

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Elementary

Activities of the Torrance Elementary PTA for the coming year have been altered by the decision of the Torrance Unified School District to use classrooms at the Elementary School for high school students scheduled to attend South High when the school is completed later this year. All students at the Elementary School will attend half day sessions. PTA activities are being tentatively planned so as to coordinate with new school hours.

The association will not have the use of the school auditorium as long as high school students are using part of the school. The first association meeting will be held in Room 1 of the Torrance Elementary School on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Room 1 is the large kindergarten room on the south end of the building and has an outside entrance. The program will center around a "buzz session" period in which parents will have an opportunity to have their questions concerning the school situation answered by the school district personnel.

The Torrance Elementary PTA Membership Committee met at the school on July 15 to make plans for the membership drive which will begin Oct. 7. Those present were: Mrs. E. Friberg, chairman; Mrs. D. Boone Kirks, faculty advisor; Mrs. R. F. Thompson, president; Mrs. Lynn Sandell, treasurer; Mrs. C. Powell, room representative; and Dick Thompson, art chairman. Results of the drive will be posted everyday on an 8 by 12 foot poster hung in the school hallway. An island theme will be used with monkeys climbing up palm trees for coconuts. Each class will have a monkey. If a class reaches a 200 per cent goal their monkey will have climbed all the way up the tree and gotten himself a coconut. The committee chose the theme so that all ages of children and their parents would be interested.

The island theme will be presented to the teachers and executive board members at a calypso luncheon on Sept. 10.

On July 22 the program planning committee met at the school with D. Boone Kirks. Those discussing plans for the 1957-58 year were: Mrs. E. G. Ludwig, chairman; Mrs. J. D. Dutton; Mrs. R. Rogers; and Mrs. R. F. Thompson.

RESORT VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. William King and children Patricia, Michael and Craig, 25930 Matfield have returned from a week's vacation at Crestline.

Evelyn Carr

Evelyn Carr Elementary School eighth grade graduation, Thursday, June 13, was held in the school cafeteria. Dr. A. Karr from El Camino was the guest speaker. His topic was "What You Can Learn, After You Know Everything." Seventy students received their diplomas presented by Mrs. Evelyn Carr and Richard Welte, principal.

Girls wore summer cottons and had white carnation corsages with pastel ribbons. These were gifts from the Evelyn Carr PTA. Boys wore dark slacks, white shirts and ties. There were two large white baskets on stage of mixed flowers, also farewell banners to "grads" on the wall to complete the afternoon ceremony. Following the ceremony was a tea sponsored by the seventh grade. Mrs. G. Eggum and Mrs. W. Synclair were hostesses. Mrs. Gene Brown was chairman.

The following seventh grade students were also hostesses: Kathy Golpence, Eilene Andrews, Janice Warden, Carol Caruthers, Pan Hass and Janet Sandra.

A party was held for the eighth grade graduates at the YWCA sponsored by eighth grade parents and board members of Evelyn Carr PTA. Mrs. Gene Brown was chairman. The room was decorated with colored streamers—a large plastic bag in the center of room held many colored balloons which were released later in the evening. On the refreshment table the centerpiece was a ship with little owls dressed as graduates.

Decorating committee were: Mmes. M. Simmons, R. McDonald, R. Frost. Food committee, Mmes. Knoblock, Sovereign, Breen. Chaperones for the evening were R. Welte, principal; Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and many more cooperative parents.

A membership meeting to make plans for the coming year was held at the home of Mrs. Merle Love, chairman for the Evelyn Carr PTA. The theme for the coming year is "Blast Away, Join Carr PTA." Posters will show guided missiles depicting the "Blast Away."

Chairmen are Mmes. M. Love, R. Hubert, J. Vance, A. Karr, R. Fletcher. In charge of the posters are Mrs. Hayns and Mrs. Karr.

Also present at the meeting were Mrs. R. Stamm PTA president and R. Welte, principal. A social hour followed.

Riviera

Board members and committees of the Riviera PTA have been meeting during the month of July in preparation for a progressive 1957-58 year.

On July 9, Mrs. Rod Freeman, budget and finance chairman, held a meeting at her home, 333 Via Pasqual. Attending were Donald Duncan, principal, Mrs. Gene Voorhees, PTA president; Mrs. Leo Levanas, third vice president; Richard Dodge, treasurer; and Mrs. Gae Tanza, publicity chairman.

The program for the coming year was discussed at a meeting held July 11 in the teachers room at the school. Mrs. James Ogborn, first vice president and program chairman, was in charge. Attending were Mrs. Francis Tymstra, magazine chairman; Mrs. John Mackenzie, hospitality, Mrs. Richard O'Hare, health; Mrs. A. H. Noeth, citizenship, Donald Duncan, Gae Tanza and Mrs. Voorhees.

