

Classroom Demonstrations Featured at Fern PTA Meet

Fern Avenue PTA held its November meeting Thursday evening in the school auditorium with Mrs. G. J. Derouin conducting the business session.

Among many items on the agenda was a request for blood donors to the Red Cross blood bank. In case of an emergency, free blood would be furnished to any student of Fern Avenue if a quota of one volunteer for each ten students in attendance at the school is reached.

Mrs. Derouin stated that plans for a recreation program for grades six, seven and eight, sponsored by the PTA, were almost completed. She said the program would begin functioning next month.

Mr. Bentwood, eighth grade teacher, appealed for aid in the completion of a project started by the boys in his class. They are drawing plans for the construction of ping-pong tables, bull rings and shuffleboard. A sum not to exceed \$40 was voted

for materials. These games are to be used in the school's recreation program.

It was announced that there would be a collection of canned goods at the school next week for Thanksgiving baskets. Parents were urged to donate non-perishable items.

The meeting was turned over to Ronald C. Henderson, principal. He announced that two classroom demonstrations would be given. Mrs. Dexter and her second grade were introduced. They held a regular classroom discussion on a recent trip to a dairy. It was shown how this trip not only gave the children information on the production and distribution of milk, but also furnished material for reading, spelling and arithmetic in the classroom.

A second classroom procedure was presented by students of Miss Kent's fourth grade. She showed how each new multiplication table was developed. The six combinations in multiplication were developed on the board. A number game was explained by one of the students. The students agreed that they not only learned their multiplication combinations but also derived a great deal of pleasure from this game.

Community singing was led by Mr. Lloyd Jones between demonstrations. Refreshments were served after the meeting with the kindergarten room mothers as hostesses.

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—Henry Ford II.

Luncheon Meeting Plans Made

Plans for a pot luck luncheon to highlight the December 12 business meeting were arranged by Torrance Council PTA Tuesday of last week in St. Andrew's Episcopal Parish House with Mrs. A. C. Turner presiding and Mrs. Jiles Ross reading the inspirational message.

Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool announced that there are 2,872 members in the council.

Reports were received from Mrs. Ross, magazines; Mrs. A. B. Cowie, membership; and Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool, life membership.

Our Community Chest is a family affair. We're asked to help our own people... in our own community. Make your pledge NOW to your Community Chest! No one gift does so much for so many.

There is a strength of quiet endurance as significant of courage as the most daring feats of prowess.—Tuckerman.

Junior Woman's Club Plans Smorgasbord Dinner Dance

Wednesday, November 29 has been selected by the Junior Woman's Club for their second "Bit of Sweden" dinner dance to be held at the Woman's clubhouse, 1222 Ingracia avenue.

Mrs. R. C. Morton, president, has appointed Mrs. G. M. Eastham as general chairman, who will be assisted by Mesdames W. B. Levy, E. V. Winkelbauer, W. E. Grubbs, E. E. Wilson, C. F. Blakeley, K. Dudley, F. P. Foley, R. E. Tuttle and Ann Miller.

Again this year the Juniors have chosen a smorgasbord theme for their menu, which will be served promptly at 7:00 p.m. Music for dancing from 9:00 to 12:00 will be furnished by the Les Tronier orchestra. Tickets will be available that evening at \$1.50 per person, and those who attended the enjoyable affair last year will not want to miss this event. All Junior and Senior club members and their guests are welcome.

At the last business meeting plans were made for active participation in the Community Chest drive of which Mrs. M. Richardson is chairman, the Children's Christmas Party, a food sale and many other events on the Juniors' calendar.

Informative Report Heard By Red Cross

At the meeting of Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, held Friday in the Chamber of Commerce building, an informative report, submitted by Mrs. Doris Mahon, First Aid chairman, was a meeting highlight.

Representing Torrance Chapter at a luncheon meeting held Nov. 16 at the Automobile Club of Southern California were Mrs. Don H. Hyde, vice chairman and Mrs. William Mahon, first aid chairman.

This meeting was called by Joseph Havener, Los Angeles chapter first aid chairman, for the purpose of laying out an overall plan for civilian defense for all the communities in the county.

Represented at the meeting were PTA districts 1 and 10, women's groups, municipal government, boards of education, individual schools, industry, American Red Cross and the medical profession.

First speaker was Dr. Gerkey, M.D. of the Health Department of Los Angeles, who covered the medical aspects of civilian defense. Dr. Gerkey reports that so far 28 districts have been set up in Los Angeles County and others will be added as soon as possible.

