

# EC Play Festival Tops Drama, Music, Art Events

## El Camino to Host THS Thespians At Annual One-Act Play Festival

Torrance High School drama students will travel to El Camino College tomorrow where they will present the play "The High Window" as part of the college's fourth annual One-Act Play Festival, which will be televised on a closed circuit, according to El Camino spokesmen.

"The High Window," a murder mystery by Jules Mine stars Phyllis Hunt as Aunt Emily, Richard Knappenberger as her weakling nephew; Cindy Young as a reporter; Norma Quine as the secretary and David Hafner as Judge Craig. It is under the direction of faculty member Louis Bercklin.

Other high schools which will send representatives to the festival are Inglewood, El Segundo, Mira Costa and Leuzinger.

**To Be Televised**  
The entire afternoon program will be televised closed circuit lighting and effects being the same as in an actual live broadcast. John Dobbin, speech instructor and director of the festival, revealed, the television equipment will be provided by the Otto K. Olesen RCA agency.

Cameras will be members of the El Camino speech and arts department.

Registration for the event will begin at 3 p.m., with tours of the campus.

After a television social hour, students will attend a banquet at 7:30 p.m. Following the dinner hour, the visitors will hear a series of short shorts.

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## Art, Drama, Music Share Stage At Annual Festival of Arts

Art, Drama and Music will each have its day at the sixth annual May Festival of the Arts, sponsored by the South Bay Civic Symphony May 14-16 at Redondo High School Auditorium. Earle Peterson, choir director of the Torrance-First Methodist Church, is chairman of the Choral Festival, to be presented May 16, in which a varied program of secular and religious music will be sung by massed choirs from local churches. He is as-

sisted by Mrs. Barbara Mabin, leader of the Los Caneberos singing group.

The opening day of the Festival will be devoted to the art exhibits and judging. In addition to the displays of paintings, sculpture, pottery, photography and handicrafts, the "Art in Action" feature will be presented again this year. In this display, artists give on-the-scene demonstrations of the making of shell and enamel jewelry, pottery and also modeling and painting.

Saturday will be Symphony and Ballet night, during which seven prominent dance groups will perform and the South Bay Civic Symphony, under the direction of Elyse Aehle, will present the First Movement from Mozart's "G Minor Symphony," "Three Dances," from "Henry VIII," and a special adaptation of "Greenleaves," by Vaughn Williams.

The Hampton and Palms Vodies Players are two of the Little Theatre groups which will present one-act plays in the Drama Festival on Sunday evening, May 16.



**IN MINIATURE . . .** Carol Davis, (left, seated) technical director for the Torrance High School opera "Rio Rico," constructed the miniature stage setting for the play which Dana Cecil, costume mistress, inspects (above). The play will be staged May 15.

## First Federal Savings Starts Lomita Office

Construction was started this week on the new \$45,000 office of First Federal Savings and Loan of San Pedro which will be located at Aliene and Lomita Aves.

## DECREASE NOTED

Foreign-born population of the United States has decreased almost 20 per cent within the last decade, according to census bureau estimates.

## Royalty Standings Awaited in Carson

Standing of contestants in the Royal Teen contest, highlight of the Second Annual Carson Chamber of Commerce Carnival, will be determined following a report meeting tomorrow night, Herb Blank, general chairman of the contest announced.

Anna Hopper, 16, of 23305 Avalon Blvd., latest candidate to file for the Queen role, brings to 15 the total number of contestants. Nine girls will vie for the queen title and the special award of a \$100 wardrobe, while six boys are in the running for the King crown. The winner in that division also will get a \$100 wardrobe as top prize.

Meanwhile, extra awards await those candidates qualifying with the required number of votes. One pen and pencil set already has been awarded, while bathing suits, sweaters, cameras and portable radios and record players are other awards.

**To Display Car**  
Henry Blythe, chairman of the prize committee, said the 1954 automobile, top prize in the annual Youth Fund benefit drive, would be displayed in various places throughout the Community during the remaining weeks.

The carnival is scheduled for a three-day run on June 11, 12 and 13 at the Avalon Village Shopping Center.

Scott Park, Carson area county playground, will receive a 25 per cent share of the net proceeds of this year's carnival.

Lloyd Desmond, Chamber of Commerce president said, with the remainder to be used by the Chamber in Youth Activity programs during the coming year.

Candidates for queen enjoyed a deling this past week, as each got a glimpse of the clothes to be included in the wardrobe prize.

With only five weeks remaining in the contest, candidates will begin weekly report meetings starting tomorrow. The contest closes June 4 with the crown to be crowned on June 12 as the highlight of the three-day carnival.

**Candidates Told**  
The complete list of candidates:

Queen—Althea Stedham, 16, 431 E. 237th St.; Carol Stevens, 16, 1223 Lakme Ave.; Pat Hamilton, 15, 20913 Margaret St.; Joyce Brown, 16, 433 E. 229th Pl.; Peggy Hooper, 16, 322 E. 228th St.; Pat Till, 16, 440 E. 234th St.; Judy Tompkins, 19, 23221 Anchor Ave.; Elyse Cuthrie, 16, 23933 Dolores St. and Anna Hopper, 16, 23305 Avalon Blvd.

King—Kenneth Parker, 19, 450 E. 238th Pl.; Bob Huling, 17, 23305 Maribel St.; Ed Murray, 17, 24513 Doble Ave.; Alan Osburn, 17, 2601 Van Buren St.; Bob Weiknecht, 17, 326 E. 238th St. and Mike Kaill, 16, 23296 Dolores St.

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**LATEST FASHIONS . . .** Five of the nine candidates for Queen in the annual Carson Chamber of Commerce "Royal Teen" contest model the latest fashions in play clothes while scanning other models in magazine. Shown are, left to right, top row, Pat Till, Anna Hopper and Joyce Brown who look at fashion magazine held by Peggy Hopper and Pat Hamilton.

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