



THEIR ESSAYS WIN . . . In eloquent phrasing on what Americanism means to them, these three students took the top places in the Americanism essay contest sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's club. They are from left, Suzanne Burr, second place; Geoff Zochler, third place; and Patricia Mead, first place. Patricia is receiving her award pin from Mrs. W. E. Starr, contest chairman.

Americanism Essay Winners Announced

The first, second and third place winners of the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Torrance Junior Woman's Club, Marina District, C.F.W.C., were introduced by Mrs. W. E. Starr, Americanism chairman, at the recent business meeting. Miss Patricia Mead, an eighth-grade student of Flavian Elementary School read her winning essay entitled "The Greatness of America." Second place was captured by Miss Suzanne Burr of Riviera Elementary School with her essay entitled "The American Creed." Geoff Zochler, also of Riviera Elementary School, won third place with his essay "Americanism." The winners were accompanied by their parents and teachers.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. N. F. Jamieson, Torrance Librarian, R. K. Petrat and Fred W. Benson. The winning essay will be sent on for judging on the District level on Feb. 27.

Another topic of great interest to taxpayers and parents was the talk given by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Schools. Dr. Hull outlined a few of the problems the Torrance school system is encountering regarding finances. "Ours is a community of children — we have more children here than is common to most areas. In Torrance, one out of every four persons is of school age. Due to the large influx of new homes, we are adding more children every year. Approximately 900 students will graduate from high school this year but 2850 will be entering, thus creating a tremendous problem. Each year, more classrooms and more teachers are needed. The funds to pay for these increases must come mainly from local sources," stated the speaker.

Bridge Party

Mrs. Don Wolf entertained her club last Monday at her home, 21804 Halldale Ave. After a luncheon, bridge was played. High score was held by Mrs. D. P. DeGalley, second by Mrs. Elizabeth Davies and third by Mrs. H. J. Osborne. Mrs. Wolf's other guests were Mrs. Hazel Ward, Viola Shaw, J. L. Harmon, and Fern Quinlan. Mrs. Davies will be the club's next hostess.

Local Girl Is Sorority Pledge

Mary Margaret Blount, a sophomore at the University of Redlands, was presented during the current spring semester as a pledge of Alpha Sigma Phi society sorority. Miss Blount is the daughter of Councilman and Mrs. Willys Blount, 1444 El Prado. She is a graduate of Torrance High school.

At Reciprocity

Mrs. Roy Apsey, president of the Torrance Woman's club, attended Federation and Reciprocity Day at the Venice Woman's club on Friday and at the Hawthorne Woman's club on Tuesday.

Regional Conference On March 4

Mrs. Eloise Shields, president of the Gamma Eta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society is busily engaged with plans for the Annual Regional Conference. Conference director of Region 10, which includes twelve Southland chapters, is Mrs. Golda H. Sullivan of Beta Beta Chapter.

Mrs. J. Maria Pierce, past California State President and past International President of the society, will be the speaker. Mrs. Pierce will emphasize the conference theme "Understanding Unfamiliar Cultures" in her address. Her topic will be "Woman's Unfamiliar Role." Special music for the occasion will feature Wathwa Sims, soloist. Her accompanist will be Neary Lehigh.

The breakfast meeting will take place at the Cockatoo Inn, 4334 West Imperial Blvd., Inglewood on Saturday, March 4, at 8:30 a.m.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society is an honorary society for outstanding women educators. Among many other activities, the society provides scholarships on both national and international levels.

Council to Meet March 2

Long Beach Council 17, Daughters of America, will meet at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave. on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. for a short meeting. At 8:15 a card party open to the public will be held.

