

# New Pianist Highlights Symphony's Fall Debut

That the most inspiring music of all was written during the "golden age of music" (circa 1800) was beautifully demonstrated Thursday evening by the Civic Symphony orchestra under the expert baton of Elyse Aehele.

The high point of the evening came shortly after the intermission when the piano soloist, Bernard Verkaaik, the conductor and the orchestra gave an exquisitely sensitive rendition of the Largo from Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto. This was the great master of "absolute" music at his most masterly best. The Allegro was equally well done, which left the listeners wishing they might also hear the Rondo.

**VERKAAIK PLAYS** with great power and understanding, his technique is adequate to the demands of the composer and the even more difficult and brilliant cadenza. Holland is to be thanked for sending us such a valuable addition to our musical culture, and the Salvation Army is to be commended for thus fostering the cause of fine music.

Maestro Elyse Aehele followed this with "Les Preludes," perhaps the most admired of the 13 tone-poems by Liszt, greatest writer of tone-poems and also considered by most to be the greatest of all pianists. Here the orchestra played music with dramatic variety of color and sound bringing it to a rousing climax by the power of this capable conductor.

Timpanist Sam Romm and the rest of the percussion players contributed skillfully to this climax, and, all through the concert, the strings, led by Myron Fisher, and the flutes, led by Harry Nelson, were excellent. The fine work of Harry

Goldstein, first trombone, also deserves mention.

**THE FOURTH** Symphony by Schubert, which opened the program, was given a reading which made the most of all its poetry, and Liszt said, "Schubert was the most poetic composer that ever lived."

In this number, one cannot help but mention the splendid work of the second violins, led by Sam Sario, who played the unusually difficult part assigned to them with astounding skill. Also to be commended was the fine sonority and artistic understanding displayed by the cello led by Frank Redlich.

It seems too bad that there is not a better stage for this, and other, fine musical groups. Accoustically all the local auditoriums are inadequate. This one might be good if only the draperies about the stage were replaced by a proper "sound-box." At present the heavy drapes absorb and distort the fine sound produced by the orchestra and only a fraction of their powerful tone reaches the listeners.—**VERA MILLS**



**YOUTH CENTER STARTED** . . . Breaking ground Friday for the new youth center to be constructed on El Retiro Park by the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club were club and city officials. Here from left are Bob Zicaro, project co-chairman; Mrs. Yvonne Cunningham, whose late husband conceived the idea; Mayor Albert Isen; Jack Spencer, club president; Miss Pattie Cunningham; and Dean Johnston, co-chairman. (Herald Photo)



**MILTON R. HUNTER** Conducts Conference

## Mormons Hold Conferences Here Today

Elder Milton R. Hunter, a member of the First Council of Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Salt Lake City, is presiding over quarterly conferences of the Redondo and Torrance Stakes today.

General sessions of the Redondo Stake Conference will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 2000 W. Artesia, by Stake President L. Lloyd Prestwich, 2707 W. 182nd St. Roland Earl Gagon, 4 Cerro Place, Rolling Hills, president of the Torrance Stake, will conduct Sunday sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Torrance Stake Center.

Visitors are welcome to attend the Sunday meetings. Elder Hunter is a widely known author and former educator. He was principal of public schools, then taught in seminaries and institutes for the Church. He is the author of 22 books on history, religion, and archaeology. Elder Hunter is an ardent student and explorer of ancient American archaeology.

## Demos Plan Cruise for Candidates

Rosemary DeCamp, well-known radio and television star, will be aboard the Side-wheeler Princess for the moonlight cruise Friday at Port O'Call landing in San Pedro, 7:30 p.m.

The cruise is being sponsored by the 17th District Democratic Committee honoring Assemblymen Vince Thomas and Clayton Dills.

Other candidates expected to join the cruise are Senate candidate Tom Rees and Board of Equalization candidate for re-election Richard Nevins.

There will be no speeches. The evening will include dancing, music, entertainment, and a chance to get acquainted with the candidate and each other.

Tickets may be obtained from Assemblyman Thomas' office or from cruise chairman Bob Hillier.

## USC Honors Graduate of North High

Peter Paul Juul, of 2501 W. 180th St., a graduate of North High School, has been admitted to the University of Southern California with Honors-at-Entrance.

Dr. Norman Topping, USC president, notified the prospective student of the award based upon a high school grade average of 3.75 or better—almost all "A's."

Few students enter USC with such an outstanding scholastic record, President Topping said. In fact, most recently, the Honors-at-Entrance award was made to only 147 students in a class of 1,600.

"You and your family should be very proud of your success, and, on behalf of the entire University, I wish to congratulate you for your achievement," Dr. Topping's letter to the student said.

