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"Twentieth Century" Is A Delightful Comedy

Did you ever wish you could get away from it all? Dull routines and daily problems were giving you a slump?

For a trip to get away from it all, see the new Hampton Players' production of "Twentieth Century."

A rollicking farce written by Ben Hecht and Charles Mac Arthur, the play has a big cast but it moves as fast as the crack train from which it gets its name.

Opening night the first act was just a little slow but the clever dialogue helped the performers pick up the pace in the second and third acts.

As one reviewer said, "the power of the play to please audiences remains remarkably unchanged." It is even more strongly emphasized today. The dialogues and situations have taken on a luster that is associated with a period piece. With the richness of a ripening-like process, the plot becomes funnier from the modern sophisticated viewpoint.

"Twentieth Century" is a

farce that moves at fast pace with no holds barred. Only the team of Hecht and Mac Arthur could have written it. They collaborated on the smash hit, "Front Page" and their continued success was ended only by the tragic death of MacArthur. Theirs was one of the great writing teams of our time.

Mac Perdue and his lovely wife, Edna make the parts of Oscar Jaffe, proud baron-like producer, and Lily Garland, glamorous star live. Jaffe who is fond of his subalterns, Fred West who almost steals the show and Al Schneider, devoted and loyal servant-like agent, demands to be "sire" to them. Jaffe's life is one continuous ham performance and much of it for the benefit of his only love, Lily Garland whose name he needs on a contract to keep going.

After meeting two bearded actors, Sam Reis and Denny Haas, he dreams up the unbelievable idea of starring Lily as the Magdalen of the Passion Play. He surprisingly enough gets a mild mannered little religious man to back the show. This little man is played by Herb Stone.

Then the fun really begins and the show moves through an unbelievable succession of events before the religious backer is removed from the train and taken back to the asylum.

For an evening of fun away from the toil and care of the day, place a reservation for this Friday or Saturday and join the fun. Reservations may be made by calling Frontier 5-8018.

—Lavina Nugen

Craft Series Program Held

A new series of craft programs for children and adults is underway at the Torrance Arts and Crafts Center, 22730 Lupine Dr., according to Director Erika Muhl.

An open crafts shop designed for adults wishing to try their hands at a variety of skills is convening on each Thursday, with sessions at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

A class in stained glass and copper enameling for adults is meeting for four Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. An adults' mosaic course is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Mondays and 9:30 a.m. Fridays for four weeks.

For children, there is a crafts session at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and puppetry classes at 1 and 2:30 p.m.

In most cases, each class calls for a registration fee. Material costs are extra. Registrations should be made with the Recreation Department FA 8-4108.

Meanwhile, the Torrance Recreation Department is taking registrations for a craft workshop for youth leaders to be conducted at the center on January 25. Inexpensive craft projects will be featured.



PERTURBED PRODUCER—is Oscar Jaffe, played by Mac Perdue (left) in the Hampton Players' production of "Twentieth Century." Also in the rollicking comedy are (left to right) Sam Reis, Denny Haas and Ron Gron-

houd. Reservations may be made for the Friday and Saturday performances by calling FRontier 5-8018.

—Photo by Elledge

Noah's Ark Captures Canoe Championship

Mariner Ship Noah's Ark canoed their way to the championship of the Los Angeles County Regional Inter-Club Canoe Competition at Alondra Lake, Lawndale, on January 7, with a total of 49 points.

Runner-up in the competition, sponsored by the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Southwest Canoe Association, was the Swampers with 29 points while Explorer Post No. 315X was a close third, trailing by only one point.

Members of the newly organized Southwest Canoe Association entered the competition as a culminating activity of skills learned in canoe classes on the area, instructed by Kathy Barthels, L. A. County Aquatic Specialist.

Events and winners were as follows: Boys' 200 yard Single Sprint: 1st, Bob Richards, Swampers; 2nd, Carl Walper, Swampers; and 3rd, Gary Sturdy, Boy Scout Troup 210.

Girls' 200 yard Single Sprint: 1st, Julie Crampton, Mariner Ship Noah's Ark; 2nd, Carla Fredericks, Noah's Ark; 3rd, Margaret Ragan, Mariner Ship Legend.

Boys' 400 yard Doubles Sprint: 1st, Bob Richards and Carl Walper Swampers; 2nd, Gene Lee and Don Schadt, Swampers; 3rd, Robert Brady and John Erickson, Explorer Post No. 315X.

Girls' 200 yard Doubles Sprint: 1st, Julie Crampton and Carla Fredericks, Noah's Ark; 2nd, Janice Shinkle and Margaret Ragan, legend; 3rd, Sue Marlowe and Chris Thomson, Noah's Ark.

Mixed 200 yard Doubles Sprint: 1st, Treva Weyer and Bob Richards, Swampers; 2nd, Mildred Blydenberg and Gene Lee, Swampers; 3rd, Sandy Schachel and Carl Walper, Swampers.

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Greenthumbers Hold Holiday Party Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Greenthumbers Club a Christmas Party was held at the home of Mrs. William Junge, 2789 185th St., Redondo Beach.

In place of the regular business meeting games were played and refreshments served. A Christmas gift exchange was held by the members and guests.

Those present were Mmes. Harry Allen, James Buchanan, George Horton, John Klug, Joseph Leger, Louis Wilhelm, Paul Kolleck, Josephine Fitzgerald and Cora Dunson. Guests were Mrs. Al Klug of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Jerry Shirley.

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Toastmasters Set Resolution Plans

A campaign to help men keep their New Year's resolutions was announced today by W. Howard Smith of Torrance, president of the South Bay Toastmasters club.

"If a man has resolved to improve himself during the coming year," Smith said, "we can help him. Toastmasters training is one of the easiest and most effective self-improvement methods ever developed."

The Toastmasters club, Smith said, offers training in public speaking and parliamentary procedure. It also helps men develop executive skills. In the past 35 years, he said, more than a half-million men have benefited from Toastmasters membership, including governors, congressmen, mayors, business and industrial leaders, and many other public figures.

Smith said the South Bay Toastmasters Club is currently accepting a limited number of new members. To permit all members to participate in each meeting, the bylaws of Toastmasters International, he said, limit clubs to 30 active members.

Smith said men interested in learning more about Toastmasters may attend any din-

Social Planned By Men's Group

William Hopkins, president of the Men's Council of St. Philomena's Church, announced a social to be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20 in the church hall, 21900 So. Main St.

In charge of arrangements is John McGrath who will be assisted by Bob Gese, John Pauley and Bob Walsh.

ner meeting at the Redondo Elks Club, 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, or may obtain information from Fred Strible, FR 4-4990.

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