Weekends



Olympic Games Used to Mark Time for Greeks

which will be held in Squaw chariot-racing, were added. Greeks that they were used to to participate in the games. neasure time.

plains that the original games games was to glorify the indi-soil. king of Greek gods.

In the 300's B.C. it became athlete and by competing he 1878, interest in the games was customary to mark time in "Olympiads,," the period of four rears between celebrations of the Olympic Games. All events were dated from 776 B.C., the date of the first recorded race.

The custom disappeared about A.D. 440, after the 304th

The Olympic festivals were originated by the people of Elis, a Greek city-state on the plains of Olympia. Gradually, all the Greek city-states joined in the Olympics. Other contests, such as

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The Olympic Games, part of jumping, discus-throwing and lowered the standards.

The games deteriorated and Valley, Calif., in February, were As the city-states declined, by A.D. 394 they had become so buy, rent or sell. Phone FA so important to the ancient athletes from other lands began corrupt that Emperor Theodo- 8-2345 sius abolished them. Centuries passed, while earth-In about A.D. 60, the Roman emperor Nero entered the con- quakes and floods buried the

World Book Encyclopedia ex- tests. One of the purposes of the plain under 20 feet of gravel and were foot races in honor of Zeus, vidual, his skill and his sports- When excavators found the manship. But Nero was a poor ruins of the ancient stadium in

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will be installed on top of the
and will be officially turned on new Long Beach Harbor Admin- at a reception the evening of the istration Building as a naviga- new building's dedication, March tion aid to ships entering the 4. Port of Long Beach, it was learned today.

The new facility will be instailed following a suggestion made by Captain Hans Urdahl, Master of the Westfal-Larsen's ship MOLDANGER. Captain Urdahl said, "The first thing I can see as I approach the Harbor is your tall gold-colored building, and at night it would facilitate our navigation if you had some signal light on top of it,"

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Peninsula Group Sponsors Annual Theater for Tots

An announcement of interest to children of the peninsula, South Bay, and harbor communities was made yesterday when the Peninsula Committee for the Philharmonic revealed the name and date of the Children's Theatre.

Mrs. Bernard J. Korn, who heads the project with Mrs. Henry Garbanati, announced that "Tommy's Turnabout" will be staged on March 5 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Dan Junior High School, San Pedro. Written and directed by the staff of the original Turnabout Theatre, Forman Brown is in charge of the junior version.

"Tommy's Turnabout" in a gala setting will introduce a parade of memorable characters from Cream Puff, the dancing bear, to Mr. Poggins, the ponderous pachyderm.

Mrs. Philip Abbot, Peninsula committee president, commended the selection and noted that the Children's Theatre has become a well loved event and one to which young theatre-goers look forward each spring.

It is the single fund raising endeavor sponsored by the committee and all proceeds go to the continuance fund of the Los Angeles Philarmonic Orchestra to provide maintainance and growth for the organization, she added.

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