

Mrs. W. Skiles Will Lead Crenshaw PTA In 1953-54

Taking the lead in planning Crenshaw Elementary PTA activities for 1953-54 will be Mrs. William Skiles, who was elected as president of the Association at last week's Wednesday session. Mrs. Skiles and her corps of officers were selected from a slate of 15 names submitted by the nominating committee. Those who will assist are the following:

Mesdames Ralph Evestone, vice-president; Roy Thurman, recording secretary; W. F. Drake, corresponding secretary; Helen Wieman, treasurer; and Cecil Harris, historian; and Mr. Lloyd Pick, auditor.

Two of the first projects the new leaders will handle will be participation in the Torrance Council PTA milk and welfare fund and the sponsoring of a sixth grade square dancing group. Association members took action on the proposals at the Wednesday meeting.

"Foundations for Better Schools and Educational Programs," a talk by Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District, highlighted the program.

Hamilton described his duties as a member of the school board, the new Crenshaw School building for which money is now available, and the ways in which Torrance is striving to improve her educational program.

"The PTA is the greatest single factor in providing a two-way communication system between the home and the school," he said, "and this is a very important factor in improving our school system."

Law, Hyde to Hostess Betsy Ross Club Meet

Armanda Law and Hazel Hyde will be co-chairmen for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon Tuesday when Betsy Ross Club members meet in the Masonic Temple on Sartori Ave. Dorothy Moore, club president, will conduct the business session which will follow the luncheon.

All Torrance Chapter OES members and their Eastern Star friends are invited to attend, said Mrs. Althea Smith, publicity chairman.

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EL NIDO WILL JOIN CITY COUNCIL PTA

El Nido will soon become the eleventh unit in Torrance Council PTA. Mrs. Victor Benard, president, revealed at last Tuesday's meeting in the Board of Education office. The El Nido group will hold an organization meeting at the El Nido School on March 26, 7:30 p.m., she said, and requested that all Council members attend.

Mrs. Benard also recommended that one representative from each unit attend the legislative meeting at the CTA office in Los Angeles on March 24.

Four free lectures on "Family Life Education" will be given in April at the city library on successive Mondays, beginning April 6, announced Vernon Sheblak, director of the Torrance School of Adult Education. Maurine W. Sellstrom, Ph. D., will be the speaker.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Schools, also was a guest at the session. He expressed his thanks to the Council for its assistance in the educational program of the city schools and for its aid to the dental program.



Miss Jo Ann Benard, daughter of the V.D. Benards, 1448 Engracia Ave., and one of the outstanding graduates of Torrance High last year, has been appointed secretary of Willamette University's musical production, "Freshman Glee," to be staged next Saturday, Mar. 21.

MRS. KASTEN RE-ELECTED HIGH SCHOOL PTA PREXY

Over 100 members were on hand at the high school library Tuesday evening to re-elect Mrs. I. O. Kasten president of Torrance High School PTA.

Also elected were Mrs. Frank W. Lane, first vice-president; Dale Harter, second vice-president; and Mesdames Lee Flanagan, recording secretary; L. M. Nash, corresponding secretary; Herbert Wood, treasurer; Jackson Moore, historian and Hugh Bowman, auditor.

Mrs. Kasten appointed Elmer S. Moon as parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the executive board at the April session. It was announced that there will be no association meeting in April.

Program highlight of the evening was a panel discussion by four senior students and four parents of seniors which dealt with problems of modern-day youth. The participants, Phillip Shaw, Grover C. Van Deventer, Lody Popovich, Jim Crain, Misses Pat Garrison and Lois Phelps, and Mesdames John Stephens and William Loftus, stressed the need for more community support of school activities.

