

First Symphony Concert Of Season This Evening

Elyse Ahle will raise her baton this evening at eight o'clock to direct the South Bay Civic Symphony Orchestra at Redondo Beach Union High School in the first concert of the season.

The orchestra, now in its third year, comprising 85 talented musicians from the South Bay and surrounding area, never has been better coordinated and ready for public appearance than it is now, Miss Ahle states, and she lauds their diligence in preparing for the concert which will be given free to the public.

Appearing with the orchestra for the first time as guest soloist will be John Gillespie, brilliant young pianist.

Opening the evening program will be the presentation of the Haydn's Second Symphony by the entire orchestra and following will be the Tchaikovsky Ballet Suite from Lac des Cygnes.

Guest soloist John Gillespie will play two brilliant numbers, Bach's "Italian Concerto" (Last Movement) and Brahms' "Rhapsody No. 2."

The orchestra will return to the stage for the rendition of Weber's "Der Freischutz Overture" Sibelius' "Valse Triste," and Wagner's March from "Tannhauser."

Among the orchestra members are many from the Torrance and Lomita areas. Among these are Ralph Lewis, trumpet; Mrs. Mimi Blakesley, Mrs. Clara Hanson, Carol Halling, Mrs. Marjorie D. Lewis and James Flagg, violin; K. V. Hinckley, cello; James Butterfield, bassoon; Sally Halling, flute; Mrs. Elizabeth D. Halling, piano and tympani; Gordon Groves, viola; William S. Carnes, trumpet and Hilam Lee, violinist are among those representing Torrance.

The South Bay Symphony Association is enlisting sponsorships for the continuation of their concert and scholarship funds.

Community directors in charge of the membership drive are Mrs. R. L. Lewis, Lomita 1321W and William S. Carnes, Torrance 1350. The association has established coveted scholarships for talented and needy young musicians and Mayor Charles H. Wortham, Redondo Beach, president of the association, is directing the drive with a goal of 1000 memberships.

The May 7-8 Festival of Arts will be the first step toward the realization of the cultural development of the area and upon its support will depend the future scholarship program, one of the aims of the organization.



ELYSE AHELE

C.E. Guild Sets Meeting

Discussion of plans for a "come as you are" breakfast will be on the agenda of Central Evangelical Guild's monthly meeting at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 9 in Guild Hall.

Mrs. Fred Spehger, president, will conduct the business meeting and Mrs. John Spiller and Paul Findley will be hostesses at the social hour following.

Mrs. V. E. Deems will lead devotionals.

VFW Auxiliary Makes Trip to Sawtelle Thurs.

Mrs. Jessie Thomas, rehabilitation chairman of the Ladies' VFW Auxiliary, Lomita Post No. 1622, motored to the Veterans' Hospital at Sawtelle Thursday, Feb. 17th.

Magazines and books were taken to the library and clothes, radios and numerous other articles were welcomed by the Hobby Shops. Purchases were made for the group at Co. 8.

Members accompanying Mrs. Thomas were Mary B. Smith and Bette Eichman.

Tolerance is the ability to put up with something you couldn't endure if nobody was looking

Seaside... ...Ranching

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Little George Charles Voishan Jr., born January 12, at the Culver City Hospital, arrived home last Friday after many weeks of illness. Still weak after a long bout with diarrhea, he was welcomed home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Voishan and his brother, Johnny George.

Frank Hanover is planning to combine business with pleasure this week as he leaves for Cleveland. While away he will visit Ruth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bulkeley in Sewickley, Pa.

Members of Las Vecinas, newly organized women's club for the Seaside Ranchos-Hollywood Riviera area, made many wonderful plans for the months to come at the regular monthly meeting last week. March 19 marks the big social date, a dinner-dance to be held at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Among those from Seaside Ranchos who were seen at the meeting Thursday were Mrs. Jack Pomeroy, Mrs. George A. Honzik, Peggy (Mrs. Donald) Hall, Mrs. Quinton Johnson, Mrs. Eugene Hurst, Mary Lou (Mrs. Oliver) Hopkin, Mrs. J. V. Fowler, Mrs. Thomas McNary, Dorothy (Mrs. Harvey) Cole, and Mrs. A. A. Arndt.

Western Airline pilots and their wives and guests had themselves a time last week at a dinner-dance at the Ingewood Country Club. Those from Seaside... Peggy and Donald Hall... Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Hurst.

Mrs. Mary Conover of Sharney Lane returned this week from San Diego where she visited the B. A. Gilles. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, are here for an extended visit and they took over the care of their grandchildren while Mary was away.

March 10 is a very special date for PTAers according to Paul Roettger and Harvey Spelman who are in charge of the program. The reason... fathers and mothers in sole charge of the entertainment. Of course, the election of officers is important, too, they admit. The scheduled pot luck has been postponed. The meeting will be at 7:30 in the Walteria Auditorium. Harvey and Paul are looking for help.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. McNary of Doris Way entertained last week for Mrs. McNary's sister, Miss Gertrude Hays, and Mrs. Carollina Jones, both of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Fels (who, by the way, are comparatively recent newcomers to S. R.) and the S. A. Drumwrights had a marvelous time, to hear them tell it, digging themselves out of the snow recently. Week-ending in a cabin at Crestline and motoring to Snow Valley, they also enjoyed skiing and tobogganing along with the digging out.