These districts are staffed with doctors, registered nurses and nurses aides. Qualified Red Cross first aiders will work out of these offices.

In the event of any major disaster, Dr. Gerkey states, 50 per cent casualties may be expected and 2,300,000 pints of blood will be needed.

Universal training of the first aiders must include teen age children, he stated.

The Board of Education of the city of Los Angeles is cooperating to the fullest extent in this respect.

First aid will be a required subject for all children of suitable age, and for all teachers.

Home nursing and first aid are jobs for everyone, men and women alike, he emphasized.

We must be prepared, not if, but when. Being prepared means safer homes, safer industry, safer schools and safer community. Each community must be prepared to take care of itself, Dr. Gerkey concluded.

Dr. Roger Plaistad, of the Red Cross Safety Service, was the second speaker. He reported national civilian defense needs 25 million first aiders, Los Angeles county needs one million.

Twenty per cent of past Red Cross first aid instructors have volunteered for refresher courses to date. All secondary students, teachers, businessmen and government employees will be trained in first aid.

Industry will train its own employees.

Self help is to be stressed at all levels, as it will be required from two to six hours before organized help can enter a stricken area, the speakers agreed.

In the event of a disaster, people will be required to stay where they are. Schools must be prepared to feed and sleep their students until official permission is received to release them. Stores, offices and industry must be prepared to do the same for their customers and employees.

Red Cross training gives assurance that even in the event a family is separated at the time of disaster, there will be ample and competent help for all, wherever they may be.

Civic Symphony Orchestra To Present Concert 27th

By LESLIE BINGHAM

Muscle lovers of the South Bay area will have another opportunity on Monday, Nov. 27 at 8:15 p.m., to hear their own South Bay Civic Symphony orchestra in concert at the Redondo Union High School auditorium.

This organization, now five years old, comprises some 50 musicians drawn from the area. Conscientious and painstaking work, under the baton of Elyse Aehle who came to the South Bay after extensive study and experience in European and American centers of music, has rounded out this group into a full symphony which brings credit to the community.

The forthcoming concert will not only present the finest in orchestral music but will feature the artistry of Robert Cottrell, resident pianist of Manhattan Beach in a piano concerto. This young man bids fair to become one of America's top-most concert pianists.

The orchestra will open the concert with three movements

from Haydn's Symphony No. 12.

Miss Aehle, the conductor, who has an intimate acquaintance with the music of Smetana, having been for some time concertmaster of the Smetana Symphony in Czechoslovakia, has chosen the three dances (Polka, Furiant and The Dance of the Comedians) from Smetana's opera "The Bartered Bride" for the next item on the program. And then, for pure melody, the well-known Intermezzo from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" will be played. The program will close with the Sibelius "Finlandia." A more varied and cosmopolitan program could hardly be conceived.

Sponsored by the Adult Evening High School, the concert is free to the public. Early arrival is advised because of the limited capacity of the auditorium.

'Little Sheba' Opens 20th At Biltmore

"Come Back Little Sheba," a new play from the pen of William Inge, produced by the Theater Guild, starring Shirley Booth and Sidney Blackmer, come to the Biltmore Theater, Los Angeles, for an engagement of two weeks, starting Monday, November 20. There will be matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This attraction will be one of the Theater Guild-American Theater Society series for 1950-51.

William Inge is the former dramatic critic of the St. Louis Times-Star. "Come Back Little Sheba" is his first play to be produced on Broadway, where it ran successfully last spring.

For their performances in "Come Back Little Sheba," Shirley Booth and Sidney Blackmer were elevated to stardom by the Theater Guild. They won the Antoinette Perry Awards last spring for "the most distinguished performances of the season"; the Donaldson Award for "the best actress and actor"; the Critics Circle Award for "the best performances of the year," and in addition Miss Booth won the Barter Theater award for "the best performance by an American-born actress," while Mr. Blackmer was named the Stage Father of the Year by the National Father's Day Committee.

In the supporting cast will be found Kathleen McGuire, Dennis Weaver, Louis Lytton, Jean Stapleton, Arthur Batandides, Ed Wagner, Wilson Brooks and Ben M. Hammer.

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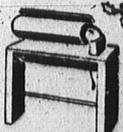
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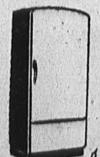
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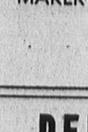
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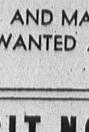
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