

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

It seems as though ever since young childhood I have been awed by librarians. From the kind and gentle "story-teller" who captured my fascination when I was five to the smoother and precise head of the 35,000-volume library—I have been impressed.

Again referring to childhood: drawing and painting have always been a part of my normal activities—putting words together in written form has not. Therefore admiration for those who could write creatively or had expanding vocabularies or worked in some way with books was a natural thing for me.

THE STORY-TELLER I mentioned, Elva Haskett, now has a new library named after her near the Disneyland area. The precise head librarian, Helen E. Rodgers, has just been included in the 1963 edition of "Who's Who of American Women."

Helen Rodgers is the head librarian at El Camino College—has been for several years—building it from a small 861-title library in 1948 to the present-day 35,000 volumes. Her experience has included teaching in Ventura, Kern, and Los Angeles counties as well as thorough library experience from the elementary to junior college level.

I'VE TALKED with Helen several times and I remember that she mentioned one time about the exciting and rewarding experience that she had in Yokohama, Japan, during her Sabbatical leave from El Camino.

It involved the task she assumed of building (from scratch) a high school library in Yokohama for the dependents of the American military personnel there. A year to accomplish this job—and what problems and frustrations she must have encountered—working with the "military brass" and being about 15,000 miles from home base. Anyway, I rather think that the trip through Europe on her way back to the United States

helped top off a productive year for her.

BACK TO Helen's recent honors. The 1963 edition of "Who's Who of American Women" is published by Marquis and Marquis, a non-profit venture. Their comprehensive files also include "Who's Who in America" and are unique in that the source or sources of their selections are always secret and unknown to the people honored by inclusion in their volumes.

Some "Who's Who" editions of varied types can be "bought into" and, of course, this lessens the value of those included in such an edition as compared with bonafide volumes.

Of the 20,500 entries that comprise the 1963 edition, there are nearly 7,000 additions besides Helen's. The subtitle of the volume indicates more clearly the importance of being named. The subtitle is: "Biographical Dictionary of Notable Living American Women."

I HAVE so much material and background information that I could write about Helen—but it would take so much space to do it. But a few facts are important to relate: She received her bachelor of art degree in history at USC. Then she went to Columbia University for her bachelor of library science degree.

Enough of the facts—what I really want to say is that if you ever go into the El Camino library, you'll find it a most efficiently operated institution. It runs like clockwork and the staff is always pleasant and available for assistance.

LET'S FACE IT: a good library contains so much material that even the most experienced student sometimes needs help. I know that I always have to ask questions; probably because I don't always know what I'm looking for.

Thanks to Helen Rodgers, however, my tasks, and the tasks of thousands of others, are made much, much easier.

Psychologist to Speak on Family Life

Christ the King Lutheran Church will present Dr. Clyde Narramore, author, lecturer and psychologist in a seminar for women Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m., under the sponsorship of the women's auxiliary.

Dr. Narramore, graduate of Columbia University and consulting psychologist on the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools staff, is also director of the Christian Counseling Center in Pasadena.

Among Dr. Narramore's books, available for purchase following the program, will be

"How to Understand and Influence Children," "This Way to Happiness," "How to Tell Your Children About Sex," and "A Woman's World."

Other churches invited to participate in the presentation are Ascension Lutheran, Rolling Hills; Lutheran Church of Good Shepherd and First Lu-

theran, both of Torrance; Church of the Resurrection, Redondo Beach; Trinity Lutheran, Hawthorne; and Olivet Lutheran, Inglewood.

Women of the area are invited to attend. Registration fee is \$1 for the evening. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

Harbor College Sets Blood Goal

The Associated Students Organization at Harbor College in cooperation with the Red Cross is sponsoring an annual drive for blood, with a goal of 110 pints.

A Red Cross mobile unit will be on campus Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Harbor's vocational nurses will assist Red Cross personnel.

Stars Help Mark Annual YMCA Day

Members of the Torrance Family YMCA will join with top Hollywood stars and other YMCAs in the Los Angeles area Oct. 19 for the biggest single Y event of the year.

