



**SETTING UP** the family picture for Torrance High School's senior play, "Liliom" to be presented at the high school on the nights of January 17 and 18 at 8:30 p.m. is Michael During, who takes the roll of "Spider." The play was adapted from the stage and screen musical, "Carousel." Posing as the "Liliom" family are, front row, Rosemary Hill, Claudia Smith, who has the lead role of "Julie," and, back row, Gerry Vom Steeg, Marie Turner and George Boscom, who plays "Liliom." The presentation is a major undertaking, according to Von Hershey, directing and supervising the performances, since the play is rarely performed on the high school level.

### Two Bowling Leagues for Women Open

Two new bowling leagues for women got under way this week at the Torrance Bowl-O-Drome. A league, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept., bowls Wednesday at 9 a.m. while a beginners' league takes to the lanes Thursday at 10 a.m. In other league news, R. Ludwig holds the men's series high for the season for the Palos Verdes Golf Club, with a 592. B. Slagg has ladies series top score of 459. In the high game department, two men are tied with 211 a piece. They are B. Ellsworth and T. Beich. A score of 190, rolled by C. Clark heads the disstaff list. In the 18th week for Douglas Mixed "765" Scratch, Bill Cookman rolled the weekly high series of 648 for the men. Marie Lemmen came on for the women to roll up a grand total of 530. Bill Catlett, who still holds series honors for the season, copped the top game honors for the week with a sharp 232. Holding 648s in the Ryan Aircraft League are P. Martin and

### Physicians Hold Volleyball Lead

Harbor Resident Physicians Volleyball team moved into sole possession of first place in the Torrance Recreation League, after last week's games played in Torrance High School's Boys' Gym. The league leaders defeated the Christian Mens' team two straight games while the Stunners, previously tied for first place, dropped two games down in the standings by the forfeit route. Torrance Teachers, the Stunners opponent team for the evening, lost two games for the same reason. In other games, the Beachcombers moved up a notch with 15-9 and 15-8 wins over the Optimist Club. The Rotary Club moved into second place on two forfeit wins over the Harbor Interns. North Torrance Lions and Kiwanis Clubs washed out as neither team put in an appearance. D. Mason, tied for men's series. R. Morris leads the women with 625. D. Martin scored a 273 game as D. Fisher chalked up a 228 for the women.

### New Trio at Bowl-O-Drome

"The Musical Merrills," a musical comedy trio who opens Tuesday, January 14 at the Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance features Guitarist Ray Merrill, Accordionist Ray Lewis and Johnny Hall on Bass. This team blends their vocal talents to produce what is fast becoming known as "one of the sharpest new acts in the business," according to Variety, the Show-Business newspaper. Besides playing for the dance

ing crowd, the "Musical Merrills" will feature, from time to time, numbers they include in their regular night-club act. The three are also famous for their ability to answer the many requests that come their way, having a repertoire of almost 2,000 songs.

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### New Theatre Group Formed

On Saturday evening, a group of teen agers, interested in the further development of drama in Lomita, met at the home of Miss Gloria Thorpe, 25624 Eshelman ave., and formed the Lomita Park Players. The Players will be under the direction of Robert Wilson Miller, who is a member of the Matinee Thesplan Society. He has had considerable experience

in the dramatic field and has played many leading rolls at Narbonne High school, last year receiving the Best Actor award. Officers who were elected at the same meeting are Eugene Minor, president; Beverly Deckert, treasurer; Linda Miller, secretary; and Gloria Thorpe, publicity chairman. The Players are being sponsored by Lomita Park and will meet at the park each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Rehearsals will begin shortly on a play to be presented in the near future with Robert Miller directing.

### Edison Co. Anticipates More Growth

Southern California Edison Company expects a population gain in its 10-county service territory of 200,000 in 1958—approximately equal to a city the size of Des Moines, Iowa — it was announced by G. L. Blanchard, district manager.

"We expect to install about 65,000 new electric meters this year," Blanchard said. "To provide for these new customers and build ahead of mounting electrical demands, our company has budgeted approximately \$130,000,000 for construction and plant expansion during 1958."

Of this amount, approximately \$40,000,000 will be spent to add 865 miles of new distribution and transmission power lines to the system, he reported. Sometime this summer the company will complete the first 200,000-kilowatt unit of a giant new steam electric generating station at Huntington Beach—and about the end of the year a second unit of the same size will go into service. At the time of their completion, they will be the largest generating units on the Pacific Coast.

Of equal size will be two more new units now under construction at Mandalay Beach, near Oxnard. Mandalay Unit No. 1 is scheduled for completion in May of 1959, and the second unit is to go "on the line" in the fall of that year. Edison is investing \$58,000,000 in the Huntington Beach project, and \$57,000,000 at Mandalay, it was announced.

**SIERRA DAM**  
Hydroelectric (water) power is being expanded, also. About February 1, work will begin on the \$49,600,000 "Mammoth Pool" project in the High Sierra, requiring construction of one of the biggest earth-fill dams in the world — 950 feet long and 330 feet high.

A tunnel eight miles long and 20 feet in diameter will be dug to carry San Joaquin river water from the storage reservoir, with a capacity of 123,000 acre-feet of water, to the powerhouse. Edison expects to complete this project in time to catch the spring run-off in 1960.

The Edison district manager said \$19,000,000 will be spent in 1958 to build seven new substations which "step down" high voltage electricity for redistribution to homes, farms and businesses. One of these, being built near Saticoy at a cost of \$2,500,000, will be the main switching center for the new Mandalay Beach steam station which will represent another major source of electricity for Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

So rapidly is the company's expansion progressing that it will have invested 1/3 of a billion dollars in the three-year period 1957-1959, Blanchard stated. Edison's total plant investment now stands at more than \$1,125,000,000.

It took 34 years for Edison to invest its first \$1 billion. Blanchard pointed out, 21 years for the second \$1 billion and five years for the final third of a billion dollars.

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