

PTA ACTIVITIES

Perry

The regular association meeting of Perry PTA was held Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in room 12 at the school.

Using the topic of the month of January, "Health" and sub-topics "Planning for Better Living." Mrs. Roy Dolner, program chairman, introduced the guest speaker who was Officer Rethwisch of the juvenile division of the Torrance Police Dept.

Mrs. John Arensmeyer, president, conducted a short business session.

Scout troop 953 presented the flag and led in the pledge of allegiance which was followed by the singing of "America."

Community singing was led by Mrs. Betty O'Brian, third grade teacher, who was accompanied by Mrs. Josephine Ray, teacher of the second grade.

Mmes. Robert Nelson, W. E. Boell and Gordon Lee were appointed by the association as nominating committee for election of officers. Life membership committee appointed were Mmes. Ted Jackson, Kenneth McVey and E. Carlstrom. Mrs. E. A. Schuster is chairman of this committee.

Lester Foster, principal, introduced the new vice principal, Joe Brandon. Mr. Foster also showed slides of kindergarten classes of Perry School and the reading program for all classes.

Mrs. Ernest Underwood, courtesy chairman, announced attendance prizes were won by Mrs. Mary Rutherford, first grade teacher and Mrs. Sylvia Arnold, sixth grade teacher.

Next meeting will be held Feb. 17 and will honor Founders Day.

G-W Council

Eight past presidents were honored guests when Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA held its annual Founders Day meeting at the Gardena Elementary School on Friday, Jan. 21, in observance of the fifty-eighth anniversary of the Congress of Parents and Teachers. Past presidents honored were Mmes: Roy Winkle, J. A. Smith, C. Sault, W. Bogart, H. Johnston, K. Haar, L. Lobach, and J. Gauley.

The business meeting which was conducted by Mrs. Michael Foxhoven, president, included the election of Mmes H. Rhodes and H. Perkins to serve as council representatives on the tenth district credential committee. Mrs. D. Baldwin was elected to serve as council representative on the tenth district election committee.

In the absence of Mrs. Fred Krueger, honorary life membership chairman, Mrs. H. Rhodes presented the first honorary life membership award to be given by Gardena-Wilmington Council to Mrs. Robert Elliott, president of Wilmington Park Elementary School PTA for her many years of service to the PTA and other civic and welfare organizations.

Informative reports were presented by Mrs. W. A. Baker, council delegate of the tenth district nominating committee; the unit presidents; and the following council chairman; Mrs. L. R. Park, nominating committee; Mrs. B. C. Roberts, magazine; and Mrs. D. Baldwin, Home Service. Mrs. Evalyn Sullivan, principal representative of the meeting to be held at Banning High School on March 22 at 7:45 p.m., for all interested parents, on the school housing and transportation problems of the harbor area.

Mrs. Robert Snyder, Founders Day chairman, presented a skit with Howard Hedges, principal of Catskill as Narrator. Mrs. G. L. Garlow, pianist and Mmes R. Crow, D. O'Neil, K. Madison and C. Simpson from 232nd PTA, and Mmes R. Dyer, J. Worley, E. Trefethan, G. Bergeman, E. Young, and J. Keeney from Catskill PTA.

Guest principals attending were Mrs. Alice Pitcher, Ametoy; Howard Hedges, Catskill; Miss Julia Kelley, Chapman Avenue; Mrs. A. Mahoney, Denker Avenue; Mrs. Evalyn Sullivan, Fries Avenue; Mrs. Oda Vans, Gardena Elementary; Ross Hancock, Hawaiian Avenue; Mrs. Mildred Fletcher, 186th Street; Guy Holliday, 186th Street; and Mrs. E. Bromley, 232nd Place.

Luncheon was served by members of the Gardena Elementary PTA following the general meeting. Unit PTAs represented were: Ametoy; Carson Street; Catskill; Chapman Avenue; Del Amor; Denker Avenue; Dolores Street; Dominguez; Fries Avenue; Gardena Elementary; Gulf Avenue; Hawaiian Avenue; 135th Street; 156th Street; 186th Street; 232nd Place and Wilmington Park.

VISITING HERE
Mrs. Cyril F. Richards of Grandville, O., has arrived to spend several weeks here with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Taylor, of 2310 Sierra, and to visit her brother and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Howard A. Wood, of 1517 El Prado Ave.

259th Place

A6 graduating class was honored at the recent meeting of the 259th Place PTA. The class sang several songs and was introduced by Dennis Fell, American Legion medals were given to Mary Jean Cook and Jerry Crosskey. Certificates were given to Tom Perachini and James Mark.

Fashions and handicrafts were displayed by the PTA mothers. The fashions for women and children were modeled by Linda Holloway, Sherrel Orseth, Kathy Kopley, Gayle and Michael Elpper, Mmes. L. J. Parsons, E. G. Jackson Jr., Wayne Katla, Floyd Deek, W. N. Kopley Jr., C. L. Wilson, Glenn Elpper, R. P. Boderman and C. R. Chitwood. Handicraft displays were by Mmes. C. B. Bunch, C.E. Aspitte, C. R. Chitwood, R. M. Trevathen, A. O. Boderman and Ann Canada.