'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Seven lb. 2 1/4 oz. Linda Marie is the second addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Loren C. Skoug, 2807 Danaha St. Born at 11:55 p.m. Mar. 4, she has one sister, Renae Margaret, who is approaching the age of 3. Father is employed at Northrop Aircraft, Inc.; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pittman of Parkersburg, Wis.; Mrs. Mildred Skoug of Chetek, Wis.; and William Skoug of Bruce, Wis. Carpenter George Nelson Cullum Jr. and his wife, who live at 3415 W. 188th St., are announcing the arrival of their first child, 8 lb. 13 1/2 oz. George Nelson III. Grandparents of the infant, who arrived at 11:55 a.m. Mar. 5, are Messrs. and Mrs. George Nelson Cullum Sr., 3411 W. 188th St.; and James E. Lines Sr. of El Monte.

Barbara Mary, two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schulwitz, 4611 Mine Ct., now has a baby brother, 7 lb. 4 oz. Leonard Edward. Also included on the welcoming committee for the boy, born at 8:30 a.m. Mar. 6, are the grandmothers, Mrs. Margaret Cahill of New York, N. Y., and Mrs. Ernest Schulwitz of Fenington Rd., N. J. Father is employed as an electronics technician at Hughes Aircraft Co.

The first child of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lewis, Thomas Eugene, arrived at 8:30 a.m. Mar. 7. Father of the 7 lb. 11 oz. boy is employed at Borax plant; mother is home at 1804 W. 226th St. Mrs. Joan Hopkins of Canoga Park; and Melton Lewis of Guanac are grandparents; foster grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winters, 2341 W. 247th St., Lomita.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bernard Murr, 1225 Cranbrook Ave., now are parents of their third child, a daughter who weighed 7 lb. 7 1/4 oz., when born Mar. 7 at 4:10 a.m. The new baby whose father is a central office technician at Pacific Telephone Co., has two brothers, Stephen Clifford, 32 months, and Wayne Richard, 16 months. Grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames Oscar Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., and Clifford Murr of Los Angeles.

Also parents of their third child are Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. McCart, 1168 W. Maple St. The new arrival is 7 lb. 15 oz. Robert Reed, who was born Mar. 8. He has two sisters, Bunny Lynette, 2, and Kitty Denise, 3. Father is a driver with Kerr Trucking; grandparents are Messrs. and Mesdames Ivan Brown, 1017 Maple St.; and Robert L. McCart of Compton.

Nancy Ann, 6 lbs. 8 oz., has joined three-year-old Diana Lyn to complete the 2304 Huber St. household of Mr. and Mrs. Guy DeWitt. The new infant arrived Mar. 6 at 8:36 a.m. Father is employed as a draw bench operator at Harvey Machine Co.; Messrs. and Mesdames D. C. Turner, 1923 Andreo Ave., and Guy De Witt, 818 Madrid Ave., are grandparents.

The first child of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Sloan, 2094 S. Halldale Ave., arrived Mar. 9 at 8:03 a.m. Named Roger Charles, he weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. Father is a display advertising salesman with J. Rodgers and McDonald Newsprints; grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sloan of Los Angeles; E. H. Hawkins of Kansas City, Kans.; and Eola Hawkins of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Grubbs, 23229 Palena Ave., now are parents of their fourth child, 8 lb. 6 oz. Peter Frederick, who was born Mar. 12 at 1:39 p.m. Other children in the family are David, 9; Mark, 6; and Meredith, 2. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grubbs of Steubenville, Ohio; Mrs. Edith Ratcliffe of Torrance; and W. T. Ratcliffe, Clarksburg, W. Va. are grandparents.

CITY PTA TO ELECT OFFICERS

Election of officers for 1953-54 will highlight next Thursday night's general meeting of Torrance Elementary PTA, to be held at the school auditorium, 2004 Martina Ave.

Fathers will be the honored guests at a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner to precede the business session, and the program to follow will feature entertainment especially planned for them, Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, program chairman, announced at Wednesday's executive board meeting.

Hospitality chairman Mrs. W. W. Hamilton, announced that first and second grade room mothers will be hostesses for the evening.

Room mothers and assistants at the first grade level will bring hot dishes to serve 12 persons, while second grade room mothers and assistants will bring hot dishes to serve 12, she said. At the third grade level, through and including the eighth grade room mothers will bring food for 12, according to the last initial as follows: A to D, dessert; E to M, green salad; and N to Z, hot dish.

