



SYMPHONY SOLOIST . . . Jimmy Howard, 8-year-old Torrance pianist will be guest soloist with the Torrance Civic Symphony on May 7 at the Festival of Arts in the Redondo Union High School Auditorium.

Eight-Year-Old Pianist to Play With Torrance's Civic Symphony

The Civic Symphony will present the 12th Annual Festival of the Arts May 6th, 7th, and 8th in Redondo Auditorium. There will be three days of programs so crammed with stars that this bids fair to be the best in all the 12 years of successive "May Festivals."

Even the symphony orchestra itself is full of stars from the studios and the Philharmonic as well as many of the finest local talents. The orchestra will play on Saturday, May 7, when they will be heard in Beethoven's First Symphony and Fingal's Cave from Mendelssohn's Hebrides Suite. They are led by Elyse Aehle who has received many honors which included during the past year a citation from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and an invitation to go to Europe as a guest conductor of some of the large symphony orchestras.

SOLOIST for this concert will be 8-year-old Jimmy Howard of Torrance. With the symphony he will play Haydn's piano concerto in C major which was recently discovered in the State Library in Berlin. It is probable that this will be a first performance of this work in the West. There are three movements in the concerto which displays Haydn at his most-delightful best.

Aside from the fact that he is developing great talent, Jimmy is a perfectly normal little boy and has a great fondness for games especially baseball.

NOT LONG AGO he told his teacher, Mrs. Josephine Heintz Geritz, piano teacher and lecturer for the Los Angeles

Philharmonic, that he wanted to be a ball player and when she said that she thought he wanted to be a pianist he replied, "Of course I'm going to be a pianist but I just guess I can be a baseball player too." The boy gave his first recital when he was five and he has been playing ever since. One day he played for his schoolmates in kindergarten all the pieces he knew. When Mrs. Geritz asked if the children didn't get tired and squirm, he said, "Oh yes, but I didn't pay any attention. I just went on playing." He is now in the third grade at Lincoln School and is considered an exceptional student.

THE SECOND part of the May 7 program will be the ballet featuring Wilson Morelli and his company of professional dancers who are recognized as one of the best Hollywood has produced. On Friday evening at 7 p.m. the three-day art exhibit will open with a reception and at 8 o'clock the curtain will raise on the Hollywood Shakespeare Festival, David Bond director, which we believe will be the first professional Shakespeare Festival ever given in this community. They will appear in excerpts from five plays performed in the early Elizabethan style.

RESERVED SEATS for the Shakespeare Festival on Friday and for the Saturday Evening Symphony-Ballet program may be obtained at Lenore's Florist in Redondo, Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce, or by sending an order and check to Civic Symphony Office, 1617 Via Montemar, Palos Verdes Estates.

McKesson Declares

Help for Needy Children Costs County Taxpayers \$42 Millions

It's costing 42 million tax dollars this year to take care of Los Angeles County children whose parents can't or won't support, District Attorney William B. McKesson declared yesterday. While much of this cost is paid by state and federal grants, Los Angeles taxpayers pay a big share because this area pays a significant part of the total state and federal tax, McKesson explained. **EVERY YEAR** the cost of caring for these needy children goes up about \$4 million. "It is our humanitarian responsibility to see that no child knows want or goes hungry when parents are unable to adequately care for these youngsters, McKesson explained. "However, in too many instances the taxpayer is being asked to subsidize families where a parent or both parents are not in actual financial distress."

McKesson cited examples uncovered by the Bureau of Investigation under his direction. One aid recipient was home when the welfare workers called. However, she secretly worked nights and collected \$1,139 before the investigators finally caught up with her. A man claimed total disability and insisted he could not care for his children. Some \$3,640 tax dollars were paid to him before investigators found he had earned in excess of \$2000 in a job he worked during the period he claimed total disability. "THERE IS NO intention to embarrass anyone in actual need," McKesson explained. "However, taxpayers of this County find it hard enough to meet their own household expenses and daily needs without being asked to subsidize charity fund chislers. Last year tracing parents and forcing them to meet their obligations. They were forced to pay \$2 million tax dollars by them."

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