The annual show, marking Y-Day in Hollywood, is slated for the Hollywood Bowl, with about 100 Torrance boys taking part in the program.

Art Sears, local youth secretary, said circus acts, cowboys, and other celebrities will take part.

master of ceremonies for the evening. Others in the show include Soupy Sales, Jan and Dean, the Routers, Duane Eddy, and the KFVB Hootenany singers.

ALSO SLATED to appear are the United States Marine Corps Band, Muzzy Marcellino and his band, and a group from Linkletter's "House Party."

Prizes will include merchandise certificates, phonographs, luggage and record albums. Motion picture cameras, cos-

metic cases, shavers, mixers, and Anders breakfast food for a YMCA breakfast, are also included on the prize list.

Tickets for the 31st Hollywood Y-Day are available at the Torrance Family YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., FA 8-1272.

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Frenzy Mounting As Actors Near New Show Dates

By BETTY SCHROEDER

Typical evening spent at Chapel Theatre in Torrance these last few weeks before opening night which will be Friday, Oct. 18, shows the theater in a state of flurried, frenzied and fun-type confusion. From the top, Ed Long as director and actor, to the bottom—but there is no bottom, as everyone in this presentation plays an important part in this tremendously ambitious theatrical production to be staged in Chapel Theatre.

In the actors' lounge, commonly referred to as "The Green Room," we find make-up girl Marlene Sena experimenting on the faces of Don Hoover and George Bingham, light and sound men, who patiently allow themselves to be "bearded," someone else is ironing the board material for easier application on the model; another is putting different records on the recorder and turning up the volume full blast for Ed Long to hear in the auditorium so he can choose the appropriate music; the wardrobe room is buzzing with Maxine Dessau who is coordinating costumes for her sewing staff (consisting of Mabel Monteleone, Mary Jenks, and Maxine Cusick) to alter, adjust and fit each character.

AMID ALL THIS activity is Romona Bingham, producer, who is gathering props from the prop room; calling out to actors who are due on stage; helping Maxine pull out costumes and materials, and generally trying to keep an eagle-eye on everything going on; darting in and around all this activity is Chapel's photographer Pat Monteleone catching candid shots of this motley crew for posterity!

Through all this obvious hilarity, poor script girl, Lynda Gorchester of Torrance, must sit with eyes glued to the book in case an actor is in need of prompting, and must remain steadfastly unperturbed by the excitement around her.

MEANWHILE, back on the stage, Ed Long is hopping up and down from the stage area to the auditorium seats, showing, suggesting, stimulating the actors into perfect perceptions of their characters. The remarkable thing about these rehearsals is that the director is working toward the anticipated reactions of the audience, thus creating the most effective facial expressions and physical movements possible toward this end.

This is a challenging undertaking because of the tremendous liberties the author Jean Anouilh has given every actor who portrays any of the colorful characters in this four-act comedy, and the fact that director Long has given his actors carte blanche in their characterizations of these roles. The action being in the early 1900s adds so much interest, what with the fantastic costumes being organized and collected by Maxine, the quaint type of dialogue of that period, and the customs and mannerisms of that day.

The cast consists of three thieves who attend a carnival who are artists of the disguise, Ed Long of Manhattan Beach as Hector, Fred West of Los Angeles as Peterbono, Ed Rice of Hollywood as Gustave. The romantic angles include Sue Sabas of Torrance as Eva and Jeannie Appel of Torrance as Juliette. Rounding out the hilarious cast are Noel Shire of Torrance as The Maestro, Warren Lavender of Hermosa Beach as Lord Edgard, Sallie Conrad of Torrance as Lady Hurf, Warren Dieter of San Pedro as Dupont-Dufort Sr., Dennis Morgan of Inglewood as Dupont-Dufort, Jr., and No-reen Anderson as the little girl.

It is suggested that reservations be made well in advance, as there are several nights sold out, by calling the box office, FR 2-9636. Curtain time is at 8:30 p.m., with admission prices being \$1.50 Fridays and Sundays and \$1.75 Saturdays

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