Completing the program, Walter E. Holstein, principal of the Banning Adult Education program, spoke of the many advantages of adult evening school. Children, he said, go to school because it is required, but adults go to school to fill a need. It has been said that better parents make better children. Adult school looks to this end. At present in the United States, 40 million adults go to school.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Floyd Deek was honored with an honorary life membership. Since Mrs. Deek will be leaving for her new home in Santa Maria the end of January, this award was given a month early. She has been active in PTA since her triplets were first enrolled in school. She has also been a Brownie leader for a year and a half.

Mrs. Palmer Orseth asked for volunteers for the annual March of Mothers on Polio, to be held Jan. 31.

The class of Mrs. Caroline Blake won the attendance prize. Refreshments were served by A3-B3 mothers.

Narbonne

At the January meeting of Narbonne High PTA, an informative program on remedial reading was presented with Mr. Earl Barnett, principal, acting as moderator in the absence of Gertrude Addison who was unable to attend.

Mrs. Fay Johnson, 7th grade counselor, answered the question, "Who needs remedial reading?" by explaining the testing program and types of tests used. Miss Jean Lancaster, remedial reading teacher and 10th grade counselor, told how each child is helped by creating a good atmosphere for reading, giving individual help, using material suitable for each pupil, and creating an interest in self-improvement. James Cost, 8th grade counselor, spoke on devices used to improve speed and ability in reading. He demonstrated how the tachistoscope is used. There was also a display of books, tests, flash cards and word lists.

The musical part of the program was equally well presented when Shirley Washburn gave two vocal numbers and Stella Emery played a piano solo.

The association voted to present an honorary life membership at the February meeting. Mrs. Frank Allen is honorary life membership chairman and Mrs. Minot Rugg and Mrs. A. O. Boderman were appointed to assist her in choosing the recipient.

Mrs. J. O. Blackmon, recreation chairman, reported on the plans for the all night graduation party to be held Jan. 28. Everyone was reminded to save their papers and old tags for the drive Friday, Feb. 4. The next association meeting will be Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre when the Founders' Day program will be presented.

Crenshaw
Crenshaw Elementary PTA held a "come as you are" breakfast at the home of Mrs. Bob Callen, 3227 W. 189th St. Forty-five guests attended the affair. Hostesses were Mrs. Marge Chapman, ways and means chairman; Mrs. C. L. Upton, Mrs. Leon Smith, and Mrs. Callen.

The regular meeting of the Crenshaw PTA was held Jan. 17. Discussion for procuring a signal light for the school crossing was held and Mrs. Ruby Faubus, traffic chairman, called Mrs. William Drake or Mrs. Bob Callen.

FERN-GREENWOOD

Members of the Fern-Greenwood executive board entertained Thursday at a farewell brunch for Webster Smith, who leaves Fern-Greenwood school after eighteen months service. He assumes a new position of vice-principal at WALTERIA. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Ray White, 1516 Fern Ave., Mrs. White was assisted by Mrs. R. E. Murphy, PTA president.

Among the honored guests were Malcolm Richland, Mrs. C. C. Hendrex and Mrs. D. A. Murphy. A gift of appreciation was presented to Mr. Smith by Mrs. Murphy representing the executive board.

Evelyn Carr
Students of the Evelyn Carr Elementary school met in morning and afternoon assemblies on Jan. 21, around a 12 foot make-believe birthday cake on the school grounds to sing "Happy Birthday" celebrating the first birthday of their school.

The huge make-believe cake was topped with real sheet cakes made by the PTA room mothers. Topping the cake was a three foot electric candle and a student from each classroom made a birthday pledge for his class and each took its turn at "blowing out" the candle.

As a birthday present to the school the classes pledged to keep the school grounds clean, protect school property at all times and to be good citizens. Pledges were in the form of letters, scrolls and poems.

Eighth grade students taught by Mrs. McKelvey contributed money left for their Christmas party to the Donel Robison Memorial Library fund. The school glee club under the direction of Mrs. Lyda Willis sang "Rosa, Becca and Lina" and "Land of Our Birth."

The students then returned to their classrooms where they were served birthday cake by the PTA mothers.

The Board Members of the Evelyn Carr PTA Unit met Tuesday, Jan. 18 to elect Mrs. C. R. Ross as new treasurer of their association, and to ratify the following board members: Mrs. Roland T. Stamm, child and dental health chairman; Mrs. Russell Holeczek and Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, student welfare chairman; Mrs. Seth Ward and Mrs. Richard McDonald, library chairman; and safety chairman is Tony Baratta, new vice-principal of the Evelyn Carr school.



IN APPRECIATION . . . Members of the Fern-Greenwood PTA executive board entertained at a farewell brunch honoring Webster Smith, who has accepted the position of vice-principal at the Walteria School. Pictured are, from left, Mrs. Roy White, hostess; Mrs. R. E. Murphy, PTA president; Malcolm Richland, new faculty member and Webster Smith, honor guest.

