LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

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IN APPRECIATION . . . the Fern-Greenwood PTA presented life memberships to Mrs. Phillip Humphreys, left, and Mrs. R. E. Murphy, for their outstanding services. Mrs. Humphreys has served 10 years on the executive board with the PTA and has worked as a den mother with the scouts, leader of the Girl Scouts and the Little League Auxiliary. Mrs. Murphy is a past president and has held other positions on the PTA board as well as being a Council member. She has also worked with the scouts and the Little League.

Carson

Room representatives of Carson Street School met to make plans for the Easter parties to be held March 23, for the school children. Mrs. Ruben Leos, chairman conducted the meeting.

Mrs. Elbert Scudder, Mrs. Arthur Flynn and Mrs. William Roller were appointed to arrange filling the Easter baskets. Mothers from each school room will make the final preparations for March 23.

Those taking part included Mmes. Laurence Love, Helmet Boehn, John Raschke, John Masterson, Martin Wright, Royce Rutter, John Leberfinger, Delbert Wilcox, Ronald Wilcox, Arthur Flynn, Gus Walker, Loyd Rowe, Raymond Barnes, Elbert Scudder, Russell Gilbert Ray Campbell, Carlos Chavez, Ruben Leos, John Gardner, Jim Dane, Richard McMahon, M. Q. Wallace, principal, and William Roller.

Forty members of Carson Street School PTA enjoyed a luncheon and bakery tour in Culver City, Friday. Mother's Singers from Dolores St., and Carson St., recently sang at Scott Park to celebrate Arbor Day. A tree was planted and attending the occasion were Supervisor Burton Chace of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Mr. John Calas, president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce.

At the last meeting of the Carson PTA, with Mrs. John Raschke presiding, Mrs. Helmeth Boehm was appointed to succeed Mrs. Roy Carter as parliamentarian. Plans were also made for a bake sale on May 4, date of the annual May Day dances. Easter plans were approved and Easter vacation to begin March 16 to March 30.

The following announcements were made: Gardena-Wilmington Council will meet March 23, at the Western Club, where election of officers will be held.

Open house at the school will be held April 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents are being asked to visit the school and become acquainted with the faculty.

The March meeting will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Election of officers will take place. The Carson faculty will be hostesses for the meeting.

The board meeting was attended by Mmes. M. Q. Wallace, principal; Ruben Leos, Russell Gilbert, Richard McMahon, May McGuire, Richard Leff, Delbert Wilcox, Jack Spence, Ronald Wilcox, Helmeth Boehm, Gus Walker, John Shepherd, Arthur Flynn, William Roller, John Raschke, president, and Elaine Fickes, clerk.

Harbor City

Harbor City PTA Founder's Day meeting was opened with the customary Flag Ceremony led by Brownie Troop 293 under the leadership of Mrs. Marvin Thomas.

Two Honorary Life memberships were given at the meeting held recently in the school auditorium, with Mrs. Charles Hilzer presiding. The first recipient being Mrs. Winifred Kroll, and the second going to Mrs. James Alexander.

Inspirational message was "That's Junior," by Mrs. Tom Tower.

Mrs. O. C. Grubbs, Founder's Day chairman, bestowed the Honorary Life membership award.

Mrs. Norma Condon was the soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Nuttman. A skit written by Mrs. Bess Akerson was presented with Mrs. William Tregarthen and Mrs. Katherine Bourland playing the parts of the two founders Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst. Other players were Mmes. A. G. Sipes, Tom Tower, J. E. Dunphy, Michael Travers, Ralph Trickel and Don Furu.

Mrs. Raymond Miller was parlimentarian protem. A nominating committee was elected to nominate officers for the coming year. They were Mrs. Stephen Silkotch, chairman of the committee and Mmes. R. E. Griffith, A. G. Sipes, and Leland Van Buren.

March 1 to 7 was named as "Plant a Tree Week."

Past presidents of the association present were Mmes. William J. Baxter, E. R. Walker, William Tregarthen, W. J. Schroeder, Carl Gregory, Ray Groover, George Weeks, Herman Ludwig, Winifred Kroll and Lulu F. Higgs.

Rooms of Mrs. Violet Crawford and Mrs. Gertrude Crum won the monthly PTA award.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Mmes. R. McGuire, G. Bray, Michael Travers and V. R. Seiffert. The cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Leland Van Buren.

Child care was provided by Troop 1585 under the leadership of Mrs. M. Dobson.

Harbor City

Harbor City PTA board meeting was held in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Charles Hilzer, president, asked for volunteers to work with Mrs. Creech, principal of the school, to formulate plans for the children's Easter party.

A committee was also formed to work towards a Parent Education Award. They will meet at the home of Mrs. Dean McIntire every week, for 13 weeks.

Mrs. Creech, principal, also invited all members to attend the tree planting ceremony, in honor of Arbor Day. The school was presented a beautiful flowering peach tree, which was to be planted in the front yard of the school.

Mrs. Stephen Silkotch, chairman of the nominating committee announced the folowing officers had been nominated to serve for the coming year: president, Mrs. Leland Van Buren; first vice president, Mrs. Tom Tower; second vice president, Mrs. A. G. Sipes; secretary, Mrs. Stephen Silkotch; treasurer, Mrs. Michael Travers; auditor, Mrs. Anthony Graro; and historian, Mrs. Fred May.

Mrs. Leland Van Burn, secretary of the Harbor City PTA gave a "Come and Go Breakfast" at her home, 1429 W. 257th St., Harbor City, Tuesday, March 20, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

L-SP Council

Lomita-San Pedro Council CCPT held their March meeting in the beautiful new auditorium of the Halldale School in Torrance. Mrs. David Goolsby, president of the Halldale Avenue PTA, opened the meeting, after which Mrs. Weeks, president of the council, introduced Mrs. Mary Maher, principal of White Point School, who gave an eulogy to the late Lester Kaems, who was principal at the Fifteenth St. School. Council also voted to send a contribution to the PTA Health Center in San Pedro in his name.

