



TAKE THAT, says Warren Lavendar (Max) as he clouts Kirk Dadesman, the male lead, for being ungentle toward Gretchen Cole (left), whom Max thinks is the sister, instead of the

wife, of Kirk. Scene is from Chapel Theater's new comedy, "Houseboat Named Pebbles," playing weekends at Smith Bros. Fish Shanty property, 4164 Pacific Coast Hwy.

'HOUSEBOAT' PLAY NEARS THE END OF ITS SELLOUT RUN AT CHAPEL

BY BETTY SCHROEDER

With only two more weekends left for the world premiere presentation of the comedy "Houseboat Named Pebbles" by C. Y. Lee, author of "Flower Drum Song," it is suggested that reservations be made early as possible, since the play has been viewed by capacity audiences at Chapel Theatre in Torrance.

Fred West, director of this two-act comedy, put his cast and crew through arduous paces and was rewarded with precision performances in this fast and snappy dialogued play.

The little idiosyncrasies developed through their five-week rehearsals gave each character an outstanding role, whether major or minor. Author C. Y. Lee interjected much of the Chinese proverbs-type humor which not only sets one to thinking, but caused much

merriment throughout the evening's fun-type play.

The outlandish characters who seem to come tumbling out over each other, like a collection of clowns each trying to out-do the other, make up a riotous cast of characters created by Lee. Gretchen Cole plays Rita, wife of Carl, (Kirk Dadesman).

They decide to live on a houseboat in order to acquire atmosphere for Carl's great American novel. Jack Daly of Redondo Beach is Rita's clumsy but well-meaning brother. Sam; Carolyn Conwell of San Pedro is the slap-stick landlady, Grace; and Anitra Johnson is the Oriental charmer, hired by Rita to prove Carl's faithlessness.

Lonely Hearts Club

When the husband and wife join a lonely hearts club, as brother and sister to obtain material for Carl's book, they come upon a collection of zany characters to enliven any book. Yvonne Benedix of Hawthorne and Romona Bingham of Redondo Beach are two sisters who own and operate the friendship club; members are Warren Lavender of Hermosa Beach; Barbara Vrooman, and Warren Dieter of San Pedro. Others in

the cast are Dixie Riggs of Hermosa Beach as the alluring magazine salesgirl; Saly Slatter of Torrance as the former tenant of the houseboat, and Dan Powell of Manhattan Beach as a tourist.

Seldom seen, but always needed and silently appreciated, is the back stage crew which consists of Rudi Medina as stage manager; Jean Ellsworth, producer; Dick Obert, assistant stage manager; George Bingham, music. Lighting technicians are Becky Sisk and Dan Anderson; props, Nanci Carroll and Linda Calohan; assistant to director, Carolyn Schroeder.

Two More Weekends

"Houseboat Named Pebbles" will be presented two more weekends to Aug. 10, Fridays through Sundays with curtain at 8:30 p.m. Advance reservations may be made by calling the box office, FR 2-9636, Chapel Theatre is on Smith Bros. Fish Shanty restaurant property, 4164 Pacific Coast Hwy. Admission prices are \$1.50 Fridays and Sundays and \$1.75 Saturdays.

Currently featured in the auditorium art exhibit is a group of students of Gordon Wagner in a selection of landscapes. These artists have exhibited regularly in group and one-man shows in California and are the recipients of many awards, represented in 375 private collections and exhibits regularly at Silvan Simone Gallery and West Los Angeles.

The student artists are Victoria Jones, Toni Galt, Ruby Smith, June Anderson, Mary Wilson, Glenna Gilbert, Elizabeth Walters, Henry Marks, Lee Siteman and Bea Anderson.

Barbershop Singers Due at Bandshell

As part of its "Music for a Summer Sunday" series, the Torrance recreation department announces an appearance by the famed Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, South Bay chapter, this Sunday at the Torrance Park bandshell.

Several quartets will appear, including the South Bay chapter's own "Manhattans" and "Coastliners," and male and female groups from other chapters who have been invited to participate. Starting at 11 a.m., the activities will run until 3 p.m., with an appearance by the South Bay Chorus at 2 p.m.

The SPEBSQSA, whose motto is "Keep America Singing," was founded in 1939, and has now grown to 600 chapters, with 30,000 members internationally. Annual competitions determine the champions for the year from among hundreds of organized quartets.

Chartered in 1957, the South Bay chapter, in competition with 60 other chapters in the Far Western district, won the first place achievement award for 1961.

South Bay chapter chorus and quartets have performed for clubs, "Ys," PTAs, scout groups, colleges, hospitals, churches, and fund-raising shows ranging from Big Bear to Catalina.

Motorcycle Racers Face Double Bill

Fastest motorcycle racers of the Pacific Coast swing through a double barreled program this weekend at Ascot Park, Gardena, with Friday night's scorchers on the half-mile oval augmented by a steeplechase over the jumps Sunday night.