Miss JoKay Louvier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Louvier, 22806 Evalyn Ave., returned Tuesday from Catalina where she had served as counselor at the Girl Scouts camp at White's Landing.

## 10-Acre Project

### Bids to Improve Alondra Park To Be Opened Next Wednesday

Bids on improvements of Alondra County Park will be opened by the County Engineer at 11 a.m., Sept. 12, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said yesterday.

Plans call for the development of approximately 10 acres of the park, including the construction of a new comfort station and shade shelter, expanded parking facilities, development of an amphitheater, security, and parking lot lighting.

Low bids will be studied by the County Engineer and a contract is expected to be awarded within two weeks, Supervisor Hahn said.

The development will take approximately five months for completion.

## Bruinsma Headquarters To Be Opened on Friday

More than 100 campaign workers will gather at 2170 Torrance Blvd. on Friday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. to open a new main headquarters for the Bruinsma for Congress campaign.

Heading a large delegation of Torrance residents expected to turn out for the gala event will be Bob Vroman, citizen's advisory committee member; Phil LeFeuvre, general precinct chairman for the Bruinsma Campaign Committee; and Clarence J. "Bus" Turner, head of the research division of the campaign.

**THE CAMPAIGN** headquarters opening will be reminiscent of old time political campaigns, according to John H. Christman, campaign director. It will be complete with searchlights, music and entertainment, free coffee and doughnuts, favors for the children, and door prizes for many of those who attend.

"We are planning a real old time grass roots campaign," Christman stated, "with Bruinsma pledged to represent all the people of the district and, if elected, to keep in touch with the wants and needs of the entire district through community advisory groups."

**REPUBLICAN** leaders and volunteer campaign workers

from Harbor City, Lomita, Welteria, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Carson, Hollywood, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Gardena, San Pedro, Wilmington, and other areas of the district, will assist in the campaign opening festivities.

## Photography Classes Set

L. Andrew Castle, veteran Hollywood photographer and winner of numerous salon awards, will teach two classes in photography beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the extension division at Marymount College.

A familiar figure to baseball fans as the special photographer for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Castle will offer courses in beginning press photography and advanced photography at 3 and 4 p.m.

First associated with the Essanay Motion Picture Co., he operated a major school of photography for the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II, with many of his grad-

uates now active in the journalism and publication fields. Full details for either class may be obtained from the registrar at Marymount College on the Palos Verdes Estates campus.

## Bike, Car Crash; Teen-Ager Hurt

Gary Burk, 15, of 22921 Meyler, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital about noon Thursday after his bicycle collided with a car driven by Mike Walker, Hermosa Beach. The accident happened in the Certi-Bond City parking lot.

## El Camino's Officials Expect 12,000 Students

New faculty and new courses join with new students as El Camino College begins its 16th year of community-education Tuesday.

Twelve thousand students, an increase of 500 over last year's enrollment, are expected to begin classes that day.

"We have maintained a steady 500 student increase in enrollment over last year's figures for comparative times of registration," Leo Christian, assistant director of student personnel, said.

**TWENTY-TWO** full time instructors will also begin duties for the first time as El Camino faculty members with the opening of the school year.

Additions have been made primarily in new course areas such as nursing while others have been necessitated by transfers or retirements from the permanent staff.

Physical education, psychol-

## Council Will Consider Use Of Theater

Sam Levy, owner of local department store, has applied to the city for a conditional use permit to use the Grand Theater building for an assembly hall and for private parties, catered dinners, and club meetings.

The structure, located at 1522 Cravens Ave. in downtown Torrance, would be remodeled as required for such purposes.

A public hearing on the petition will be held by the City Council at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at the City Hall.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on a petition of Barker Brothers Corp., 840 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, for a conditional permit for relief from the off street parking ordinance to reduce the number of parking spaces for a furniture store to be erected at 4310 Artesia Blvd.

## Abstract Art On Display

Abstract paintings described as a kind of visual music with no regard to an outside story are the subjects of an exhibition by Donald Totten on view at Marymount College until Sept. 30.

A member of the Marymount art department faculty, Totten has had numerous one-man showings throughout the country, including major galleries in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco.

An even dozen abstract canvasses comprise Totten's current showing in the Marymount College library building, for which there is no admission charge.

## Registration Starts Tuesday

Pupils new to the area around Stephen M. White Junior High School will pre-register Tuesday through Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

School counselors will be available the three days to help pupils prepare a program of study. Since the school's enrollment is expected to increase this fall, new pupils are encouraged to register while a full range of class offerings are still available.

## Chamber Meets

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at 215 Acacia St., Compton. The organization's fall program will be considered.

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