

# GUIDE to FOOD and FUN

## In the Torrance and South Bay Area

### "THE WIZARD OF OZ" CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION

Colorful Children's Theater will be presented at El Camino College with the production of "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27 and 28 in the Campus Theater.

Adapted from Frank L. Baum's story of Dorothy's adventures in mysterious and magical Oz, the production offers children a lively musical performance of the classic tale.

As in the story, Dorothy's problems begin when a Kansas tornado carries her to Oz and her meetings with the Scarecrow, Tinman and Cowardly Lion. The four friends travel to the Emerald City of Oz where they hope to receive "Their heart's desire" from the wonderful Wizard of Oz.

Stars  
Playing Dorothy is Barbara D'Agosa, who has sung musical leads in Southland

presentations of "South Pacific" and "Annie Get Your Gun." Miss D'Agosa is joined by Tinman, Mike Hector, Scarecrow, Allan McCullom and the Cowardly Lion, Del Cowan.

The production, originated by Les Thomas and director Burnett Ferguson, has been shown throughout communities in Southern California with the intention of giving youth an opportunity to attend and enjoy legitimate theater.

**Staging**  
"We have created sets and staging techniques adaptable to nearly every conceivable hall or auditorium and we are, thus, extremely flexible without losing the scenic atmosphere of good theater," Thomas explained.

Six performances will be given during the two-day showing beginning at 10:30 a.m. and again at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. All tickets are 75 cents.



**WART BECOMES** King Arthur when he pulls the magic sword from the stone in Walt Disney's mirthful new cartoon adventure-fantasy, "The Sword in the Stone." The technicolor feature, directed by Wolfgang Reitherman, is based on the T. H. White novel. Buena Vista releases the show starting Christmas Day at the United Artists Theatre, Corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway.

### FROM THE WINGS

By Betty Schroeder  
Chapel Theatre in Torrance is dedicating the remaining performances of "The Moon Is Blue" by F. Hugh Herbert in memory of Max Eugene Wilmarth of Hermosa Beach who passed away Dec. 10, 1963. Mr. Wilmarth has been with the theatre since its inception and was instrumental in obtaining local artists to exhibit their creations in the auditorium of the playhouse during the entire run of each play. Since his fondest hobby was in the field of art, he was ever seeking a variety of creative works by known artists in an effort to expand theatrical culture.

**'Show Must Go On'**  
In the spirit of "the show must go on" Chapel Theatre will continue their presentation of the three-act comedy for the next three weekends, with closing performance given Saturday, Jan. 11. Under the co-direction of Fred West of Los Angeles and Barbara Vrooman of Hawthorne this cast of only four characters does a tremendous job in keeping the difficult dialogue at a fast pace with the audiences in a constant state of merriment.

**Characters**  
Outstanding in his characterization as the father of a jilted daughter, Frank Vrooman of Hawthorne carries the title of scene stealer with his amazing ability of easy flowing dialogue and mannerisms, which keep the viewers so well entertained. Larry Gayle as Patty,

### "FLOWER DRUM SONG"

Brought back by popular demand, "Flower Drum Song" opens a two-week holiday run Christmas night at Melodyland Theatre.

Majority of the original cast which appeared in the Rodgers-Hammerstein hit in November are returning, including star James Shigeta. Sole newcomer is perky, talented Elaine Dunn, in the role of Linda Low, fast-talking, hip-swinging night club performer. Elaine repeats the part which she did in the national company of "Drum Song," and which brought her critical acclaim throughout the country.

**Holiday Fare**  
Producers Sammy Lewis and Danny Dare selected "Flower Drum Song" for the theatre's holiday fare as the show is a happy one, replete with brilliant Oriental costumes, lively dancing and wonderful music. At least four of the songs are still in the "hit" class, although the play was first produced six years ago. The melodies are "I Enjoy Being a Girl," "Don't Marry Me," "Your Are Beautiful," and "Loce Look Away."

**Special Showings**  
Special showings have been scheduled during the return run, including a Saturday matinee on Jan. 4, two Sunday matinees on Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, plus a very gala New Year's Eve performance. The ferocious-looking, 30 foot long paper-mache dragon used in the show can be relied on to do some extra twists and bumps on New Year's Eve to add to the celebration attendant in bringing in the new year.

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