

### Gateway Council PTA

By Mrs. A. C. Ackerson  
About 40 toys were brought to the January meeting of Gateway Council PTA held at Stephen M. White Jr. High school on the morning of Twelfth Night. These toys were gathered in substitution for the usual trinkets traditionally exchanged at the "Christmas in January" party.

Upon recommendation of a committee headed by Mrs. Peter Costa Jr. and including Mmes. Eric Heinzman, E. N. Reese and

Louis Higginbotham it was agreed that the toys be distributed to the waiting rooms of the Community Chest Service Center and the Bureau of Public Assistance and also the children's ward of the Harbor General hospital.

The program featured demonstrations of Civil Defense radio-logical equipment arranged by James Fox, boys' vice-principal of S. M. White. "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte was sung by the school glee club.

Mrs. L. R. Park, founders day chairman, disclosed plans for the program and luncheon to be held on Monday, February 3, at

Wilmington Jr. High school. Elected to serve on the council nominating committee with the local presidents Mmes. Elden Voorhees of Banning; H. E. Goldsmith, Dana Jr.; Joseph Butler, Fleming Jr.; Frank Cowles, Gardena; John Blackmon, Narbonne; Gery Olson, Peary Jr.; Boris Rothberg, San Pedro; H. E. St. Clair, S. M. White Jr., and E. G. Croom, Wilmington Jr. High were Mmes. Eric Heinzman, Peter Costa Jr., Walter Talley and Harry G. Foot Jr.

This committee met on Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m. in the home of parliamentarian Mrs. Louis Higginbotham, 21236 S. Figueroa st. Mmes. Carl Brooks and George D. Weeks were elected with the Tenth District election committee. Mrs. Fred Bassett will represent the council on the district credential committee at the April election.

Two tours of the Meyler Street school to take place on January 23 and 24 at 10 a.m. have been planned by exceptional child chairman, Mrs. Peter Costa Jr.

Special guests at the meeting were Mmes. Walter Talley, pres-

ident of Lomita-San Pedro Council; William Shier, harbor regional director; Miss Kathleen McGuire girls' vice-principal of Gardena High school and Mr. Albert Cartwright, principal of Stephen M. White Jr. High school.

A potluck luncheon was served in White Hall with board members of the S. M. White Jr. High PTA acting as hostesses.

### Flavian PTA

By Mrs. G. H. Wade

"The citizens of a community are the eyes and ears of its police department"; so stated Lt. Cook, juvenile officer, Torrance police, during a talk on the dangers of narcotics at the January meeting of the Flavian PTA.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. K. Edwins, president. She reported the boards appointment of Mrs. James Russell to the nominating committee of Torrance Council, and the appointment of Mrs. Z. W. Giza as recording secretary, following the recent resignation of Mrs. Arthur Fish.

Mrs. John Black, ways and means chairman announced the next movie would be shown on

## ABOUT the P.T.A.

Saturday, January 25 at 12 noon and is entitled "Alice in Wonderland."

George Russell, faculty member and safety chairman presented plans for a bike safety campaign in early spring to be climaxed with a Bike Rodeo.

G. H. Wade read the treasurer's report, and William Boyd, faculty member and auditor, read the audit report.

Mrs. Charles R. Petersen then asked for March of Dimes volunteers. William Deuel announced the Torrance Coordinating Council's February meeting will be an open one.

William Clary, principal, gave a report on the cost comparison of Torrance school costs to other schools of equal size, as shown in the published annual report from the Torrance Board of Education.

Mr. William Boyd's eighth grade class won the room count plaque for this month. Following the meeting, coffee and donuts were served. Third grade fathers were hosts.

### Lomita-San Pedro Council

By Mrs. Richard Groverman

The January meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council was held at 259th Place school with Mrs. Walter Talley, president in charge.

Mrs. Jack Creager, 259th Place PTA president, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Mrs. William Kepley gave the inspirational message. Miss Frances Dastarac, principal, welcomed those present.

Guests in attendance were Mrs. Billy Fulford, new PTA president of Park Western Place and Mrs. A. C. Ackerson, Gateway Council president.

Mrs. A. C. Ackerson, council citizenship chairman, reported on the Christmas Cheer program.

Mrs. Palmer Orseth, membership chairman, reported on the membership drive and awards were given.

It was voted to present an Honorary Life Membership in February.

Mmes. Howard Fults and Harry Nishimoto were elected to serve on the 10th District credential committee. Mrs. Jean Crews was elected to serve on the 10th District election committee. Upon acceptance of resignation of Mrs. George Valbuena, a new historian, Mrs. Dallas Wallick, was elected. Mrs. Harry Foot, Jr., program chairman, presented the speaker, Miss Evelyn Spalding, general manager of Los Angeles Social Service department. She spoke on the charity drives and how best to check on all such pleas.

