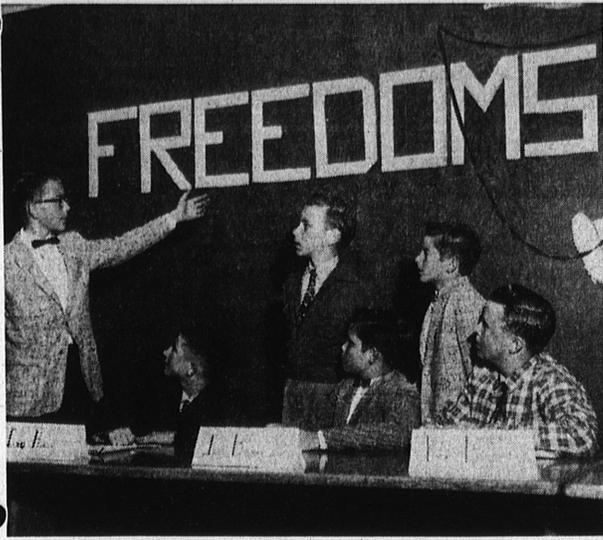


LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES



FREEDOMS WE ENJOY . . . Members of the Seaside PTA heard a discussion of the Bill of Rights last Tuesday night, presented by members of an eighth grade class. Taking part in the panel discussion were (front) Greg Hardy, Jim Berry and Karl Garlid. Back: Dan Bruiger, Douglas Foerster and Jim Wells. The teacher is Stella Olson.

Montgomery

Mother's Club of the Parent-Faculty Organization of the Bishop Montgomery High School held their first meeting, in an aura of pride and enthusiasm for the beautiful new school located on Torrance Blvd.

The Rev. Michael J. McNulty, principal, opened the meeting, introducing president of the Parent-Faculty Organization, Mr. James Ebbon, and Mrs. Ebbon of Redondo Beach; and Mrs. Richard Stoeger, secretary-treasurer of Redondo Beach. Father McNulty spoke briefly on the goals of the Parent-Faculty groups. He told of the extensive program under way, preparing for athletic facilities and plans for a fine, well stocked library at the school.

The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Joseph Moore, chairman of Manhattan Beach. Mrs. Moore introduced the five officers who will serve during the ensuing year: Mrs. Harry Payne, first vice chairman of Lomita; Mrs. Edmund C. St. Amond, second vice chairman of Torrance; Mrs. Wayne Burns, recording secretary of Torrance; Mrs. Ernest Kordozy, corresponding secretary of Lawndale, and Mrs. Ellis Cook, treasurer of Torrance.

Positions on committees were filled by volunteers from the group in attendance. These committees will assist the officers in education, library, membership, ways and means, health, social and publicity.

At the close of the evening's business, refreshments were served by the officers of the group. The table was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Margaret Carroll of Gardena, with flowers in the autumn colors.

Sepulveda

"The system of grading used in Torrance schools today helps create a closeness between child and parents," Mrs. Gertrude Burbage, curriculum counselor for the Torrance Board of Education, told the Sepulveda PTA last week.

Parent-teacher conferences, which feature the grading system, grew out of parents' aversion to "sugar coated" report cards, said Mrs. Burbage. The new system made it possible for the speaker declared, for parents to cooperate more fully with teachers for the children's benefit.

Mrs. Burbage traced the growth of the Torrance unified school district. She characterized the creation of junior high schools, which were discontinued here as "poor copies of high school" and as "freak" results of a housing shortage.

The present self-contained classroom is the best tool for providing proper guidance to school children, she stated.

Her talk was followed by entertainment provided by the Indian Dancers from the Wyandot Boy Scouts of the South Bay district, who made a colorful appearance in self-made costumes.

Halldale

"The Legend of the Bells" under the direction of Ruth Adams, music teacher will be presented to the parents of Halldale Ave. students at the PTA meeting on Dec. 10, in the school auditorium. There will be two performances, the first to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Three choral groups will perform: a "Cherub Choir" of 75 voices drawn from the kindergarten, first grade, second and third grades; the Halldale School Chorus of 50 voices and the Harbor Area Mothersingers. Two dance numbers, "Waltz of the Bells" performed by Jack Cowger's fourth grade students and "Jingle Bells" performed by Helen Morton's fourth graders. Margaret Jensen will present her fourth grade class in choral verse.

