



**PLEASE, MOTHER . . .** James Ewing discovers his mother, played by Doris Ehrler, is his best friend in a scene from "Enter Laughing," currently on stage at the Long Beach Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St. The comedy, by Joseph Stein from a novel by Carl Reiner, will play through March 24 with curtains at 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7:45 p.m. Thursdays. James Brittain directs.

## Safety Council to Honor Seven Auto Dealerships

Six Torrance automobile dealers and one former auto dealer will be honored by local educators, the Automobile Club of Southern California, and the Torrance Safety Council, tomorrow.

Jim Becker, luncheon chairman, said seven dealerships will receive special plaques in recognition of their participation in the high school driving training program in the Torrance Unified School District.

The awards will highlight the March luncheon meeting of the Torrance Safety Council in the Indian Village Restaurant, 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Lee H. Barger, manager of the Torrance office of the Automobile Club of Southern California, will make the awards. Speaking on the program will be S. Dean Spence, Auto Club safety consultant; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools; and Father Lawrence Lis, principal of Bishop Montgomery High School. Becker will be master of ceremonies.

Since the beginning of behind-the-wheel driving training in the Torrance area 12 years ago, the seven dealerships have donated a total of 182 cars to the five Torrance area high schools for use in the program.

Currently, there are 1,603 students receiving behind-the-wheel driver training in Torrance. A total of 27 classroom and behind-the-wheel instructors are teaching the classes in the five schools.

Dealers scheduled to receive plaques are Del Amo Dodge, Ray Vane Chrysler-Plymouth, Al Ortale Rambler, Scott Robinson Pontiac, Vel's Ford, and Ted Green Chevrolet. Baher Chevrolet, formerly of Manhattan Beach, also will receive a plaque.

## 11 Merit Scholars Selected

Eleven high school students from Torrance have been named finalists in the 1967-68 National Merit Scholarship program.

Finalists include Susan Bundy of Torrance High School; Richard Epstien, Raymond Seaver, and George Waddell of North High School; and Susan Funtsch, Marcia Kirk, Robert Parker, Bruce Phinney, Paul Satt, Henry Sorenson, and Steven Trudell of South High School. Winners will be named May 2.

## One-Act Play Wins ECC Award

A play written and directed by a Torrance High School student was judged the outstanding presentation at El Camino College's first One Act Play Festival last week.

"Tiny War," written and directed by Miss Judy Imes, which was the only play entered in the competition which was student-written, was named by the judges as outstanding.

Criteria for this selection included: script choice and appropriateness for audience, casting and performance, direction, technical proficiency within necessary limitations, and over-all unity and excitement under control.

Members of the cast included: Dorothy Buhman, Patti Reebout, John Hollister, Alicia Brodowy, Char Collins, Doug Hassen, and Ted Martino.

Faculty advisor was Chuck Slater.

## Care of Sick, Injured Slated as Series Topic

W. Dean Davies, M.D., program coordinator for South Bay Hospital, has announced a lecture series "Immediate Care of the Sick and Injured" beginning March 6 and 7, and ending May 28 and 29. This course is designed primarily for holders of Red Cross first aid certificates or those with equivalent training.

The lecturers are volunteer physicians from the community who will draw from their own special fields of knowledge. Both audio aids and demonstration of certain techniques by the students will be featured in the program.

The lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria. The same lecture will be given on consecutive nights. A program outline, civil defense identification card, and diploma will be awarded on completion of the series.

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## Eagle Rank Given by Troop 1060

Robert Frederickson, 17100 Eastwood Ave., has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by Boy Scout Troop 1060, sponsored by Ascension Lutheran Church of Torrance.

The award was presented during a special Court of Honor held at the church last night.

Frederickson, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frederickson. He is the second member of the troop to be advanced to Eagle rank.

Presentations were made by Scoutmaster Mel Warnemunde; Earl (Sunny) Hayes, district Scout executive; and William Wareing, Northrop Recreation Club.

Frederickson, a member of the troop since it formed, also holds the Pro Deo Et Patria Award for Lutheran scouting and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He also holds a Cedar Badge Award.

He has served as troop chaplain, senior patrol leader, and is now an instructor. He attended the Philmont Expedition in New Mexico and has completed the 60-mile Moccasin Trail hike. Frederickson attends Lutheran High School.

## Citizenship Award Given

Leslie A. Libbea, senior at South High School, is recipient of the citizenship award by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Libbea of 214 Calle de Arboles. Miss Libbea plans to attend either William and Mary in Virginia or California State College at San Diego next year. She will major in history, minor in English, and pursue a masters degree in library science.

## COMMUNITY PLAYERS

### 'Enter Laughing' And Keep It Up

The best thing about the current production of "Enter Laughing" at the Long Beach Community Playhouse is James Ewing.

Ewing, who stars as David Kolowitz in the Joseph Stein play, has come up with—on stage—the perfect combination of innocence and sheer stupidity in his portrayal of David.

And David, if you don't know by now, is really the young man Carl Reiner, whose autobiography-novel is the basis for the play.

There's no message to this evening of farce. It's pure entertainment and the Long Beach Community Players have put together a sharp and witty production.

EWING, a U.S. Navy petty officer, is a graduate of Millikan High School and Redlands University. But he gives the impression of being a graduate of the old school of entertainers—those who can walk onto a stage, adjust to the role and the audience, and proceed to really entertain—comfortably and seemingly without effort.

His performance is a delight and it makes the whole show well worth seeing.

Added to that is the very fine back-up of several supporting players. These include Ron Brody, who appears as Mr. Foreman; Sharon Jones, as Wanda—David's first (if not his only) love; Vincent Trani, who is a perfect Marvin; and Doris Ehrler and Allen Jones, seen as Mother and Father Kolowitz.

JAMES BRITTAIN directs this farce for Community Playhouse and does a commendable job at it. The fast-moving comedy would, however, be more enjoyable if those scene changes could be speeded up a bit so as not to lose the effect of preceding scenes.

In fairness to Mr. Brittain, however, it must be said that the Horseshoe stage complicates the problem of scene changes.

A second problem, which Brittain should easily overcome as performances continue, is the over-emphasis of

the Jewish accent. It's part of the script, but the tendency of some players to overdo the accent—especially the use of the word (h)actor—is somewhat disconcerting at times.

"Enter Laughing," which will play for four more weeks, will keep you laughing throughout the evening. And don't worry when you leave if you don't "understand" it all. Just laugh.

Faculty advisor was Chuck Slater.

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