

PTA TO HEAR QUARTETTE

Highlighting the Halldale PTA meeting April 11, 7:30 p.m., will be the South Bay Chapter of Barbers' quartet of Redondo Beach. The chorus with 18 members will sing five numbers. Mrs. Amanda Wilhelm, prin-

cipal, announced that it will be house night, also. Girl Scout Troop No. 698 will serve as ushers. Approximately 45 Halldale PTA members were guests of Helms bakery April 1.

Hotel Guests

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Richard, 2252 W. Carson st., recently attended a Dance Conference at Laguna Beach and stayed at the Hotel Laguna located on the ocean front.

Former Woman Senator Now On US Board of Parole

Torrance was honored last week by a very distinguished visitor, but she had little time to visit after spending every day conducting hearings at Terminal Island. She is Mrs. Eva Bowring, former US Senator, and the only woman member of

the US Board of Parole. Since March 16 she has conducted approximately 360 hearings in different institutions throughout Texas, completing her tour at Terminal Island. She returned to her Washington D.C. apartment Sunday, April 7, after staying with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forester, 1416 Fern ave., and 2 of her five grandchildren, Jimmie and Ronnie.

Mrs. Bowring has led a very colorful career and hopes to continue her activity in politics. "Women, according to statistics, live seven years longer than men. They should use these years to better mankind and conditions, not worry and fret over what they will do when they retire." Mrs. Bowring just reached her 65th birthday but believes there is no such thing as real retirement if you "have the strength and energy to do something worthwhile." And she thinks she does.

She was born in Nevada, Mo., and raised in Kansas City. After the death of her first husband, Theodore Forester, she was riding through the sandhills of Nebraska, met a friendly rancher named Bowring when her car broke down, and subsequently married him. It was after her second marriage that she became interested in ranching and today maintains a 7000-acre cattle ranch in Merriman, Neb., with 650 head of hereford cattle. She's looking forward to the Spring though, when the total should increase to about 1000 with all the calves expected.

Cattle Rancher
Although her first love is the cattle ranch, she became interested in politics early in her career through working with various road commissions in Nebraska. When US Senator Dwight Griswold died in 1954 she was appointed to fill his unexpired term. Margaret Chase Smith is the only other woman to hold that distinction.

Mr. Bowring had also



Collects Antiques

Mrs. Eva Bowring, former US Senator, and presently a member of the US Board of Parole, is an avid antique collector. She examines a cup and saucer from the cabinet of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Forester, 1416 Fern, while visiting here last week. —Press Photo.

been active politically most of his life—a career that began when he was 21 as Justice of the Peace in Merriman. For 20 years he was a county commissioner and also served in the state senate and state house of representatives before his death in 1944. He was appointed to fill Griswold's vacancy as state senator and then Mrs. Bowring outlived her husband to succeed Griswold in the US Senate.

Mrs. Bowring, who has never looked for a job, has received appointments from two cabinet members, the President, and several governors. She holds the record for the longest term served by anyone as chairman of the Republican Central committee in Nebraska (8 years); is a past member of the advisory council of the National Institute of Mental Health and the defense department advisory committee on Women in the Services.

She is still active in many cattle and road associations and for 20 years has been president of the Hiway 61 Road assn., of Nebraska. While a US Senator she served on the labor, post office and interstate commerce committees.

Say 'Yes'

She not only recommends that women become interested in politics but says that "Women should say 'yes' to a political opportunity when it

comes along because they are in a different position than men. Men can take their time about making a decision, but a woman can't afford to.

Being a woman politician has never been a handicap for Mrs. Bowring. She has always been respected and felt "most welcome." Good government calls for good citizens and she wants to be classed as one. "We live the job of politics whether we realize it or not. We are constantly confronted with the subject through school, newspapers, communications of all kinds. It grows like a circle in a pool of water; the ripples are continually reaching out and expanding."

Mrs. Bowring also pilots an airplane and it has been through her air travels that she has noticed the tremendous growth in the US cities. However, she says, it will be quite sometime before she'll be forced to subdivide the ranch. She is looking forward to a few weeks this summer at the ranch, after she clears her Washington desk of the work she knows "has piled up" while she has been gone.

Mrs. Lawler Is New PTA President

Mrs. J. J. Lawler has been elected president of the Walteria School PTA to serve during the coming school year. She will succeed Mrs. Henry Fink.

Other 1957-58 officers chosen at a recent membership meeting were Mrs. Loring Bigelow, first vice-president; Principal Donald Mullaney, second vice-president; Mrs. John Monaghan Jr., third vice-president; Mrs. C. S. Russak, secretary; Mrs. Glenn Haricastle, treasurer; Mrs. Hector Herrera, auditor, and Mrs. William Addington, historian.

Principal speaker at the session was Harry Van Bellehem, city recording director. He outlined the city's park needs and what is being done to meet them. He praised the Torrance Board of Education for its cooperation in the play room.

Mrs. Mamie Dowd, Walteria librarian, said the area branch has shown a decrease in patronage. She pointed out that usage of the library must increase if it is to expand.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 1435 led the Flag salute and the PTA Mothersingers gave the inspirational message musically.



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