Lillian Morris is in charge of costumes and is being assisted by Mrs. B. M. Kellam. Room mothers busily making patterns and decorations for the program include: Mmes. Ansel, Fimmel, Martinez, Patchett, Walter, Patrick, Renfro, Carmody, Mawakowski, French, Cardenas, Sandy, Ormerod, Sais, and Greminger.

Santa Claus will be visiting the children of Halldale Ave. school at their annual Christmas party to be held in the school auditorium on Dec. 13.

After their visit with "Santa" the children will return to their rooms where their room mothers will serve cookies, punch, and ice cream.

Mrs. B. M. Kellam, room mother representative, announces that 86 mothers of Halldale students are busily at work preparing Christmas cookies and favors to make this a happy occasion for the children.

Walteria

A full month of activity has filled the November calendar for the Walteria PTA beginning Nov. 1 with a PTA carnival. John Cravinton served as chairman of the event and was assisted by Glen Hardcastle.

The board meeting for the PTA was held at the home of Mrs. L. D. Mahin with 20 members in attendance. The membership drive held in October was reported by membership chairman Mrs. C. W. Johnson. The drive was a great success with over 100 per cent membership being reached. Rooms receiving the prizes for the high percentage were those of Mr. McDaniels and Mrs. Cortney.

Two projects are slated for the near future. The first was a grease drive to be held on Dec. 3 with housewives urged to save waste fat in tins—preferably coffee cans. The second project is a rag drive which is slated for Jan. 23, 1958.

General meeting held on Nov. 12 saw a good attendance as parents came to hear guest speaker, Mrs. Virginia Vogel of San Pedro. Mrs. Vogel's topic was "Narcotics and Youth."

The business of the meeting was report on the carnival and membership drive, and financial aid voted to support the Youth Band trip to the east.

Host for the evening were the seventh grade parents of Mr. Jenkins' room. His room was also the winner of the room prize for best attendance.

Evelyn Carr

Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA board meeting was held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the home of Mrs. Edward Roberts. Meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Roland Stamm. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Perry Baker. Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Ralph Gastelum read the correspondence.

Don Credell, vice principal, discussed the program for the next association meeting. The main speaker for the evening will be Dr. E. V. Pullias, noted educator and child psychologist. Mrs. Wendell Towell gave a report on the Christmas party for the board. At Mrs. Robert Heyns' suggestion, it was agreed that the luncheon would be held at the Hacienda Hotel on Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Norman Wilson moved that the executive board meetings be held on the third Wednesday of the month. The board accepted this motion. Mrs. Stamm gave a report on the carnival held in October. Mrs. Eugene Brown announced that smallpox vaccinations would be given at the school. Mrs. Wendell Towell announced that an ant farm would be purchased to be used as the attendance prize at the association meetings.

Mrs. Walter Fresse reported on the association's Christmas program to be given on Dec. 17. The board will furnish cookies for this meeting. Mrs. Robert Dennis announced that there will be a canned goods drive during the week of Dec. 10 for the Christmas baskets.

Richard W. White, principal, gave a report on the parent education program. Mrs. Stamm talked on the high school graduation party. It was also announced that the Torrance Youth Band has been given an invitation to attend the National Band Concert in Chicago. Mrs. Stamm reported on the flags needed for the school cafeteria.

Carl Steele

Mrs. Leon Kagan, welfare chairman of the Carl Steele PTA, met with her committee at her home recently. The group discussed the distribution of baskets for Thanksgiving and the "white gift" Christmas program.

The Thanksgiving baskets, composed of food donations by students, will be packed by Mrs. L. Kagan, Mrs. A. Hawkins, Mrs. R. Walker and Mrs. H. Thompson. Distribution of the baskets will be made by School Principal R. K. Petrat and Nurse Catherine Fitzgerald.

This year, rather than exchanging gifts within the classes, pupils will be asked to bring a gift wrapped in white to be placed under the Christmas tree in the cafeteria. The gifts will then be taken to the Exceptional Child Foundation in San Pedro.

Members of the welfare committee are: Mmes. Kagan, Golden, Lane, Hawkins, and Thompson.

The executive board will meet in the school cafeteria Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Reports from Ways and Means Chairman Mrs. Robert Golden and Welfare Chairman Mrs. Leon Kagan will be given.

FERN-GREENWOOD

An outstanding marionette show to be held at the Fern Cafeteria, Wednesday, Dec. 18, was announced by Mrs. Art Campbell, at the executive board meeting of the Fern-Greenwood PTA held last week at the home of Mrs. D. D. Woodward, 2849 Sonoma. There will be two showings, one at 6 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m., which will accommodate the youngest as well as the older members of the whole family.