The opening of the new bridge club at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club last week brought forth both the learners and the know-hows. This club, open to the public, will meet every Wednesday night. Emma Holt Given, noted radio commentator and instructor, will give assistance as needed. Among those attending from Seaside Ranchos last week were: Mrs. Bud Newborn, Mrs. Frederick Buxton, Frankie (Mrs. Paul) Barth, Mrs. Paul Roettger, and Mrs. William Schmitz. Mrs. Schmitz not only won first prize but door prize as well.

Lady Lions of Hermosa Beach sponsored a square dance last night at the Redondo Beach Women's Club house. Those from Seaside Ranchos who were in on the whirl were Chris and James Hall, the Paul Roettgers, and the Toni McNary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arndt are entertaining in their Sharney Lane home this week for Mrs. Arndt's mother, Mrs. John Wellpott of Roseburg, Oregon.

Little Bruce Shockency, whose birthday falls on February 23, did his celebrating for his fifth birthday last Saturday. Treasure hunting for wrapped candy was the main event of the day with Harlow Dale the winner. Douglas Perry won the lucky number drawing. Decorations were in yellow and green, with daffodil candy cups, Peanut butter sandwiches, cocoa, and decorated birthday cake were served to Elaine Malan, Susan and Patricia Farnham, Johnny Newborn, Douglas Perry, Carolyn and Timmie Roettger, Harlow Dale, Linae and Mariene Setter, Gay Lee Hurst, and Bruce and Brent Shockency.

Lillian R. Hardage has recently opened a piano studio at her

EDUCATORS TO HEAR FINE PROGRAM TUESDAY NIGHT

Torrance Education Association members have in store for them a delightful program to be presented in Torrance High School auditorium next Tuesday evening, March 8, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The program will feature numbers by the Torrance Concert orchestra under direction of Mr. Abe Milstein and Ruth Cornell Fuller of Los Angeles, who will review "Melissa" by Taylor Caldwell.

Miss Fuller has a unique background of culture, learning and travel, as her father was a member of the Erza Cornell family, founders of Cornell University, and her mother a distinguished artist and portrait painter.

The popular reviewer obtained her early training in schools in Hawaii, Pago Pago, New Zealand, and Australia. She studied in England and attended universities here in California, majoring in literature and drama. Under the leadership of Mr. Milstein, who has done a superb job of bringing out the best in each musician, the Torrance Concert orchestra feels that recognition of this organization rounds out a full musical background. All concerts are free, and the music played will be the familiar numbers which are always enjoyed. This organization is an outgrowth of the adult night class held every Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The program on Tuesday, promises to be an excellent one, and all will have the opportunity to hear the concert orchestra at its best. Mr. Milstein deserves to be congratulated for his tireless effort in preparing for this event.

The orchestra will play the following selections: "Tannhauser March" Richard Wagner, "Espanso" Emil Waldteufel, "Hungarian Comedy" P. Tschalkowsky, "Dancing in the Dark" Arthur Schwartz.

Members of the Torrance Concert orchestra are: Violins: Bernard Lee (concert master), William Clinkenberg, Richard Hiss, Dr. Peter Fisher, Mrs. Mimi Blakesley, Ronald Selover, and Mrs. Clara Hanson. Viola: Gordon Groves and C. P. Callum. Cello: Marjorie Bowling and George D. Weeks. Bass: Pauline Pugh, Richard Gonzalez, and Ebba Warren. Piano: Doris Mae Rose and Beverly Luster. Oboe: Erma Cowles and Roydon Piper. Flute: Dorothy D. Johnson. Clarinet: Joe Tedesco, Marilyn X. Arndt.

home at 2325 Doris Way for beginners and advanced students.

Mrs. Mina Shidler and Mrs. Byron Johnson attended the second performance of the Community Concert series last week when Gyorgy Sandor, pianist, was the guest artist.

Lt. Com. Paul W. Frazier of Sharney Lane arrived home on Saturday after journeying to the Arctic on business for the Navy. Most of the trip was made aboard the U.S.S. Burton Island, an icebreaker.



RUTH CORNELL FULLER

person and Charles Grafe. Saxophones: Vernon Rose and Rudy Flores. Trumpets: A. M. Bingham, Dan Bessmer, William S. Carnes, Archie Watson and Charles R. Smith. Trombones: S. M. Stanton and Dale Whisler. French Horns: Jack A. Croly and Madino Menni. Sousaphone: J. M. Stanton. Drums: Ruth Shellman. Abe Milstein, Conductor.

LIONESS CLUB HEARS SPEAKER; ARRANGES SHOWER FOR MEMBER

M. R. Boddie, public relations official for American Airlines was the guest speaker at the meeting of Torrance Lioness Club held Tuesday evening at the club's meeting place, 1617 Cravens avenue. Mr. Boddie's talk was augmented with a film in color, sound movie and titled, "Wings to Viking Land."

