

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

'Pineapple' at the Tea House

That's not only literally but figuratively when you realize that "Pineapple" Joe DeMello is the current booking at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House Restaurant on Crenshaw in Torrance.

This 27-year-old lad from Honolulu has played around our town for some time and has finally come back to roost (at least for a little while). Having appeared at both the Tahitian Room and the Leprechaun in Torrance, as well as Duffy's in Hawthorne, Joe has appearances in Dallas, Miami Beach, and San Francisco under his belt.

In addition to that, this sharp Calypso-Western-Folk-Hawaiian vocalist has been on the guest shot bit for Don Ho at Don the Beach Combers. Not only does he pick up on the foregoing, but he also comes up with tunes dating way back to the '20s.

Shooting for a masters degree in teaching at El Camino College, Joe DeMello figures on making his tuition with his moonlighting activities in the entertainment field and after listening to him for an evening there's no doubt but what he'll score heavily in this toughest of dodges.

Catch "Pineapple Joe" any Tuesday through Saturday night at The Tea House and enjoy a big ball!

Now look, Sir George's Smorgasbord has quite an



CHARLES FILPICIC
Pen & Quill Gen. Manager

array of goodie-type foods over there at Carson and Normandie for you and all kind of along the quality line, too.

Not only do you have a delightful decor in which to dine but the cuisine is just as delightful, not to mention the prices!

Here's a couple of for instance: the luncheons run \$1.20 for adults and one sixty-five for diners. The kids get away for seventy-five cents at lunch and an even dollar for the dinner trick.

Then, if you happen to have a few young ones up to five years, they can get away for half a dollar.

It's 11 in the ayem 'til

four in the afternoon for lunch and the dinner bit starts at four and runs through 'til 8 in the evening.

Make it through this fine dinner house soon and fill up at a reasonable price.

Hope you didn't pass up the opportunity last week to avail yourselves of something in the "free-bees" department offered at the Indian Village Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance 'cause you could pick up a fine mess of fish 'n' chips for free if you simply remembered to tear out the ad that read "bring this ad." Bet you forgot! (Hey, why not dig up last week's paper and go on in! Maybe they'll honor it for you!)

In any event, you'll never go wrong with anything you order at the Indian Village. As you know, it's the beautiful fall time of the year which involves harvest and back to school and all that jazz—and what more perfect setting for you and your family than the Indian Village for that early Thunderbird Dinner served 'til 6:30 in the p.m. Monday through Saturday. It's also available on Sundays from eleven-thirty in the ayem 'til 4.

Then over in the Firewater Lounge it's double-sized time from four-fifteen every Monday through Friday with Bill Bailey at the Hammond Organ for your enjoyment.

Still another attractive spot for breakfast, luncheon or dinner is at the corner of Crenshaw and Artesia in Torrance.

This one's Blum's New Restaurant looking up big and noticeable at that corner for not only the three regular meals daily but Jules Blum has thrown away the key and is open 24 hours a day.

After six years of operation at this same location, the spot was closed down for a few weeks for the express purpose of remodeling and redecorating, and this they did to a fair ye well.

Blum's now offers a brand new warm and friendly decor with some of the most obliging and courteous waitresses presiding over the



HAWAIIAN TEA HOUSE . . . It's Pineapple Joe DeMello appearing these nites at the Tea House Restaurant, Tuesday through Saturday while holding down the stand on Monday nites it's the invigorating sounds of "The Young Polynesians."

125-seat dinner house where large and small family accommodations are available as well as facilities for individual small groups. All this, plus, each item on the menu is also prepared for the take-out bit.

Then there's a special setup right now for the kiddies under ten years of age and that's ice cream dessert for them with each dinner, whether or not it's included on the order.

So swing by this highly attractive Torrance spot soon and enjoy it 24 hours.

When you speak of "one of the great ones" you certainly can't leave the Pen and Quill Restaurant out of it. This is truly up there among them when it comes to fine dinner-houses.

Founded by the late Bob Ruben, internationally known newspaperman, the Pen and Quill is observing its 16th anniversary, now under the direction of Charles Filpici and in observance of same are offering some fantastic culinary delights.

Among these offerings are three outstanding dishes: Cotelette de veau Maria Louisa, file de sole Filet Carrelet Lydia, or poulet a la Pen and Quill. Now how's that for starters!

For 16 years, the Pen and Quill has been a favorite rendezvous for celebrities from all over the world, as well as just plain John and Jane Does and they're looking forward to another 16

and soda water, then served ice cold. De-e-e-licious!

But before we get off this matador kick, you might be interested in knowing that The Matador Restaurant is a favorite stop for many of the famous matadors of our time.

Like Alfredo Leal, for one, and Juan Silvey along with Jaime Bravo have stood up and been counted at this popular west side dinner house in recent months.

Manual Capetillo, Jaime Rangel and Raul Garcia are three more champions of the bull ring who've been glimpsed dining at the Matador Restaurant, all enjoying the guitaristry (well Mr. Winchell does it!) of Gino D'Auri, the first Italian guitar man to ever appear at the Matador. He's now heading the all Flamenco show nightly.

One of the regulars at Millie Riera's Seafood Grotto in Redondo Beach is continental film actor Paul Lukas, who claims that the ocean-front rendezvous reminds him of the French Riviera.

And Millie's enjoying the biggest month in the 22-year history of her Grotto and by way of celebrating this record month she's specializing in crab cioppino, a third version of her highly successful fish entrees.

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Here's sort of an aside of the happenings of the Greek Theatre Association.

The Theatre Royal Windsor is presenting four real goodies from Sept. 17 through 22 which should be fun.

On the 17th it's that old favorite "Hay Fever" and the next day it'll be "An Ideal Husband." Then for the 19th it's "Mrs. Warren's Professor," closing with "The Beaux' Strategem" Friday, Sept. 20. A fine array of good old solids for your entertainment.

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