

Hampton Players "Born Yesterday" Has A Successful Opening Night

Hampton Players took the wraps off their new production, "Born Yesterday," The little theatre at 100 Wall Street, Redondo Beach, was rocking with laughter as Garson Kanin's marvelous dialogue ripples across the stage.

The story has to do with political bossism in Washington. Harry Brock, crude but shrewd, has parlayed a small junk yard into a million dollar business, and controls his own little segment of congress to keep things going his way. His former chorus girl where he goes and enjoys her mistress, Billie Dawn, goes where he goes and enjoys her milk-lined, gilded cage existence without giving too much thought as to its source.

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But once established in their plush Washington hotel suite, enter the hero in the form of a personable young reporter who likes to dig beneath the surface of things. The reporter is immediately

Hampton Players Hold Reading Sessions Now

Further readings will be held for Hampton Players' coming production, "The Time of Your Life," on Monday, April 3 at 8 p.m. Those interested in reading are asked to report to the Hampton theatre, 100 Wall St. Redondo Beach.

Director Pat Coates calls attention particularly to the fact that certain special talents are needed for this show: a good tap or soft-shoe dancer, a young negro jazz pianist, and a young singer, preferably a tenor. All three are good male roles. These and the other 21 parts in the show are all good character roles which require acting ability.

put on the payroll by Harry, to keep him friendly, and incidentally to "learn" Billie how to act in Washington society. That is where the story begins, and before the lessons end, worms turn, appetites are upset, and the general upheaval is hilarious.

Bob Connor, who plays the rather complicated "brain of gold," Harry Brock, has a wide background of diversified roles to enrich his characterization. A research engineer at Northrop Aircraft, Connor got his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was president of the Dramashop in 1945, and acted in eight of their productions.

After coming to California, Connor polted the old Manhattan Players and did roles in some dozen plays with them, capturing their annual awards for best actor, best director and best producer at various times. He has more recently been associated with the Morgan Theatre in Santa Monica, where most of his concentration has been on directing, some of his credits being "Rope," "The Rainmaker," "Inherit the Wind," "The Waltz of the Toreadors," and "Playboy of the Western World." He won their best director awards in 1957, 1958 and 1960.

In 1959 Connor did two fine comedy roles for Hampton Players: Henry Gow in "Fumed Oak," and Rudi Sebastian in "The Great Sebastians."

COVETED ROLE

June Brazil, who won the coveted role of Billie Dawn, is Hampton Players' treasurer for the second year running, and has had varied experience in many types of theatre. She was a drama major at Los Angeles City College and won a scholarship at Ben Bard's Theatre in Hollywood. She has done nu-

merous roles in summer stock in the East and in New Mexico.

June spent some time in New York City, doing off-Broadway shows and television work. She also toured the Eastern coast in the road company of several shows.

With Hampton Players June has played the ingenue role in "For Love or Money," the niece in "A View from the Bridge," and two different parts in "Death of a Salesman." At present her offstage time is pretty well taken up with the care and feeding of an infant son.

"Born Yesterday," directed by Mac Perdue, is a tried and true laugh getter with great appeal for all. Because of limited seat ing, reservations should be made by calling FR 5-8018 or DA 6-0861.

Anthropologist In 2-Day Visit At El Camino

Dr. Richard N. Adams will visit the El Camino College division of social science today and tomorrow. (April 6 & 7). The American Anthropological Association in conjunction with the National Science Foundation has selected Dr. Adams, University of California at Berkeley, as its visiting lecturer. Professor Adams, a social and applied anthropologist, received his Ph.D. at Yale University.

Grants from the National Science Foundation have made it possible to send anthropologists for two or three day visits to college campuses during which time they will be able to give lectures; teach classes; hold discussions with students, faculty and administrators; and to perform other activities that satisfy the aims of the program.

Two Committees Appointed For Hawthorne Fair Work

Two major committees for the annual Hawthorne Community Fair will work in conjunction with each other for the first time since the event was organized, it was announced this week by Clyde Walker, general chairman.

According to Walker, the Queen Contest committee and the Booth Sales committee, have been organized whereby each chairman will be utilized as a co-chairman of the other committee. Appointed as Queen Chairman is William R. Ellis, who will serve as co-chairman of the Booth Sales committee headed by Don Locke.

QUEEN CONTEST

Serving on the Queen Contest committee will be: Val Bates, Torrance; Dr. Edwin Venable, Rolling Hills; Walt Dixon and Oliver McCammon, both of Hawthorne. Also serving as Booth Sales co-chairman, will be B. J. Clack assisted by Fred Calahan, and Henry Desmond, all of Hawthorne; Jerry Merkin, Baldwin Hills Estates, and Joe McGaha, Inglewood.

Ellis, a member of the Hawthorne Kiwanis club for two years, resides at 245 West 134th Street, Hawthorne. He served as co-chairman of the Queen Contest, last year. A member of the Kiwanis board of directors, he is also active in local civic affairs including the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce of which he is president; a member of the Hawthorne Elementary School District Board of Trustees; and a director of the Hawthorne, Centinela Valley YMCA. He is associated with the Pacific Medical Groups of Hawthorne and Inglewood, serving as administrator for those organizations.

Locke resides at 4636 Rockbluff Dr., Rolling Hills Estates with his wife and three daughters. He has been

a member of the Kiwanis for 21 years and has served in various capacities during previous fairs, including general co-chairman; parade co-chairman and others. He is associated with Laven Insurance Inc. of Hawthorne.

