

Strong Orchestra Labeled 'Knickerbocker' Weakness

By AGNES BOLTER

Friday night's opening performance of "Knickerbocker Holiday" brought two disappointments to this reviewer.

Before curtain time it was apparent that the small gathering in Redondo High School Auditorium for the South Bay Civic Light Opera production could scarcely be called an "opening night crowd." And when the curtain went up on the first scene, the orchestra drowned out the resonant voice of Harry Farley, who played Washington Irving.

A few latecomers swelled the audience somewhat, and in the second act the orchestra toned down for a few numbers, but throughout the production the main weak point was the men with the instruments.

Blended Music

Any good musical comedy is a blend of instrumental music and lyrics. "Knickerbocker Holiday" has both of an excellent quality, but the orchestra overpowered the fine voices of the singers in almost all instances, and audience ears were strained to catch the clever lyrics.

Even the booming baritone of Van Pinney, who stepped to the romantic leading man in "Knickerbocker" from the role of the slave auctioneer in "Bloomer Girl" and one of the top comedy roles as Gunman Slug in "Kiss Me Kate," could scarcely be heard in his first solo, "No-where To Go But Up."

That the orchestra could tone down was evidenced in the same scene when Mary Hall, playing the comic role of the piano sidekick, Tenpin, took a solo spotlight.

Although it may not seem quite kosher for a newspaper to give accolades to one of its own employees (Hall is sports editor for the Herald), the young man certainly deserves congratulations for his amusing portrayal of the faint-hearted ne'er-do-well.

Pinney's portrayal of Brom Broeck, the man who couldn't take orders, was a convincing one. Among the best numbers in the show were his duets with Patsy Bangs, who stepped into her first starring role with the South Bay group as Tina Tienhoven, Brom's sweetheart.

The part gave the vivacious young beauty the chance to display all of her many talents — for she is not only a fine dancer but also possesses a lovely singing voice and the poise of a polished actress. She has danced in main motion pictures and also appeared in the L. A. Civic stage production of "The Great Waltz."

Her dancing in "Young People Think About Love," an ensemble number, and during "September Song," soloed by Dick Williams as Dieter Stuyvesant, were among the major attractions of the show.

Versatile Man

Williams brought to the role of Stuyvesant a fine voice and well-received acting ability. The versatile man, who played the leading role in "Bloomer Girl," stumped out on the stage as the peleg, tyrannical governor and never once stepped out of character.

The lusty voice and fine comedy sense of Dick Bonham as the jester, Schermanson, added much to the production. His spouse, played by Betty Jo Gardner, also added to the comedy.

Others deserving of praise were the Council members, Don McDaniel as Van Courtland Jr.; Kenneth Anderson as De Vries; Andy Rosenthal, Tienhoven; James Boyd as De Venter; and Tony D'Addario as De Peyster.

Dance Lauded

One of the most outstanding numbers of the entire show was "The Algonquins from Harlem," done by a trio of Indian dancers. Master Electrician Bo Davy

Ten Vie For Walteria Queen Title



TAKE YOUR CHOICE . . . The audience will have a tough job Friday night when they are asked to choose a queen from the Walteria-Pacific Hills beauties above. They are, first row, left to right, Gwen Hull, 14, Ronce Lemaster, 15, Diane Fuscus, 17, Shirley Hinesley, 13, and Pat Wingard, 16. Second row, Ella Mae McLeod, 17, Joyce Simon, 19, Maurine Brinkerhoff, 16, Betty Eakins, 17, and Mary Burke, 13.

Audience To Judge Winners

Ten lovelies from the Walteria-Pacific Hills area signed up prior to yesterday's deadline and will vie for the title of queen of the Walteria-Pacific Hills area Friday night at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Judges for the contest will be the members of the audience at the affair, according to Jim Minter, contest chairman. Each person who attends the fête will receive a ballot on the back of his program.

The contest is being sponsored for the first time this year by the Pacific Hills Homeowners' Association.

Beauties Listed

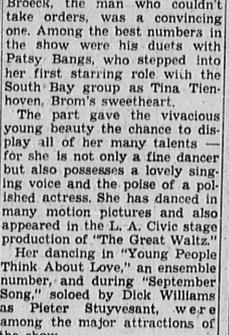
Contestants and their sponsors are: Gwen Hull, 14, Alker Realty; Ronce Lemaster, 15, Walteria Drug Store; Diane Fuscus, 17, Minter Grocery in Rosely Mount, N.C.; Shirley Hinesley, 13, Gordon's Market; Pat Wingard, 16, Booth's Associated Service; Ella Mae McLeod, 17, Paramount Center; Joyce Simon, 19, Walteria Cleaners; Maurine Brinkerhoff, 16, Virgil Hancock Service; Betty Eakins, 17, anonymous sponsor; and Mary Burke, 13, Penny's Beauty Shop.

