

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

PTA Council Notes Founders Day; Give Memberships; Name Officers

Torrance Council of Parent-Teacher Associations held an open Founders Day meeting at the Torrance Woman's Club Feb. 13 with over 200 in attendance.

Nostalgic of the many Founders Day programs being offered this month commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Parent-Teacher Association, the theme was "We Pause To Remember."

Thirty-Third District Spiritual Education Chairman, Mrs. Herbert D. Bartlett, delivered an inspirational and the audience was greeted by Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting was preceded by a coffee hour. Pouring for the group were Mrs. Mark Wright and Mrs. J. H. Hull. The appointments were the traditional PTA colors of yellow daffodils and blue iris with napkins of the same colors. Refreshments of individual pastries were served.

El Camino Ensemble under the direction of R. Neil Hill presented a series of musical numbers closing with their rendition of "I Heard The Children Pray." Miss Kay Hoga was accompanist.

Council president Mrs. Francis Stoeckle conducted a brief business meeting announcing the District Executive board meeting to be held Feb. 25, Monday at the Torrance High School. The time is 10 a. m. with the luncheon at noon served at the Methodist Church. Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Eldon Morgan.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey reported on the lunch and milk fund urging Student Welfare chairmen to investigate children in need of either as the funds were available.

Extension chairman Mrs. Evar Jansson announced the beginning of three new courses for Parent-Teacher Information: Feb. 27 at the Sepulveda School conducted by Thirty-third district first vice president Mrs. Edward Kemp; Feb. 19 at Arlington School conducted by Mrs. I. O. Anderson; March 7, Mrs. H. A. Spurgin, Mrs. C. F. Rees and Mrs. Anthony Gamboa will conduct at Fern Ave School. These informative classes will consist of six sessions beginning 9 to 11:30 with one per week. All those working in Parent-Teacher associations are urged to enroll in one of these study groups. Certificates will be awarded to those satisfactorily completing the course.

Mrs. W. E. Inman reported from the nominating committee and the following were elected to serve Torrance Council PTA for the year 1957-1958: president Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, first vice president Mrs. Kenneth McVey, second

vice president; Mrs. Robert Payne, third vice president; Mrs. W. E. Inman, fourth vice president; Mrs. W. W. Poser, recording secretary; Mrs. O. O. Clayton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. F. Malone, financial secretary; Mrs. V. B. Terry, auditor; Mrs. William Crooker and Mrs. B. G. Byrnum, Historian.

Honorary Life Membership chairman Mrs. J. L. Hinds presented to A. C. Turner the award from Council for his outstanding devotion to the work of the Boy Scout movement over a period of many years and for his assistance to his wife who is a past Council president and who has devoted a lifetime to the work of PTA. He is now an active participant in the YMCA organization. The second honorary life membership recipient was S. Waldrip of the school system, who was honored for his untiring work in the interest of the school children of the city. Mr. Waldrip was not present. Mrs. Hinds announced the Honorary Life Membership dinner will be held at the Masonic Hall March 4 at 6:30. Those on the committee for the affair consisted of Mrs. J. R. Allison, H. Fink, Roland Stamm and J. R. Sanders.

Applications are being taken for the Torrance Council Scholarship. Forms may be obtained at the local high

Meadow Park

February board meeting of the Meadow Park School PTA was held in the teachers' room of the school. For parents interested in the adult education lectures, child care will be furnished. The next lecture is scheduled for March 6, 1957. The subject is, "Reading and How It Is Taught." Mrs. Gertrude Burbage will be the speaker. The lecture will start at 7:30 in the school cafeteria. Mrs. R. M. Wood, library chairman, will discuss the library at the school which is now in operation.

Plans for special classes, for the children who need special individual help are being planned. These classes to be held at the Meadow Park School. PTT classes will be started in the Sepulveda street school on Feb. 25 and any one interested in these classes are asked to call Mrs. Anagnost.

schools or by contacting Mrs. William Crooker, chairman.

