

### Deputy Grand Matron Visits Torrance OES Chapter 18th

Torrance Chapter No. 380 held its regular meeting Thursday evening in Masonic Temple. The meeting was called to order by Worthy Matron Gordon Mothersell, Vivian Cook, Worthy Matron presiding. Deputy Grand Matron Pearl Shumaker was escorted to the East and presented. Present were the following Worthy matrons and worthy patrons: Lorraine Bates, Point Fernin Chapter; Mayme and Harry Beerup, Carnation Chapter; Vivian and Othel Brewer, San Pedro Harbor Chapter and Anna Martin, Playa Linda Chapter. A fine group of past matrons and past patrons were in attendance and introduced from the sidelines. A special welcome was given to Mr. and Mrs. Larrabee, who were visiting from Home Chapter to see their daughter Mary McDonald who was elected to membership by affiliation. The degrees of the order were conferred on Frances Davis and Florence Childs. This being the first initiation for the officers of 1951, Torrance Chapter was well represented and many visitors from nearby towns were present to witness

### Piano Teacher Addresses Music Assn.

At a recent meeting of the Los Angeles Music Teachers' Association, Kathryn Buffington was invited to present her favorite teaching material before the association. The program was played for the meeting and met with enthusiastic response. The list of teaching materials later was made available at a popular Los Angeles downtown music store, and teachers are responding to the pieces suggested.

Because Mrs. Buffington's outstanding work has been done in duo-piano work, half of her program featured duo-piano numbers especially suitable for piano teams. Dr. Paul Stoye, of Palos Verdes Estates, also a member of the Music Teachers' Association, attended the meeting, and at Mrs. Buffington's request played two of his own compositions which were most enthusiastically received. Kathryn Buffington and Ellen Harvey, a teacher from Hawthorne later played a duo-piano number for the teachers.

The local pianist especially honored Dr. John Mokrejs, outstanding composer and musician with whom she is studying, and in tribute, the whole class working with Dr. John Mokrejs, attended to hear Mrs. Buffington's lecture and her choice of materials.

### GIRL SCOUT LEADERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEET

Mrs. Frank Church, of Lomita, Harbor Section Chairman, was one of eight chairmen of the Los Angeles Girl Scout Council who reported for their particular Sections at the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Girl Scouts Tuesday, at 5604 DeLongpre avenue, Los Angeles.

More than one thousand leaders were invited to attend, according to Mrs. A. Morgan Marce, Jr., president.

Slogan for the meeting, and the year ahead, is "Girl Scouts—A Growing Force for Freedom" and, with this in mind, plans for next year's program were outlined.

Highlighting the morning session was the talk by Mrs. Marce, who used the motto of the Girl Scouts, "Be Prepared," as her subject.

Appearing on the morning program, too, were Miss Martha E. Prendergast, executive director, who came to Los Angeles recently after 12 years with the Philadelphia Council of Girl Scouts.

The morning session closed with election and installation of officers and board of directors with Miss Vaal Stark, Director of the "Big Tree" Region of Girl Scouts, acting as installing officer.

Following the luncheon hour the meeting divided into seven discussion groups, of intensive study on various phases of leadership of girls.

### Helen Hayes Speaks for 'Dimes' Drive

"I am proud to live in a country like America, where people are so sure they can raise \$50,000,000 in a scant two weeks."

The speaker was Actress Helen Hayes, national chairman of the March of Dimes campaign. She spoke Monday at the Friday Morning Club in the interests of the local campaign.

Miss Hayes reminded her audience that the last two weeks of January have been dedicated to raising the big quota to be used in the "fight-to-the-finish" drive against polio.

Among those invited from Torrancia were Mrs. B. T. Whitney, Woman's Club president, and Mrs. Don Wolf, president of Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council.

### Stork Shower in Walteria Honors Matron

Mrs. Glen Kirkuff of Walteria was the honoree at a stork shower at her home January 12 with Mrs. Gladys Gonzalez acting as hostess.

Games provided the entertainment feature of the evening and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Florence Rosser, Mrs. Glen Kirkuff, Miss Kathleen Kirkuff and Miss Carmen Gonzalez.

Others attending were Mmes. Lya Sisco, Marcela Albers and Velma Coberly.

At a late hour a decorated cake, representing a lamb complete with white coconut coating and a green ribbon tied around its neck, was cut and served from a gaily decorated table.

### Elementary PTA Sponsors Breakfast Meet for 100

Approximately 100 parents of Torrancia Elementary School students attended a PTA-sponsored breakfast meeting at the school last Wednesday morning. The attendance again proved to the hostesses that parents are sincerely interested in what their children are learning. Subject of the meeting, "Reading and Language Arts."