The winner of the queen title will not be announced Friday evening, but will be revealed in Sunday's newspapers, Minter said. She will be crowned the following Friday evening, July 23, at a coronation ball at the Civic Auditorium.

She will receive a huge trophy, donated by Northrop Aircraft Recreation Club; a formal gown of her choice; a portable radio, a course in charm, corsage and free dinner. Second and third-place winners will receive a skirt and blouse, respectively.

Torrance Church Calendar

- NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
1447 Kings Avenue
Rev. Patrick McGuinness, Pastor
Telephone FA 8-2778
Seven Sunday Masses—8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 (High), 12:15, One Mass—8:30 in St. Joseph's Church, 2314 West 203rd Street (High), Torrance, Wednesday Evening Devotion at 7:30 p.m. Confessions Three Times On Saturdays—8:30 a.m. to 10:30, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eucharists Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Children's instructions and Bible Study—Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at 2971 W. Carson Nativity Catholic School. The first grade groups beginning with first grade of Elementary School to the last year of High School.
- CENTRAL CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**
Marcellina & Arlington
Rev. Walter M. Stanton, FA 8-3010
11:00—Morning Worship
6:30—Youth Fellowship
7:30—Evening Worship
Midweek Worship Service 7:00 Wednesday evening
- FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Carson and Flower
Rev. Paul Werner, Pastor
Phone FA 8-5884—Res. FA 8-3249
Sunday: 8:00—Worship Service, 9:30—Sunday School
10:45—Worship Service.
- TORRANCE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
2845 Torrance Blvd.
Sun. 9:45 a.m.—Taylor, Minister
11 a.m.—Morning worship
7:30—Evening worship
Wednesday Night Bible Study
Conducted by
Rev. W. T. Holcomb, Pastor
Telephone FR 8-3502
- FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH**
1207 El Prado—Tel. FA 8-7976
Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Owen, Pastors
SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.—Worship
Group Services 8:30 p.m. (C.F. Defenders)
Evangelistic 7:30 p.m.
MIDWEEK: Wednesday—Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
PUBLIC INVITED
- SOUTH BAY CHURCH OF GOD**
47651 Yukon Ave., Torrance
Rev. Cliff Tierney, Pastor
Telephone DA 6-0563
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship—8:30 p.m.
Evangelistic Service—7:30 p.m.
Mid-week Service—Wed. 7:30 p.m.
- ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Rev. Arthur E. Bello, Rector
Phone FA 8-3731—Res. FA 8-5449
1432 Ingraham
Across From Torrance Memorial Hospital
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Family Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
- THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
El Prado at Manuel Avenue
Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister
Church School for all ages, 9:00
Early Worship—Youth Choir,
church school, fourth grade and below.
10:00 Church School, all ages,
extended sessions fourth and fifth grades.
11:00 Morning Worship—Adult Choir
Infant care from 9:00 to 12 a.m.
6:30 High School Youth Fellowship
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Pastor, Elder Stanley C. West
Corner of Acadia & Sonoma
Sabbath School—10:30 a.m.
Prayer meeting—Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Young people's meeting—Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
- THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE**
2850 El Dorado, Torrance
Rev. J. J. Walker, Pastor
Res. Phone FR 8-5253
Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—10:30 a.m.
Christian Youth Fellowship—7:30 p.m.
- HOPE CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**
2347 W. 74th St.
Rev. Homer H. Miller
Ph. ME 9-3277—Res. ME 9-3542
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship
Church Fellowship Night—Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
- CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Milton and Elliott
Between Vermont and Normandia
Pastor Donald E. Flenzy
Phone ME 9-4271
Sunday:
9:30—Bible School
10:45—Morning Worship
6:15—Christian Endeavor Societies
7:30—Evening Service
Wednesday:
7:30—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study



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Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERREY, JR.

STEADY AS YOU GO

A nautical term I first saw in a story of evacuation of So. Pacific natives true to the religious training of Missionaries. The small boat was loaded beyond its capacity, dodged submarines and a fast Jap patrol ship, made its way to an island surrounded by vicious coral reefs. The captain laid out intricate, complicated instructions, handed them to a mate, turned and went to his cabin. The mate followed those instructions until he heard breakers pounding. They seemed under his prow, felt their impact upon the water. His last signal didn't appear. He faltered. Fear clutched his heart. Surf spume hit his face. He clutched the wheel to spin it when he heard his Captain's voice, "Steady as you go," saw his beacon and sailed into a safe haven.