In keeping with the theme "Progress Through Teamwork," the program for the month "in community protection," the council featured Civil Defense. H. L. Hansen, regional director of civil defense for the Los Angeles Board of Education, showed a film on "Atomic Tests Conducted in Nevada."

Mrs. George Weeks, president, introduced Mrs. L. H. Montgomery, chairman of the Health Center building, 10th District, who conducted the election of officers for the coming year.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson, nominating committee chairman, presented the following officers, who were elected: president, Mrs. William Shier; first vice-president, Mrs. Walter Talley; second vice-president, Mrs. James Peacock; secretary, Mrs. Earl Teague; treasurer, Mrs. Wesley Lee; auditor, Mrs. Douglas Brazell, and historian, Mrs. Harry Foat Jr.

Mrs. Eric Heinzman is Harbor regional director.

June breakfast will be held at Homer Toberman Settlement House, San Pedro. Tenth District nominated Mrs. Roland Brown, national PTA president and former 10th District president, as its candidate for State Mother of the Year.

The board members of the Halldale School PTA, with Mrs. F. E. Dye and chairmen, made and served the delicious luncheon after the meeting. The tables were all beautifully decorated in a Saint Patrick's Day theme and they were made by Mrs. William H. Dunston, art chairman of Halldale PTA.

FERN-GREENWOOD

"Sex education begins in the baby stage, with the baby finding the various parts of his body such as his hands and feet, and is a continuing process," said Dr. Maurine Sellstrom, noted lecturer and parent-education authority, in her lecture last Wednesday evening at the Fern-Greenwood cafetorium.

She went on to say that sex education should come from someone who loves the child rather than from the neighbor's children, because there is a cushion of love between the parent and child and it makes these facts easier to accept.

"This is the third in a series of four lectures, and each has been more interesting and worthwhile than the last. We have been pleased with the attendance at the lectures, and want everyone to know that they are open to all interested persons," said Mrs. A. K. Krauszer, parent education chairman.

This series of lectures is sponsored by the Fern-Greenwood PTA and is under the supervision of the parent education chairman.

The last lecture of the series will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:30, and the topic will be "Preparing the Child for Adolescence."

Council

March 12 meeting of the executive board of the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers was called to order by president Mrs. W. A. Wright, in the lecture room of the city library.

Mrs. Robert Payne, membership chairman, reported a membership of 10,140 members within the Torrance Council with 18 units. The parent-teacher membership has doubled within the past two years.

Mrs. William Skiles, record book chairman announced the publicity record book judging would be held on Thursday, March 28 at her home at 9:30 a.m. Those appointed on this committee by the president are: Mrs. Mark Wright, Mrs. E. Ludwig, Mrs. C. Johnson, Mrs. R. Dohner. Mrs. Skiles is chairman of the committee and the president will serve on this committee also.

The executive board elected Mrs. W. A. Wright to represent Torrance Council as a delegate to the national convention which will be held in San Francisco on May 22, 23, and 24. This is the first time in the history of Torrance Council that they have sent a delegate to the national convention along with delegates from each of the 48 states.

Walteria

Mrs. Henry Fink will head the Walteria School PTA during the coming school year following her unanimous election as president at the March membership meeting of the group. She will succeed Mrs. Charles Jackson.

Chosen to serve with her were Mrs. Jackson, first vice-president; Alfred Artuso, second vice-president; Mmes. Richard DeMott, third vice-president; Robert Waegner, recording secretary; Glenn Hardcastle, treasurer; Hector Herrera, auditor, and Charles Cionka, historian.

The election followed approval of changes in the by-laws that create the third vice-presidency and eliminates the post of financial secretary.

George Powell, assistant director of civilian defense for the City of Torrance, led a panel discussion on civil defense in the schools.

Demonstrations of classroom work were given by students of Mrs. Marilyn Hickson and Mrs. Isabelle Taylor. Mothersingers gave the invocation and the flag salute was led by members of Girl Scout Troop 892. Fifth grade room mothers were hostesses.

Stork Story

Irene Kazue is the first daughter, second child for Mr. and Mrs. Minor Sueda of 1352 W. 216 St. The young lady put in an appearance on Jan. 28, at 8:31 a.m., at Torrance Memorial Hospital where she balanced the scales at 6 lb. 13 ozs. Her two year old brother is Roy Sueda. Torrance grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Sueda and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kawada.

Dr. and Mrs. William C. Weaver of 4433 Green Meadows Ave., welcomed their fourth son on Jan. 29, at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 8 lb. 9 oz. newcomer was clocked in at 5:30 a.m., and will later answer to the name of John Christopher. At home he is being greeted by three brothers and one sister.

Second son for Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Cornett of 2914 Gibson Place, is Mark Alan who put in an appearance on Jan. 29 at 5 a.m., at Torrance Memorial Hospital. The 8 lb. 1 oz. newcomer is brother to Michael Anthony, age 1, and grandson to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cornett of Downey and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gentle of Redondo Beach.

Representing the feminine version in the small fry department at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gilbert of 2201 Warfield Ave., Redondo, is 6 lb. 1 oz. Kathleen Ann who arrived Jan. 30 at 2 p.m., at Torrance Memorial Hospital. At home she is being greeted by three brothers, Larry 5, Ronnie 4 and Kenny 2. Torrance great grandmother is Mrs. Jenie Faulkner and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gilbert of Torrance, and Mrs. Bessie Myrick also of Torrance.

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