Mrs. R. E. Moffitt, historian, paid homage to the 6 past council presidents and presented corsages as a token of esteem. They are Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Victor Benard, A. B. Cowie, A. C. Turner, Hartley Carr and W. A. Wright.

Mrs. Lester Oswald, Council Founders' Day chairman, presented the Evelyn Carr PTA Mothersingers under the direction of Mrs. Reese Holbrook in a Mikado. "The Meeting's a Wonderful Thing." Participants included Mrs. C. Beeson, J. Latten, R. Mooney, W. Towell, M. Love, W. Freese, B. Ball, R. McDonald, L. Oswald, R. Hubert, G. Flemmons, H. Cortez, R. Gastelum, R. Heys, R. Steele and J. Holmquist. Mrs. Jan Asper accompanied the group.

223rd Street

Mrs. David P. Goolsby was recipient of the 1957 highest award that the PTA can confer upon an individual, the Honorary Life Membership. The honor presentation was a part of the Founders Day meeting held by 223rd St. School PTA.

Mrs. Goolsby, who has been active many years in PTA work, and is serving as president, has given unsparingly of her time to further the avowed purpose of the PTA.

Elected to a nominating committee to recommend candidates for association offices next year were Mrs. Carl Epperheimer, Ray Carrick, Jack Cameron, Willis Albaugh, alternates, Wayne H. Vinson and Gene LeRoy.

Twelve delegates and two alternates will represent 223rd St. PTA at the coming council and district elections. They are Mrs. George LaMontagne, H. Carroll, Edward Kollmeyer, Donald King Ellis Blankenship, A. A. Venable, Francis Anania, Wallace McLay, Richard Carrier, Paul Kelso, James Gonderman, Fred Trujillo, alternates, Harold Muth, and LeRoy Jacobsen.

Mrs. Gene LeRoy, March of Dimes chairman, announced that \$325.72 was collected by 223rd St. mothers.

Principal Mrs. Elizabeth Danky announced that school's enrollment to date was 1025 students and introduced Charles Gustafson, new vice principal. She also reported that all six first grades are on double sessions.

Mrs. Edward Kollmeyer announced there will be a PTA sponsored paper drive at the home of Mrs. Willis Albaugh, 1120 West 223rd St., directly across the street from the school, on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Bob Fleischman, field representative of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America spoke on scouting.

For adequate supervision and instruction, Scout troops are limited to 32 youngsters. The Scout executive explained that if adult supervisors cannot devote enough time to each youngster because the unit has too many members, they are cheating the youngsters from getting full benefit from Scouting.

Interested parents are to contact Mrs. Richard Carrier, community youth chairman for further information.



HOLDING THEIR POSTERS... and wearing their ribbons are these winners of the recent Safety Poster Contest staged at Hillside School and sponsored by the PTA. They are, back row, from left, Jerry Johnston, Gary Colter, Frank Moore, Mrs. Bert C. Mennes, PTA president; Robert Gates, grand prize winner; Principal Robert Allen, David

HILLSIDE STAGES FIRST SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

At a special assembly meeting at the Hillside School Thursday morning the winners in the first annual Hillside safety poster contest conducted during the past month were announced and awarded prizes. The contest was sponsored by the Hillside PTA. Chairman for the contest was Peter Baker assisted by Mrs. Fred Field and Mrs. W. E. Inman. Preliminary judging was on Friday evening by three safety chairmen, Mrs. R. Schrauben of Walleria School; Mrs. C. Hirtle from Seaside, and Mrs. D. Richards, of Crenshaw. The final judging was conducted Saturday morning by three teachers from other elementary schools.

The grand prize, a plaque was presented to Robert Gates of the 6th grade, by Mrs. Bert Mennes, Hillside PTA president.

Elementary

Torrance Elementary PTA held its Founders' Day program Wednesday evening in the school auditorium. After the inspirational by Mrs. Preston Haag, five past presidents were introduced. They were Mrs. Don Wolf, Mrs. E. Moon, Mrs. K. Bright, Mrs. M. B. Miller, and Mrs. R. Moffitt.

