

New Girl Scout Troop Elects Officers, Plans Fly-up Rites

Plans for a fly-up with Brownie Troops 576 and 286 on Jan. 28 are first on the agenda for newly-elected officers of Girl Scout Troop 1006, sponsored by Torrance Elementary PTA and composed of girls who will attend the new Howard Wood School.

The leaders, Janice Fredrickson, president; Donna Reed, vice-president; Barbara Castle, scribe; Judy Fredrickson, treasurer, will direct the members of the troop in preparing refreshments for the affair.

Other business conducted by the girls when they met recently at the school was the naming of Barbara Huggins to represent the Torrance area at the Juliet Low Gathering on Jan. 23. The ceremony is held annually to raise money for the Juliet Low World Friendship Fund, which provides camping experience for Girl Scouts with their sister troops in many countries of the world.

Joining the leaders at the session were Marie Alarcon, Karen Crossman, Janet Hall, Joyce Gore, Donna Tidmarsh, Bonnie Stanton, and Louise Otterstein. Mothers Club of the troop also is busy charting '54 plans, which include a bake sale to

Council PTA Hears: Families Are Fundamental Unit of American Heritage

"Families are the fundamental unit of American heritage, and we should encourage family councils to discuss mutual problems, with father, mother, and all children participating."

Such was the principal message of Dr. Blanche Bobbitt, supervisor of health education for Los Angeles City Schools and editor of the Health Education Journal for the City Schools, when she addressed a meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA at its January session, held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church here with Halldale PTA serving as the hostess school.

Speaking on the topic of the day, "Maintaining Good Family Relations," Dr. Bobbitt, who was one of the three official delegates from the United States to the 15th International Conference on Public Education in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1952, said:

"The home sets the standards of living, and the family starts first in the making of secure education. In order to have a good emotional environ-



MISS SHIRLEY HOWARD
To Wed Paul Skaggs Jr.

THIS GRADS TELL TROTH Room Moms Meet With Mrs. Burch

Two Torrance High School classmates who graduated last June, Miss Shirley Howard and Paul C. Skaggs Jr., this week plighted their troth.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Homa, 2018 Andree Ave., currently is employed by Occidental Life Insurance Co. in Los Angeles. Her fiance, son of the Skaggs senior, 2453 W. 236th St., works with Edison Co. in Redondo.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Room mothers of El Nido PTA met last Friday at the 1832 Roslin Ave. home of the record book chairman, Mrs. Paul Burch, to stimulate interest in and make plans for the year, according to the press chairman, Mrs. W. A. Wright.

The group meets the second Friday of every month, cooperating with the principal and parents in a combined effort to encourage active participation in parent-teacher work and to encourage interest in future leadership, Mrs. Wright said.

The February meeting will be held at Mrs. Wright's home, 1832 Roslin Ave., when mothers will renew their efforts toward strengthening the El Nido PTA and creating a closer contact between home, school, and community.

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Compulsory dog vaccination in Los Angeles, which has been endorsed unanimously by the Tenth District PTA executive board, will be brought before the City Council today.

Announcement of the impending vote was made by Mrs. William Russell, president of Lomita-San Pedro Council PTA, which is within Tenth District when the Council held its January session at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church here.

"ment, we must have the three A's—acceptance, affection, and approval."

If the emotional environment is not good, "we might turn to the three F's—fight, fright, and flight," she continued.

The guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. George Weeks, program chairman, following a business session which featured the election of Mrs. D. G. Cheek of Harbor City School to the vacant office of historian and a vote to present two life memberships this year.

One honorary award will be given at the Founders Day meeting in February; the other will be handed out at the annual June Breakfast. In charge of selecting candidates for the awards are Mesdames Harold Jack, chairman; Harry Nishimoto, D. W. Brenden, C. C. DeVore, and William Probert.

Halldale Mothersingers, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Adams, sang several songs, accompanied by Mrs. Patricia Gore, and Mrs. Norma Condon entertained with "Stars in My Eyes," a vocal solo.

Advantages of giving blood in the name of your local PTA were explained by Mrs. Alice Everett, field representative for blood donor recruitment. Mrs. Everett also told of the operation of the Tenth District Blood Bank, which was established three years ago.

Mrs. E. E. Salcido, president of the hostess school, opened the session leading the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Thomas Reese gave the inspirational message, "You Are What

Eastern Star Initiates Six

Last Thursday evening Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, added six new members to its roster when impressive initiation rites were conducted by the 1954 officers for the first time.

Worthy Patron Vincent Violenave called the meeting to order, and Worthy Matron Florence Violenave presided. During escort, Deputy Grand Matron Frances Weston was escorted and presented, as were matrons and patrons from the District and past matrons and past patrons from this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Deputy Grand Matron gave a talk stressing the changes in the work this year and complimenting the officers for their fine work. Dorothy Hollaugh, worthy matron of Playa Linda, and James Nash, worthy patron of El Estero, also complimented the officers for their work.

Many visitors from the District, Los Angeles and Hollywood Chapters, and out-of-state visitors from Tonopah, Nev.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Saratoga, Pa., were present to witness the ceremonies.

After the meeting, guests gathered in the banquet hall, which was decorated with balloons, confetti and serpentine confetti to carry out the New Year theme. Refreshments were served by Rolive Bever, chairman; Bettina Miller, Hazel and Doc Fossum, Addie and Fay Parks, and Fred Bever.

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