On March 16, the council will have as its guest, State Councilor of California, Bessie Jacobson and other dignitaries of state council. Mary Chiara will be in charge.

ed by El Camino in providing its students with both academic and trade courses to cover the wide range of their abilities and talents. Graduates of El Camino who major in trades are able to secure excellent positions, and those taking academic courses make fine records when they transfer to four-year colleges, he declared.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the annual PTA Honorary Life Membership award to Mrs. A. L. Fischer by Mrs. Henry Graef, Honorary Life Membership chairman. Mrs. Fischer has been outstanding in numerous organizations dedicated to youth. She has held many offices in PTA at both the elementary and high school levels, has been active in Scouting, and has donated countless hours of her time to the Orthopaedic Hospital in the sewing and mending department for the past 12 years.

Past presidents of South High PTA, Mrs. David Sokoloff and Mrs. R. C. Williams, were honored at this meeting and were presented corsages for their past services. The meeting was opened with three inspirational selections by the Spartan Choir of 80 voices under the direction of Mr. Glenn Hawley.

Club Has Lunch, Views Slides

591 Social club of Lomita OES had its monthly get-together on Feb. 9. A Valentine luncheon was prepared and served by Laura Jones, chairman, and her committee.

After the business meeting conducted by Cora Garcelon, president, a film of Bertha Miller's latest European tour was enjoyed.

The next meeting will be a pot luck luncheon at noon on March 9.

PTA The Torrance Council Way

By Mrs. Kenneth Edwins

Carl Steele

Carl Steele PTA honored the founders of PTA, past presidents and outstanding members of the community at their meeting recently. A skit by Mrs. R. D. Worsham, Founders Day chairman, brought the ghosts of Alice Birney and Phoebe Hearst to the stage. The ghosts were played by Mrs. Ray Knox and Mrs. R. H. Lawson. Past presidents honored included Mmes. Crockett, Erving, Hawkins, Green, Huback, and Lambert. Mrs. Pat McClure, Honorary Life Membership chairman, presented Mrs. Ivan Jurco an Honorary Life Membership award for her many years of community service. Election of officers will be held at the March 9 meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

33rd District

Program chairman of the 21 council in 33rd District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, are invited to attend the district executive board meeting to be held February 27, 9:30 a.m. at the Starr King Presbyterian Church in Long Beach. Mrs. Frank Atzinger, district program services chairman, will present them with the program awards for their units who have met the requirements.

Towers

Towers PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A skit, enacted by members will be given in honor of Founders Day. Refreshments will be served by the 2nd grade mothers.

Howard Wood

The Howard Wood cafeteria was the scene recently of the annual Potluck dinner sponsored by the Howard PTA. In charge of arrangements was Mrs. Otis Crawford. Honored guests were Dr. and Mrs. Howard Wood, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Terry, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Mullaney. Assisting Mrs. Crawford were Mesdames Bernard Assere, Paul Braswell, Hiro Muranaka and C. W. Strahm.

Flavian

"The Things Courage Can Do" was the theme of the Founders Day meeting held by the Flavian PTA recently. A skit, entitled "Gossip with a Goal" was presented and two Honorary Life Memberships were given to Mrs. Jack Young, unit president, and Mrs. Pearl Hebert, faculty members of Towers elementary school. Featured chairmen of the evening were Mrs. Richard Bailey, Founders Day, and Mrs. C. C. Chowning, Honorary Life. Also included in the program were the combined Towers-Flavian mothersingers and the Flavian Girls' Ensemble.

Magruder

Highlight of the recent Founders Day meeting of Magruder PTA was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership pin to Mr. Patrick McManus by David Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith. Mr. McManus has taught school in the Torrance area since 1954. Over 50 former 8th grade students surprised him by attending the meeting and present-

ing him with an autographed book containing all their signatures. Mrs. Elmer Ecker, of Torrance Council, was featured chairman of the evening. Symbols of bright colored ribbons and gifts the PTA way, was part of the Founders Day celebration.

