

'Tears for Rag Doll' At Chapel Theatre

By BETTY SCHROEDER
 "Great! Terrific! Truthful! Powerful!" were the descriptive words used by audiences at Chapel Theatre in Torrance during the intermissions of "Tears for a Rag Doll" last weekend.

The true-to-life original play, written by Oliver Crawford of Hollywood, is directed by Bob Bluman of Hawthorne.

The sets were designed by Ben Roseman of Hollywood, and constructed and dressed by Steve Sands and his crew. The clever and very original use of lighting and sets within

sets, were highly praised by all.

BRILLIANT performances were given by Vikki Hoffman of Torrance who portrays the bewildered 13-year-old who finds herself between childhood and womanhood. Betsy Mackenzie of Redondo Beach plays Meg, the school teacher, with realism during her most dramatic scenes.

David Violette of Hawthorne is great as fumbling father and neglected husband, who delivers his philosophical dialogue with great gusto. Ann Friedman of Manhattan Beach

plays the role of Grace to the hilt, as the disinterested, neurotic wife and mother who enjoys ill health to the point of using it as an excuse for her failings.

Noel Shire, as the teen-aged brother, presents a natural and clean-cut version of the sports loving 16-year-old who finds himself fighting in defense of his kid sister's honor, although he has in the past treated his sister as most brothers do, with irritation and annoyance. Helen Borst of Palos Verdes as Aunt Lily portrays the twice-divorced woman as a person to be sympath-

etic toward, and makes the audience wish for happiness to come to her as a reward for her efforts to be helpful in her brother's home.

LORRAINE Moir of Torrance introduces doubts and suspicions in the minds of her neighbors in typical fashion as the busy-body neighbor, Helen, with an effective air of comedy. Capturing the attention of the audience with his one appearance as Dave's blustering boss is Curt Mobley of Gardena. The teen-agers, Carolyn Schroeder, Jackie Washburn and Linda McNeill, are

natural and refreshing as Didi's friends.

RESERVATIONS for the last two weekend performances may be made by calling Box Office, FR 2-9636. Prices are \$1.50 on Fridays and Sundays and \$1.75 on Saturdays, with curtain time being 8:30 p.m. Chapel Theatre is located at 4164 Pacific Coast Hwy., behind the Smith Bros. Fish Shanty restaurant.

Decorating the walls of the theater's auditorium, and being exhibited during the entire run of this current play, are selections of paintings created by Louis Monza. His interpre-

tations of the Mexican people and Navajo Indians are peaceful yet colorful quality and have received much favorable comment from audiences viewing them. Monza has been in the South Bay area since 1917 and has exhibited his works widely throughout Southern California.

A nation deprived of liberty may win it, a nation divided may reunite, but a nation whose natural resources are destroyed must inevitably pay the penalty of poverty, degradation and decay.

—Gifford Pinchot



RAG DOLL HOSTESSES... Acting the part of rag dolls are the hostesses for "Tears for a Rag Doll" current Chapel Theatre production. From left to right are Jill Palmer, Suzanne Shenider, and Phyllis Foss.

Scout Trails

Scout Troop 761

Court of honor was held recently for the Boy Scouts of Troop 761 under the leadership of Scoutmaster Bob Dennis.

Merit badges were earned by Mike Dennis, Dennis Fujin, Rick Hansen, Glenn Hellyer, Steve Lange, Ricky Shinkle, Steve Wilson, Doug Airhart, and John Creasy.

Gary Dillard and Steve Marckel received their Tenderfoot badges. Rick Hansen, Steve Lange, Dave McCutchen, Don Miller, Randy Parmley and Charles Picker advanced to the rank of Second class. Bruce Mendenhall advanced to the rank of Star Scout and Mike Dennis and John Creasy received their advancement to Life Scouts.

The evening was completed with a film of a three-week campout in the Sierra and ended with a social period with coffee and doughnuts for everyone.

Cub Pack 966-C

The May meeting of Pack 966-C was opened with Den 8 leading the Flag Ceremony. The group, sponsored by the Meadow Park PTA met in the school's cafeteria.

Cubmaster George Schindler led the Pack in an audience-participation stunt, "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

The following awards were presented by George Schindler: Bobcat pins: Jimmy Bowman, Richard Kay and Larrick Crawford. Wolf Badges: Michael Sanders, David Garbell and Chuck Yates. Bear Badges: Frank Anderson and Chris Williams. Denner Stripe, Frank Anderson. Assistant Denner: Jimmy Bowman and David Garbell.

One Silver Arrow to Ron Akiyama, George Costa, Rob Rankin and Greg Windley. Two Silver Arrows to Eugene Caprio. Three Silver Arrows to Eddie Bryant. Gold Arrows to Rob Rankin, Eugene Caprio and Danny Grunstad. One-year pins: Rob Rankin, Michael Sanders and Chris Williams. Two-year pin to Eugene Caprio. A 4-year pin was awarded to Den Mother Mrs. Hazel Schindler of Den 6.

Assistant Scout Master of Troop 964 Kenneth Ross was on hand to welcome Douglas Alcorn into their troop upon his graduation from Pack 966-C. Mr. Schindler presented

him with his Arrow of Light Award and graduation certificate.

Webelo Leader Frank Schilling presented Cubmaster George Schindler with his five-year pin.

The final chapter of "The Adventures of Fred Fearnot and the Revenge of Able Putz Putz" was presented by George Schindler and Pack 966-C actors.

Frank Schilling demonstrated Fun With Games with the help of several dens.

Mrs. Maria Tillotson's Den 8 cleverly acted out the Cub Scout don'ts for this month's family outing to the San Diego Zoo. Den 8 won the Attendance Banner.

The meeting came to a close with the presentation of the annual Committeemen's Skit. Participating in "Red Meets Yellow" were George Schindler as Red, Donald Sanders as Yellow Wolf, Laurel Windley and Jim Alcorn as Cub Scouts and Jim Williams as the Narrator.

Brownie Troop 1778

All members of Torrance Brownie Troop 1778 participated in a program recently in which a one-act comic play was performed and a selection of Brownie songs was sung.

Honored guests in the audience were the girls' mothers who were presented with Brownie-made decorated planners.

The Brownies acted as hostesses for refreshments. The gathering was at the home of Troop Leader Mrs. Cris Ellipoulos.

Rebecca Landes was awarded her year pin.

Scout Troop 2080

Girl Scout Troop 2080 recently attended the Jr.-Hi Planning Board Skills Day held at Elu Nido Park.

This troop competed with 11 other Jr.-Hi troops from Harbor District in outdoor camping skills. After receiving the most number of points in the competition, judges awarded Troop 2080 the first place Blue Ribbon.

The troop also attended the opening day of the Tordondo Little League. The girls participated in the flag ceremony and in an exhibition march.

The troop is under the leadership of Mmes. Ray Bonawitz, Jim Scott, Al Hawkins and Lee Prichard.



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