The invitation of Mrs. Mac MacKenzie, the hospitality committee, started its plans on July 18 at 5425 Via Del Valle. At this meeting were Mmes. Voorhees, Jay Madden, corresponding secretary; Mervin Bandoli, coffee; Mel Helfinger, record book, Markle Sparks, second vice president; Thomas Shelton, and Howard Terry.

A teachers' buffet luncheon is planned for Monday, Sept. 9, at the home of Mrs. Helfinger, 520 Via La Selva.

Mrs. Robert Atha will be hostess to the board of directors' general meeting Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. at her home, 5407 Via Del Valle.

HOWARD WOOD

Membership and program committee of the Howard Wood PTA met recently to outline plans for the 1957-58 year. Mrs. Harold Walsh, is chairman of the membership committee which decided on the slogan "All the Way With PTA." The drive will be referred to as an "Enrollment Drive" and will begin on Oct. 7 through 11. The unit will endeavor to increase the membership 10 per cent over the previous year.

Assisting Mrs. Walsh were Mmes. C. W. Strahm, Ivan Eckersley, Edwin Smith, P. M. Crossman and Mr. R. D. Evans.

The theme for the year will be "The Strength of PTA—Vision, Courage and Action." The program committee headed by Mrs. Edwin Smith discussed a need for participation of the membership at association meetings.

In accord with this idea a "Get Acquainted Night" with square dancing is planned, and an explanation of the reporting system prior to group conferences. The annual Christmas program will feature the students, and the January meeting will be a panel on the special services available to the students of the district.

The annual pot luck will be held in February at which time past presidents will be honored guests; the Student Council Open House and an emphasis on "Safety at the Beach" are various programs to be coordinated for the year's association meetings.

Crenshaw

Program planning committee of Crenshaw Elementary PTA met at the home of Mrs. Marvin Richards, June 10.

Mrs. Richards, program chairman, was in charge of the meeting. The theme of PTA for the school year 1957-58 will be, "The Strength of PTA—Vision, Action, Courage."

An interesting program is planned for each month of the school year, pertaining to this theme, and it is hoped by the committee, that all the parents of every student at Crenshaw Elementary School will plan to attend every meeting.

The first PTA meeting of the new school year, is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, 1957 at Crenshaw School cafeteria.

259th Place

Playground director for the 259th Place School in Lomita, Mrs. Frank W. Tenny, invites all the school children in that area to come and take part in their summer activities.

A few of the projects the boys and girls have already completed are the construction of splinter hot rods and wind racers which were raced on the playground after completion. Contestants were divided by grades and local winners were able to compete in Dominguez for the finals. Winner from 289th Place School in the fourth grade division, Pedro DeValle, came home the proud owner of a model thunderbird, the first prize. Birthday hats made from paper plates and colorful shell earrings are also recent craft projects just completed. Monday through Friday at 1 p.m. These and other crafts are constructed under the direction of Mrs. Tenny and her assistant, play leader, Miss Phyllis McGowan.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 2 a movie is shown, and on Fridays the children take part in table tournaments, ribbon prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Friday, July 19, 259th Place School was host to the Lomita, Harbor City and Hawaiian Ave. Elementary Schools for the round robin soft ball tourney.

Twenty-five lucky children from 259th Place School will attend Clear Creek Camp from Aug. 19th to Aug. 23rd. The PTA is sponsoring two of the children and contributions made it possible to send one more.

Remember that all school children, and parents too, are welcome to come and enjoy the summer programs at 259th Place School.

Carl Steele

"Education In 'The Changing World'" is the theme adopted by the program committee of the Carl Steele PTA. According to Mrs. Leo F. Fisher, chairman, the committee has formulated a very diverse and interesting series for the coming year. The program will include parent, teacher, and student participation; guest speakers; and a musical evening.

The committee carefully screened all material which will be presented and feel they have made selections which will stimulate the interest of all members.

Mrs. Donald J. Coleman recently called a meeting of her committee to formulate plans for the Hi-Jinks. The affair which is sponsored by the Carl Steele PTA will be held Saturday, Oct. 26. A costume parade will inaugurate the Hi-Jinks. There will be lots of booths and ample refreshments available. While most of the plans are still in a tentative state,

223rd Street

Mrs. Francis Anania, president of the 223rd Street School PTA, held a meeting for her executive board at her home. The main business was the ratification of the committee chairmen for the coming term.

The chairmen are as follows: Mmes. Michael Dimura, Charles Hamilton, Virgil Johnson, Fred Harvey, Barick, Orrin Deuschle, Donald Guild, Ralph Wareing, E. J. O'Mera, James Gonderman, Carl Epperheimer, Wayne Smith, Jack Cameron, Willis Albaugh, H. Carroll, G. LaMontagne, Ellis Blankenship, L. W. Baker, O. Barnard, Carl Laursen, Wayne Vinson, Gene LeRoy, Harry Hill, David Goolsby, Louis Funk, Edward Kollmeyer, Robert Casey, C. N. Cako, Clem Fagosa. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Anania served a luncheon to her new executive board.

