Local Singers To Present Menotti Opera

Gian-Carlo Menotti's comic opera, "The Old Maid and the Thief," will be presented with orchestral backing at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Redondo High School auditorium under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles County Opera Theater and the Pacific Symphonette.

To be sung in English, the opera will be fully staged with orchestra, and recounts the tragi-comic involvements of three lively spinsters with a handsome opportunist.

Nadine Nickol, dramatic soprano, will sing the leading role as Miss Todd, the old maid. Doris Wilton, coloratura, will portray the young maid, and Lillan Beauchamp, soprano, the town's busybody, Miss Pinkerton.

Baritone Lyle Heck will appear as Bob, the thief—or the opportunist.

Thomas Wilson will conduct and Patricia Coates is the stage director.

Reservations for the performance may be made by calling FR 5-6139.

Army Pvt. **Ronnie L. Wild,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Wally H. Wild, 3619 Lomita Blvd, completed the eight-week automotive maintenance helpers course at Ft. Ord, Oct. 20.

Wild was trained to perform organizational, field and depot maintenance on wheeled vehicles and in the recovery of all types of automotive materials.

He entered the Army last May and received basic training at the fort.

The 17-year-old soldier attended South High School.

Richard L. Beard, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Beard of 5025 Macafer Rd., **Warren R. Heaton,** fire control technician third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Heaton of 1816 Calamar, and **Lon R. Baker,** seaman apprentice, son of Mrs. Blanch K. Weber of 165 W. 223rd St., all of Torrance, are serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger which arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, recently for a 14-day visit.

OPERA PRINCIPALS . . . Busybody Miss Pinkerton, portrayed by Lillan Beauchamp (front left) chats with Spinster Miss Todd portrayed by Nadine Nickol, while Lyle Heck chats with Doris Wilton behind them to round out principal characters of Gian-Carlo Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief" to be presented Sunday afternoon.

Another Step Taken in Program To Halt Sea Water Intrusion

Supervisor Burton W. Chace today announced approval by the Board of Supervisors of an engineering contract designed as another step in a long-range program to build a barrier against further sea water intrusion along an 11-mile stretch of the shoreline.

M. E. Salsbury, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, was authorized to negotiate a pact with M. A. Nishkian and Co. of Long Beach.

It will call for the firm to provide district engineers with consulting services including studies, reports, subsurface investigation, surveying, soil reports, shop investigation, preparation of preliminary and final plans and technical specifications for construction of the second unit of water supply facilities for the West Coast Basin Barrier Project.

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CHACE SAID the Nishkian Co. is now providing similar services for Unit I of the proposed barrier against further sea water intrusion along the west coast of the country.

He said that engaging a consultant is highly practical in that the district does not have the necessary specialized personnel to perform the major phases of this type of engineering work. Also, the program is intermittent and of relatively short duration making it inadvisable for the district to build up a staff to handle the work.

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THE OVERALL project is vitally needed in an area running from Ballona Creek to the Palos Verdes Hills because the intrusion of sea water into fresh supplies underlying the West Coast Basin has destroyed many of them and threatens destruction of others, Chace declared.

Broken into units, the program is expected to take about four or five years to complete. Unit 2 of the project consists of pipeline construction, a chlorination plant, a pressure regulating plant and other fixtures. Tentative cost of this unit is about $450,000 with the entire project expected to involve an investment of approximately $4.6 million.

Financing will be handled by the Flood Control District from its regular funds and Zone II monies, Supervisor Chace concluded.