

Off With Old... On With New

That's the order of things this weekend, as you well know, and this might well work two ways, y'know. Like off with your old duds and on with all those goodies you received last weekend from old St. Nick and then take off for a welcome party to 1966.

And now by way of a recap of places to go, things to do and things to see, let's run down the line one time.

Take a look at Pat and Mark Speer's Tack Room, for example. They're going all out with the transportation bit as well as the babysitter offer this year again.

It's to be a complete steak dinner served with the champagne plus dancing to the Don Holmes Trio 'til the wee hours and the whole ball of wax goes for \$12.50 a couple. Hope you've already made your reservations up there on Silver Spur in Peninsula Center.

And before leaving the hill, swing by The Hunting Horn up there at the corner of Silver Spur and Hawthorne for an equally wonderful swinger with Ted Strangman. Dancing here, too, along with some great food and drink but if you didn't make your reservations by this time you might as well forget it. He's probably booked solid by now.

However, there's certainly nothing to stop you "bar-hoppers" from stopping in for a quickie with friends along your way.

Then with a "no change in price" policy, Bart Earle and Lynn Barnes are putting on a bash for New Year's Eve, too, down the line at The Red Onion. (Yeah, we're still on Silver Spur).

Hats, favors and noisemakers, (including the Hernandez Bros. who make wonderful noises, we might add in the way of entertainment) will all be provided for a grand and gala New Year's Eve party. They'll open at 4 the next day.



CLIFFORD MYERS
Chef de Cuisine

Still another "price change-less" spot in the general area is Rose and Louis' The Tea House on Crenshaw near Pacific Coast Highway.

There's to be a swinger back in Ronnie's friendly cocktail lounge on that nite and they too, will furnish you with all the necessary noise-makers, etc., to go toward a big evening of merry-making for the old and the

new. And yes, they'll be open New Year's Day... to help you get well.

Now up the street and around the corner, Johnny and Cindy Pappas are pitching another one for your entertainment at The Barbary Coast Room of the Mariner Hotel on Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita.

For a wild evening of celebrating with dining and dancing included, you'll have a ball for \$12.50 per each while Gil and Nikki will furnish the entertainment. That's a complete dinner (and PLEASE DO eat!) served with a split of champagne. Let's try and make the scene.

With the help of all and sundry at the Golden Hull on Fisherman's Wharf, Al Hase and Jim Scoufos are again holding a gala soiree for that nite of nites, too.

New York steaks or lobster, served with champagne will be on the menu along with dancing and entertainment, hats, favors and all that et cetera stuff that goes along with a New Year's Eve celebration.

Then the next day there'll be the New Year's Day breakfast served from 9 in the ayem. (After the nite previous, don't know who's going to get down there to prepare it but Jim and Al say it'll be ready so you take it from there!) And you can watch the Rose Parade and the Bowl Games on multiple TV, too, in the warmth and comfort of the Golden Hull Restaurant.

Back up now to the Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach, Tractor's Plush Horse has got a thing going, too, that should be fun. It's to be in the Banbury Room of this spacious dinery. That'll be \$12.50 per person deal which includes a festive holiday dinner with champagne, entertainment and dancing to the Irvin Johnson Quartet and all that stuff. Meanwhile, Stan Kayava and his trio will be furnishing the music for your dancing pleasure in the main lounge of The Plush Horse.

Now then, over at Filippone's on Calle Mayor in Torrance there's another goodie

coming off in the way of a New Year's Eve party where, for \$6.50 each you get your choice of steak, prime rib or lobster along with all the other favors, etc. plus dancing. Should be a fine friendly party, this.

The regular menu prices are to prevail down there at Galley West on the tip of the Peninsula by Marineland, but the dinners are to be served until 11 o'clock only, so hope you had your reservation in early.

They've got lots of music and entertainment for you down there, too, featuring the Ben Di Tosti Trio as well as the Mike Lang Trio and also featuring a new young singer by the name of Mike Clifford. This one could also be a winner.

But say, have you ever stopped to think how this town travels on wheels? Well it does and if you don't believe it, just ask someone some time how far it is to such-and-such a place. They'll look at their watch and say, "Oh, about half an hour or so." Never do they give you the mileage — only the time it'll take.