We too have breakers ahead, and a beacon — our bible. Our course is through the reefs of human behavior; to follow the course laid out by Him who knows the dangers, is to arrive at the haven of peace. When breakers seem dead ahead, think of the Captain and his softly spoken, "Steady as you go."

LASS CASTS . . . The Torrance Rod and Gun Club will sponsor Pauline Glueckert, 23, of 15916 Illinois Ct., as a candidate for Queen of the Torrance Community Fair. Above, the pretty Miss gets in a bit of casting practice.

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MANGER ON THE CROSS

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When Peter saw the wind, he was afraid, & beginning to sink. Lord, save me. Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him.

Mat. 14:29-31.

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Second Y Day Club Weathers Storm of Lethargy, Moves Onward

(Fourth in a series on the Walteria Businessmen's Club, the following excerpt from a history of the club written by charter member Loring Bigelow is entitled "Another Two-President Year.")

The spectacular success of the second annual Spring Dance got the year off to a roaring start. The dance was held in May, 1952, and couples danced until the wee hours to the music of Orv Yarnell and his orchestra.

Early in the summer of 1952, H. G. Cotton, Herb Jackson and Paul Struble were welcomed as members.

Two boys were sent to the "Y" camp as counselors for the summer — Jim Whitmer Jr., and Bob Brock. Robert Steth and Virgil Hancock took over the reins of the Club's baseball teams and did a marvelous job.

Nickel Gets Bar Top

In appreciation for the many fine evenings spent at Ed Nickel's ranch, the Club decided to buy him a new top for his bar and this was forthwith done.

Agitation concerning the opening of the "fine box" finally climaxed in the opening on Aug. 7, 1952. Reports vary on the total found within. Some say anywhere from \$78 to \$155, but \$135 is considered close. The Club used the money for an en masse trip to see "The Drunkard" in Los Angeles. Almost the entire membership made the trip.

In September, a motion was passed that Al Isen draw up papers for incorporating the Club and submit them for approval.

Beasley Retires

Early in November, President J. A. Beasley announced his intention of retiring from his position because of ill health. His resignation was accepted with regrets and Nate Gordon, who thought he had nothing to worry about when he was named vice president, stepped into the prexy's shoes.

A tremendous rain storm threatened to put the damper on the annual Turkey raffle and dance, but, after a slow start, things picked up and everyone had a great time.

"Sabotage!"

At a meeting shortly thereafter, Loring Bigelow spoke of what he believed to be a deliberate intent of a small group of inactive club members to sabotage the organization. Without mentioning any names, he condemned these inactive members but warned the Club that perhaps its state of lethargy was thought by the entire group and suggested that steps be taken to improve all along the line. President Gordon called a board meeting on the matter, which was held at Sleeth's home.

Bigelow set forth some constructive ideas on how the club could shake itself awake. By-laws were ordered distributed to all members at once and many things on club improvement were discussed at length.

During this critical period in the group's history, plans still were carried on for the annual Christmas Party for kids. George Brandy was Santa this time and about 440 kids were served at the party, which was held at the Walteria school auditorium.

Board Gets Busy

In January, the Board of Directors started laying down decisions, stating that only the treasurer would collect money; the fine box would be kept by the Club President to insure its presence at each and every meeting and that the decision on the use of its contents should be decided each year.

A suggestion was made that

the money be used to rebuild Ed Nickel's place. There is no record of this being a motion or being accepted as a rule by the Board. Nickel had suggested that, if the club would provide the necessary labor to rebuild his patio, he would supply the materials needed to fix it up and when it was completed, the Club could use it as an official meeting place. After considerable discussion, Ed's offer was accepted and Maze Moter was put in charge of the project.

Improvement Discussed

At the same January Board meeting, further discussion was held on ways to improve the Club. It was stated that the Club had recruited many members but had not done too much to see that the membership remained active.

With this in mind, it was decided that each incoming member should be duly initiated into the Club and be presented with a set of By-Laws, a membership card and a badge. It was felt that this would make him proud to belong and the Club proud to have him.

It was further noted that the Historian, who was appointed by the Club some months past, had not been acting and that the Historian's book should be kept up to date. (Editor's note: No further action was taken on this matter until the writing, voluntarily, of these pages.)