On July 24, a meeting and a potluck luncheon was held at Torrance Park for the executive board and committee chairmen. Principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Danky, who is taking a leave of absence, was honored.

Speech Students Present Program to Close Session

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Shidler as "Jean," Laurie Gailey as "Terry," Gayle Gailey recited "The Highwayman."

Margaret Shidler as "Rosaland" read a scene from Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Stephen Stackhouse then presented a humorous reading.

Under the professional name of Norah W. Boyd, the producer is a bronze and silver medallist of the Royal Academy of Music and Dramatic Art in London.

After the program, Mrs. John Shidler complimented the producer and presented her with a handpainted picture done by Mrs. Gailey. Refreshments were served in the garden.

Camp Fire Girls Stage Dress Party

A "Come as You Will Be" party was staged by the Okic-yapi Winuke Camp Fire Girls, July 18, at the home of Mrs. Norval Scrivens, 3905 W. 185th St. The girls were dressed as what they hope to be. Many vocations were represented among them, secretaries, veterinarians, actresses, housewives, models, librarians and one lawyer.

In charge of staging and planning the party were Angelina Manjarrez, Sandra Scrivens and Sally Marcus. This was a requirement for the girls' Trail Seeker Rank.

These girls also made cookies which they served with coffee, popcorn, and punch. The party also fulfilled a part of the Camp Fire Birthday project, the theme of which is "Together We Grow."

Guests at the party were the mothers of the girls, Mrs. Norval Scrivens and Sandra, Mrs. Robert Marcus and Sally, Mrs. Carl Thompson and Vickie, Mrs. Ken Yokoyama and Anne, Mrs. Harold Taylor and Peggy, Mrs. Dean White and Janet, Mrs. Leonard Lightner and Leslie, Mrs. Delmer Kern and Linda, Mrs. Hardy Glenn and Gwen, Mrs. John Manjarrez and Angelina and Jennifer Cable.

Those from Omicron Pi attending with their mothers were Mmes. Ernest Frank, Florence Crawford, Terry Frank, John Timko and Mary Rogers. Others were Mmes. Dean Woodward, Joe Wolfe, Jack Hadley, Don Heaney and Ed Litaker.

Playgrounds Slate Annual Circus Day Here Aug. 4

Torrance Recreation Department will present its annual circus Aug. 4 at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Ave., 2 p.m.

The circus is directly concerned with the summer vacation program currently in progress at the parks and playgrounds. Children participating in these areas make up the acts, stunts, and acrobatics. They also help in the planning and formation of the booth or concession for which each area is responsible. Following are the booths and concessions and the area responsible: Riviera and Newton, cold drinks; Walteria Park, muscle meter; El Retiro, nail driving; McMaster, car parking; Perry and Carr, basketball and football throw; Walteria School and Hillside, dart throwing; Crenshaw and Casimir, ring toss; Howard Wood and Meadow Park, hot dogs; Greenwood and Madrona, bean bags; Sea-Aire, balloons; Anza and Sepulveda, sponge throw; Arlington and Steele, squirt guns and candles. In addition there will be such

What Does Early Bird Get? Up Early, Marines Report

Early to bed and early to rise makes a man?

Four Torrance Marine Reservists currently are undergoing an abrupt change in their working habits while on two weeks of active duty training with the Marine Air Reserve Fighter Squadron 241 at Mojave.

During the period which ends Saturday, most of the

men are working from 4 a.m. to noon, because of the extremely high temperatures in the area. The mercury often hovers about the 100-degree mark even through the night.

Local Marines

The local men are Maj. Henry Fink Jr., 3916 Newton St., a jet pilot; M/Sgt. Jack W. Beery, 2012 Kathy Way, and T/Sgt. Conrad J. Heppel, 22311 Ladeene Ave., both engineering specialists; and James D. Roberts, 21206 S. Vermont Ave., a basic trainee.

More than 300 Marine Air Reservists, who normally train at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, Long Beach, are taking part in the annual training exercises.

Train With Jets

The units training at Mojave are equipped with 48 sweeping Cougar jet fighter planes and are aiming at setting a new Reserve flight record for the period.

Upon completion of the training period, the individuals will receive a thorough physical examination and will be released from active duty status, according to Lt. Col. Donald L. Clark, squadron commander. They then will resume training at the Los Alamitos installation one weekend monthly.

MEXICO VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf and son, Robert, left Wednesday by plane for Mexico City. They will join Major and Mrs. Marshall Austin and family for a vacation south of the border. Mrs. Austin is a sister of Mrs. Wolf. They are former Torrance residents.

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