The meeting was adjourned and a luncheon served by 259th Pl. PTA members.

Presidents and representatives were present from the following schools: Bandini, Barton Hill, Cabrillo, Crestwood, Fifteenth St., Halldale, Harbor City, Leland St., Lomita, Park Western Place, Point Fermin, Seventh St., 223rd St., 259th Pl. and White Point.

Tenth District magazine chairman, Mrs. Leo Cohen, conducted a magazine workshop recently in the Los Angeles Health center. There was a valuable exchange of ideas and the importance of parents having and reading the California PTA magazine was discussed. This magazine contains many articles of the school, safety of children both at home and in school and is a very instructive and informative guide for all parents.

Guests present were Mmes. Blanche Schiller Hook, editor of the California PTA Magazine, R. V. Hauser, state magazine chairman and Lawrence B. Martin, 10th District president.

Lomita-San Pedro PTA council members in attendance were Mmes. Howard Fults, council magazine chairman, and the following magazine chairmen: Edgar Calderwood, White Point; F. E. Eggleston, 259th Pl.; Robert Casey, 223rd St.; Jean Crews, Crestwood; John Paerels, Barton Hill; Henry Llewellyn, Leland St.

### Harbor City PTA

By Mrs. Robert E. Teague

The Boy Scout Troop 743 opened the January meeting of the Harbor City PTA with the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. James Alexander, president, conducted the business meeting; Mrs. Anthony Graro made the auditor's report; and a nominating committee was chosen for the coming election. Those selected to serve on the committee are Mrs. Dallas Wallick, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Raymond Gruber, and Mrs. James Triffon.

Mrs. Lue McMinn provided the inspirational by singing "Christopher Robin is Saying his Prayer" and "A Prayer Perfect", accompanied by Mrs. Avis Creech, principal.

A question and answer period followed with Mrs. James Triffon, Mrs. Norman Bailey, and Mr. Johnny Balch, parents, providing the questions while Mrs. Avis Creech, principal, Mr. John McClintock, Mrs. Mary Griff, Mrs. Vera Newman, Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, and Mr. Francis Rush, faculty members, explained the answers.

Various questions under the categories of grouping of students, course of study, phonics, reading, grading, extra curricular activities, foreign language, home work, the gifted child, Christmas programs, music, the Kindergarten, Progressive Education, and many general questions were answered.

Mrs. Robert Rohl and Mrs. James Summers, two mothers who have daughters in a newly formed Brownie troop, under the supervision of Mrs. Blanea Pattison, conducted the child care program.

The committees featured during the meeting were Parent Education, chairmen Mrs. J. H. Griffen, Mrs. Don Furu, and Juvenile Protection, chairman Mrs. Harry Baillie.

First grade room mothers served as hostesses for the pre-meeting coffee, tea and cake refreshments.

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### ALEXANDER FLEMING PTA

By MRS. RAYMOND A. STALMACK

The newly organized PTA board for Alexander Fleming Junior High School in Lomita held its first board meeting last Friday in the Little Theater at the school, 25425 Walnut, Lomita.

The main business was the ratification of chairmen under the direction of Mrs. Joseph B. Butler, president; the following people have been asked to help organize and support Fleming junior high's PTA; chairmen at large, Community Chest: Mrs. Paul Northway, Palos Verdes Estates; Hon. Life Membership: Mrs. William N. Kepley, Harbor City; ways and means: Mrs. Harry Rhodes, Rolling Hills; Assistant, Mrs. Jason C. Triffon, Lomita; and Youth Service: Mrs. Louis Funk, Torrance.

Organizational Department; Achievement Evaluation: Mrs. Russell L. Fowler, Harbor City; Founder's Day: Mrs. Norwood Teague, Portuguese Bend; Programs: Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Lomita; and Publications and Emblems: Mrs. Albert Strange, Extension Department; Membership: Mrs. Judson Bowers, Torrance.

Representatives: Mrs. Lawrence Geary, Harbor City; Mrs. James R. Alexander, Lomita; Mrs. Arthur W. Adamson, Palos Verdes Estates; and Mrs. Cecil Pruett, Harbor City; Mrs. Robert L. Flynn, Palos Verdes; Mrs. John N. Conshafter, Lomita.

