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HERE'S HOW . . . Dan Desmond, right, former Torrance High School drama instructor, demonstrates a characterization to Doug McClay of Torrance for his part in the forthcoming production of the Theatre Art Patrons in San Pedro, "Goodbye My Fancy." Desmond recently was appointed instructor in play production at Harbor Junior College.

Former THS Drama Instructor Appointed to Harbor JC Post

Dan D. Desmond, former instructor in theatre for Torrance High School, has recently been appointed instructor in play production at Harbor Junior College.

Desmond brings to the college and Theatre Art Patrons of San Pedro 14 years of dramatic background that includes experience in Shakespearean plays in the legitimate theatre, movies, television, and radio. His talents extend to directing and producing as well as acting.

During Desmond's past two years as drama director at Dorsey High School his group has twice won the Sweepstakes Trophy at the Shakespearean Drama Festival held at Loyola University by the Speech Teachers' Association of Southern California.

Movie experience of the youthful-looking director includes six teen movie roles for Columbia and Universal International, one of which was the part of "Traker in the picture "Walk in the Sun." However, serious parts are not his only expression; shortly after the war he toured Europe with the New York production of the comedy "Good News." His work as a comedian took him into vaudeville and the night club circuits where he headlined at such theatres as the Orpheum in Los Angeles, San Diego and Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Golden Gate and Warfield in San Francisco; and Los Angeles night spots; "Plurates' Den, the Clover Club and the Trocadero.

Desmond interrupted his active theatrical career in 1949



ADMIRING TROPHIES . . . Committee members of Retail Clerks Local 905 are looking over trophies and prizes to be awarded during first gala spring dance of the group at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club next Saturday night, June 5. Left to right are May Richardson, Catherine Coster, and Jimray Morrison. Tickets are now on sale for \$1.10 each or may be purchased at the door.

and universities throughout the Southland. He went on with his graduate work and received his master's degree from Occidental College in 1951.

Dan claims he is busier today as a teacher than he ever was on the stage, and it is believable because he is currently working with five different drama groups at Dorsey High School and rehearsing evenings with the Play Production group at Harbor Junior College on their forthcoming presentation of "Goodbye My Fancy" for June 10, 11, 12 at the Harbor College campus.

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