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IMPISH PERFORMER . . . Kirby Gangel gives a refreshing and impish performance in the role of Gigi in the play of the same name now being performed at the Chapel Theatre. (Ed Elledge Photo)

'Gigi' Embarrasses Males At Chapel Theatre Opening

By BETTY SCHROEDER
Many men were not a little embarrassed before their wives or sweethearts, although very delighted personally, at the first weekend performances of "Gigi" at Chapel Theatre last week. But what is there to say—how can one defend himself, when upon arrival at the theater one finds himself literally bowled over by four beautiful French "Can Can" girls, who throw their arms about you and place large kisses on your cheek?

This is what happened to many of the men who arrived for each night's performance of "Gigi" currently playing at Chapel Theatre, 4164 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance and starring the inimitable actress, the French Bombshell—Fifi D'Orsay.
It was even overheard that some of the men, who did not get "bussed" by these spirited dancers, wanted to leave and make a fresh arrival so that they too might be on the receiving end of this French-type ceremony.

THE AUDIENCE was not aware of it at that time, but this was just the beginning of many surprises and highlights. Not only were there surprises for the cast and audience on opening night, but for one in particular as Albert Isen, personal guest of Miss D'Orsay, was introduced to the audience by Don Gish, director of "Gigi" and all in attendance joined in congratulating him upon being re-elected as Mayor of Torrance.

Playing to capacity audiences, the actors delighted all with their portrayals of each character. Miss D'Orsay was as vivacious and bubbling on stage as she is in real life, with her starring role as Aunt Alicia, and captivated the hearts of all in the theater.

THIS FRENCH comedy by Anita Loos adapted from the play by Colette is packed with sparkling dialogue and action which is kept at a fast clip, bringing the play to an end all too soon, according to the audiences.

One has the desire of wanting to see more of the characters—more of Miss D'Orsay's quaint mannerisms, delightful French accent, fluttering of the fan (which is her trade mark in all shows); wanting to hear more of the amusing lesson with Aunt Alicia educating Gigi in the cunning ways of women in handling men, with her philosophy being most intriguing.

THEN TOO, there is the characterization of Gigi featuring Kirby Gangel of Manhattan Beach, who gives a most refreshing and impish performance; with Gladys Manu of Wilmington presenting the grandmother in a most convincing manner as the warm, stable, sensible and understanding person she was meant to be; Suzanne Shinder

Tiny Little To Stay at Marineland

So popular has become "Big" Tiny Little during the first month of his engagement at Marineland Restaurant in Palos Verdes that he and his musical revue have been held over for three additional weeks in the "Porpoise Room," it is announced by owner George M. Foster.

The current show, which is the honky-tonk piano star's third return appearance, will now extend through May 19. Few entertainers have equalled this unusual 11-week engagement at Marineland Restaurant.

Tiny Little and his ragtime group present four shows nightly except Mondays.

Freeway Call Boxes To Get Local Tests

A pilot system of 80 radio-type call boxes on freeways near downtown Los Angeles should be in operation early this summer.

Robert B. Bradford, director of the state department of public works, said in a letter to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn that plans and specifications for the emergency phones are now being prepared.

STATE ACTION came after Hahn's repeated insistence that phones are needed for the safety of stranded motorists who are faced with walking long distances along the side of a busy freeway to gain assistance.

The problem came to a head early this month when County Counsel Harold Kennedy, a highly ranked and respected

public employee, was forced to walk 12 blocks along the Pasadena Freeway after his car stalled.

Upon learning this, Supervisor Hahn immediately wrote to Bradford and cited the public need for phones on the freeway.

"I HAVE always said when discussing this matter on the Board of Supervisors that we will not get the emergency telephones until a State Highway Commissioner or the Governor gets trapped on a freeway," Hahn told Bradford.

Bradford's reply pointed out that the State will pay the cost of installing and maintaining the phones and that they will be on a 24-hour hookup with the Los Angeles Police Department.

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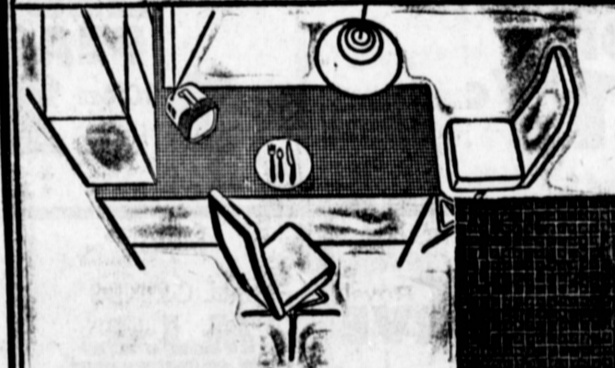
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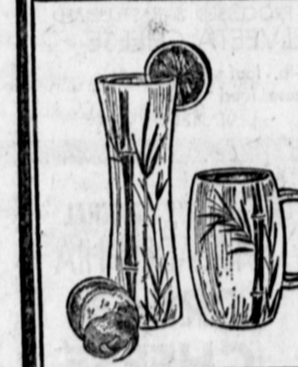
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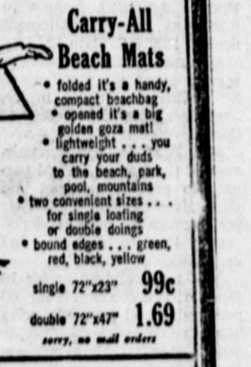
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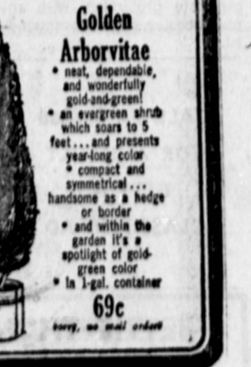
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