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Red Cross Chairman Restates Fund Need

A quota of \$11,100 has been assigned to Torrance as its share of the \$3,150,000 goal set for the Los Angeles area in the American Red Cross Fund drive which is slated to get under way on March 1.

In accepting this quota as the goal for Torrance, Mrs. Don Hyde, chairman of the Torrance branch headquarters of the Red Cross, explained some of the basic functions of the Red Cross in helping the citizens of Torrance help themselves.

Mrs. Hyde pointed to the activation of the Torrance branch headquarters in December, 1950, and cited the many advantages now offered the residents of Torrance as compared to the years previous to 1950.

"In the past year the Torrance Red Cross has maintained a training program for first aid and home nursing that has seen more than 300 persons trained in home nursing and more than 1400 first aid certificates issued in the three areas of the city," Mrs. Hyde said. "The local branch has 15 volunteer instructors available to teach first aid at the present time, and three persons qualified to teach home nursing."

"During the past calendar year," Mrs. Hyde continued, "the Torrance branch has participated in the collection of blood by setting up 13 blood banks and collecting a total of 2017 pints of blood. During this same period the residents of Torrance used 1713 pints of blood in Torrance Memorial Hospital and Harbor General Hospital."

"The residents of Torrance, through their contributions to the Red Cross blood banks, made it possible for these other residents of Torrance to have life-saving blood on hand when they needed it most," Mrs. Hyde said. "Through the Red Cross you, the people of Torrance, are helping your neighbors here in Torrance. You are the Red Cross," she continued, "and through your

contributions to Red Cross you are serving your neighbors in the time of disaster—natural or man-made—you are earning quantities of emergency foodstuffs, clothing and shelter, and you are stockpiling reserves of blood plasma, so that these things will be available when they are needed in Torrance."

The Red Cross does not duplicate the services of any other agency, Mrs. Hyde explained. The work that is carried out by volunteer workers from Torrance and cities like Torrance is that of providing training programs in first aid, home nursing and water safety; operation and sponsorship of blood banks; care and rehabilitation of persons during disasters, and the maintenance of adequate supplies and shelters during disasters; and operation of the home service department to care for the needs of servicemen and their families.

Mrs. Hyde issued a call for volunteer workers to help in the fund campaign, pointing out that "it is the volunteer worker who is the vital link between the contributor and the Red Cross—just as the Red Cross is the link that bridges the gap between the donor and a neighbor who needs help—wherever he may be."

Volunteers may contact Mrs. Hyde at the Torrance branch headquarters of the Red Cross, 1754 Torrance Blvd., Torrance 3447, to offer their services.

Your help is needed—Your Gift Is Important.

Through The

Keystone Keyhole

By BETTY LINN
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"Most of this week's news is school news, so we'll get right on with it. Carson St. School is our main objective, so it seems.

A group of fifth and sixth grade students from the school went to Hollywood Monday to appear on the very popular Art Linkletter Sunday radio program on KNX. Answering Art Linkletter's questions were Sharon Conger, Becky Candler, Le Roy Rocco, Charles Cayton and Danny Spence. Accompanying the group were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Candler and Mrs. Jack Spence, our PTA president. Mrs. Wallace is our school principal. The children were treated to a luncheon, a trip through the studios, and also received a table model radio for their school along with other gifts. Needless to say they enjoyed themselves. Meantime at the school loudspeakers were set up in the lunch area so the school could enjoy the program.

Carson St. School at the close of the first week of the new semester had 966 pupils registered. Last year we had 556. Quite an increase. We are splitting the grades as it were. Many of the grades are on half-day sessions and five new teachers have already been added to the staff.

The regular PTA board meeting took place Friday, Feb. 8, with Mrs. Jack Spence presiding. The main business was preparing for the annual Founder's Day program. The program will take place at the regular monthly meeting this afternoon at the school in bungalow 2 at 2:30 to honor past presidents. Presentation of the life membership pin will be made. The mothers of PTA are going to put on a skit (this you must see) and after the program refreshments will be served. Second grade room mothers are to be hostesses for the afternoon. There will be a baby sitter for the afternoon. Other business at last Friday's board meeting included a discussion of the current membership drive and the rag and paper drive. We would like to

see more fathers joining the PTA. After the board meeting a potluck luncheon was served to the teachers, headed by Mrs. A. C. Wallace, principal. Board members in attendance were Jack Spence, president; Mmes. Carl Brooks, James Campbell, Roy Carter, Charles Linn, James Luten, William Nott, Clarence Wittenberg, Russell Gilbert, Richard Landon and Ben Cluff.

Now for some neighborhood gossip. A happy reunion took place at the home of Mrs. Clara Brown; 2220 1/2 Grace St., when she welcomed two of her sisters just arrived from Kansas, Mrs. Eva Wilson and Mrs. Jo Barthel. They were joined by Mrs. Minnie Mounts of Long Beach and Mrs. Bell Willey of Wilmington, also sisters. This is the first time the five sisters have been together in seven years. I'll bet there will be plenty of talk and gadding about during the Kansans' two-week stay.

Attending the weekly series of parent education meetings at Catekill School on Wednesday are Mmes. Carl Brooks, Russell Gilbert, Clarence Wittenberg, Richard Landon, James Campbell, Charles Linn and Jack Spence of Carson St. PTA. These meetings are conducted by Mrs. Beatrice Woodbridge, prominent child psychologist. Problems of parents and children are discussed. If you are a parent, you have problems and it always helps to hear that others have problems too. Anyone may attend these classes.

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Camino Students Slate Valentine Hop Tomorrow

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