Life membership awards were presented to Mrs. E. Ludwig and Miss V. Knoll. Mrs. Ludwig has worked several years with the PTA as corresponding secretary, character education chairman, and is now serving as program chairman. She was den mother for Pack 732-C.

Miss Knoll was one of the original faculty in 1947 at the school where she continues as first grade teacher. She has served as art chairman for the PTA.

A skit, "The Dads Talk It Over," was put on by the male faculty members.

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, gave an interesting talk on the growth of Torrance.

Evelyn Carr

Evelyn Carr Elementary School Bicycle test was held recently at the school sponsored by the PTA. In charge were Mrs. Robert Holmes co-chairman and Albert Noccio, safety chairman.

Bicycle fact sheets were read and discussed in the classroom with students learning the origin and history of bicycles, how to prevent accidents, collisions and falls and also the laws governing bicycles on the street.

Other phases studied were safety maintenance such as efficient brakes, tightly adjusted saddle, handle bar clamps, chain adjustments, head and tail lights and red reflectors. Question sheets were given to the students. Written tests were given as well as actual demonstrations held on the school yard.

PTA mothers helped with these tests which took three days to complete. Those who passed were given driving safety certificates. The group having the highest percentage receives a scroll as top honor. All material for the tests was secured from the police department.

Turner, Joy Bebbling, and Linda Burtisch. Front row, from left, Douglas Gibbs, Virginia Colter, Melinda Karhu, and Jack Baum. The sponsoring PTA committee was composed of Peter Barker, chairman; Mrs. Fred Field, and Mrs. W. E. Inman.

March 12 Set For Luncheon

Plans were made at the recent meeting of the Torrance Royal Neighbor Sewing Circle to hold a dessert luncheon at the next meeting March 12. Luncheon to be served at 12 and cards to follow. The regular games to be played with prizes for high scores and a door prize will also be given.

The new officers of the circle are: president, Mrs. Margaret Stavens; vice president, Mrs. Della Moon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Rosy Shepherd.

Mrs. Beiva Brase was appointed on the publicity committee for the coming year. Mrs. Clara Gipe was appointed

as chairman of the fancy work for the bazaar, but owing to illness in the home she declined to serve and Mrs. Della Moon was appointed for the year.

The outgoing president, Mrs. Cora Hill, was presented with a lovely gift from the members.

ST. PAT CARD PARTY

St. Girard's Guild of St. Margaret Mary's parish will sponsor a St. Patrick's card party at the parish hall, next Thursday evening, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Robert Clotworthy is chairman of the event.

Weaving

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made of raw silk and orlon and lined with burnt-orange silk. After weaving the suit fabric, she wove a plaid stole of wool-loop and metallic thread in greyed tones of burnt-orange, yellow, turtquoise, with a tiny charcoal stripe. The metallic thread corresponds to the color of the square in which it is used. The suit material won an award in yardage at the Southern California Hand Weavers' Exhibit in 1956. She also modeled the outfit at the exhibit in San Jose last year.

Through all Mrs. Dow's adventures in the world of weaving and spinning, she has had an avid companion at her side—her husband. "When I'm having difficulties, Ren (as she calls him) says, 'you can do it. And when I want to try something new that looks impossible, he says, 'go ahead and try, I'll help you.'" Thus, besides making the tools which she needs, with his help and encouragement, weaving has become a family endeavor in the Dow household.

HOUSEGUESTS

Mrs. Mercedes Smith who teaches in Las Vegas is spending the weekend here with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Foley at their South Shores home. Arriving last week for an indefinite visit was Mrs. Foley's mother, Mrs. H. C. Davidson, of Storm Lake, Iowa.

RUMMAGE SALE

Senior Girl Scout Troop 1299 will hold a rummage sale, Friday, March 1, at the old city hall. Children's clothes will be featured and there will be adult clothing and household items. Proceeds from the affair will be used for a summer trip.

WEEK END TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Easley and two children, Donna and Larry are spending the weekend in San Jacinto.

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