Mrs. Hamilton reminded families to bring their own dinner service, milk, bread and butter. Coffee and tea will be served by the hostesses, she said.

Parking will be available at the rear and the north end of the auditorium, Mrs. H. E. Carr, president, said.



SORORITY LEADER... Mrs. Harold Roberts is the new president of the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, international business sorority. See Mary Ellen Crawford, Mrs. Roberts was Miss Torrance in 1948 and has served the sorority this past year as treasurer.

PTA Chooses Mrs. Malone As President

The president's gavel of Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA will be wielded in 1953-54 by Mrs. C. P. Malone.

Association members elected her to the office at last Thursday's meeting held at the school. Chosen to serve with her were Mesdames C. S. Connors, first vice-president; G. M. Simons Jr., second vice-president; R. E. Murphy, recording secretary; A. K. Krauszer, corresponding secretary; P. E. Humphreys, treasurer; G. D. Arrasmith, historian; and E. W. Ingram, auditor.

Beta Sigma Phi To Install Mrs. H. Roberts As Prexy

Mrs. Harold Roberts, 926 Maple Ave., will take office formally as president of the local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, international business sorority, at an installation dinner to be held the latter part of this month at the YWCA.

Mrs. Roberts, who has served the sorority as treasurer during the past year, will succeed Mrs. Pat Sullivan. Her corps of officers, also to be installed at the March dinner, includes Miss Pat Stanford, vice-president; and Mesdames Dolores Campbell, corresponding secretary; Robert Stewart, treasurer; and Gene Stirling, recording secretary.

Miss Stanford has previously served as recording secretary. Other outgoing officers who will participate in the rites are Mrs. Jerry Reining, vice-president; and Miss Oleta Hale, corresponding secretary.

Another social affair on the sorority agenda is a Long Beach Council dance to be held this spring at the Science Hall, Sixth and Alameda Sts., Long Beach. As a philanthropic project, the group is collecting records for the YWCA.

SLATE PROGRAM

"Preparing for Reading," a special program for parents of kindergarten-age children, will be presented by Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA next Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the school cafeteria.

Dr. A. Corwin, speaking for the Red Cross, explained the need for blood to build stockpiles for use in areas where there is an epidemic of polio. Other features were a demonstration of classroom use of the tape-recorder by R. F. Ellerman, Greenwood School principal, assisted by children under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Kentia; and a program by students of Miss Marjorie Olson.

TRIO REBEKAHS FETE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Honors of the Degree were presented to Mrs. Ethel M. Garner, president of the Rebekah Assembly, last Wednesday when she visited to Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240 last Wednesday.

Receiving honors with the president were Mrs. Elizabeth Tappin, past president of the Rebekah Assembly of Arizona; Mrs. Nell Martin, past president of the Rebekah Assembly of California; and Dortha Niles Martin, warden of the Rebekah Assembly.



MRS. ETHEL M. GARNER Visits Local Rebekahs

Perry School PTA Leaders Fete Prexy

Coming as a complete surprise to Mrs. G. H. Blake, president of PTA, was the birthday party which members of her executive board gave in her honor last Wednesday.

Board members gathered at her home, 3761 W. 176th St., for the regular monthly meeting, and as the business was concluded, Mrs. Al MacKenzie, hostess for the affair, carried in a decorated cake and an umbrella of handkerchiefs as birthday tokens for Mrs. Blake, who is recuperating from a bout with pneumonia.

As Mrs. MacKenzie presented the cake, frosted in white, trimmed with gold roses and green leaves, and inscribed "Happy Birthday to Our President," the entire group sang the Happy Birthday song.

Attending the fete were Mesdames Blake, MacKenzie, Garrity, Avonsmeyer, Dorn, Runstedt, Schuster, Baillie, Hanlon, Victor Benard, president of Torrance Council PTA, and Principal Lester Foster.

