



**KINGLY ATTENTION . . .** Susanna Tomecko becomes the object of kingly attentions in a scene from "Becket," opening Thursday for a six-week run at the Long Beach Community Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St. With Miss Tomecko are Dick Johnson (left), who portrays Thomas Becket, and Ed Cotter, as King Henry II. James Brittain will direct the play, written by Jean Anouilh. Performances are scheduled Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.

## Hahn Asks New Program For Hard-Core Jobless

A massive program to train and provide work for the hardcore unemployed has been launched by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn has directed the county's Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Public Social Services to

immediately study and submit recommendations on a proposal by the Northern Systems Co. of Omaha, Neb., for a comprehensive job development system.

The firm, which emphasizes training in basic and needed employment skills, has submitted outlines of its project to the County.

REPRESENTING the firm locally is Don Newcombe, former Los Angeles Dodger pitching star.

Hahn has been informed by Ellis P. Murphy, director of the Department of Public Social Services, that there are approximately 3,500 hardcore unemployed men on welfare who could get a job if properly trained and motivated.

The supervisor has asked the U.S. Department of Labor to work with the county department in developing programs to cut down the relief rolls.

"I FEEL that every able-bodied man should be working and that the Social Services Department should direct its efforts to training such individuals. New and bold programs are needed," Hahn said.

He said bulging welfare rolls coupled with unemployment is one of the major problems causing unrest in urban areas throughout the nation. "We must use all our energy and the resources at our command to solve this problem," he said.

## 18,367 Attend Program

A record of 18,367 persons attended the eighth annual Christmas Music Program sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors at the Music Center, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported today.

The 12-hour performance Saturday, Dec. 23, longest continuous Christmas program in the world, featured more than 20 youth and choral groups from throughout Los Angeles County.

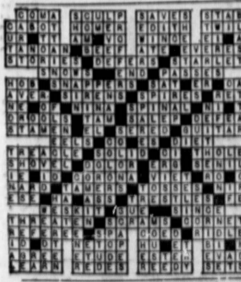
"This was truly a program by and for the people of Los Angeles County, shared with everyone," Hahn said.

He extended his appreciation to the churches, choral groups, and music organizations which volunteered their talents.

Hahn initiated the all-day Christmas Music Program when the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena was first opened. He has served as its coordinator since.

### DISCHARGE VETERANS

Veterans of the Vietnam era who served after Aug. 4, 1964, are being discharged from active duty at the rate of 67,000 a month, according to the Veterans Administration.



## Gas Air Conditioners Increase in Popularity

Total cooling capacity of gas-fueled air conditioning equipment providing indoor comfort for Southland residents has risen 430 per cent since 1960, according to a report from Southern California and Southern Counties Gas companies.

At the end of 1967, cooling capacity of gas air conditioning systems installed in the areas served by the two utilities exceeded 230,000 tons, compared with 43,029 tons at year-end 1960, said P. R. Shea, general sales manager for Southern California Gas Co.

Capacity of an air conditioner is measured in a manner similar to the way horsepower indicates engine capacity. One ton of air conditioning is equivalent to the removal of 12,000 Btu's of heat an hour. This is the same hourly cooling effect your would get from a ton of ice melting over a 24-hour period.

Biggest gain in the increased installation of gas air conditioning equipment has been made in small tonnage or "packaged" field. Units in this category have cooling capacities ranging from three to 10 tons, and are used mainly for homes, restaurants, and small commercial and professional buildings. More than 20,000 small

tonnage units will be operated on the two gas companies' lines by the end of this year. Nearly 7,400 of these units were installed during the past 24 months.

The utility spokesman attributed the growing acceptance of "packaged" gas air conditioners to the availability of smaller sized, less expensive, and more efficient models of small tonnage equipment. Today, four manufacturers are marketing small tonnage gas air conditioners in the Southland. As recently as seven years ago, only one brand was available here.

## Ex-Mayor Named to Committee

Frank T. Hogan, former Mayor of Lawndale, has been appointed to the Los Angeles County Committee on Affairs of the Aging.

"With his experience in civic affairs, Frank Hogan has much to offer this important committee," Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said in announcing the appointment.

The committee was set up to promote the general well-being of senior citizens in Los Angeles County.

## People . . . On the Move

(Promotions, Assignments, Affiliations)

W. W. Franklin, 312 Avenida Atezada, has been appointed to the Los Angeles County Board of Water Appeals. He is vice president for water and electric operations at Southern California Water Co.

Election of E. Fredrick Blen, city administrator in Norwalk, as chairman of the Los Angeles County and Cities Disaster and Civil Defence Commission, has been announced. He has served on the commission since November, 1963.

Robert O. Young, an office deputy for the Los Angeles City Attorney, has been elected president of the Peace Officers' Shrine Club for 1968. He succeeds Roy Tracey, chief of police in Gardena.

Mattel, Inc., Hawthorne-based toymakers, have announced the addition of two vice presidents and the promotion of two executive officers. Dr. Walter L. Ross has been elected to the position of vice president-corporate development. Raymond P. Wagner will succeed Ross as vice president-product planning. Clifford W. Jacobs rejoins Mattel as vice president-market planning, while Victor Rado has been elevated to vice president-manufacturing and engineering.

F. P. (Phil) Infelise has

been named manager of the Lomita - South Torrance branch of the Bank of America. He succeeds Tony Squillante, who has been appointed to a new post at the bank's Ridgecrest branch.

Appointment of Emil Schaffer of 17210 Haas Ave., as systems analyst for the University of Southern California Library has been announced. Schaffer will be responsible for a research program in information retrieval for the sciences under a National Science Foundation grant.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has received a plaque for meritorious service to El Camino College by the Student Council and the college Board of Trustees. Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of El Camino, made the presentation on behalf of the two groups.

Darrell Lindbom and Lynn Tarbox have been elected vice presidents of United California Bank. Lindbom is manager of the El Centro branch and Tarbox is manager of business services in the Los Angeles headquarters.

Richard P. Sherwood, senior vice president of Crocker-Citizens National Bank, will retire this month after 47 years of service.



**REDONDO ENTRY . . .** Redondo Beach's entry in the 79th annual Tournament of Roses Parade once again will pay tribute to Early California and its heritage. The float will be a humorous entry with a colorful mouse—Ole' Jose—wearing a 25-foot sombrero. Some 55,900 white mums will be used, along with pink chrysanthemums and yellow roses. Riding the float will be Miss Redondo Beach, 17-year-old Carol Dorler; Miss Ensenada, Carmen Gloria Guerrero Lopez, 17; and Maria Elena Sandoval, 18-year-old Miss La Paz. A Mariachi band will ride the float and entertain spectators.

### Lomita to Offer Guitar Lessons

Guitar classes for beginners will begin at the Lomita Recreation Center Wednesday, Jan. 10. The class will meet each Wednesday for 12 weeks.

Registration is now being accepted for the class. A fee of \$15 will be required and students may rent guitars if they do not own one.

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