The Community Fair will be held from July 26 to 30 and will feature a televised parade, big top Exhibits, a circus, rides, games and other attractions. The event is sponsored by the local Kiwanis club and proceeds go to the organizations Youth activities Fund which allocates grants to Little League, Middle League, Pop Warner Football, Foreign Student Exchange, Vocational Guidance and the Child Guidance Clinics.

Record Earnings Payment Made

Home Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles will this month make the largest quarterly distribution of earnings payments ever paid by one association in the 130-year history of the U.S. savings and loan industry. Kenneth D. Childs, president, has announced.

A total of \$9,000,000 will be paid or credited on March 31 to holders of the 238,600 savings accounts at Home Savings, he said. This compares with a distribution of \$7,267,000 paid in the first quarter of 1960. The previous high for Home Savings, the nation's largest savings association, was paid in the final quarter of last year when its savers received \$8,262,000.

Childs declared that the current 41 per cent annum earnings rate on savings would continue through the quarter ending June 30. Home Savings has 24 offices serving Greater Los Angeles and surrounding areas.

PTA News

223 STREET SCHOOL PTA, March 17, the nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for 1961-62 year. These nominees include

Mmes. James Nash for president, Eddie Gyalva for first vice president, Robert Dossey for second vice president, Dwayne Witty for secretary, Jimmy Morris for treasurer, Perry Butler for financial secretary, Harold Burgner for historian, and Mr. Lee Weinberg for auditor.

Mrs. R. C. Heitmeyer, president, announced that the new bungalows have been moved on the campus, and will provide additional schoolrooms. The arrival of these new bungalows insures full time attendance for all grades.

All PTA members are invited to the next PTA board meeting, which will be held in the school auditorium on Monday, April 2. Plans for the May Festival will be made at this meeting.

The school playground was open last week for games and relays under the direction of Shirley Washburn, playleader. The Los Angeles Board of Education and Recreation provided this opportunity for supervised play to local children.

HARBOR CITY PTA—Mrs. Stephen Silkotch, president, conducted the March meeting. Flag salute was led by Harold Ball. Special guests attending were Mrs. Leland Van Buren, past president of Harbor City School and Mrs. Albert Dudley, president-elect of Fleming Junior High.

Mrs. Avis Creech, principal, introduced teachers to the many parents attending.

Mrs. Anders Klungreseter, ways and means, announced the coming rummage sale and the May Festival to be held May 12. A luncheon in April will be held at the Scout Hall and all are invited to attend.

Mrs. Susan Phippen was the "Parent of the Month." Mr. St. John's room won the prize for the most parents attending.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Stephen Silkotch gave the thought for the day taken from Mark Twain. "When I was 17 I thought my father was a fool—but when I was 21 I was amazed at how much the old fellow had learned in 4 years."

Christian Science Lesson Sermon

Those attending Christian Science services Sunday will hear a challenging call to overcome sin and sickness of every kind through wholly spiritual means.

Highlighting the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" is the Golden Text from Matthew (10:7,8), "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

In a selection from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy states, "God is as incapable of producing sin, sickness, and death as He is of experiencing these errors. How then is it possible for Him to create man subject to this triad of errors,—man who is made in the divine likeness?" (p. 356)

Isaiah declares, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him." "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord: . . . and my glory will I give to another, neither my praise to graven images," (Isa. 55:7; 42:6-8)

BEGONIA SEEDLINGS

Begonia seedlings make their appearance in C.A.N. nurseries this month and for the gardner who likes them by the dozen, this is an economical way to get them. The young seedlings are a bit wobbly on their feet, so stake them with thin bamboo shoots and tie them loosely for support. A soil into which copious amounts of leaf mold has been worked is best.

Student Aids Teacher With Musical "Chores"

Many teachers help their students get jobs, but in the case of two Torrance music teachers, the situation was just reversed. The student helped his former teacher get a job.

Now making beautiful music together as instrumental music teachers in Torrance schools are Richard Ducar and his former high school music teacher, Francis Snyder. They first met when Snyder was music director and Ducar a solo clarinetist

at East Syracuse, N. Y., High School.

A teacher in Syracuse for seven years, Snyder kept in touch with Ducar as he went to Syracuse University and went away to Torrance to teach elementary instrumental music.

SNOW STORMS

After shoveling snow and changing storm windows, Snyder found Ducar's letters about palm trees and beaches quite inviting. He was also impressed by Ducar's reports about the school system, and the following year decided to come to California and was hired as a music teacher.

Now the two are instrumental music instructors in Torrance and frequently get together with other musicians to make music. Snyder is the godfather of Ducar's newly-born son. Both are married.

Before coming to Syracuse, Snyder served as director of Colgate University Marching Band and played with the Frankie Carle and Salt City Six. Ducar was a solo clarinetist with the Syracuse University Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra.

NEXT WINTER, MAYBE!

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Mrs. Buchanan New President

New President of the Greenthumbers Garden Club is Mrs. James Buchanan.

New officers slate was elected at the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis Wilhelm in Redondo. Mrs. Joseph Leger, president, presided.

Officers serving for the new term with Mrs. Buchanan will be Mmes. William Junge, vice president; Jerry Shirley, secretary and Louis Wilhelm, treasurer.

Committee chairmen for the coming year were appointed.

Refreshments were served at the close of the business session.

Members who attended the meeting were:

Mmes. James Buchanan, James Hailey, George Horton, William Junge, Joseph Leger, Al Mategorin, Jerry Shirley, Cora Dunson and Josephine Fitzgerald.

Guests present were Mrs. Burt Pulver and Melody Philpote.

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