



OPENING SOON . . . Terry Collier and Anne Childress are pictured in a scene from "Any Wednesday," opening Friday, Dec. 30, at Chapel Theatre. The production will play Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights for five weekends. A midnight supper-dance is planned in connection with the Dec. 31 performance.

'Bugs' Represent a Car Market Fringe

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Detroit may be a bit unhappy that automobile sales aren't as high as they might be, but importers of foreign cars are finding no full whatsoever.

American cars are doing well, by any ordinary comparison, and are currently selling at an annual rate of more than 8 million. But overseas makers now hope to top their previous U.S. sales record of more than 600,000, set six years ago.

Why do Americans know for their love of long, chrome-bedecked chariots show such keen interest in the foreign "bugs"? Apparently there are two fringe market areas that Detroit can't or won't bother to tackle. One involves the small, economical, easy-to-handle job not always known for beauty nor for year-to-year style changes. The other includes a sleek sports car best suited for rallies or for impressing the neighbors.

Many families now own two or even three cars. Working wives, for instance, often have separate transportation to their jobs. And college students with economy cars often save transportation costs when they drive home for vacations.

So far, the rash of safety legislation seems to have had little effect on the sale of foreign cars. One thing sure, any maker who wants to stay in this market will have to meet the newest Washington standards that will affect 1968 models.

WILL THE Great Society become a Houseless Society? Could he, says a spokesman for the Tile Council of America, trade association of the nation's ceramic tile manufacturers.

The Council President Eugene F. Folkes explains that the present lack of mortgage funds could result in a severe housing shortage. "Tight money" endangers the housing industry's ability to meet short- and long-range housing demands, Folkes says. Continued slackening of the building pace, he adds, would further strengthen the inflationary pressures that "tight money" is supposed to correct.

"Unlike the decline in housing starts in 1964 and 1965, brought on by a glutted market, the present de-

teriorating level of residential construction is a direct result of the tightest money squeeze since the "Twenties," he says. If mortgage money were available, 1966 needs could easily support a rate of at least 1.5 million units, instead of the 1-million rate that prevailed in the third quarter.

The housing industry can be shut down quickly enough, he says, but turning it on again is another matter. "Builders lose construction teams to other jobs and abandon options to buy developments. Producers cut back or shut down and lose their workers. Even now it will take months for the housing industry to recover."

THE "CHRISTMAS Spirit" doesn't prevail everywhere. In Buffalo, N.Y., two Santa Clauses parachuted into a shopping area. They were arrested. In Clifton, N.J., another Santa was denied permission to land his helicopter because of an ordinance which said only "public officials" and "foreign powers" were allowed to land in this manner. . . . Hunters are finding a shortage of guns and ammunition. Dealers blame the war's demands. A Pittsburgh dealer says demand has become so strong that it takes 18 months to deliver the goods.

THE HOBO, that transient of small means and few worries, may in the near future face a crisis unknown in his carefree past. His traditional mode of transportation—the boxcar—is getting the bum's rush from railroads seeking more efficient, specialized rail cars.

The general service boxcar, once making up about 30 per cent of the nation's rail fleet, may be down to less than 20 per cent by 1970, with further declines expected thereafter.

The trend to glamour cars of huge proportions is nowhere more evident than in the grain trade, where private firms are leasing fancy new hopper cars capable of carrying 200,000 pounds of grain.

One grain firm alone, Cargill, Inc., has about 850 of the big hoppers in service, doing the work of almost four times as many boxcars. Cargill estimates that pri-

vately-leased hoppers now hauls as much grain in one year as a train made up of 126,000 boxcars. . . .

A DESK-SIZE optical scanner has been developed that ferrets out canceled credit cards. . . . There's an electric blanket that does more than just warm you. It has a built-in alarm clock that awakens you. The "Reveille," a compact control unit, sets the desired temperature and the clock alarm. . . . A new cold-water cleaner called "Lovlast," reportedly cleans stretch garments without impairing the elasticity. . . . A new spray designed to clean and protect automotive trim has been introduced. It also cleans and seals rusted metal for painting purposes.

Industrial Arts Staff To Gather

Chairmen of the industrial arts departments of the 14 high schools within the El Camino College District will attend the college's Industrial Arts Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday, Jan. 4, in the college's Division of Industry and Technology, according to G. Theodore Elmgren Jr., coordinator of the division and chairman of the meeting.

"A special matter of consideration will be the discussion of the industrial arts major at El Camino, in which young men receive their first college courses leading them to the industrial arts teaching profession and assuming their roll among industrial arts teachers in junior and senior high schools in California," Elmgren said.

"AT THE meeting a plan will be made as to how high school and junior college teachers will work in cooperation with the California Industrial Education Association, in seeking to find ways to get more outstanding young people to enter the teaching profession as industrial arts instructors," Elmgren added.

"There is a 'dire shortage' of industrial arts teachers in the junior and senior high schools," Elmgren stated.

"Due to the fact that no instructors could be found, some schools have closed their industrial arts shops, thus denying their students the opportunity of having this experience," Elmgren added.

AN ADVANTAGE of this type of advisory committee meeting is that it enables El Camino industrial arts instructors to get acquainted with their counterparts in the high schools.

The members will also discuss ways of assisting students in the transition from high school to junior college, particularly as it relates to vocational students.

El Camino industrial arts instructors attending the meeting will be Joseph Dzida, Lester Goltarg and Miss Jan Mracek.

Campout Held by Rangers

Woodcraft Rangers from the Harbor area have completed an overnight camp out at the Stanley Ranch, where city youngsters were given an opportunity to observe and learn about wildlife.

The program included hiking, archery, nature hikes, tracking and trailing, and sandpainting. All activities were supervised by adult leaders of the Woodcraft Rangers.

Harbor area tribes observed the council ceremony, where each youngster was given the opportunity to tell what he had done during the day-long event. Group singing and entertainment followed.

A flashlight hike concluded the program.

New Award Added for '67 Parade

A new major prize — the 14th — has been established for the 1967 Tournament of Roses.

The award, to be known as the Ambassador's Award, will be for exceptional merit of entries outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Eligible to compete for the new award in the 1967 parade are Canada, the Crown Colony of Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, and Thailand.

Other major Tournament of Roses awards are the Sweepstakes, Grand Prize, Theme Prize, President's Trophy, Queen's Trophy, International Trophy, National Trophy, Governor's Trophy, Grand Marshal's Trophy, Anniversary Award, Mayor's Trophy, Judges Special, and Princess award.

In addition, there are several competitive classes for cities of varying populations, counties, associations, and fraternal organizations. The parade is limited to ten commercial entries.

Three judges for the 1967 parade are Gen. John K. Gerhart (USAF-Ret.), a former commander-in-chief of the North American Air Defense Command; Mason Lettau, chairman of the board of Eternal Hills Cemetery Association and president of the Inglewood Park Cemetery; and Mrs. Howard O. Dodson, president of the International Festival Association and executive secretary of the Indianapolis 500 Association.



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- Sweet Alysum, linaria, Virginia Stock and other easy-to-grow annuals can be sown from seed over bulb beds. They'll bloom with the bulbs next spring.
- Plant stock, snapdragon, pansies, violas and calendulas from nursery flats this month. They'll bloom as soon as weather starts to warm up in late winter.
- Select blooming camellias this month. You can extend the camellia season from fall to spring by buying different camellias when they come into bloom in nurseries.
- Plant daphne now for bloom in late January and February.
- Cool-season vegetables can be planted now. The perennial vegetables such as artichoke, asparagus and rhubarb can be planted, also.