

Popular 'Mademoiselle Modiste' Readied by Civic Opera Group

Victor Herbert's popular comic operetta "Mademoiselle Modiste," with an all-amateur cast of local residents, will open at the Redondo High School auditorium March 28 under the auspices of the South Bay Civic Opera Association.

Scheduled for a three-day run, the show will have a cast of 50 and an orchestra of 30 persons, all residents of Torrance and neighboring beach communities.



NADINE NICKOL
... Hats Galore

Many husband-wife combinations take part in the Opera Association, a non-profit group dedicated to bringing popular shows to the South Bay area. It is part of the Adult Education program of the Redondo schools.

Leading roles in "Mademoiselle Modiste" will be sung by Lois Sellman, an airline hostess, and Bob Waters, a salesman.

Other members of the cast from this area include Dick Bonham, Marge Kinsey, Paul Bennett, Lois and Ray Borman, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lytle Jr. and Barbara Truesdell, all of Hollywood Riviera; and Nadine Nickol, Joan George, Donna Wolf, Gail Link and Betty Jean Botacchi of Torrance.

Nadine Nickol will portray Mme. Cecile, proprietress of the hat shop, center of much of the action.

Performances will be given at 8:15 on March 28-29 and at 2:15 on March 30.

Melville Tully directs the orchestra while Jerry Wulk is the drama director.

Popular prices will prevail at the three showings.

Car Hits Tree After Driver Has Attack

Willard E. Parks, 70, an employee at the Pacific Electric yards here, apparently suffered a heart attack while driving his car and crashed into a small tree near 204th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., Friday afternoon.

Traffic Officers M. H. Porter and E. M. Mitchell report that Parks said he didn't remember turning onto Crenshaw Blvd. He didn't regain consciousness until at Harbor Hospital, where he was taken by F & M ambulance.

Parks, a resident of Redondo Beach, suffered no injuries.

MOTORING COSTS

Gasoline taxes, federal and state, and other levies on motor vehicles, will raise an estimated \$50 billion in the next 12 years.

AmStan Reports

SALES HIT NEW HIGH, NET DROPS

AmStan Reports—14 Sales hit 24 Consolidated net sales of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. during 1951 hit a new high of \$305,111,668, but the net income took a nose-dive.

"Sharply increased Federal taxes and generally higher cost of doing business" was credited with the decline in net income of the American-Standard of more than \$6,000,000 in 1951.

Net income, after provision for Federal income and excess profits taxes, amounted to \$22,027,024 in 1951. This compared with a net income in 1950 of \$28,453,497.

Theodore E. Mueller, president of the firm, announced that new residential construction starts, a major market for the company's products, declined to 1,090,000 units in 1951 from 1,396,000 in 1950. Government restrictions in 1952 may limit new construction to 800,000, he reported.

Mrs. E. Hillier Taken By Death

Funeral services for Elvira Hillier, 73, of 916 Anapola Ave., were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Chapel. The Rev. C. M. Northrup officiated.

Mrs. Hillier is survived by two sons, Harry, of 916 Anapola Ave., and Everett of Montebello; three grandsons, Harry Jr., of Newport Beach, Walter, 1617 Arlington Ave., and Earle of Texas; two granddaughters, Joan and Louise of Grosswhite.

Mrs. Hillier died at her home March 15. A native of Belgium, she resided here for the past ten years. Interment was held at Inglewood Park Cemetery.

POWER RATING

The octane was established as a basis of gasoline value in World War I.

School Superintendent To Teach at University

Appointment of Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools, as a visiting faculty member of the University of Southern California Summer Session has just been announced.

Dr. Hull will teach a course in elementary school administration, according to Dr. John D. Cooke, director of SC's Summer Session.

The six- and ten-week terms will begin June 23, followed by the four-week term on Aug. 4.

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