

PTA

The
Torrance Council Way

By Mrs. Lee Polick

COUNCIL
Mrs. Otto E. Willett was elected chairman of the Honorary Life Membership Committee at the December board meeting. Elected to serve with Mrs. Willett are Mrs. James Anagnost, Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, Mrs. Jack Prince and Mrs. John Hubacek.

LINCOLN
"Why the Chimes Rang," a Christmas play will be presented by the seventh and eighth grade students at the Christmas PTA meeting at the Lincoln School Cafeteria, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. J. Shelley will direct the play. The cast includes Karen Avery, Kathy McLaughlin, Richard Orr, Bruce Cole, Ronald Gerisch, and Donna Allis.

Miss Rose Mary Ulland will give a chalk talk on the Christmas story. Christmas music will be sung by the Kindergarten children.

Bub Thomas will present his painting of Abraham Lincoln to school principal, Walter Buetgenbach in behalf of the Lions Club of North Torrance.

FERN-GREEDWOOD
The December association meeting of the Fern-Greewood PTA will be held on December 19 at the Madrona school cafeteria.

With the theme of "Have Holidays — Will Enjoy," Mrs. Bert Lynn, program chairman promises an evening well worth taking time out from your busy Christmas schedule. Mrs. Margaret Richhart, second-third grade teacher and Mr. Herman Boodman, seventh grade teacher, have combined the talents of their classes for a play entitled "Miracles of Derrick Texas." Add to this the Fern-Greewood Mothersingers and the singing of Christmas carols by all, should put the group in a real Christmas mood.

Don't forget—Madrona Cafeteria; singing starts at 7:15 p.m.

MEADOW PARK
A Round Table discussion on Teaching Methods was the feature of the November meeting of the Meadow Park PTA held in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Leon Maxey, president, presided during the meeting at which time the association voted to sponsor a new Cub Scout Pack for the Victor Tract area, YMCA groups, to hold a First Aid course in the near future and to correspond with an elementary school in Konya, Turkey.

Following the business meeting, parents and teachers met in small groups to discuss the methods of teaching reading, writing, arithmetic, social studies and science. On display were various audio-visual aids used in teaching.

White

Stephen M. White PTA executive board met Nov. 9, with Albert Cartwright, principal, explaining the achievement evaluation results from last spring's test.

Mrs. Fred Bassett, parent education chairman, informed the board that parent education classes will be held every Wednesday evening commencing Jan. 6 thru Feb. 10 to be held at Stephen M. White Jr. High school with the cooperation of Banning Adult Education Dept. The theme will be "Understanding Your Teenager." These classes will carry out the thought of last spring's "Teenage Code Book" and follow through with the same informal question and answer period with speakers.

The executive board voted to present a Christmas tree to the school to be placed in the library. \$15 was sent to Gateway Council for the exceptional children's Christmas welfare fund. \$10 was sent to the 10th District for the art scholarship fund.

Mrs. Joseph Behar was ratified as juvenile protection chairman. Other members present were the president Mrs. Glen Mullin; vice-principal, Clara Virona; and Mmes. William Roller, Jack Spence, E. R. Alves, Fred Trujillo, Alfred Arkan, F. E. Snider, Oscar Smith, Jack Kenyon, W. L. Harvey, F. E. Dye, Frank Bowling, Lawrence Love, Richard McMahon, Lloyd Rowe, Herman Eisenbeiss, Charles Linn, E. N. Reese, Henry Runge.

PARKWAY
Parkway PTA held its first spaghetti dinner at the last unit meeting in the school cafeteria. A music and fun program followed. Highlight of the program was a demonstration entitled "Chemistry, the Spectacular Science."

Another "first" for Parkway last month was a Welcome Tea and Coffee for new Parkway parents. Guests were served by board members at the home of Mrs. Pete Salmon. Among the many native Californians who attended were parents from New Zealand, Africa, England and Mexico City.

Walter Nollac, Torrance City Engineer, was guest speaker at a recent board meeting. According to Nollac, there is a possibility that a traffic light at Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd. will be installed within a year. Parkway is 10th on the priority list and if funds are available the light will be installed as scheduled.

