recent survey conducted by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1950 will surpass all records by nearly double the record of 1948.

OBITUARY

LEWIS H. BEASON JR.
Services for Lewis H. Beason Jr., 46, of 1515 W. Florence avenue, Los Angeles, will be conducted at 1:30 this afternoon in Wee Kirk of the Heather, Glendale. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The deceased is a son of Lewis H. Beason Sr., former Torrance Herald managing editor, who with his wife, lives at 1728 Gramercy avenue.

PHILIP GRAZIANO
Mrs. Joseph Graziano of 1503 Beech avenue, and her sister, Miss Tess Graziano, returned by plane Thursday from New York where they were called by the death of their father, Philip Graziano.

EVERETT TRAVIOLI
Services were held Tuesday for Everett Travoli, 60, of 1350 Engracia avenue, who passed away at his home January 8. Held at Stone and Myers chapel the services were conducted by Rev. C. J. England and Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter. Interment was at Forest Hills Cemetery in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Hopkins' home state. She is survived by Grover C. Hopkins Sr., husband; a daughter, Dorothy C. Wetzel; a son, Grover C. Hopkins Jr.; and a sister, Flossie Boyd.

ANNIE E. HOPKINS
Services were held at Stone and Myers chapel January 7 for Annie E. Hopkins, 65, of 21924 Denker avenue by the Rev. William T. Holcomb. Interment was at Forest Hills Cemetery in Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Hopkins' home state. She is survived by Grover C. Hopkins Sr., husband; a daughter, Dorothy C. Wetzel; a son, Grover C. Hopkins Jr.; and a sister, Flossie Boyd.

JOHN SEXTON JR.
Services were held Tuesday for John Sexton Jr., 2, of 14916 Condon avenue, Lawndale, at the Chapel of the Chimes by Rev. W. E. Kierker. The child died January 7 at a local hospital. Interment was at the Inglewood Park Cemetery. The boy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sexton Sr.; brother James Richard; and Mr. and Mrs. John Helmo Sr., grandparents.

RAPHAEL SCHNELL
Services were held Monday for Raphael Schnell, who died at birth January 7. Held at Stone and Myers Chapel, the services were conducted by Rev. P. J. McGuinness; interment was at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Raphael is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Schnell, and Patricia Schnell, sister.

ELLNOR MAXFIELD
Services for Mrs. Ellnor Maxfield, 86, of 24683 Woodward avenue, Lomita, a charter member of the Torrance Methodist Church, were conducted by the Pierce Brothers Funeral Directors in the Little Church Around the Corner in Inglewood last Saturday afternoon. Interment in Inglewood Park cemetery for the long-time resident of Lomita followed the services. Mrs. Maxfield died January 4 after an extended illness. She had been a resident of Lomita since 1919. For many years she was an active worker in the Women's Society of Christian Service and was at one time a member of the Trio Rebekah Lodge of Lomita. She is survived by a grandson, Robert Maxfield, son of Mrs. Jeanette Clark, of 1419 Beech avenue, and two sisters, Elizabeth Mathers, of Santa Cruz and Clara Mathers, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

ATTEND TO LICENSES NOW
Director of Motor Vehicles A. H. Henderson today urged motorists with registration problems other than straight 1950 renewals to apply at a Motor Vehicles office immediately. Henderson explained that the first rush of renewal business has slackened and registration clerks can now give faster service on more complicated cases.

Gas Co. Granted OK For 10% Hike in Local Rates

Subscribers to the Southern California Gas Company service may expect a 10 percent boost in their gas bills in February, it was revealed this week.

The State Public Utilities Commission granted the company the hike in rates after hearing an appeal from the gas suppliers that under present rates the company could not meet interest and dividend requirements on securities outstanding as of last October.

TREATED FOR BURNS

Receiving second degree burns on the right foot, Mrs. Jack O. Baldwin, 2314 Faena avenue, wife of the managing editor of the Torrance Herald was treated at the Torrance Medical Center last Monday night after she was scalded by boiling coffee.

Start of Six New Stores Announced

Start of construction of six new retail stores in downtown Torrance is slated for mid-February, it was revealed this week by George Bender, spokesman for a group of real estate investors.

The stores to be located on El Prado, will be housed in three buildings representing an investment of approximately \$75,000, Bender said.

One of the buildings which will have space for four stores, is to be located on a 60 by 60 foot plot running parallel to the alley in the rear of the Van De Kamp bakery.

The other two stores will be located side by side on a plot of ground between the new McCown Drug store and J. J. Newberry Company store.

One of the buildings will be 20 by 100 feet, the other 50 by

Veterinarian Delegate to Conference

Dr. Rollin R. Smith, owner of the Harbor Animal Hospital, was among the 300 veterinarians who attended the three-day mid-winter conference of the California State Veterinary Medical Association in San Luis Obispo this week.

The conference which began Monday of this week was held on the campus of the California State Polytechnic College.

100 feet, Bender revealed. With the start of construction of the new buildings the syndicate headed by Bender will have invested more than a half million dollars in downtown stores since 1949.

"We have great faith in the future development of Torrance and are 'getting in on the ground floor' of what looks like a tremendous growth of the city within the next few years," the investor said.



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