

PTA The Torrance Council Way

By Mrs. Lee Polick

Dr. Arthur L. Bietz will present four lectures on "Psychology for Every Day Living" to be held in the Torrance High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings. The topic for Feb. 3 was "How to Understand Yourself." Feb. 10 will be "Are You Psychologically Healthy?"; Feb. 17, "The Art of Problem Solving;" and Feb. 24, "How to be Your Own Psychologist."

These lectures are being presented by the Adult Education Department and the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers. There is no charge. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Torrance High

"Friends the Same Around the World" is the theme of the regular Torrance High School Assn. meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria on Tuesday, Feb. 9. There will be slides and movies shown of Austria and Switzerland which were taken by our exchange students. Also a few of Dr. Ahee's slides of Europe.

One of the units members will be presented with an Honorary Life Membership as the organization observes Founders Day. Past presidents will also be honored.

The Executive Board held its regular meeting Thursday, Jan. 28, at the high school.

The Mayflower Ballroom in Inglewood has been chosen as the site of this year's Torrance High School All-Night Graduation Party.

Dr. Ahee talked about Career Day which will be Feb. 11 at the school.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 3.

Magruder

The Magruder PTA held its monthly meeting Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. "The Magic of Knowledge" was the theme for the evening.

The cafeteria supervisor gave a report on how economical it was to eat a hot lunch in the cafeteria compared to bringing a "sack" lunch.

Mrs. Clifford Murrow gave a short talk on the March of Dimes, after which a film was presented.

The fifth grade class gave a court scene actually held in their class.

A magic show will be held Feb. 26 at 7:30 and again at 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The next monthly meeting will be held Feb. 10. At this time an Honorary Life Membership will be presented and Founders Day will be observed.

Anza

The first Anza PTA meeting of 1960 will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

"Looking Back Through the Door of the Past" will be the topic for the evening. The Honorary Life Committee will present some deserving person with an Honorary Life Membership.

Wood

Howard Wood's Parent Teacher Founders Day "Silver Tea" will be held in the school cafeteria Feb. 11 from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Past presidents and Honorary Life recipients will be among the guests.



PAID TRIBUTE . . . Mrs. Otto Willett presents the honorary life memberships awarded by the Torrance PTA Council to from left, Mr. and Mrs. William Poser and Miss Marilyn Jensen. The life membership are given as recognition of outstanding work with youth in the community.



GOES BACK TO SCHOOL . . . Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson became so interested in education during her term as Perry PTA president that she went back to school to become a teacher. This week, she became a regular fourth and fifth grade teacher at Arlington Elementary School, after completing her work as a student teacher here. In the picture, Mrs. Jackson inspects some butterflies with Steven Carlson and Ronnie Sommers.

Mrs. Jackson Goes Back To School To Become a Teacher

What she learned as a parent made her want to go back to school to become a teacher, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, who started as a teacher at Arlington Elementary School this week.

Mrs. Jackson renewed her interest in teaching during her term as president of the Perry Elementary PTA in 1955-56. Since her children were all in school, Mrs. Jackson enrolled in Long Beach State College to get her teaching credential. Her only previous teaching experience was

for a luncheon at Helms Bakery on Feb. 25. This project is to replenish the child welfare fund, which was diminished during the holidays.

Fleming

Plans for a cookie sale were formulated at the Fleming Junior High PTA executive board meeting held in the school library on Jan. 22.

Mrs. Leland Van Buren, president, announced that the cookie drive will be held the last two weeks in March. Proceeds will be divided between Fleming Student Body and the PTA.

In the future the Los Angeles Board of Education will assume the expense of towel service for physical education, Pat Turner, principal, announced.

Mrs. Floyd Cook, international relations chairman, extended an invitation to board members and the public to attend the International Luncheon on Feb. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Homer Toberman Settlement House, 131 N. Grand, San Pedro.

The board voted to send \$5 to the PTA Health Center in memoriam of Mrs. Cash Crawford, wife of social studies instructor.

Executive board members will again meet on Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m. The next PTA meeting will be held in Bungalow 54 on Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

At The Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hargrave, 1205 Greenwood Ave. and their five sons, William, Lawrence, Jerry, Morton, and Tony spent last weekend at Lake Cachuma.

Torrance PTA Council Gives Honors; Elects New Officers

Honorary Life presentations and election of officers highlighted the annual Founders Day meeting of the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers held Wednesday, Feb. 3 at the Torrance Womens Club.

Mrs. V. B. Terry was elected president to serve the 1960-61 term. Elected with her were Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, first vice president; Mrs. R. R. Barick, second vice

president; Mrs. F. A. Geisel, third vice president; Mrs. W.H. Bayliff, fourth vice president; Mrs. Jack A. Prince, recording secretary; Mrs. Lee Polick, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Anagnost, financial secretary; Mrs. Edwin Frieberg, treasurer; Mrs. Wendell Morgan, auditor, and Mrs. O. L. Winn, Jr., historian.

William Poser, Mrs. William Poser and Miss Marilyn Jensen were the honored recipients of Honorary Life Memberships. The monies sent in the names of these recipients is placed in a California State Parent Teacher education fund to be loaned to students studying in the field of education and allied fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Poser were selected for this honor for their many activities in Parent Teacher work, youth activities and community affairs.

Mrs. Poser is at present serving as president of Torrance Council PTA. She has served on the council previously as corresponding secretary, second and fourth vice presidents. She served one and a half years as president of Meadow Park PTA and first vice president and parliamentarian of Calle Mayor PTA.

She spent six years working for Girl Scouts as Brownie Leader. She has been actively working for Community Chest and March of Dimes for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Poser sponsor the Jr. High Youth Group at the Torrance Christian Church. William Poser has also served as Deacon and Vice President of the Young Adult Group of this church.

