Chapel Theater Opens Soon in New Home



New Chapel Theater at 2222 Lomita Blvd.



Going Over Script

Rehearsals for the opening production of the Chapel Players, in their new location, Arthur Miller's "After the Fall" are under way. Two cast members, Dick Jordahl of Torrance, left, and Jo Lasman of Palos Verdes Peninsula, right, go over the script with Lou Bruhnke, director.

Opening Date Nears, Need More Workers

With an opening date just over the horizon, volunteers are working diligently on the refurbishing of the old Lomita post office, transforming it into a new home for the Chapel Theater.

Founded by Don Gish and Steve Lands in a small wedding chapel in Manhattan Beach (hence the name), ten years later a rebuilt ceramics factory in Torrance provided a charming little theater, and now, six years later, crews are working every spare moment at the building at 2222 Lomita Blvd, to open a more comfortable, suitable and larger playhouse.

Bill Galleran of Palos Verdes is heading the construction project. Galleran has said that in order to meet the deadline to open the new location and maintain the schedule of productions for the year, more volunteers are needed. Partitions, platforms and other carpentry must be completed before the painting and finishing touches can be added. He extends an open invitation to any volunteer wishing to assist with this community project to visit the theater or call the box office.

Opening production in Chapel Theater's new home will be Arthur Miller's "After the Fall," directed by Lou Bruhnke of Hermosa Beach. Well known South Bay actors in the casts for "After the Fall" include Jack Drake, Joan Adams, Bob Connor, Dorothy Tunis, Austin Rheingold, Dick Jordahl, Margaret Middleton, Jo Lasman, Linda Scarlino, Murray Rubin and Nita Paschall.



Set Building

Another phase of theater that proves fascinating to persons with creative talents is set building, Hard at work, using a saw, is Dick Jordahl of Torrance.



Visit to Wardrobe

Phyllis Palmer of Redondo Beach serves as wardrobe mistress for Chapel Theater. Here, she checks two headgears, while Kay Tracy of Hawthorne, North High graduate, formerly of Torrance, takes a look at costumes for her part in "Guys and Dolls." Press-Herald

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Checking Patrons List Patrons who have supported the Chapel Theater throughout its 16 or more years of existence in the South Bay are most important to the theater. Looking over the list, preparing to get out opening night releases are theater officers, from left, Phyllis Palmer of Redondo Beach, resident director; John Pimley of Torrance, vice president; and Hal Lepper, Redondo Beach, on the board of directors.



Lights and Sound

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Playing an important role in the successful production of any play are the people who operate lights and sound effects. Checking out the light board are from left, John Pimley and Hal Lepper.



Guys and Dolls Following the presentation of "After the Fall," Chapel Theater will produce "Guys and Dolls," Rehearsing, Sandi Sorkin, Lomita, playing a show girl, flirts with Murray Rubin, of Torrance.