The Stork Story

Welcoming their first child, Dec. 22 were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Darryl Ferguson, of 2308 256th St. Diane Marie tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 2 oz. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Munroe of Lomita, and Mrs. Mabel S. Ferguson, of Wilmington, are the grandparents.

Larry William Laskey checked in at the Torrance Memorial Hospital on Dec. 28. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Laskey, of 22928 Kathryn Ave. Larry has a one-year-old sister, Pamela Sue. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Laskey of Melrose Park, Ill., and maternal grandparents are Mrs. H. R. Pinger of Anaheim and William A. Frew of Chicago.

Taking over at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Rush Jr. is a beautiful little daughter, Teresa Gail, born Dec. 27. Relinquishing his rights to the new daughter is a brother, Ronald Wayne, age 7. Also welcoming the young miss are grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Rush Sr., of 17224 Ardath Ave.

Matthew Laurence brings the family count up to four in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reilly III, of 133 Harbor Hills, Lomita. He made his appearance Jan. 8 at 8:48 p.m. at Torrance Memorial Hospital, with a registered birth weight of 6 lbs. 15 oz. He has a one-person welcoming committee, a sister Lin Terise, waiting for him at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, of Harbor City; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wright of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. William Reilly also of Harbor Hills, Lomita.

A 2:54 a.m. arrival on Jan. 9 was labeled Terri Lynn Crump and was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Crump Jr. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The little miss will set up headquarters with her parents at 22408 Linda Dr. Giving her beaming approval will be the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crump Sr., of Gardena, as well as Mr. Ivan O. Lewis of Torrance and Mrs. Pearl A. Gerren of Ferndale, Wash.

The fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Quinn of Los Angeles is a son born Jan. 8 at 5:10 p.m. at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. At home he will join Rocklyn Lewis, 5; Dale Edward 4, and Kathleen Patricia 2. The new arrival will answer to the name of Gregory Joseph. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Scott of Los Angeles, and Mrs. R. C. Quinn of Washington.

Scout Trails

Brownie Troop 236, joined fellow Girl Scout Troop 416 and 1006 on Sat., Jan. 15 at 10:00 a.m. till noon at the Torrance Roller Skating Rink for a morning of fun on wheels.

The girls and their leaders began with an all skate and a grand march was also on the program.

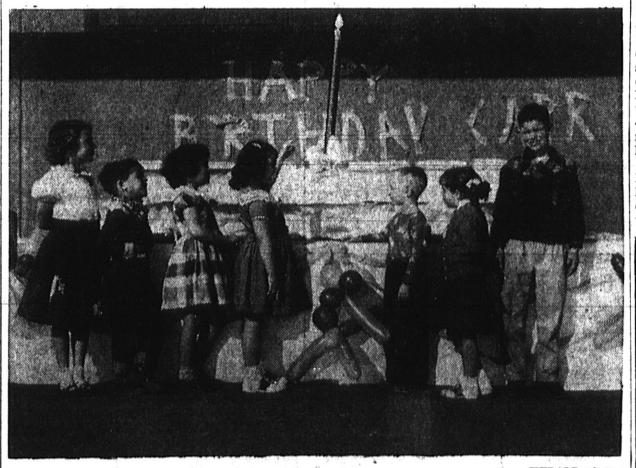
Troop 236 is sponsored by Altrulan's - United Brethren Church and led by Mmes Harold Woodman and George Crabtree.

Inter-troop activity is considered by the Scout Movement of Prime Importance to emphasize the law that a girl scout is a friend to all and a sister to every other Girl Scout.

A court of honor will be held by Boy Scout Troop 315 this evening at the Moose Hall. A pot luck dinner by the Scout mothers will precede the meeting. Torrance Moose Lodge 755 is sponsor of the troop and Robert Cooper is scout master.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DINNER MARCH 21
Honorary life membership of Torrance Council PTA is now working on plans for the annual honorary life membership dinner which will be held March 21. The unit has a complete list of members both from Torrance and other councils. Anyone who has moved to Torrance and is a recipient of the honorary life membership award from another council is asked to contact Mrs. A. L. MacKenzie, chairman between 12 and 2 p.m. or from 4 until 7 p.m. so that their name may be included on the list.

In making this appeal Mrs. MacKenzie said: "This is an honor that should be recognized in your town, not only where you received it."



SCHOOL'S FIRST BIRTHDAY . . . was celebrated by 890 students of the Evelyn Carr Elementary School on Jan. 21. The children held programs around a 12-foot make-believe cake which was topped with real cakes baked by the PTA room mothers. Looking on are, from left, Kathy Meyn, Bruce Mendenhall, Karen White, Patty Flynn, Robert Stinechomb, Mary Lou Fulton and Weldon Larson.

number of students transferred to this school from other schools were topics of discussion. A question and answer period was held, at which time Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools and Earl Eckert, principal, answered problem questions for the parents.

Mrs. Marge Chapman, ways and means chairman, has announced plans for a pie sale by the Crenshaw PTA Saturday, Jan. 29, at 18727 Crenshaw Blvd. Persons to assist with the sale will be needed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those who can help are asked to call Mrs. William Drake or Mrs. Bob Callen.

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