

POLITICS PLAY ACTIVE PART IN BPW LIFE

ED. NOTE:—VIEWING WITH INCREASING ALARM THE APATHY THAT WOMEN HAVE SHOWN TOWARD POLITICAL MATTERS, A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POLITICAL GROUP IS PREPARING TO USE TORRANCE AS A TEST CITY IN AN ATTEMPT TO REPEAL THE 19TH AMENDMENT; WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE. IS THE FOLLOWING THE "APATHY" THAT "ALARMS" THE ORGANIZATION?)

Business and Professional Women's Clubs were busy this week on local, state, national, and world political scene. Locally the group is making plans to present for discussion the amendments to appear on the Nov. 4 ballot.

WILLETT TO SPEAK

Judge Otto B. Willett will talk on the propositions at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at the local Y.W.C.A. building. Open to the public, the discussion will follow a 7 p.m. club dinner at the Y.

Mrs. W. F. Toombs, legislative chairman, is in charge of the affair.

SECTION MEET

Mrs. Zada Ramsay of Torrance presented information on the new committee, Federation in Training Techniques, which emphasizes youth activities, at a Harbor Section meeting of Los Angeles Sierra Mar District, State BPW Federation, held last Sunday in Gardena.

Other prominent locals attending were Miss Lucille Stroh, president, and Mesdames Helen Parrish and Toombs.

SUPPORT WOMEN FOR OFFICE

Responsibilities of women in supporting qualified members of their sex for public office highlighted agenda.

Candidates to be sponsored by the organization should be carefully screened, told Mrs. Ruth Haggarty, leader of the workshop on Women in Public Office, and, once persuaded to run for office, should be wholeheartedly supported by the membership.

Federation has been working towards a definite legislative program for years and has been active in the political field since its inception, Mrs. Haggarty said.

GET OUT THE VOTE

Each club will participate in the national program to "Rouse the Dormant Vote." Public Affairs workshop reported. All clubs having 100 per cent vote of their members in the November elections will be placed on the section honor roll.

Those giving 100 per cent financial support to the campaign fund for Dorothy Donohoe, running for California State Assembly from Bakersfield and endorsed by the Federation, also will have their names on the honor roll. Six clubs already have achieved this goal.

WORLD-WIDE PROGRAM

On the world scene, Miss Helen G. Irwin, federation president, sent a letter to Secretary of State Dean Acheson, this week, urging that the U. S. Delegation to the United Na-

Madrona Ave. PTA Slates First Meet

Madrona Ave. Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will convene for the first time this fall next Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the school.

"A qualified person will be there to take care of the children," said Mrs. Nolan Stuckey, publicity chairman, "and we ask a slight donation for this service."

PTA board met Saturday morning of last week at the home of Mrs. Jack Hadley, corresponding secretary, 814 Maple St., to appoint Mrs. Leona Radford as the new membership chairman.

Membership drive will be held during the month of October, Mrs. Radford said. "I hope the majority of the parents join the school's newly-formed P.T.A. in an effort to stimulate better interest between home and school," she added.

This year P.T.A. theme will be "Families Are Our Business."

Jack Davises Announce Birth of First Child

Jack Davis, member of the display advertising staff of Torrance Herald, and his wife now are parents of their first child, Kathleen Lisa. The new baby arrived last Friday at 11:21 a.m. at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. The Davises make their home in Culver City.

Garden Club Installs Mrs. Wilfred Stevens As '52-'53 President

Mrs. Wilfred Stevens received the president's gavel, symbol of her new office, last Wednesday afternoon at candlelight installation ceremonies held by Torrance Terrace Garden Club following a luncheon at Ding How restaurant.

With the theme "May the shining light of your predecessors guide you along the way," Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, past president, installed Mrs. Stevens and the corps of officers who will assist her during the coming year.

New leaders are Mesdames Carl Hood, vice-president; Laurence Dorwin, recording secretary; Douglas McClay, corresponding secretary; A. C. Turner, treasurer; and Minot Rugg, publicity chairman.

Prior to installing the team, Mrs. Ewalt lighted candles to past presidents and told highlights of preceding club years. Pink and purple asters forming a bank at the base of white tapers added a touch of color to the rites.

When each officer had received her lighted candle and learned her duties from Mrs. Ewalt, members of the club lighted small green tapers at the luncheon table, while Mrs. Ewalt urged them to assist their leaders, proclaiming that "a chain is as strong as its weakest link."