Poser was recently elected to the Board of Managers of the Torrance YMCA, currently serving as Chief of the "Indian Guides," responsible for approximately 70 tribes of boys in the six to nine year age bracket.

He has served as Committee Chairman and Institutional Representative for the Cub Scouts and umpire for the Little League.

He served the Parent Teacher Association as Citizenship and Legislation chairman for two years and Budget and Finance chairman for one year. Miss Jensen was selected for this honor for her work in the

field of recreation and community activities. She is currently assistant director of recreation for the city of Torrance. She initiated the high school training program for the Recreation Department and taught its classes for two years. She organized the mountain camp and started the Day Camp program in the city parks.

Miss Jensen is serving as chairman of the Harbor Dis-

trict of Campfire Girls and president of the international organization, Altrusa, a mental health project.

Brownie Troop 25 led the group in the flag salute and the Fern-Greenwood mothersingers brought the inspiration in song.

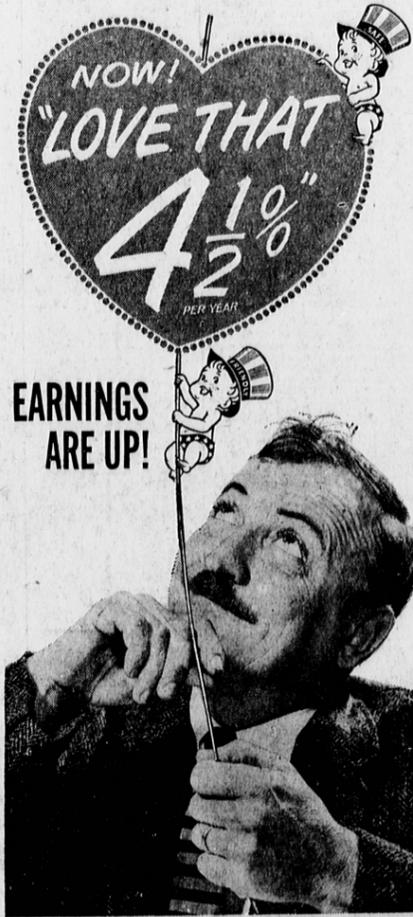
A reminiscent reminder of Torrance Council's accomplishments during the past eleven years was read by Mrs. O. L. Winn, Program chairman.

How Torrance works for the better mental health of the

community and its youth was brought out by youth leaders introduced by Mrs. Ralph Wood, Mental Health chairman. Speakers included William Poser, YMCA; Mrs. Robert Cato, YWCA; Mrs. Paul Crossman, Girl Scouts; Miss Marilyn Jensen, Recreation department.

Dick Ross of the Boy Scouts of America was unable to attend.

Former Council presidents in attendance were Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. Francis Stoelke and Mrs. Kenneth McVey.



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Narbonne

"Teen-age-Parent Relationships," a panel discussion of interest to both was the highlight of the program at the recent meeting of Narbonne PTA. "Should a student buy and support his own car?" "What time to be home from a date?" were among the questions discussed by Sharon McNally, Myrna Hartman, Jenine Parsons, Ron Roger, and Eddie Perales from the "Senior Problems" class; Mmes. Albert O. Boderman and Raymond Stalmack, Mr. John M. Gibbs and Col. Dudley. Mrs. Jane Coombs from the Narbonne faculty served as moderator.

Three vocal numbers were sung by an A-12 girls chorus, accompanied by Kathy Schweitzer.

Mrs. David P. Goolsby, president, conducted the meeting. The program was arranged and presented by Mrs. Stephen Lovas.

Elected to the nominating committee were Mmes. Ed Holway, chairman, Joseph B. Butler, Albert O. Boderman, Stephen Lovas and Evelyn G. Price. Nominees for office, 1960-61 will be presented in February and voted in in March.

The executive board voted to give an honorary life membership at the Founders day meeting in February. Mmes. Howard Hedges, Stephen Lovas, George D. Weeks, Evelyn G. Price will serve on a committee with Mrs. Raymond Stalmack, honorary life membership chairman, to select the recipient.

Pony League Dance Feb. 27

West Torrance Pony League will hold a "get-acquainted" dance on Feb. 27 at the Eagles Hall, Garnett and Catalina, in Redondo Beach. Dancing to the music of Wayne De Mart and his band will begin at 9 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

For further information call Mrs. Richard Martin, the league's auxiliary president.

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186th Street

At the January meeting of 186th St. School PTA, presided over by Mrs. Merrill Lindley, president, classroom visitations were held. Members were divided in to three groups, led by Miss Ruth Engdahl, principal of 186th St. School; Mrs. Kirk Van Sooy, vice-principal of 186th St. School, and Mr. William Watson, newly appointed principal of the new Van Deene School.

Mmes. Frank Garst, Bill Thrower, Joseph Hoss and Walter Stewart were elected to the nominating committee with Mrs. Bill Hoffman and Mrs. Marvin Grove elected as alternates. Mrs. Ward Grantham was elected as alternates. Mrs. Ward Grantham was elected alternate to the Council nominating committee.

Ways and Means chairman, Mrs. Bill Hoffman, announced that a spaghetti dinner has been planned for Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria and a paper, rag and coat hanger drive is scheduled on Friday, Feb. 19.

It was voted by the Association to give two Honorary Life Memberships at the Founders Day meeting in February. March 10 is the tentative date set for a faculty tea to be given by the room mothers.

Halldale

Board members entertained the Halldale PTA with a pantomime on their chairmanships at a meeting Jan. 12.

Mrs. Francis Anania, president of the Lomita-San Pedro council, invited Halldale to participate in a children's matinee program.

Mrs. B. N. Kellam, ways and means chairman announced that tickets would go on sale



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