Jefferson

"A Mock PTA Meeting," a skit written by Dale Fraser and directed by Mrs. Stanley Seefried, Founders Day chairman, was presented to members of the Jefferson PTA at their recent meeting. Fathers participating were: Gus Cochrane, Lloyd Clark, Stanley Seefried, Ralph Holt, William Taylor, George Ormond, Dick Wolverton and John Marin. Birthday cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Stephen Sampson was served following the meeting.

South High

Higher Education was the subject chosen by Dr. Stuart Marsee, president of El Camino College, in an address to parents and students given on Feb. 8 at the South High School PTA meeting in the school cafeteria. He explained the comparative costs of attending private and state schools and stressed the fact that high school graduates in California are especially fortunate in having so many junior colleges available to them. Dr. Marsee emphasized the dual role play-

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FOR SERVICE RENDERED . . . Torrance PTA Council awarded two Honorary Life memberships at their Founders Day meeting at the Torrance Woman's club. Receiving the awards are Rev. H. M. Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church and Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of education. Making the presentation is Mrs. C. A. Peterson, left, Honorary Life chairman for the council.

PTA Council Chooses Officers, Makes Awards

Honorary Life presentations and election of officers highlighted the annual Founders Day meeting of the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers held Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Torrance Woman's Club.

Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh was elected president to serve the 1961-1962 term. Elected with her were Mrs. James Orr, first vice president; Mrs. C. R. Peterson, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Crossman, third vice president; Mrs. Paul Snyder, fourth vice president; Mrs. William LaMore, fifth vice president; Mrs. Leo Bereda, sixth vice president; Mrs. C. W. Strahm, seventh vice president; Mrs. H. H. Spaulding, eighth vice president; Mrs. William Cassida, recording secretary; Mrs. Lee Polick, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jack Prince, financial secretary; Mrs. William McDade, treasurer; Mrs. James Anagnost, auditor; and Mrs. Edward Murawski, historian.

Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of Education, Torrance Unified School District and the Rev. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church, Torrance, 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. These gentlemen were selected for this honor for their many activities in Parent Teacher work, youth activities and community affairs.

D. Duncan, curriculum consultant for Torrance School District, led the group in the flag salute, and Mrs. J. H. Blue, inspirational chairman, presented the South High Choral Group, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Horne, who sang the inspirational. Their numbers included "Green Cathedral," "Wonderful Guy," "He's Coming Back," and "Autumn Leaves."

Mrs. Jay Madden, program chairman, presented Mrs. John Walti, chairman Torrance Chapter American Field Serv-

ice, who introduced three foreign exchange students who are presently attending high school in Torrance. They were Pierrette Faure, from France; Gabriele Moretti, from Italy; and Brenda Memoli from Uruguay. Each of the students spoke briefly about their homelands and experiences since coming to the United States. Founders Day was observed with a group of readings entitled "Symbols of Bright Colored Ribbons. It was under the direction of Mrs. Elmer Ecker, Founders Day chairman.

Special guests included Mrs. Edward Kemp, president 33rd District, California Congress Parents and Teachers, and Torrance Council past presidents, Mrs. E. E. Bowen, Mrs. A. B. Cowie, Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. Kenneth McVey, and Mrs. William Poser.

Greenwood

"The First PTA on the Moon" was the skit presented at the Fern-Greenwood PTA meeting celebrating Founders Day.

In the cast were Mmes. E. Conry, H. S. Rogers, H. F. Hunter, Robert Ulrich, William Tolson, Jr. and M. Kraigel. Others were Mmes. W. W. Nation, Bert Lynn, E. O. Erickson, F. C. Barnett, D. D. Watkins and R. L. Swartz.

Mrs. Paul Shinoda, honorary life chairman, presented special pins to Mrs. Virginia Hendrix and Mrs. Velora Murphy, school clerks, for their cooperation.

Mrs. J. D. Stoneberry and Mrs. Bert Lynn were chosen as Honorary Life recipients.

Mothers from rooms three, eleven and twelve served a decorated Founders Day cake and coffee.

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