In further business, Mrs. J. R. Patrick was named chairman of the honorary life membership committee. Other members are Joe Brandon, Mrs. J. J. Buffalo, Mrs. J. S. Gable, and Mrs. R. L. Bundy.

The next association meeting will be held Dec. 12 at 7:30, the topic to be "Faith of Our Fathers." A group of children will present a Christmas playlet, and a Christmas chorus of three primary grades and the Mothersingers will present the musical portion of the program.

Flavian

"Unity-Child, School-You?" was the topic of the November PTA meeting held in the Flavian School cafeteria last week.

Guests were welcomed with pumpkin pie and coffee served by a committee of first grade mothers. An air of informality continued as parents, seated at tables "family style" with their child's teacher, watched the program.

William Clary, principal, reported the progress of a crosswalk at Entradero and Hallison Sts. and George Glaze, fifth and sixth grade teacher, introduced three of his students, Robert Hassig, Eugene Von Flotow, and the leader of the group, Harry Dunlap, who did a pantomime of the record "Yosemite Sam."

Mrs. Z. W. Giza, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Woodward Hebert, first grade teacher, and Mrs. L. B. Shaver, TEAC chairman, who enacted a short skit on how to have a parent-teacher conference.

This serious demonstration was followed by a humorous version of how NOT to have a parent-teacher conference. George Glaze, fifth and sixth grade teacher, and Mrs. C. R. Petersen, Founders' Day chairman, enacted this skit.

During the short business meeting, presided over by Mrs. J. K. Edwins, Mr. G. H. Wade, treasurer, gave his report; Mrs. John Black, ways and means chairman, told of success of the Harvest o' Fun presented on Halloween night. Mrs. C. E. Black, budget and finance chairman, announced the starting of the Saturday "comedy movies" for children in this area. She also reported on the planned progressive get-acquainted card party to be held on Dec. 7 and requested that those who wish to participate contact either her or Mrs. Hugh Chadwick or Mrs. Z. W. Giza for reservations.

The Mothersingers closed the meeting by singing "Bless This House" under the direction of Mrs. Z. W. Giza and accompanied on the piano by Mrs. W. W. Baylor.

G-W Council

Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA held its monthly meeting recently in the auditorium of Catskill Ave. School, with Mrs. C. N. Peterson, presiding.

The long awaited panel, consisting of Mrs. Georgianna Hardy, member of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, Mrs. L. B. Martin, Tenth District President, and Guy Holliday, Principal Representative, was the highlight of the day.

Mrs. Martin was the first speaker. She spoke on the non interference policies of the PTA. We as parents, cooperate with the schools, we do not operate them, was her opening remark. She went on to tell that the money owed on the Health Center Building in Los Angeles was \$400,000 through working hard together we now owe \$108,000.

The next speaker was Mrs. Hardy, who spoke on the functions of Los Angeles school district.

Mr. Holliday started his talk

by telling the assembly that him PTA means child welfare not only by material things but also by social and mental help. Mrs. Harry Bally, first vice president, thanked the panel and held a question and answer period, after which she closed the program by saying that there is always an open door in all three of these departments all you have to do is walk in.

Special guests of the council were introduced. Mrs. William Shier, Harbor Regional Director, Mr. Kessler, principal of the new 153rd Street School, Mr. Lyons, principal of the new Purche Ave. School and parents from that area. Mrs. Harry Vot, ways and means chairman for Tenth District.

Units represented were: Amestoy, Carson Street, Catskill Ave., Chapman Ave., Del Amo, Denker Ave., Dolores, Dominguez, Fries Ave., Gardena Elementary, Gulf Ave., Hawaiian Ave., Purche Ave., 106th Street, 156 Street, 153rd Street, 155 Street, Towne Ave., 252 Place, and Wilmington Park.

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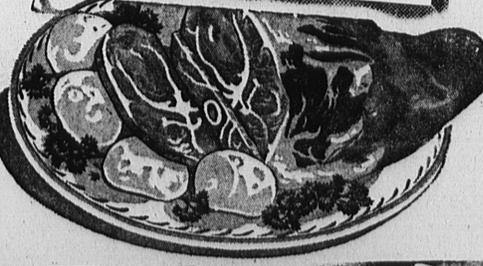
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