And that's just the length of time it takes you to make it to the Valley and specifically, The Embassy Room on Riverside at Whitsett.

Also, there's bound to be many of you Southlanders who have friends and relatives in the Valley and you'll very likely be going that way anyway so here's a tip for a real swingin' bash, Valley-wise.

The Embassy's tossing a dinner and dance deal from 7 'til midnight that'll put you away including a gourmet dinner of prime rib, steak or roast squab and champagne, with dance music furnished by The Multisounds, a swingin', bearded trio. The whole shot goes for \$27.50 a pair.

Now getting back to that "gourmet dinner"... there's a Chef de Cuisine at The Embassy that has been preparing food for "the gourmet"

for a long, long time in and around the Los Angeles area and don't look for a Count de la Pompano de la Stranza, or any of those fancy handles. This one's just plain Clifford Myers, Chef de Cuisine of Chef de Cuisines who feels one doesn't have to have un-pronounceable names in order to present a quality menu.

Cliff has been 'cheffing' around this town longer than many of us can remember

and in some of the finest establishments to ever build reputations for fine foods. Spots like Perino's in L.A., Romanoff's in Beverly Hills and Quo Vadis in the Wilshire district, just to name-drap a few.

How's a combination au Beurre grab you for five and a quarter? That's half lobster and half filet mignon. Or maybe Louisiana frog legs, Chablis for a buck less, and for some of the most succulent Southern fried chicks, you can't go wrong at two bucks and a half.

This is the type cuisine Chef Clifford puts out and you better believe you'll go a long way to top his culinary artistry.

Yes, the cuisine, the decor, the service and the prices are certain to please you at The Embassy Room. Make that scene soon. Like next time you're in the Valley. Or make a special trip over just for the express purpose of visiting an exciting and authentically San Francisco type room on Riverside at Whitsett.

For delightful holiday entertaining, many social and business groups and individual party-givers are choosing the Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant in Torrance as their festive setting for merry celebrations.

Private accommodations for small and large gatherings, however, are still available, according to manager Virginia Haack. Besides holiday affairs, the Indian Village continues to book its private party rooms for upcoming Bar Mitzvahs, engagement and birthday parties, and family celebrations. It is also a desired setting for receptions, wedding ceremonies and other special occasions.

The facilities of the Pow Wow Room, a sizeable private area with a garden-view bar, and the smaller Turquoise Room are both in keeping with the unexcelled traditions of the Smith Bros. dining operations.

Now last but certainly not the least let's take a little cruise over to Artesia and Hawthorne Blvd. and drop in on big Al Smith (he says to run together) at his Michael's Restaurant of Redondo.

That's sure to be doozie for New Year's Eve! They're putting out hats and horns and favors and all kinds of other noise makers (yes, even Al Smith himself and if you think he's not a noise maker,



REHEARSE SCENE... Margie Duir and Loretta Siani rehearse a scene from "Tiger at the Gates," a Greek comedy which opens at the PV Playhouse, 2514 Via Tejon in Malaga Cove Plaza, Jan. 7. Reservations for the production may be obtained by calling 375-7566.

PV Players Ready New Production

"Tiger at the Gates," a Greek comedy featuring Harriet Bond and Dick Jordahl, will open at the PV Playhouse, 2514 Via Tejon in Malaga Cove Plaza, Jan. 7.

Stan Johnson, former resident director of the PV Players, has come back to the Peninsula from Hollywood to direct the production.

Jordahl, cast as Hector, has been away from the PV Players during recent months completing the motion picture "To the Shores of Hell." Harriet Bond, now studying for her master's degree in Theater arts at Long Beach State College, is a 15-year veteran of the stage. She is cast in the role of Andromache.

Others in the cast include Robert Simes, an El Camino College drama student, as Paris and Gail Hogan as Helen. Both are making their initial appearances with the PV Players.

Costumes and sets are being made by Phil Wing and Matt Bond.

The play, a satirical look at the abolishment of war, is entertaining, educational, and current, according to Johnson. The Trojan War which is central to "Tiger at the Gates" might really be the Viet Nam war, Johnson said.

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