Pleasure along with business and the making of interesting meetings were considered of prime importance. The Birthday Book, which mysteriously disappeared, was to be revived and a totaling committee on the meetings at Nickel's set up.

Act On Fine Box

At the second meeting in January, Fred Stevens moved and Virgil Hancock seconded the motion that the fine box money never be used for Youth Activities. Dale Wands added an amendment that a committee be set up to decide its use. The amendment was carried and the motion passed.

Another motion made and carried at this meeting was that the first meeting of every month be at Ed Nickel's and the second be held at the Fish Shanty.

In another effort to improve the working of the organization, the Board decided that the Club should sponsor the local troop of the Boy Scouts of America — Scout 240 — with Bob Wagner as Scoutmaster. Paul Struble was appointed to be the Club's representative to the troop.

Donate Tree

Later on, a plan to donate a tree to Whobery Park was discussed and approved. Loring Bigelow was appointed to handle the affair. It was felt that the Club could gain publicity by the action as well as Arbor Day, which was coming up.

When Arbor Day rolled around, Mayor Mervin Schwab attended the tree-planting ceremony and Club members installed a Mexican Ash in the Park.

The yearly donation to the

Club. Inadvertently, the check was made out for \$2.50 instead of \$25.00 but it didn't make much difference because the check never arrived at its destination. It was traced for many months but never located.

Add New Members

During March, the Club added Tom Fitzpatrick, Tom Jones, Ernest Robinson and Don Whann to the membership list.

As the year came to an end, officers were elected once again. They were Loring Bigelow, president; Dale Wands, vice president; Al Muir, secretary; Paul Struble, treasurer, and Struble, Herb Jackson and Brayles Pendleton Board of Directors.

An innovation was added at this time when the Club held its first initiation at the Fish Shanty. Jim Whitmer was chairman and he put several new members through mysterious and secret paces. Pictures were taken of the event but can be shown only to those who already have passed through the initiation.

And thus ended the second year with a second president. Next—"The Immediate Past."

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Obituaries

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LOCAL KIDS TO ACT IN KID CIRCUS

Youngsters in the Normandale Park area, 224th St. and Halldale Ave., will have a chance to show their talent on July 21, when the county's Kiddie Circus will visit the playground.

The circus director, Fred Lipschultz, county recreation director, will work in conjunction with Alice Dunbar and Joel Adler, local playground directors, to show the youngsters how real circus performers act.

The circus will arrive at 10 a.m. Rehearsals are scheduled for 2 p.m., with the final performance at 8 p.m. A kiddie carnival, with favorite children's rides, will open at 7 p.m.

The show will consist of 14 acts—all with local youngsters. Costumes for dogs, lions, tigers, light-rope walkers, cowboys, and freaks will be furnished for performers. There will be musical accompaniment by a 10-piece band.

Battery Stolen

The theft of a battery from his semi-truck has been reported to Torrance police by L. T. Fytken, 2059 Middlebrook Rd. The theft occurred at 228th St. and Sepulveda Blvd.

Crossword Puzzle

Look for Answers on Page 10

1. Eastward	2. Science	38. Science
2. Operations	39. Not out	39. Not out
3. Attack with	40. Outside	40. Outside
4. Heavensward	41. Pertinence to	41. Pertinence to
5. Break of dog	42. Toward	42. Toward
6. Four of an acre	43. Completely shield	43. Completely shield
7. Untruth	44. Exits	44. Exits
8. Article	45. Lacking limbs	45. Lacking limbs
9. Aberrant	46. Sodium colored	46. Sodium colored
10. Small sums	(Pl.)	(Pl.)
11. Irritate	VERTICAL	VERTICAL
12. Libel or	1. Behold	1. Behold
dissemination	2. Barren	2. Barren
13. Coated	3. Tuberculosis	3. Tuberculosis
14. Mused	(Abb.)	(Abb.)
15. Liable to	4. Very warm	4. Very warm
disintegration	5. Vesicular disease	5. Vesicular disease
16. Come forth	6. Frodder's	6. Frodder's
17. Promoters	marks	marks
18. Exalts	7. Three (Prefix)	7. Three (Prefix)
19. Fabulous bird	8. Roman holidays	8. Roman holidays
(Var.)	9. Greek letter	9. Greek letter
20. Bend the knee		

10. Punish by
padding
11. Confuse
12. Small deer
13. Extricate
14. Disputants
15. Salesperson
16. Quiet
17. Put in
18. Carp
19. United States
20. America (Abb.)
21. Rewards
22. Shelled plant
23. Cents (Abb.)
24. Each (Abb.)
25. By