Mrs. Estelle Ewert, club president, conducted the meeting and welcomed members and guests. In turn, Mrs. Bernice Moskos, first vice president, introduced the speaker.

Climaxing the evening was a surprise baby shower honoring Mrs. Jean Olson, club treasurer. Dainty refreshments in keeping with the party theme were enjoyed.

The sewing club of the VFW Lomita Post No. 1622 met at the home of Mrs. Teresa Andrews, 25435 Narbonne avenue Thursday, Feb. 24th for a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a short business meeting.

A door prize offered during the afternoon was presented to Auxiliary President Betty West and the members made soaker pads for the Veterans' Hospital at Sawtelle.

Present were Mesdames Betty West, Carrie Van Orman, Dorothy Mack, Mary B. Smith, Edith Marriott, Mabel Erickson, Jessie Thomas, Bette Eichman, Anna Dannenhauer, and hostess Mrs. Andrews.

Board Meet Is Set by Halldale

All board members again are reminded to attend the meeting Friday morning at 9:30 at the school when pictures will be taken for the publicity book.

The nominating committee composed of Mesdames William Roberts, Minot Ruck, Don Gray and C. B. Humphrey met with Mrs. Amanda Bonwell Feb. 25th to choose officers for Halldale PTA for the coming year.

Next regular meeting of the Halldale PTA will be held March 10, 1:30 p.m. at the school. "Our Children's Thoughts Help Us Understand" will be the topic and an interesting debate will be held by the upper grade students. A short health skit prepared by Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. W. C. Sidwell will be presented by several mothers.

Tea will be served by the room mothers of Mrs. Colgard Ripe and Mrs. Smith's rooms Mrs. V. W. Wiese, hospitality chairman and Mrs. William Roberts, refreshment chairman, will have charge of arrangements.

Betsy Ross Sewing Club Slates Meet

Mrs. Rolive Bever will open her Eldorado avenue home for a meeting of the Betsy Ross Club sponsored sewing group at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 8.

A full attendance is requested as the women will sew for their bazaar. Each person attending is asked to supply her own sandwich, coffee will be provided by Mrs. Bever.

... BOOKS ...

Skit reviews of recent arrivals at the Torrance public library will be a regular feature of this newspaper, by courtesy of the librarian, Dorothy H. Jamieson.

Best American Short Stories Of 1948

From thousands of short stories published annually in United States and Canada, Martha Foley makes her selection. Both big popular magazines and those from smaller literary groups are culled for stories of permanent interest. Miss Foley was long associated with the late Edward J. O'Brien whose anthologies of Best American Short Stories were a yearly best seller.

Running of the Tide— Esther Forbes

This is a rich novel of America's great sailing ships and of the adventurous men who sailed them out of old Salem to glory and renown. A well developed plot and good characterization make this an absorbing tale for all readers.

The Sea Chase—Andrew Geer

Brings us the adventures of Captain Erlich of the Ergenstrasse who outwitted the Royal Navy, an Arctic hurricane, a mutinous crew, a lovely spy and finally himself. Comparable to those famous figures, Captain Bligh and Captain Hornblower, Erlich carries the reader through adventures wild, free and natural as the great oceans on which he traveled.

Cry the Beloved Country— Alan Paton

This powerful first novel with a South African background has been hailed as the "Literary find of last year." The human hero of the story is an old and humble Zulu parson who sets out from the country to Johannesburg in search of his only son. As the same great tragedy has touched the life of one of the truly fine white men near the same city, fate brings these two lives together. Beyond the intense personal stories is the

tale of the beautiful and tragic land of South Africa, its landscape, its people, its bitter social fermentation and unrest.

Thomas Forty—Edward Stanley
A highly satisfactory historical novel about the early days of the American Revolution presents a setting and characters reminiscent of that old favorite "The Spy" by James Fenimore Cooper.

Secret Thread—Ethel Vance
Miss Vance needs no introduction to readers of mystery and spy stories. This like her other favorites maintains a high pitch of excitement involving the reader right up to the moment of the surprise ending.

YOUNG MATRON IS SHOWER HONOREE AT DONOFRIO HOME

Mrs. Charles Sutton, Jr. was honoree at a surprise-stork shower given by Mrs. Ed Licht, Mrs. Louise Aguilar, Mrs. Walter Kendrick, Mrs. Robert Himes, and Mrs. Joseph Donofrio, at the home of the latter.

Games occupied the ladies with Mrs. Leroy Schwenk and the honoree as prizewinners. Highlight of the evening came when Mrs. Sutton opened her many lovely gifts which were banked on a table over which hung an umbrella gaily decorated with pink and blue crepe paper. Later the hostesses served delicious refreshments. Favors were candy filled diaper-shaped paper cups.

Attending in addition to the honoree and the five hostesses were: Mesdames David Webb, Ed Schwartz, George Schwenk, Charles Sutton, Sr., Dick Bidwell, Leroy Schwenk, Joe Bay, Wes Scruggs, William Morgan, George Sutton, Woods, David McGuire, Wynn Styles and the Misses Laquita Kendrick, Cecilia Bidwell, and Lorraine Schwenk.

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