



TENSE MOMENT — Shown above, in a scene from Chapel Theatre's "Streetcar Named Desire" are Mitzi Phillips, who has been cast as Blanche, and Bob Connor, as Mitch. Play opened last Friday and is expected to run for four weeks at the Theatre located at 4164 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance.

'Streetcar Named Desire' Opens At Torrance's Chapel Theatre

"Streetcar Named Desire" cast, production crew, and especially Director Fred J. West were well rewarded for their endless hours of rehearsals and preparations for opening night, which was last Friday at Chapel Theatre in Torrance.

True, the audience had the feeling of being somewhat "wrung-out" because of the emotion packed drama, and being impressed with the powerful portrayals of the members of the cast, but it was a rare dry-eye that left the theatre! The most gratifying and touching moment for all involved in the workmanship of this production was at curtain call, when the audience set up a roar of acclaim for the actors. This spontaneous cheer and applause was the reward that all people involved in theatre work look forward to, but do not always receive in such a voluntary burst of praise.

SURPRISED

Those who have never seen a Tennessee Williams play, and were expecting pleasantly surprised at the only serious drama, were pleasantly surprised at the abundance of humor and tenderness which ran throughout, as well as violence and passion.

Although the audience realizes the tremendous effect Blanche (Mitzi Phillips of Manhattan Beach) has in changing the lives she comes in contact with, the viewers are unable to deny sympathy to this pathetic,

lost soul. Other performers who so capably portray their characters include: Ed Long (Hermosa Beach) as Stanley the unpolished, clumsy, uncultured husband of aristocratic Stella (Frances Ward of Manhattan Beach); Stan's good friend, Mitch (Bob Connor, Manhattan Beach) who is enhanced by Blanche's demure grace and femininity; and the neighbors Ed Rawlinson (Manhattan Beach) as Steve, and Sally Stowe (Torrance) as Eunice who alternate between bickering and love-making.

FOUR WEEKS

"Streetcar" is scheduled for a four-week run at Chapel Theatre, located at 4164 Pacific Coast Highway, in the heart of Smith Bros. Shopping Center, Torrance, with curtain at 8:30 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Since the popularity of this play is such that there are several evenings sold out, it is suggested that reservations be made in advance by calling FR 2-9636 or FR 8-9017 evenings.

Color and glamour is added to the auditorium of Chapel Theatre with the display of oils and water colors in an art exhibit created by Mrs. Vara Grube, 408 Monte D'Oro, Torrance. Much favorable comment was bestowed upon the artist by the audience as they viewed the selections taken from her large collection of traditional, as well as modern, works. These paintings will be shown during the entire run of the production of "Streetcar Named Desire."

Pharmaceutical Assn. Women's Auxiliary Holds Meet Tomorrow

The March 8 luncheon meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the South Bay Pharmaceutical Association will be held at the home of Mrs. Lee Solomon, 414 S. Gertruda, Redondo Beach. Hostesses assisting Mrs. Solomon will be Mmes. D. N. Engelbert, Stanley Lieber and Carl Putnam.

Mrs. Douglas Ingle, president, has appointed Mrs. Jack Dean, parliamentarian, as chairman of the nominating committee. Her committee will be voted on, and will present their proposed slate of officers at the April business meeting.

Final plans will be made for the Shamrock Ball dinner-dance, to be held March 10 at the Fox Hills Country Club in Culver City. Mrs. J. H. Fenske, award ticket chairman, urges all members to sell their tickets, as all proceeds will go to the Pharmacy Scholarship

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