Mrs. Rugg, outgoing president, opened the afternoon occasion by introducing past presidents attending, Mesdames William Scholl, Frank J. Ferrell and Ewalt.

Mrs. Scholl presented a short inspirational talk in memory of Mrs. Jessie Fritz, founder of the club, and its first president.

"Your garden is doing well," she said, "and may the seeds flourish this year." She then read "A Collect for Women."



CANDLELIGHT CEREMONIES . . . Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt, center, hands a ribbon and rose tied gavel to Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, who was installed Torrance Terrace Garden Club president last Wednesday following a luncheon at Ding How restaurant. Mrs. Minot Rugg, past president and new publicity chairman, looks on.

ions General Assembly take a favorable stand on the Convention of Political Rights of Women.

She also expressed the hope that the U. S. delegation to the General Assembly will include as many qualified women as it does men.

Convention on Political Rights of Women will be debated at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, which opens next Tuesday, Oct. 14. Meeting is designed to bring world-wide equalization of the status of men and women in the exercise of political rights.

Federation has supported action by the Commission on Political Rights for Women since its first session six years ago and worked actively for the adoption of the Convention by the Status of Women Commission in Geneva last Spring.

Junior Women Plan Philanthropy Work, Social Gatherings

"Ballot Battalion," Community Chest, and "Thank" work will occupy members of Torrance Junior Woman's Club this fall, it was decided at a regular meeting held last Wednesday night at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Volunteers will sign up for precinct duty and for Chest soliciting, and each member of the club will work on the project of sending Christmas packages to men in Korea.

Club also voted on the district philanthropy project. Results of center to be aided will be announced when all clubs in the district have voted.

Discussion on ways the group could aid the Senior Woman's Club in remodeling the clubhouse kitchen was held, but decision on the matter was tabled until the next regular meeting on Nov. 26.

On the social side, members will honor initiates at a "Famous Character Party" to be held

Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the clubhouse. "Each person is to come dressed as a character from history, fiction, or comics," said Mrs. Robert Clayton, chairman of the event.

Prizes will be awarded for the most original costumes, and refreshments will be served.

Bridge and canasta party is on November social slate for the club.

Members and guests will gather at several homes for card games at 8 p.m., and retire to the clubhouse at 10 p.m. for refreshments. Mrs. W. W. Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

J. A. Carpenter, office manager at Menlo Realty Co., and his wife now are parents of their fourth child, James Steven, who weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. when he was born Oct. 5 at 2:13 p.m. The new arrival joins Patricia, Teresa, and Chris at the 2459 Maricopa St. home. Mrs. Fannie Yoon of Pomona is the grandmother.

A first child was born Oct. 6 at 2:05 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leroy Prenevost, 1315 Madrid Ave. Father of the 5 lb. 5 1/2 oz. infant, Francis Leroy Prenevost II, is a furnace helper at National Supply Co. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Prenevost, 2317 Torrance Blvd., and Mrs. Martha Utsher, Redondo Beach.

Kristin Lee Brundin, 3, is welcoming a new baby brother, Richard Michael, who was born Madrid Ave. Father of the 6 lbs. 14 oz. infant is a designer at North American Aviation and mother is at home, 805 Teri Ave. Mrs. C. D. Michelson and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Brundin, all of Minneapolis, Minn., are grandparents.

MOOSE CLUB ELECTS C. STEVENSON, PAYS TRIBUTE TO D. ROSE

Catherine Stevenson, 217 Dominguez St., will be initiated into Torrance Chapter No. 44, Women of the Moose, as a result of votes cast at a meeting Wednesday night last week.

Group decided to send dish towels, to be hand-painted by Mrs. Elsie Smith, to Moose Heart, Ill.

Moose Women draped their charter last Wednesday as a last tribute to Dorothy Rose, assistant guide, who passed away Sunday, Oct. 5.

It was announced that Marge Baudin, new member, now is able to receive visitors at Seaside Hospital. She entered the hospital after an automobile accident Sept. 29.

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THANX . . . Torrance Junior Woman's Club now is conducting "Thank," a program to send Christmas gifts to men in Korea. Checking off packages all ready to mail is Mrs. Lawrence R. Beck, second from left. Other members of the committee are, left to right, Mesdames J. J. McCune, Mar-

vin Brain, and George Blahnik, chairman. Group plans to place a "Thank" box in Levy's Department Store, where local citizens may drop their contributions. "All gifts should be wrapped for mailing," Mrs. Blahnik announced at last Wednesday's meeting of the club.

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