PTA Council Has Annual Yule Party

The Palms Restaurant was the location of the Torrance Council PTA Board's annual Christmas luncheon held Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Seated at the head tables were Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, first vice president, PTA Council; Mrs. Kenneth McVey, parliamentarian, PTA Council; Samuel Waldrip, Asst. Supt., Torrance Schools; Mrs. Margaret Denmark, curriculum consultant, Torrance Schools; Mrs. Mark Wright, Torrance School Board. Unable to attend were Dr. J.H. Hull, Supt. Torrance Schools; Dr. Louis Kaplan, Asst. Supt., Torrance Schools and W. A. Garrabrant, president, Board of Education.

Other guests were W. J. Hanson, Torrance Library Commission. School principals were guests of their respective unit president.

The Tartar Choir of Torrance High School presented several musical selections. Mr. Hanson spoke briefly on the library problems facing the city of Torrance. Soon a decision must be reached as to whether Torrance will form its own library district or join the Los Angeles County Library District. Some of the advantages and disadvantages of these two alternatives were brought to the attention of the board members and guests.

Those serving on the luncheon committee were: Mmes. Robert Hagenbaugh, chairman, J. Begando, Thomas Greene, O. L. Winn, Jr., Francis Stutler, Marvin Richards and Evar Jansson.

Sepulveda

Exciting times are in store for Sepulveda's parents and pupils during the month of December.

Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. the movie, "So Dear To My Heart" will be shown in the school cafeteria.

The Dec. 17 PTA meeting will feature the fourth and fifth grade chorus singing Christmas carols. The Mothersingers will also present Yuletide selections. There will be a play, "Santa's Secret," and Santa Claus himself is scheduled.

Fleming

Music classes of Fleming Junior High School, under the direction of Wayne Sherman, presented the program at the PTA meeting in the school auditorium Nov. 24.

Charles Dahl, faculty member, presented the Leadership Class and explained its function in the school.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. James Alexander, chairman, Mrs. Joe Stafford, Mrs. Louis Stango, and Mrs. Palmer Orseth was elected. Alternates elected were Mrs. William Kepley and Mrs. Ted Hachiya. This committee will report at the next meeting, Feb. 23, at which time officers will be elected.

PTA members were invited to join the Women's Choral Group which meets every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Stephen White Junior High School, 22102 S. Figueroa, Torrance.

Mrs. Ruth Ware, girls vice principal, announced to the executive board at their recent meeting in the school auditorium that malts are being served at Fleming for the first time. Milk is available during the first fifteen minutes of the lunch period. Mrs. Ware stated that one hot dish and dessert is being served daily.

259th Place

Open House at 259th Place School is the order of business before the next PTA meeting in the school auditorium on Dec. 8. Between 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on that date, parents and friends may come to school and visit the rooms of their children. In the room there will be samples of the children's work for them to see. Since there will be work shown for all children, the parent may make a comparison of his child's work against others in the class. There will also be other displays and exhibits for the parents to view.

After the Open House at 8 p.m., there will be a Christmas program. William Kepley Jr. of Harbor College will talk on the "Bill of Rights," and the Mother Singers will present holiday music.

Bonita

The regular meeting of the Bonita Street PTA was called to order by Mrs. Lyle Davis, president, at 2 p.m. on November 17th in the school auditorium.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States was led by Mrs. Harold Thomas, citizenship chairman.

Lamp of Knowledge trophies were presented, one each to Lawrence James, for the upper grades and Miss Eleanor Larkin, for the lower grades, for the largest attendance of

parents present at the meeting.

Mrs. Grayce Peterson, school nurse, introduced the new school doctor, Dr. Richard E. Stellar, who answered questions asked by members present.

Miss Harriett Payne, music teacher, presented Mrs. Marcella Johnson's fifth grade class, who sang two numbers.

Mrs. Ralph Giebe presented Mrs. Doris Conway, fifth grade teacher, who gave an inspiring message on the Thanksgiving theme.

Mrs. Miriam Teaff, principal, announced that Bonita Street School had been selected to participate in the study of new report cards, which are to be used for Kindergarten, first and second grades, at which

time the new cards were shown and explained by Mrs. Teaff.

Mrs. Edward Trambly, community chest chairman, reported that her volunteers had reached 200% of their goal.

The movie "Accident On



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