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**PTA Group Discusses Tax Issue**

Proposals to institute an override tax for schools and to participate in the state loan program have been endorsed by the board of the Walteria School PTA, according to Mrs. Henry Fink, president.

The measure, proposed by the Board of Education of the Torrance unified school district, will be decided at a special election on October 9.

Their importance in providing adequate school facilities here will be explained to the membership at the group's first general meeting of the current school year. Sherman Waldrip, assistant superintendent of schools, will be the chief speaker at the session, slated for 7:30 p.m. on October 4 in the school cafeteria.

Members of the organization feted school teachers and administrators at a "back to school" luncheon conducted at the cafeteria.

Plans are being completed for a membership drive, one of the chief activities at the start of the school year. The campaign will be conducted October 4 through 11.

Mrs. C. F. Russett heads the membership drive committee. Aiding her are Mmes. Henry Fink, Walter Wild, N. N. Hixon, B. H. Omohundro and Principal Alfred Artuso.

**'Working Together' PTA Theme**

A meeting of the membership committee of the 186 St. school PTA was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Nelson. Mrs. Floyd Beech, membership chairman, called her committee together to plan the campaign and get suggestions for a slogan and poster for the drive to be held in September.

The slogan decided upon was "Working Together" which is the theme of the 186 St. school PTA for the coming year. It will be carried out using a bee hive and worker and queen bees. The large bee hive will be placed in the school office so each room can compare its progress with the other rooms. Identical posters will be placed in each room to show the progress of the room day by day. Since a special effort will be made to interest fathers in becoming members, the father bees will wear top hats, and a prize will be given the room with the largest male membership. Other prizes will be awarded including one for the room attaining the highest percentage.

After the meeting, a delicious luncheon was served. Those attending the meeting were Mmes. Herman Eisenbeis, PTA president, F. C. Beech, Frank Nelson, J. T. Evans Jr., Curtis Earles, W. S. Stewart, Billie Lewis, Hugh Allen, James McMillen, and Miss Evelyn Buckley, faculty representative.

The first regular board meeting of the PTA executive board will be held at the home of Miss Ruth Engdahl, school principal. At this time new board members were ratified, the program for the coming year was presented for approval, and plans were made for activities to be held in the coming year.

**Cub Scouts Return From Long Hike**

Cub Scout Pack 732C held its September meeting on September 28, in the midst of exhibits on the theme nature. A recent trip to Santa Anita canyon, including a long hike was this month's outing.

Lee Polick, cubmaster assisted by Awards Chairman Pete White and William Waterman when he gave awards to Cubs: Robert Battaglia, Mike Sullivan, Kenny Holmes, Bill Polick, Daniel Cunningham, Ricky Branch, Richard Bros, Michael Carey, Jerry Hughes, and Billy Engstrom. A one year pin was awarded to Mrs. Ralph Engstrom.

A community sing under Mr. Polick and games rounded out the evening. Happy birthdays were sung to Bill Polick, Ronald Berry, John Phillips, and Donald Coll, and Mike Sullivan.

Den 4 had the opening ceremony with Webelos Den 1 having the closing.

The group meets at the Torrance elementary auditorium, and is sponsored by the Torrance Elementary PTA.

**Pfc. Francis Named Top Competitor**

Army Pfc. Frederick L. Francis, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Francis, 18513 Regina st., Torrance, recently was named the outstanding competitor in the Army's European Communications Zone Base Section track meet in France.

Francis, a physical training non-commissioned officer in the 7806th Army Unit, won the meet's 800, 1500 and 3000-meter races for the Camp Bussac team. He also helped the team win the 1600-meter relay.

For his accomplishments, he received a gold watch and a trophy.

Francis entered the Army in 1952 and arrived overseas in August 1953. He was graduated from Pierce Junior College in 1952 and is a member of Sigma Delta fraternity.

In civilian life, he was a landscape designer in Encino.

**California Bank Tells Of Growth**

California bank has experienced nine months of substantial growth, Frank L. King, president, said today in reviewing the bank's September 30 statement of condition.

