

Summer Theater Season Opens Locally Tonight

Local theatergoers will attend the opening night performance of "East Lynne" tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the Hermosa Beach Pier Playhouse. Redecorated for its first presentation of the summer season, the seashore playhouse, located on the pier above the Hermosa Beach strand, will be sporting a "continental" piazza. Between acts, first nighters will be served pizza on the piazza. The newly-painted lobby, decorated in pink and black, will provide a background for old-fashioned olio acts during intermission.

Responsible for the "new look" of the playhouse are cast members Jo McDonald and Cal Sever, who have sandwiched in painting sprees between rehearsals for the past several weeks.

OTHER CAST members are: Jackie Moore, Ed Siani, John Kankford, Helen Carney, Robert Riley, Tommy Black, Margaret Fraser, and Bob Johnston.

Directed by Charles Gray, the perennial standby of the theater will be presented locally through August 1. Producer is Patricia Gray.

Persons desiring reservations are asked to call FR 2-5000.

Child Health Clinics Start Here Tuesday

New child health conferences and prenatal clinics have been organized for the Torrance Health District, Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer, announced this week.

Starting Tuesday, July 14, child health conferences will be held each Tuesday morning at the Torrance Health Center, 2300 W. Carson St. Parents must register their children before six months of age to participate.

Physical examinations and immunizations against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, smallpox and poliomyelitis will be given the infants by Dr. Constance Turner, pediatrician for the County Health Dept. Mothers who bring their children to the conference may consult the doctor for supervision on feeding, information on growth and development, and discussion of individual parent-child relationship problems. The conference service also includes referrals to private physicians or clinics whenever necessary and for dental consultation after two years of age.

The conferences are a tax-supported educational service of the County Health Dept. for parents of well children who do not receive health supervision from their own physicians. There are no registration fees.

Persons desiring appointments, other clinic locations or additional information are asked to call FA 8-3310.

Series on Hebrews Continues at El Nido

Rev. Leland L. Pisel, pastor of El Nido First Baptist Church, 4558 W. 182nd St., will continue a series of messages from the book of Hebrews at services to be conducted Sunday at 7:30 p.m., following a meeting of the Baptist Youth Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. He will also deliver the morning sermon.

Committee members in charge of the regular missionary meeting to be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday include: Mmes. Wilbur Griffith, Mary Condon, Elmer Ecker, and Christine Thompson.

School District Makes Big Strides in '58, Hull Says

Torrance Unified School District made its biggest steps in fighting the double session bugaboo last year, following the approval of a \$15,000,000 bond issue by local voters, Superintendent J. H. Hull noted this week as the school year ended.

Seven new schools opened during 1958-59, bringing the district total to 31 schools, and dropping double sessions to less than seven per cent of the total enrollment. A year ago, 23 per cent were on double

sessions and at the high point in 1954, 48 per cent of the local youngsters went to school half-days. These included high school students.

OPENING of the seven schools — Calle Mayor, Columbia, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lincoln, Magruder, and Yukon — marked the biggest school building year in history.

Next fall will see more than 25,000 students in classes, representing an increase of more than 2000 over this year. Dou-

ble sessions may increase slightly temporarily next fall, while additions at five elementary schools and two high schools are under construction.

TO MEET the ever-increasing enrollment, workmen currently are busy on additions at Edison, Madrona, WALTERIA, Steele, and Torrance Elementary Schools and at North and South High Schools. Work also is underway on the new Adams Elementary School, 238th and Arlington, and on rehabilita-

tion of Fern Elementary School, 1314 Fern.

Construction work is slated to start this fall on Towers School, Ronald and Towers, and Madison School, 176th and Doty. Plans are being made to build the Victor Elementary School, Victor and Spencer. A fourth high school — West High School — is slated to open about September, 1962, and the possibilities of a fifth high school have been discussed. Surplus Navy land currently is being sought for this pur-

pose, if needed. Additions also are scheduled at Ana, Newton, Sepulveda, Flavian, Meadow Park, Adams, Riviera, Arlington, Lincoln, Carr, Crenshaw, Magruder, Perry, and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

IF RESIDENTIAL development continues or if large new tracts are opened for development, still more schools may be needed. Rezoning of present industrial land for residential or apartment development, currently under discussion in South Torrance, probably would mean at least one more

school site, Superintendent J. H. Hull noted.

Money for all the new schools has come from bond funds voted by Torrance electors since 1947. More than \$19,500,000 was voted to build 27 complete new school plants and varying amounts of additions at four more. Another \$15,000,000 was authorized by the voters last year. Although Torrance is on the state loan program, it must pay back all money it borrows.

WHEN IT started 12 years ago, the district had only four schools and 2000 students. Today, it is 12 times larger and

ranks as the fourth largest district in Los Angeles (headed only by Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Pasadena) the 12th largest in the state of California.

"Although we have been to go full steam ahead on building since bond funds can be used only for building, we have had problems in our operating budget," Supt. J. H. Hull noted. "We are hoping for a big increase in assessed valuation this year to help us meet rising costs."

For several years, Torrance has ranked considerably below the average of comparable districts in economy of operation.



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