

# P T A ACTIVITIES



**A SECOND GENERATION** . . . at the 259th Street School. Mrs. R. E. Pratin, was presented with the PTA honorary life membership at the Founders Day program staged by the 259th Street PTA. Mrs. Pratin is pictured receiving the honor pin from Mrs. C. E. Aspitte, honorary life membership chairman. Mrs. Pratin was graduated from the Orange Street School and now has two sons attending there.

## Mrs. R. E. Pratin Receives 259th St. Life Membership

Honorary life membership was presented to Mrs. R. E. Pratin at the Founders Day meeting of the 259th Place PTA. The award was presented by Mrs. C. E. Aspitte, honorary membership chairman, to Mrs. Pratin for her years of service to the group. Mrs. Lois Maddy Pratin started to kindergarten at Orange Street school the year it was completed, graduated from Orange street school. She then entered Narbonne high school. Then five years ago she returned to Orange Street school entering her oldest son in kindergarten. Three years later her second son entered kindergarten at Orange Street school. Mrs. Pratin has held many offices in PTA, such as parliamentarian, magazine chairman, newsletters secretary and now president. Mrs. W. N. Kelly Jr. presented the program, which was a musical selection by the mother singers group. John Calkins explained the 3rd and 4th grade exhibits on display. The past presidents of the association were honored guests at the gathering. Also present was the first principal of Orange Street school, Miss Hilda Jellison. Named to a nominating committee to recommend candidates for association offices next year were Mrs. H. B. McDonald,



**HAVE YOU BOUGHT COOKIES?** . . . If you haven't there's only two more days to do your bit in assisting Torrance Girl Scouts in the annual cookie sale which began on Feb. 17 and will continue through Saturday, Feb. 25. Typical of what's going on in the area are these two Girl Scouts with their cookies, Rita Lynn Ellingworth, left, and Laura Murlene Beadle, right, both Torrance Elementary students. The Girl Scouts are working the area and have booths at local stores.

## Newton

Thursday evening, Feb. 19, the Newton PTA held its first Founders' Day program at the Newton School. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Ross Dorsett. Mrs. Marvin Sims, program chairman, introduced Richard Baum, the musical director for the school, who led the school orchestra in several selections. Mrs. Otto Willett, Founders' Day and Life Membership chairman, presented the program for the evening. It was called "What's My Name." The panel consisted of: Orville Robinson; Richard De Armitz; Mrs. Albert Wilson; Henry Miller, the announcer; Ross Dorsett, the narrator. The contestants were: Mrs. Leif Egas; Mrs. Paul Stevens; Mrs. William King; Mrs. Donald Hauser. Mrs. Egas and Mrs. Stevens represented the original founders of the PTA, while Mrs. King represented Mayor Albert Isen. Then Mrs. Donald Hauser portrayed Commander William Mason. The coveted life membership was given to Commander Mason of Riviera, Mayor Albert Isen, of Torrance, made the presentation. Mrs. W. D. French, president of Seaside PTA was introduced as a special guest. Victor Kilburn, teacher at Newton School, read the treasury report in the absence of auditor, Blayne Asher. The nominating committee was selected. They are: Mmes. Douglas Robbins, Albert Wilson, Jack Holmes, Orville Robinson and Marvin Sims.

## G-W Council

Gardens-Wilmington Council PTA will hold its February meeting, Feb. 24, at the Dominquez Community Building, 2122 Santa Fe Ave. Mrs. W. A. Blacker, president, announced. "Teamwork's Accomplishments" will be featured. Speakers will be Mrs. L. H. Montgomery, Health Center Bldg. chairman, Los Angeles 10th District, C.P.T.

## PAPER DRIVE AT 259TH ST. SCHOOL

There will be a PTA-sponsored rag and paper drive on the grounds of 259th Place School on the morning of Feb. 25. Bundles of papers should be securely tied in 10 inch stacks and should be brought to the school grounds before 10:30. Contributors are asked to drive onto the grounds through the gate on 259th Place and out the gate on Reed Street. Magazines will also be accepted. Ribbons will be awarded to the students in each room that bring the most paper or rags.

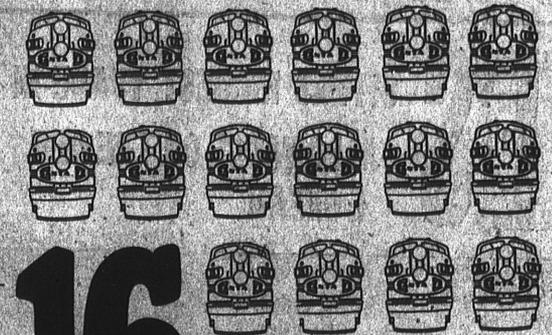
## AQUARIAN SOCIETY MEETS FEB. 25

Harbor Aquarian Society will meet Saturday evening, Feb. 25, in the lounge of the Gardens Community Center, 1681 Charles St., Gardena, at 7:30. Charles Wade, president, will conduct the meeting. Guest speaker will be Dr. Frank Adams, of Long Beach, who will speak on "Fish Ills." Two colored films, "The Glamour Fish of Hawaii" and "Arch Reefing Rods" will be shown. A discussion of the election of new officers to be held next month will follow and choosing of committee for the aquarian show will take place. The show fish for the month in "The Little Fish With the Big Name—Lebistes reticulatus or Guppy."

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