



By JACK O. BALDWIN

Of all the small annoyances that bother humankind. The worst is driving round and round, a parking place to find. And when at last, you see a space, about three cars ahead. You joyfully turn in, then find—the curb is painted red!

Reid Bundy, the Herald Managing Editor, says that he can justifiably lay claim to the title of "Champion Holder Outer." He doesn't own a television set and has never seen a flying saucer.

Dear JOB: If a grocery clerk used a device called a feather duster for dusting off canned goods and other stock on his shelf, what would you call a device used to dust feathers?

Dr. ARVOL P. SMITH Do: Can't help you. Better ask a feather merchant.

We will be watching with considerable interest the developments in the "Battle of the Backyard Incinerators." Torrance recently made it a law that all back yards be equipped with incinerators. Hardly had the law gone into effect when Gordon Larsch, the county's watchdog on the smog situation, came out with this statement:

"Within two years, the County Smog Control Board hopes to make it illegal to use backyard incinerators in Los Angeles County."

The life of an incinerator being considerably more than two years, I can see a lot of unhappy homeowners if Mr. Larson gets action on his no-backyard-burning plan.

I think I can safely predict that today's Civil Defense Alerting demonstration will be one of the biggest public floppers in a long time.

At 9:31 this morning there is supposed to be sounded a county-wide alert, using what sirens are available. No doubt a few people will hear it. If they don't confuse it with a fire wagon, an ambulance or a police car in hot pursuit of a drunk driver I'll be much surprised.

Torrance has a big siren atop the main fire station. But, they dare not blow it because some of the fins are missing and the darn thing would blow itself in a thousand pieces before it got up to speed sufficiently to be heard across the street.

Vic Chatten, a local inventor living in the Shoestring Strip, has invented a device for alerting an area more than five miles in diameter. It is a shell that is shot into the air, and there at 1000 feet, lets go with a triple blast that not only is heard but is felt over an area of 18 square miles.

When he let it go during a demonstration for CD officials at Mt. Lee recently, a battalion of fire engines came screaming up the hill to find the cause of the blast. It was felt and heard on Hollywood Boulevard—miles away. Police, fire, and newspapers switchboards were bogged down with calls: "What was that terrific explosion." Thousands of people heard it, felt it, and were "alerted." But public officials from the local level right on up through the state level and on to the national level have been slow in recognizing its possibilities as an effective device for warning us poor peons that disaster is about to strike.

But then I guess there is no hurry, after all it's only our lives that are at stake.

To the many, many kind persons who have called and written asking how Tim, our 14-year-old son, is doing in his bout with polio we are happy with the news that he may be home from the Orthopaedic Hospital in another two weeks. He should be back to school about November or December. He may have a leg brace for a while, but we feel he ultimately will recover completely. Thank you all for your interest. To those of you who have asked, "What can we do?" There is nothing greater you can do than to pocket a dime now and save it until January, then send it to march in the "March of Dimes." It's a wonderful campaign.

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## 'Circus' Loaded With Local Talent



THREE OR FOUR, WHICH? . . . What would a musical revue be without chorus girls? One of the featured scenes in "Syncoated Circus" is a "Night at the Stork Club" with these four (see mirror) chorines. Frimping while waiting for their "On Stage" call are (left to right in mirror) Mary Hall, Roxie Cook, Edwina Wedburg (standing) and Pat Hillier.

### YMCA 'Circus' Ticket Info

Tickets for "Syncoated Circus," three-night musical revue to be staged tonight, Friday, and Saturday night in the Torrance High School auditorium are available at \$1 each for general admission at a number of local business firms. The general admission tickets may be exchanged for \$1.50 reserved seat tickets at a booth in front of Levy's Department Store prior to any of the three performances.

### Show Opens Tonight For Three-Day Run

Far more lavish in music, dance, and all-around talent than last year's show is the gay musical revue, "Syncoated Circus." YMCA benefit show which starts its three-night run here tonight.

Curtain time for the show which features a cast of more than 80 local people is 8 p.m. at the Torrance High School.

Featured in the musical are a score of original songs by Phil Butler who is directing the show for Geller Productions—the company which produced last year's benefit show.

The sparkling revue is spaced with several dancing choruses, all local women and girls, under the direction of Joe Cunningham.

"This is one of the most ambitious attempts ever made to stage a show in Torrance and from what I've seen those ambitions will be rewarded by a mighty fine production," said Sam Levy, general chairman of the enterprise.

Admission \$1 General admission tickets are \$1 each. They are good for any of the three shows which will be staged tonight, Friday, and Saturday nights. They may be exchanged for reserved seats at the booth in front of Levy's Department Store prior to the show.

During Act I the spotlight falls on the Circus Gang composed of Bud Mewborn, Stan Roberts, Nadine Nickol, Mary Lou Hutchison, Jim Crain, Roxie Cook, Buddy Powers, Ollie Lessen, and Jack Baldwin. While on a visit to the circus a group of dancers from Bubble Gum Tech whiz through a jumpy dance routine with "teacher" Mary Hall. Featured in the dance routine are Deanna Shriver, Sheila De Claspe, Diane Schumert, Sylvia Reed, Cindy Olson, Priscilla Bennett, Allice Young, and Nana LaDuke.

