

# Civic Symphony Readies 'Nutcracker Prince'

The South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony and cast last week prepared their huge Christmas gift for the community, the "Nutcracker Prince."

In the music hall at the Redondo Beach high school, the symphony was rehearsing the beautiful Tschalkowsky music from the Nutcracker Suite, Swan Lake and Trolka from "The Seasons" which was especially orchestrated for them by

Eugene Schoebinger, composer and director, who plays horn in the Civic Symphony.

During the intermission Armand La Pointe appeared. La Pointe, who plays the part of narrator in the Nutcracker, is a veteran of 18 years in radio and television as announcer, a news-caster, master of ceremonies and actor.

A nine-year resident of Hollywood Riviera, La Pointe appeared on five "Lux Video Theater" television dramas on NBC-TV. He was Chief announcer and movie host on Channel 13. In 1951 he returned to New York to announce the Phil Regan and Faye Emerson Shows on NBC and CBS-TV. He is currently an executive on KLAC.

Also in the high school auditorium, Lee Brooks and his crew were preparing the scenery and planning the decoration of the white Christmas tree donated by the American Savings and Loan of Redondo.

At St. Cross Church, the children's choir of 45 is doubling their rehearsal time so that they can rehearse the song and dance of the "Children of the Snow" under the direction of Dorothy Lespina, prima ballerina. Their mothers, led by a costume committee consisting of Mrs. James L. Cass, Mrs. Don G. Jones, Mrs. H. E. Scott, Mrs. A. D. Christie, Mrs. Richard Sanders and Mrs. J. L. Taylor, are making the lovely white costumes covered with "diamond dust."

At Darian studio in Hermosa, 72 dancers are preparing the fabulous entertainment which will be presented in the palace of the "Prince."

At Stover's in Torrance, the large ballet of the "Waltz of the Flowers" is shaping up. Carl Whitman, too, is working at the "Village School" preparing the solo dance of Mary and the Prince who are both his pupils, and a large company of "guests" who will make merry at the "Christmas Party" in the first act.

Up Manhattan way, Barbara Simonsen's large class are learning to be animated toys and the army of the wizard "King of the Mice."

In Hawthorne, the Snowflake Ballet, the Swan Queen and her court and Russian Trepak dancers are perfecting the forest scene with the fine precision for which Phyllis Moore is noted. All this and more will be presented December 29 at 3 p.m. and December 30 at 8 p.m. by the South Bay-Torrance Civic Symphony at their annual contribution to real Christmas spirit in this community. Admission is free. Reserved seats may be obtained for 90 cents by writing Civic Symphony, 206 Ave. H, Redondo Beach, and enclosing a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### Form 'Hahn for Senate' Group

Appointment of Ernest W. Eeles, 4120 1/2 West 161st st., prominent Lawndale and South Bay civic leader, as 17th Congressional District chairman of the "Kenneth Hahn for U. S. Senator" campaign was announced this week by Thomas Birch, state campaign manager. A member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central committee Eeles has served for several years as chairman of the Lawndale Democratic club. He has been active in South Bay civic affairs for the past 20 years.

Unanimous endorsement of Supervisor Hahn's candidacy for the United States Senate by the Gardena Valley Democratic club was also announced.

Dr. G. E. Burke, 1736 Gardena boulevard, president of the club said that the endorsement included instructions to the club's delegate to support Hahn's candidacy at the Fresno convention in January.

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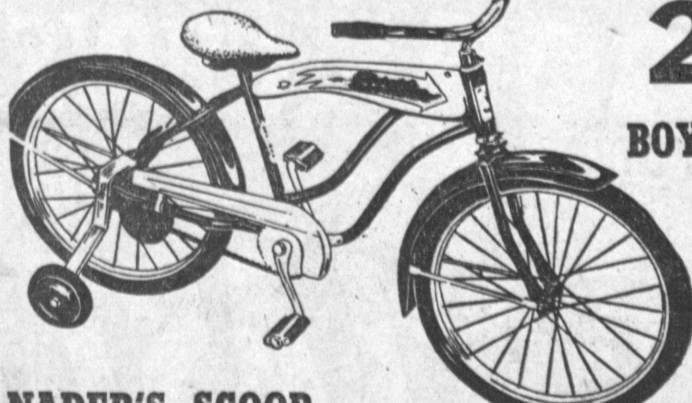
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