



BREAKFAST BOOSTERS . . . Whipping up excitement about the eighth annual Certibond-sponsored pancake breakfast to benefit the Torrance American Little League are Mayor Albert Isen, (right) and Certibond Manager Julian Hirschman. Helping are Queen Piper Hoelting and players Jimmy Andrews and David Warner. The breakfast will be held at Certibond, 501 Van Ness Ave., from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11. Donation asked will be 50 cents and all proceeds will go to the Little League. (Press-Herald Photo)

Students Talk Merits Prize In Contest

Rick Whittaker, advanced speech student at North High, won first prize for the South Bay area in the recent Veterans of Foreign Wars speech contest. His topic was "Freedom, Challenges and Obligations." The son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whittaker, 17041 Wilkie Ave., based his speech on a quote from John W. Schroder: "The more obligations we accept, that are self-imposed, the freer we are." His talk was recorded on tape and will be entered in the state finals.

Open House

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has extended an invitation to all Los Angeles County residents to visit one of the 14 Sheriff's Stations throughout the county on Saturday, May 18. The open house will be held between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Carson, Lomita Areas Boast Building Record

Construction activity in Los Angeles County, led by the Carson, Lomita, and Palos Verdes Peninsula areas, soared to an all-time high in April, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Chace cited figures released by the County Engineer's Office, which showed a record \$69 million in building activity. This figure covers unincorporated areas as well as several cities served by the Engineer's Department. "April's figure of \$69,204,652 was approximately \$15 million higher than the previous month and \$42 million higher than April, 1967," Supervisor Chace said. "These records reflect the full confidence in the County's booming economy, especially in my Fourth Supervisorial District." The Lomita branch office of the county engineer posted the highest total in building permits issued, with 200 permits totaling \$2,512,422. This office serves the Lomita and Palos Verdes Peninsula areas. The new city of Carson showed permits taken out for 207 construction jobs, including 120 homes, valued at \$2,631,386. The city of Rolling Hills issued six permits at a valuation of \$126,250, while Rolling Hills Estates issued 36 permits valued at \$499,975.

Concert Climaxes Two Week Arts Festival

By VERA MILLS
The city of Torrance has reached new cultural heights with the South Bay-Torrance symphony concert which was given at Torrance High School Auditorium last Friday night. It was also the culmination of two weeks of fine music and art.

It must have taken long hours of preparation for both the musicians and the Recreation Department to produce such a perfect evening and such a festival. The almost-capacity audience showed their full appreciation of this by their seemingly breathless attention and their subsequent thunderous applause.

Conductor Elyse Aehle showed perfect understanding of Brahms great First Symphony. It was authentic, beautifully clear and inspired. She showed herself to be a true master of this difficult work and the orchestra showed itself to be capable to meet every demand. The few slightly blurred measures in the second movement only served to magnify the brilliance of the rest. It was a great orchestra and conducted by a master.

THE WORLD famous pianist, Amparo Iturbi, won the adulation of the listeners from the first note to her last. At the end of her second encore (a waltz by her brother, Jose Iturbi) they rose unanimately to pay her homage. Her impeccable interpretation gave Chopin new glamour and charmed all with the less familiar Grenados. Even the extremely difficult "Flattery" had no difficulty for her. She is indeed a great artist.

Awards were presented at this concert to the six winners of the piano and violin auditions. They were each

presented with a \$100 scholarship by Jan Darian, president of the symphony board. The auditions of almost 50 young contestants for these awards and the subsequent Youth Concert in which they appeared together with the South Bay Junior String Orchestra and the Joslyn Youth Chorus were features of the two-week Spanish Festival.

The "Grand Finale" of the festival and the "Grand Concert" was the playing of the "Spanish Rhapsody" by Albeniz by Mme. Iturbi and the symphony orchestra conducted by Elyse Aehle. It was played with such fire and abandon that even the Span-

ish Consul General Arturo Morales, who was in the audience, was heard to say, "They play Spanish music as it should be played. This is rare in anyone who is not a Spaniard. Elyse Aehle could direct in Spain and they would take her to their hearts."

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