

Flavian PTA
By Mrs. G. H. Wade

Unity - Child, School - You? was the topic of the November PTA meeting held in the Flavian School cafeteria last Thursday. Guests were welcomed with pumpkin pie and coffee, served by a committee of first grade mothers. An air of informality continued, as parents were seated at tables "Family Style" with their child's teacher.

Brownie troop 2127 led the pledge of allegiance.

William Clary, principal, reported the progress of a cross walk at Entradero and Hallson Sixth Grade teacher, introduced three students, Robert Hassig, Eugene Von Flotow, and the leader of the group Harry Dunlap, who did a pantomime of the word "Yosemite Sam".

Mrs. Z. W. Giza, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Woodward Hebert, First Grade teacher and Mrs. L. B. Shaver, TEAC chairman, who enacted a short skit on how to have a parent teacher conference. This serious demonstration was followed by a humorous version of how not to have a parent teacher conference. George Glaze, Fifth Grade teacher and Mrs. C. R. Petersen, Founders day chairman enacted this skit. During the short business

meeting, presided over by Mrs. J. K. Edwins, president, G. H. Wade, treasurer, gave his report. Mrs. John Black, ways and means chairman, told of success of the "Harvest O Fun" presented on Halloween night.

Mrs. C. E. Black, budget and finance chairman, announced the starting of the Saturday "Comedy Movies", for children in this area. She also reported on the planned progressive get acquainted card party to be held on December 7, and requested that those who wish to participate, contact either her, Mrs. Hugh Chadwick or Mrs. Z. W. Giza. It was explained that the proceeds would be used for the purchase needed music for the newly formed Mother Singers. The Mother Singers closed the meeting by singing "Bless This House", under the direction of Mrs. Z. W. Giza and accompanied on the piano by Mrs. W. W. Baylor.

Walteria PTA
By Mrs. William Mitchell

The Walteria PTA carnival held recently, was under the guidance of chairman, John Creviston. He was assisted by Glenn Hardcastle, co-chairman. The monthly board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. D. Mahlin, with approxi-

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mately 20 members in attendance. The membership drive held in October was also reported on by membership chairman, Mrs. C. W. Johnson. The PTA memberships in the school reached over 100 per cent membership of parents, and 100 per cent membership of teachers. At present there are 687 members in the Walteria PTA.

Mrs. Virginia Vogel of San Pedro, spoke at the general meeting on the subject of narcotics and youth. Mothers of the seventh grade were hostesses for the evening.

Two projects were announced for the future, a grease drive will be held on December 3, with all housewives urged to save all waste grease in metal containers, and the second project was a rag drive to be held in January of 1958.

Newton Schl. PTA
By Mrs. L. L. Bonnette

Parent evaluation and reaction to proposed new state science textbooks was the program presented by Principal

Webster Smith at the Newton PTA meeting on November 21. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Henry A. Graef, president, and Girl Scout Troop 37 presented the flag ceremony.

Mr. Roger Bowling narrated a very interesting film on the Navaho Indians at a Christmas party. It was decided Newton School students would be encouraged to donate gifts to these needy people as a Christmas project.

Carl Steele PTA
By Mrs. Howard L. Thompson

Mrs. Robert Golden, ways and means chairman, recently called committee meeting in her home to discuss future fund raising projects.

The committee considered Saturday movies, dog tags, school T shirts and beanies, class pictures, a spring bazaar and a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with Public School Week and the school's Open House.

Members of the committee are Mmes. R. Golden, A. Hawkins, J. Hubacek, Mrs. L. Fischer, Mrs. D. Coleman, W. Steele, G. Fowler, H. Thompson and school principal, R. K. Petrat.

Welfare Chairman Mrs. Leon Kagan met with the committee to discuss the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets to the "White Gift" Christmas program.

Donations of food have been collected in the class rooms and baskets will be packed. R. K. Petrat, school principal, and Miss Catharine Fitzgerald, school nurse, will distribute the baskets.

Students are being asked this year to bring a "White Gift" rather than exchange presents within the class rooms. These gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree in the cafeteria. The gifts will then be taken to the Harbor area Exceptional Child Foundation in San Pedro. Committee members working on these projects are Mmes. Kagan, Hawkins, Golden, Lane and Thompson.

The executive board will meet December 5 in the school cafeteria. Reports from ways and means, welfare, and program chairman will be given.

Sepulveda PTA
By Katie Herranen

The system of grading used in Torrance schools today helps create a closeness between child and parents, Mrs. Gertrude Burbage, curriculum counselor for the Torrance Board of Education, told the Sepulveda PTA last week.

Parent-teacher conferences, which feature the grading system, grew out of parents' aversion to "sugar coated" report cards, said Mrs. Burbage. The new system made it possible, the speaker declared, for parents to cooperate more fully with teachers for the children's benefit.

Mrs. Burbage traced the growth of the Torrance unified school district. She characterized the creation of junior high schools, which were discontinued here, as "poor copies of

high school" and as "freak" results of a housing shortage. The present self-contained classroom is the best tool for providing proper guidance to school children, she stated. Her talk was followed by entertainment provided by the Indian Dancers from the Wyandot Boy Scouts of South Bay district, who made a colorful appearance in self-made costumes.

259 Pl. School PTA
By Mrs. W. S. Dillon

On December 3, next Tuesday, the 259th Place School PTA will have a "Come and Go" salad buffet at Mrs. Dan Bowling's home, 26200 Governor, Harbor City, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Assorted salads, hot rolls, gingerbread and coffee will be served. Aprons, pot holders, story book dolls, novelties and other Christmas gift suggestions will be displayed and sold. Mmes. R. A. Stalmack and D.

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The Flavian PTA, plans to hold a "Get Acquainted" pro-

gressive card party, on Saturday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., it was announced recently by Mrs. Z. W. Giza, program chairman.

Donations from this social event will be used to purchase needed music for the newly formed Flavian Mother Singers.

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