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New Light Beacons Bay

The newest ships' beacon on the bay of San Pedro, a 3,300,000-candlepower revolving light will be installed on top of the new Long Beach Harbor Administration Building as a navigation aid to ships entering the Port of Long Beach, it was learned today.

The new facility will be installed following a suggestion made by Captain Hans Urdahl, Master of the Westfal-Larsen's ship MOLDANGER. Captain Urdahl said, "The first thing I can see as I approach the Harbor is your tall gold-colored building, and at night it would facilitate our navigation if you had some signal light on top of it."

The 24-inch-diameter beacon will revolve two times per minute and will be angled 1 1/2 degrees above the horizontal plane. If the light's bulb should burn out, uninterrupted operation is assured by a magnetic device which will automatically put a fresh bulb in position.

Peninsula Group Sponsors Annual Theater for Tots

An announcement of interest to children of the peninsula, South Bay, and harbor communities was made yesterday when the Peninsula Committee for the Philharmonic revealed the name and date of the Children's Theatre.

Mrs. Bernard J. Korn, who heads the project with Mrs. Henry Garbanati, announced that "Tommy's Turnabout" will be staged on March 5 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Dan Junlor High School, San Pedro. Written and directed by the staff of the original Turnabout Theatre, Forman Brown is in charge of the junior version.

"Tommy's Turnabout" in a gala setting will introduce a parade of memorable characters from Cream Puff, the dancing bear, to Mr. Poggins, the ponderous pachyderm.

Mrs. Philip Abbot, Peninsula committee president, commended the selection and noted that the Children's Theatre has become a well loved event and one to which young theatre-goers look forward each spring.

It is the single fund raising endeavor sponsored by the committee, and all proceeds go to the continuance fund of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra to provide maintenance and growth for the organization, she added.

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Olympic Games Used to Mark Time for Greeks

The Olympic Games, part of which will be held in Squaw Valley, Calif., in February, were so important to the ancient Greeks that they were used to measure time.

World Book Encyclopedia explains that the original games were foot races in honor of Zeus, king of Greek gods.

In the 300's B.C. it became customary to mark time in "Olympiads," the period of four years between celebrations of the Olympic Games. All events were dated from 776 B.C., the date of the first recorded race.

The custom disappeared about A.D. 440, after the 304th Olympiad.

The Olympic festivals were originated by the people of Elis, a Greek city-state on the plains of Olympia. Gradually, all the Greek city-states joined in the Olympics. Other contests, such as

jumping, discus-throwing and chariot-racing, were added.

As the city-states declined, athletes from other lands began to participate in the games.

In about A.D. 60, the Roman emperor Nero entered the contests. One of the purposes of the games was to glorify the individual, his skill and his sportsmanship. But Nero was a poor athlete and by competing he

lowered the standards. The games deteriorated and by A.D. 394 they had become so corrupt that Emperor Theodosius abolished them.

Centuries passed, while earthquakes and floods buried the plain under 20 feet of gravel and soil.

When excavators found the ruins of the ancient stadium in 1878, interest in the games was

revived. In 1896 eight nations took part in the first Olympics of the modern age.

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