Fourth Grade room mothers with Mrs. E. W. Ingram as chairman, served coffee and doughnuts and later, at the brief business meeting, a nominating committee was elected with Mrs. Victor Bernard as chairman. Assisting her are Mmes L. Levinson, J. Hugh Sheriff, Jr., Tuttle, and the school principal Robert C. Morton.

An interesting talk by Mrs. Hartley E. Carr on the meaning and workings of TEAC—Torrancia Educational Advisory Committee—a group composed of one or two members representing each of Torrancia's important organizations who meet monthly at luncheon to discuss problems of city and schools, and return to their respective groups with reports of progress.

A request for Red Cross volunteers was made by Mrs. Don H. Hyde, branch chairman.

At the close of the meeting parents adjourned to their children's classrooms to observe methods of teaching reading, spelling, and language.

### Kay Robinson New President of Art Group

The Art Craft Club met Friday evening at the home of Eloise Ricci with Ruth Hardin and Vivian Cook as co-hostesses.

President Bettina Miller, in her capable manner, conducted the business meeting which resulted in the election of the following officers for 1951: Katherine Robinson, president; Ruth Kilgore, vice president; Emily Middleton, secretary, and Ruth Hardin, treasurer.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting from tables beautifully decorated in green and white, according to Cora Bohrer, news chairman.

### Paper Drive Successful for Halldale

Successful completion of the PTA paper drive held at the Halldale school Wednesday was announced by Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, president.

Those who assisted with the drive were: Mesdames J. D. Edens, E. R. Martin, C. C. DeVore, H. T. Unander, Edward Thayne, Clyde Bohannon, Alvin Breneman, John Wright, E. M. Bernardin, Fred Andrews, E. N. Reese, Fred Schimmel, Marcella De Hainaut, J. M. Graham, and W. A. McAllister.

Room winners in the paper drive contest were Mrs. Ann Conner's and Mrs. Bernice Christensen's classes.

Mrs. E. R. Martin, ways and means chairman, expressed a vote of thanks to all those who participated.

### Breakfast Fines Add to PTA Fund

Mrs. Walter Bronson and her cohostess, Mrs. Otto Fagnano, entertained several members of the North Torrancia Elementary PTA at a "Come as you are" breakfast Monday. Fines, for apparel put on after the designated time, amounted to four dollars which will be turned in to the PTA.

Coffee and doughnuts, served on yellow and red upturned umbrellas, were refreshments. Attending besides hostesses were: Mesdames Owen Bertrand, Ralph McBee, Gerschel Babb, Aron Wiebe, Harry Van Bellehen, Hamilton Black, Barton Davidson, William Sale, S. K. Odell, Delbert Alford and Verner

### PTA District Prepares for Auditioning

To encourage and stimulate further study in piano, piano accompaniment, voice and orchestral instruments, Tenth District PTA is preparing for its 13th year of auditioning musically talented students of Los Angeles City's secondary schools.

"The auditions will be held in March," states Mrs. Bernard Lockner, Tenth District music scholarship chairman, "and a maximum of five renewals will be awarded to scholarship winners of last year only, based on obvious improvement."

These scholarships of \$100 each were awarded to 20 music students last year and are made possible through sums of money received from local and council parent teacher groups.

Like interlocking gears, many departments of the Tenth District of Parents and Teachers are dovetailing their energies and forces to support and strengthen the present civilian defense program.

Every field of Parent-Teacher is being tapped for blood recruitment through the district's health department, Red Cross First Aid and Home Nursing courses under the parent education bureau, to homemaking, conservation and consumer education of the home service department. Printed instructions for immediate protection upon occurrence of atomic disaster have been made available by the district's civilian defense chairman, Mrs. Hugo Nielson.

The Tenth District Parent Teacher "Picture of the Month" for December was "Two Weeks With Love," a delightfully entertaining film set in the early 1900s about a family on their annual holiday in the Catskills.

### No. Torrancia PTA Calls for 'Dimes' Aides

North Torrancia Elementary PTA is calling for volunteers to aid in collecting the gifts for "March of Dimes." Lights on the porch are the signal for collection. Please contact Mrs. Ralph McBee if you can assist.

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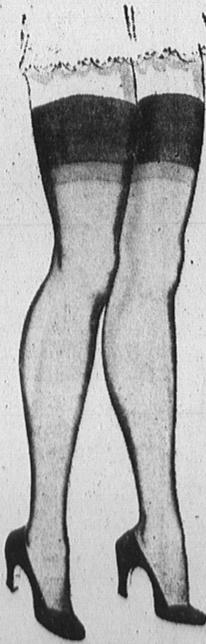
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