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HAMPTON PLAYERS TO OPEN 'ALL MY SONS'

The Hampton Players of Redondo Beach will open their next play with another outstanding cast tomorrow evening, Friday, September 13, at the Players Theater, 129 South Pacific ave., Redondo Beach. Curtain time is 8 o'clock promptly. Reservations may be made by calling the theater, however, a few tickets still may be purchased at the door.

According to advance ticket sales, it is anticipated that "All My Sons," a 1943 Drama Critics award-winning play written by Arthur Miller, will be another success on the long roster of hits produced by the Hampton Players.

Included in the cast are Carl and Nicky Rogers of Hollywood Riviera, Patricia Coats and Margaret Middleton of Palos

Verdes, Dorothy Tunis of Hollywood Riviera, Miriam Wilson and James Wilson of Torrance and Bill Burroughs of Manhattan Beach. The play is under the capable direction of Bob Farnsworth of Redondo Beach.

Screen living room from front door

If your front door opens right into the living room, a handsome woven screen can be installed to afford a useful entry "hall."

Basically, such a screen consists of a framework of 2 by 4-inch lumber, perhaps 5 feet high and 4 or 5 feet wide, depending on the setting. Wooden dowels placed about a foot apart, either horizontally or vertically, form a network on which to "weave" 4-inch strips of Masonite 1/8-inch tempered presdwood.

This unusual screen door divider must be anchored to the floor and wall adjacent to the door.

New Facts In Re Lomita Home Rule Fight Given

"When Lomita becomes an incorporated city, following expected voter approval of "home rule" on October 29th, it will receive a minimum of \$301,542 annually, or an average of \$74.36 per family, from its share of various State-collected taxes, city sales taxes and other sources of non-property tax revenues; and without any city property taxes, all of the basic and essential services of a modern municipality can be provided for not to exceed \$268,320 per year, or an average of only \$66.17 per family, leaving an annual unappropriated reserve of \$33,222."

Brochure for Voters

That was the statement issued this week by Mrs. Jean Berseth, co-chairman and head of the women's division of the Committee FOR Incorporation, in announcing that this "welcome news" to Lomita taxpayers was detailed and fully documented as to source in a brochure prepared for mailing to all local voters.

Battle for Community Survival

Presenting 22 completely substantiated "Basic Facts About Cityhood," according to Mrs. Berseth, the mailing piece also contains specific and official figures on the "battle for community survival" which unincorporated areas throughout the state have been waging for the past three years. Here is a condensed summary of the information contained in the brochure on that one pertinent phase of the local incorporation campaign:

"Ever since the Bradley-Burns Law, passed by the State Legislature in 1955, made it possible for them to levy a uniform one cent additional sales tax for local use, various cities throughout the State have been engaged in a scramble to gobble more territory, and thereby broaden their base for the collection of this lucrative non-property tax revenue.

Race Continues

"How well they have succeeded is shown by the fact that more than 1,000 annexations were consummated between April, 1955, and November, 1956. In Los Angeles County alone, from January, 1954, to the present time, 391 annexation proceedings have been successful. Put together, they embrace approximately 34 square miles of previously unincorporated territory. And the races goes on at a constantly-accelerated speed.

Home Rule the Answer

"As a consequence of this insatiable appetite on the part of various cities for more territory, and faced with ever-mounting county taxes on property, unincorporated communities throughout the State have suddenly come to the realization that their only protection from piece-meal dismemberment lies in home rule.

"In the first 16 months after passage of the new uniform city sales tax law, new cities were formed in California at the rate of an average of one a month, compared to only two a year for the previous 25 years.

"Since July 1, 1955, a total

of 32 new cities have been formed in California, bringing the total number of municipalities in the State up to 348 as of September 3rd of this year.

"Los Angeles County, alone, has had 14 successful incorporations since January, 1954, compared with a total of only six cityhood attempts in the previous 14 years, none of which were successful.

"During the same period, nine

new cities also have been formed in nearby Orange County." Suggesting that local residents who say "it can't happen here" and who scoff at the threat of annexations in Lomita with an "ostrich-like, head in the sand attitude," would do well to recognize what's happening elsewhere, Mrs. Berseth pointed out that the new brochure explains how and why annexations are successfully engineered against the will of many people.

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