Total resources amounted to \$902,366,827, an increase of \$84,042,195 during the preceding nine-month period. Deposite increased \$68,431,656, totaling \$832,608,988, on September 30. Loans amounted to \$384,210,020, compared with \$325,245,821 on January 1 1956.

Capital funds of \$54,945,078, consisted of capital stock \$17,913,875, surplus \$25,586,125, and undivided profits \$11,445,078 reflecting increases in all categories.

**Promoted In Yokohama**

James D. Rathbun, son of Mrs. Rene Dean, 1443 Post ave., Torrance, recently was promoted to specialist third class in Yokohama, where he is a member of the 8056th Army Unit.

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The ways and means planning committee for the Seaside PTA, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. John Keyes, ways and means chairman, to plan the year's money-raising events. One of the main events will be a ham dinner to celebrate the grand opening of the Seaside school cafeteria. This will be held October 13, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The dinner will be held instead of the regular fall carnival. Dinner will be served by board members in the school auditorium and on the patio tables. Tentative plans are for a spring carnival in May.

Those attending the meeting were Lloyd Jones, Seaside principal; John Dunworth, vice-principal; Mrs. Warren Boggs, president; Mrs. A. C. Haley, Mrs. F. W. Burk, student welfare chairman; Mrs. R. H. Mailoux, Mrs. James Rolfe, publicity chairman.

The PTA sponsored "Get Acquainted Breakfast" will be held October 4 at 4846 Mindora drive.

**J. G. Walker Returns from Convention**

Jimmy Gene Walker, 2232 West 231 St., returned home recently, from a trip to North Carolina, and a vacation in Hamilton, Ohio, and Crestline, California.

Walker was one of the three Southern California-Arizona delegates to the National Convention of Methodist Youth held at Brevard college, Brevard, North Carolina, August 18-24. The trio traveled together via Southern Pacific railway.

On the return trip, Walker spent a few days with relatives, the Ferguson's of Hamilton, Ohio. Arriving home Friday he left for Crestline and spent the Labor day week end with friends, Dick Goodspeed and Robert Bucket of San Pedro.

He then spent the remainder of the week with parents, Battalion Chief and Mrs. E. K. Walker, of the Torrance Fire department who have spent the summer at their mountain cabin.

**Officers of Beta Sigma Phi Meet**

The South Bay area council of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met recently with Mrs. B. J. Harrison, president, presiding.

Other officers officiating were Mrs. William Swisher, Torrance Imicron Pi, vice president; Mrs. James McEwen, Lawndale Phi Xi, recording secretary; Dorothy Stearns, Manhattan Beach Pi Phi, corresponding secretary; Blanche Wright, South Bay Lambda Eta, treasurer; Mrs. Ray Jennings, Lawndale Rho Xi, historian; Mrs. Stephen Nicely, Manhattan Beach Pi Phi, parliamentary; and Mrs. Joan Davis, Torrance Theta Nu, press chairman.

Other members attending included the presidents and council representatives of the five chapters.

The group discussed the calendar for the year and ways-and-means projects.

**Crenshaw PTA Ways and Means Committee Meets**

A ways and means committee meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Mansker, to plan methods of meeting the budget for the coming year. The committee expressed the desire that accent should be on friendliness, sociability and good fellowship in all activities.

Projects proposed consist of an ice-cream social, Halloween carnival, skating party and a square dancing party. A paper drive is tentively scheduled for the month of February.

Board members who attend the meeting were Mmes. Russell Carroll, Clarence Richards, W. L. Graham, Clint Chapman, president, and the hostess, L. E. Mansker.

**BROWNIES ENJOY OUTING**

The Brownies Scouts of troop 445 recently met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Helen Kohler and hiked to McMaster park.

On reaching the park the hungry Brownies first enjoyed their pack lunches. Punch was served by their leader, A Senior Scout, Leora Kohler, and Mrs. Evelyn Hakala assisted.

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