YW Leaders Hold Meeting

"In the YWCA we have a passion, a program, and people," said Mrs. Earl Cranston of the National Board of the YWCA in speaking to a group of 300 women at the Southern Neighborhood meeting in Riverside last Friday.

Representing Torrance at the session were Mesdames Minnie Solomon, Walter Silence, Walter Levy, William Kuchs, William Morton, Lee Stamps, Doris Vaughn, Maryvyn Porter, Charlotte Lukes, and Le Roy Putilam.

Mrs. Cranston reviewed the changes in the philosophy of the Y from doing things for people to one of building together with people and, as national chairman for the Centennial Membership Enrollment, tent of the goal of a 10 per cent increase in membership.

The entire evening was divided into nine workshop groups to discuss the various facets of membership in the YW.

Other dignitaries were Mrs. Emma Freeman, conductor of the Rebekah Assembly; Everett Freeman, musician of the grand lodge; Olga Guratovich, district deputy president of District No. 84; Jane Phillips, district deputy president of Helena, Mont.; Gertrude Smith, good fellowship chairman of District No. 84; and Ivy Bradshaw, Kathrine Sproule, Carrie Seely, committee members of the Rebekah Assembly. "Paint Our Home With Sunshine" was the theme of the evening program, in celebrating the recent painting and redecorating of the Children's Home in Gilroy, which has been the president's project this year.

Mrs. Garner was led to the center of the hall by Noble Grand Irma Powers, who wore a painter's cap. The duo was met by Vice-Grand Edith Marriot, who also wore a painter's cap and carried a paint bucket, as Winifred Brase sang, "Paint Our Home With Sunshine."

The noble grand then presented the president with a corsage, and Retta Nelson, president, and Margie Russell, vice-president, presented her with a gift to the Walter Garner Memorial Elevator Fund on behalf of the Past Noble Grand Club.

Surplus money raised for the Children's Home project was used, Mrs. Garner said, for this fund, which will be used at the Old Folks Home in Saratoga sponsored by the Odd Fellows.

Following the program, Mrs. Garner, carrying a large green shanrock, was escorted into the banquet hall, decorated in green and white. The table centerpiece, a large building surrounded with shrubs and children playing, represented the Children's Home. Candy cups in the form of small green paint buckets and large green shanrocks completed table decor.

Margie Russell was chairman for the evening. The YWCA District Deputy President Olga Guratovich will pay her official visit at the next Trio meeting to be held Mar. 25. Election of delegates to Assembly also will highlight the session. Olive Veatch will be in charge of arrangements.

SOROPTIMISTS TO SEE CIVIL DEFENSE FILMS

Motion pictures illustrating civil defense tactics will highlight next Wednesday's meeting of the Harbor District Soroptimist Club, to be held at the Fireside Restaurant in San Pedro. Ed Anacker, harbor area coordinator, will present the films following a business session to be conducted by Mrs. Marion Young, president.

National Officers to Visit Local Army, Navy Union Auxiliary Tuesday Night

National officers of the U. S. Army and Navy Union will visit the U. S. Army and Navy Union Auxiliary No. 140 at a regular Tuesday night meeting at 215 Emerald St., Redondo Beach, according to Mrs. Miguel Vaca, publicity chairman.

The visiting officers, who are from Cleveland, Ohio, are Ann Lebbentritt, National president; and Dorothy Harrington, National secretary.

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Local Woman Will Attend Camp Kick-Off

Mrs. Earl Brest, publicity chairman for harbor area Girl Scouts, will represent her group at tomorrow morning's 8:30 o'clock kick-off breakfast of this year's "Kids To Camp" program, to be held at the Jewish Community Building, 590 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles.

During the past year, Mrs. Brest said, a committee survey revealed that only six out of 100 children in this area had camping experience because of a lack of parental funds and because there was no central camp planning program.

"We hope to remedy the situation through this and other meetings," she said, "and provide camperships for more children."

Following the breakfast, Mrs. Brest will attend a meeting of the Girl Scout division at the Los Angeles Girl Scout office.

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