Haggard is Cop Former Mayor Bob L. Haggard is a featured player as the circus cop. His wife, Gladys, has consistently brought applause from rehearsal audiences for her portrayal of the orphanage officer. Board of Education Member, Dr. Rollin Smith saves the day as head of the orphanage from which Timmy has run away to join the circus.

The plot takes two of the singing principals to the Stork Club where they see Pat Hillier, Roxie Cook, Edwina Wedburg, and Mary Hall as members of the night club's chorus. At the opera they see and hear Doug McClay, Jo McClay and Al Ewalt in a clever opera skit narrated by John Steinbaugh, Jackie Gaida and Bob Tri-Hi-Y Girls.

Working as hard as any member of the cast are the "behind the scenes" crew of workers—the show committee. Helping Chairman Levy are John Steinbaugh, talent; Stan Roberts, publicity; Al Turner and Gil Derouin, tickets; Edwina Wedburg, wardrobe; Desmond Wedburg, make-up; the stage crew is furnished by Torrance High School and the ushers by the Tri-Hi-Y Girls.

### Add Three Stars For Hollywood Y-Day Program

Handsome Guy Madison, television's "Wild Bill Hickock" and gravel-voiced comedian Andy De

Art Linkletter, Bob Crosby, Jack Batley and Liberace also included among the many stars who will appear," he said.

### Sandman Loses Sleep, Also 10 Tons of Sand

While the sandman was busy putting little folks to sleep, Monday night, another sand man was busy shoveling tons of molding sand into his truck. R. E. Weber, operator of a sand pit at Madrona Ave. and Del Amo Blvd., told Torrance police that someone in a big truck made off with the valuable dirt. He said the loss was \$60.

Y-MCA executive secretary Stan Roberts said that the Hollywood Y-MCA, sponsor of the event, has informed him that two youngsters will be selected at the Hollywood Bowl show to sit as "Acting Coaches" on the UCLA and Stanford benches during the afternoon football game, which is part of the all-day festivities.

"It looks like we'll have the biggest Y-Day crowd we've ever had from Torrance," he added. Transportation by Torrance Municipal Bus Lines has been included in the price of the tickets. Tickets for the event are \$3, which includes transportation to the variety show, the football game, and a box lunch to be served at Hollywood Bowl.

"The variety show so far promises to be the best in the 20-year history of Y-Day, with



SINGING LEADS . . . Buddy Powers and Mary Lou Hutchison, two of the singing leads in "Syncoated Circus," await backstage for the musical cue to sound heralding their appearance on stage as featured vocalists in the community benefit performance.



SHRINE CLUB CHARTERED . . . Potentate Charles Reichert, left, of the Al Malaikah Temple of Los Angeles, congratulates President Al Gianni of the new El Toga Shrine Club at charter party ceremonies in Gardena last week. Gianni was installed as president of the new club; Mickey Eissa, first vice president; Lt. Col. David Knape, second vice-president; J. Hugh Sherley Jr., treasurer; and Charles P. McCann, secretary.



COMIC CARUSOS . . . Doug McClay and Al Ewalt await their cue to go into their act, a take off on the Barber of Seville—one of the comedy highlights in the YMCA benefit show to be footlighted tonight, tomorrow, and Saturday night in the Torrance High School Auditorium.

### Tartar Teen Talk

By SALLY HICKMAN

Norma Ioppa had a slumber party after the football game Friday. Norma's guests were Percilla Renolds, Susie Snyder, Lou Ann McFarland, and Rena Quick.

A surprise birthday party was held for Babs Hazzard last Tuesday evening at Pam Dickley's house. She is celebrating her 16th birthday. The party was held at the crowded junior and senior party were Larry Roy, Gene Davis, Dick Piazza, Joan Leech, Joe LaFerty, Berta Long, Jim Farrar, Bob Kulp, Jerry Farrar, Warren Stamps, Sally Hickman, Pat Fenton, Jerry Neely, Sandy Sanders, Dan Mayers, Tom Long, Louie Valencia, the Babbitt boys, Bob Hopkins, Bob Moon, Pam Dickley, Lynn Lorenz, Mary Sue Easley, Jim Haefell, Chuck Bingham, Sandy Grub, De De Schumert, Norma Mead, Walt McHenry, Bob Hanks, and of course, Babs. All seemed to be having a good time dancing, strutting ukes, and watching the S. C. game on T. V.

Mr. Silke and the Tartar Choir had a party at T. H. S. Tuesday night. Having a grand time were Diane Bombora, Jimmy Mathews, Monty Darling, Margaret Daavis, Harold Phyllips, Frank Davis, Frank Yancey, Richard Lindenburg, Jeanne Whitten, Ed Powell, Clayton Mallard, Margie Herbert, Janice Hurley, Dan Mayers, and Warren Stamps.

Friday night after the game with San Berdoon, the Y Demons had a dance at the YMCA hall. Some seen having a lot of fun were Jack Beeman, Janice Desmond, Roy Stamps, Janice Woodburn, Dick Shears, Carolyn Powers, Warren Stamps, Joe Kasko, June Rambo, "Carolyn Malow, Betty Davis, John Sousa, Pam Dickley, Pat Fenton, Don Kasten, Maureen Mathews, Jackie Johnson, Lynn Lorenz, Lee Mortenson, Ronnie Griffin, Greg Jenkins, Norma Mead, Bill Gray, Sandy Grub, Chuck Bingham and Bob Hopkins.

The junior class ordered class parties this so I imagine the halls will be decked with some