Public Welfare Department; Citizenship: Mrs. Jack R. Egan, Palos Verdes Estates; International Relations: Mrs. Ted V. Hachiya, Lomita; Juvenile Protection: Mrs. Harry Baillie, Lomita; Legislation: Mrs. Lloyd G. Hite, Palos Verdes; Motion Pictures: Mrs. Robert Alexander, Harbor City; and Safety: Mrs. John McGuire, Harbor City.

Education Department; Music: Mr. Johnson, (school); Radio and Television: Mrs. Kenneth Bridges, Lomita; Special Education: Mrs. Philip Hand, Lomita.

Home Service Department; Arts and Crafts: Mrs. D. G. Cheek, Harbor City; Character Education: Mrs. Jack Davidson, Rolling Hills.

Health Department; Mental Health: Mrs. Joseph Zacher, Lomita; Public Health: Mrs. Robert E. Sease, Palos Verdes

### Meadow Park PTA

By Mrs. W. K. Lott

Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for Torrance schools explained the seven-district cooperative program for the exceptional child, at the January meeting of the Meadow Park PTA held at the school cafeteria.

Dr. Hamilton stated that all educable physically handicapped children in the seven southwest districts are provided with the necessary special classes and equipment to give them the best possible education regardless of their particular handicap. These children include the blind, partially sighted, deaf, hard of hearing, cerebral palsied, orthopedically handicapped and the delicate.

The association will give an honorary life membership this year to a person with outstanding service to youth. The committee that was elected to designate this person consists of Mrs. B. Marshall, chairman; Mrs. R. B. Culligan, Mrs. O. L. Winn, Mrs. D. E. Laven and D. Ellsworth.

The money for this membership is sent to a student loan and scholarship fund which is available to all qualified California students.

The February 19 meeting of the Meadow Park PTA has been changed from 2:30 to the regular 7:30 evening time.

The February meeting, following PTA tradition, will feature a Founders' Day skit and presentation of honorary life memberships. It will be held at the school cafeteria on Thursday evening, February 13.

Estates; Red Cross Cooperation: Mrs. George Clark, Lomita; Student Welfare: Mrs. James Conderman, Torrance;

Hospitality: Chairmen: Mrs. Edward H. Reynolds, Rolling Hills; Assistant: Mrs. Erwin C. Lenkeit, Rolling Hills; Mrs. Frank Funk, San Pedro; Mrs. John Gerosky, Rolling Hills;

Refreshments: Mrs. A. G. Shilling, Torrance; Mrs. D. Cowrey, Torrance; and Mrs. William Sellers, Harbor City.

Registration: Chairman: Mrs. George Nelson, Harbor City; Assistant: Mrs. Joseph A. Forest, Rolling Hills; and Mrs. James D. McCampbell, Rolling Hills.

Sunshine: Mrs. Louis Stango, Harbor City. Parent Education Department: Mrs. Richard L. Groverman, Lomita. Publicity Department: Press: Mrs. Raymond Stalmack, Lomita; Assistant: Mrs. Scott Racek, Portuguese Bend; Newssets: Mrs. John Gibbard, Palos Verdes; Newssette Distribution: Mrs. Earl Brewster, Palos Verdes; Assistant: Mrs. George R. Jungk, Palos Verdes Estates; Mrs. Donald Helquist, Torrance; Mrs. Arthur Sigman, Palos Verdes Estates; and Record Book: Mrs. Ray Groover, Harbor City.

Clippings: Mrs. Leonard Loy, Lomita; Mrs. William K. Giffin, Harbor City; and Mrs. Harry A. Yeakel, Palos Verdes.

Some of the startling aspects of life in Southern California with its casual living, zooming freeways neon-lighted nights as seen through the eyes of a high school student from Greece were presented to members of the Fern-Greenwood PTA Thursday evening by Miss Nadia Basmodjion who is studying at Torrance High school.

In America on an American Field Service International Scholarship, the Greek student amazed the capacity crowd at the January meeting of the PTA with her mastery of the English language, and with her observation of the many strange events which she had experienced since leaving her home last summer.

A comparison of schools, markets, roads, and manners of living highlighted her informal talk.

A look the other way was provided by Mary Sippel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Milton Sippel of the First Christian Church who spent last summer in Europe as an AFSIS student. Miss Sippel related her experiences of living with two families. Both girls were presented by Mrs. George Ackerman, program chairman for the evening.

Elected to serve on a nominating committee for new officers were Mmes. I. R. White, E. E. Conry, B. R. Rose, L. H. Voien, and Barnett.

Brownie Troop 532 led the pledge of allegiance and posted the colors, and Mrs. Michael Medved read an inspirational poem.

The rhythm band of Miss Joan Potter's first grade class performed—and the class won the attendance prize with 89 parents attending the meeting.

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