Fields for both events will be loaded with 111 riders entered Friday night and 148 for Sunday night's events for the twist, turn and jump daredevils.

Race director J. C. Aganian has also announced another steeplechase Friday night, Aug. 16.

The barrier races have been sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Assn. as preliminaries to the second annual Grand National 50-lap steeplechase championships Sept. 20 at Ascot.

Friday night's flat-track races headline the 1-2-3-4 finishers from the recent 8-mile AMA nationals — Al Gunter of Alhambra, Sammy Tanner of Bellflower, Jack O'Brien of Santa Monica and Dick Hammer of Lakewood.

Hammer, 1962 big bore national steeplechase champ, is among several riders who seek double victories in the Friday and Sunday night expert class divisions.

O'Brien is another rider adept at both flat track and TT racing, as is Ralph White of San Diego, current leader for the AMA's Grand National championship.

Competition in all three AMA racing divisions — expert, amateur and novice — is scheduled both Friday and Sunday nights with racing starting at 8:30 p.m.

Ascot Park is at 183rd and Vermont, just off the Harbor and San Diego freeways.

National Sloop Regatta Set for King Harbor Yacht Club

Officials of King Harbor Yacht Club announced today that they have been successful in their bid to host the national championship regatta for the Victory class sloops. Key factor in the selection is the recent completion of the most modern hoist facility on the Pacific Coast and the unequalled sailing conditions which prevail in the waters off the site of the new \$200,000 yacht club facility currently under construction, they said.

Between 35 and 40 of these sleek racing yachts will hit the starting line in the first of a five-race series on Saturday, Aug. 17. Two races on Saturday and one on Sunday will be held in conjunction with the first annual International Surf Festival.

Defending champion Jim Cost of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club will be pushed to his maximum performance by local King Harbor skippers, including Bill Meier, former national champ, Wes Hillendahl, Dick Stewart and Joe Sansing.

Banquet Slated

Other top skippers from the San Francisco and other Bay Area clubs, San Diego, Long Beach, Arizona and Newport Beach will relax between races on Saturday evening, Aug. 17, at the annual Victory fleet banquet

at the Plush Horse restaurant. Other sailing events to be held on this big weekend will include start of the annual King Harbor to Malibu invitational regatta sponsored by Malibu Yacht Club in which 30 yachts are expected to beat their way up the coast within close range of the thousands of spectators who will line the shoreline watching the many events during the surf festival.

King Harbor Yacht Club class boats will race in their annual class championship races both Saturday and Sunday and will provide a refreshing backdrop to those attending the action-packed weekend events.

Yacht Club activities at a fever pitch not only on the weekends but also during the week as mothers and children take advantage of the organized sailing instruction programs offered to club members. There are over 60 youngsters currently enrolled in the KHYC junior sailing program, where emphasis on water safety is being taught by a skilled staff headed by chairman Bill Pipkin.

Meanwhile other members of the club ran a major division in the Pacific Coast Yachting Association/SYCA summer championship regatta in Los Angeles Har-

bor last Saturday and Sunday. SCYA Rear Commodore Jack Weber, Commodore Jack Kinney, race chairman Joe Mulqueen and committee chairmen Dick Reinhardt, Bob and Audrey Heiber, George Floyd, Ed Brown and a dozen others pitched in to assist in staging one of the nation's largest regattas.

Membership in KHYC is

close to reaching the maximum 500 limit established by club by-laws, according to Millard Rosing, chairman of the membership committee. Meetings currently are being held on the third Friday of each month at the Elks Club, Redondo Beach, pending completion of the new 7000 square foot building.

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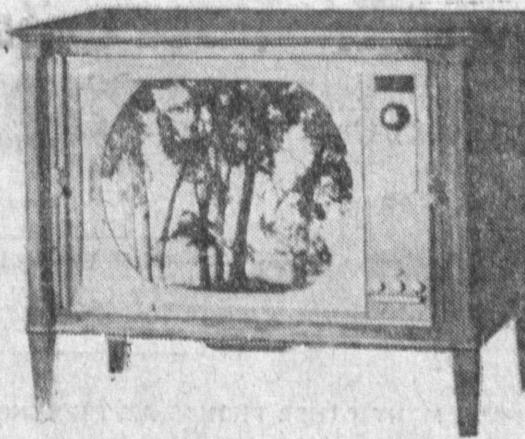
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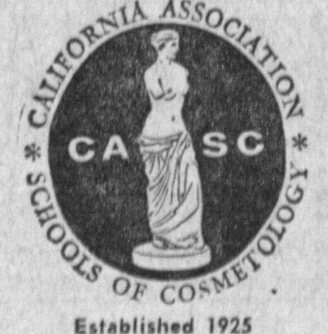


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