



PLANNING LUNCHEON . . . Completing plans for a Sponsors' Luncheon for the Civic Symphony Assn. at Portuguese Bend Club next Wednesday noon are (left to right) Mrs. John A. Shidler (Rosemary DeCamp); Lilas Stefan, president of the sponsors board; Mrs. J. R. Neville, social chairman; and Judge John A. Shidler, sponsor. The meeting was held at the new Torrance Riviera home of the J. R. Nevilles.

Renowned Artists to Attend Gala Luncheon Wednesday

Scores of prominent Torrance area musicians and friends have been invited to a Sponsors' Board luncheon for the Civic Symphony Assn. Wednesday at the Portuguese Bend Club, it was announced here yesterday by President Lilas Stefan.

Winner of the annual auditions award will be announced at the time, the president said. Winner of the \$150 award will be introduced at the luncheon

and will be featured at the March 7 concert.

Featured guest of honor Wednesday will be Dorothy Kirsten, star of Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera companies, who makes her home in Palos Verdes. Other noted guests will include Mrs. H. J. Jordan, member of the famous Kubelik family. She is a sister of Rafael Kubelik, former conductor of the Chicago Symphony, and a daughter of the

world-renowned violinist, Jan Kubelik.

Also expected to attend the Wednesday luncheon are Alta Turk Everett, prominent musician and author of Los Angeles; Mrs. Burton W. Chace, Mrs. Helen Cordell, president of the Los Angeles County Music Commission; Elyse Achille, conductor of the Civic Symphony Orchestra; Violinist Vera Barstow, Mrs. Arthur Lange, wife of the famous composer; William Todd, president of the Polo Association of America; Lohian Toland and Judge and Mrs. Irving P. Austin.

Spinning Around

By BARNEY GLAZER

"To Love Again," is Mexico's answer to popular music—a rare album by RCA-Victor featuring Esquivel and his orchestra. Young Juan Garcia Esquivel is a dashing young musician, I hear, either at the piano or during his baton waving. Not quite as exciting as facing a bull but equally as rewarding. He plays "To Love Again," "Amor," "Nocturnal," "Jungle Drums," etc.

Jack Pleis, his piano, chorus and orchestra combine on a Decca Records album to offer "Strings and Things," which means that Jack gently wraps all his talents between the covers of this extra special album. He has quite a talent, this lad, and he never seems to run out of original ideas. Catch them on "The Waiz of Tears," "Mr. Peepers," "Beyond the Blue Horizon," "Pagan in Paris," and others.

"Not So Crazy Otto," is a new Decca album featuring piano solos by Crazy Otto. This man's real name is Fritz Schulz-Reichel and actually he's a celebrated concert pianist. But he fell in love with popular music so listen to his superb artistry on "The Glory of Love," "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams," "In the Blue of the Evening," "Rain," and others.

"Piano Dynamics" by the Conley Graves Trio is a Decca album which permits Mr. Graves to run the gamut in piano styling as well as selections. While Conley reminds one of other piano greats, he nevertheless has a distinctive style very much his own. His tunes include "My Funny Valentine," "Willow Weep for Me," "Warsaw Concerto," and others.

The Halle Orchestra, with George Weldon conducting, offer on Mercury records: "Chopin: Les Sylphides," and "Dukas: La Peri." Here is a pair of contrasting ballet scores—the graceful, moonlit world of "Les Sylphides," and the exotic, brilliantly-hued canvas of "La Peri."

"Slow Walk Rock," featuring Sil Austin, is a Mercury Records album, actually debunking the debunkers who claim that rock and roll is rolling out of popularity. Tunes include: "Train Whistle," "Shuffle Home," "Oochie John," and others.

Jeri Southern sings "When Your Heart's on Fire," a Decca album, and proves she's a singer's singer and a listener's listener. She sticks to the melody and we love her for that.

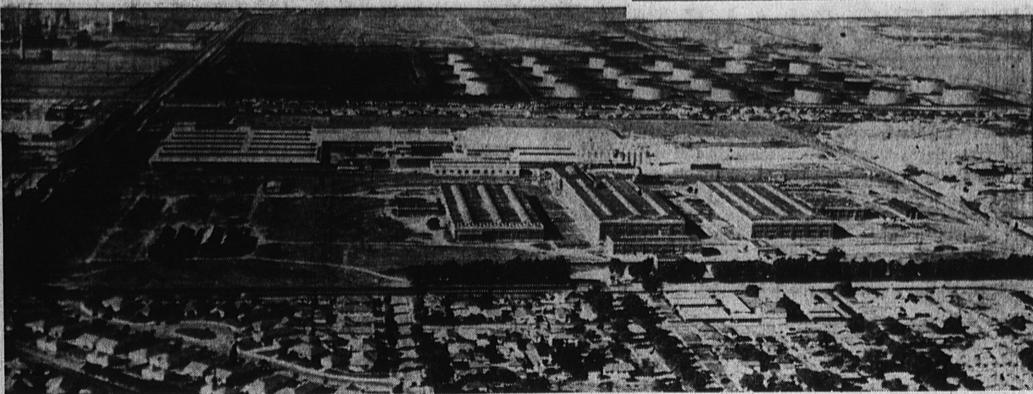
The George Shearing Quintet play tropical tempos for Latin music fans in the Cap-

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RECONVERSION READIED . . . Plans for converting these former Pacific Electric Shops into a modern aluminum foil plant have been filed with the city, and should be ready for permits in about 10 days, according to Building Superintendent John Russell. The reconversion will be done in three phases.

Reynolds Plans Submitted for City Approval

First plans for the major plan checking procedure, reconstruction of the old Pacific Electric Shops to accommodate Reynolds Metals Co., Russell announced yesterday. The plans, which represent the first of three phases of the plant construction on the Do-

minguez and Crenshaw site, call for permits totaling \$550,000 Russell said. McNeil Construction Co. of Los Angeles will do the work. Facilities in the first phase of the program will include loading docks, cooling tower, machine shops, a power house, the foil building and printing building, according to the plans. Permits for the construction should be ready in about 10 days, Russell said.

Will Appear on TV
The Torrance Fireladies will be featured tomorrow on the TV show, "It Could Be You," over Channel 4 at 9:30 a.m. Emceed by Bill Leyden, the show will be attended by a group of the local auxiliary to Torrance firemen.

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