

ABOUT the P. T. A.

Torrance Council PTA

An outline of the program for teaching students about the effects of narcotics, alcohol, and tobacco was presented to members of the Torrance PTA council at its January meeting by Dr. Max Appleby, curriculum consultant to the school district.

Meeting at the Carr Elementary school cafeteria, the council members heard Dr. Appleby explain that such training actually began in kindergarten with programs emphasizing the need for good health habits.

By the time the student reaches the sixth grade, science courses begin to explain the effect of such stimulants, and special emphasis is given to the dangers of narcotics throughout the rest of the student's pre-college training. Science courses in the high schools give special emphasis to the nature and effect of narcotics, he said.

During the business session presided over by Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, council president, the group voted to ratify the appointment of Mrs. William Dixon as council registrar; and ratified the appointment of Mrs. Mark Wright, Mrs. Grover Van Deventer, and Dr. Howard A. Wood as members at large of the council's scholarship committee.

Named to the council nominating committee were Mrs. Glen Grimsley and Mrs. Leonard Spidale. Mrs. V. B. Terry was selected as the alternate member.

A meeting of the student welfare committee was held on Wednesday, January 22, at the home of Mrs. Bert Mennes, 2705 Loftyview drive. Members of the committee include Mrs. Mennes, the hostess for Wednesday's session, and Mmes. Robert Trimble, V. B. Terry, Amos Chadwick, Jack Erving, Jack Prince, and D. D. Tuggle.

Mrs. Clint Chapman, chairman of the council record book committee, announced that all unit record book chairmen were to meet at Crenshaw Elementary school at 9:30 a.m. next Thursday, January 23, to discuss their projects for the year. A library report given by Mrs. N. Fedoruk revealed that 16 school libraries had been established with books provided by the PTA units, and that 10 of the libraries were staffed by the PTA.

Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA

Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA executive board meeting was held recently at the home of Mrs. Perry Baker. Meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Roland Stamm. Courtesy seat was extended to Mrs. Alex Vaselenko, seventh grade room mother chairman. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Jean Vance gave the treasurer's report. A committee consisting of Mrs. Paul Schade, Mrs. Gerald Cherty, Mrs. Roland Stamm and Mr. Richard Welte was appointed to revise the standing rules of the association. Mrs. Stamm read a letter from the "Happy Squares" square dance club relinquishing sponsorship by the association. Mrs. Carl Johnson gave a report on the TEAC luncheon.

Don Credell, vice-principal, outlined the program for the January association meeting.

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Mrs. Harriet Ebling, homemaker teacher, assisted by Mrs. Marilyn Steel, will present a fashion show, with students modeling. Richard Welte, principal, announced that the parent education meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. All parents of Carr school are urged to attend these meetings.

Thanks were extended to Mrs. Robert Heyns' girl scouts for the work they did in mending books for the Donald Robison Memorial library. Mrs. James Hunter, co-student welfare chairman, announced that four families were provided with Christmas baskets. Mrs. John Maxwell urged that recommendations for honorary life membership awards be turned in as soon as possible. Mrs. Stamm announced that the mid-winter conference of PTA organizations will be held January 20 in Montebello. The board moved that the eighth grade graduation party be held in the school cafeteria.

El Nido PTA

Lucienne Elshart from Belgium now attending North High, Nadia Basmadjian of Greece attending Torrance High School, and Marjorie Towle of North Sweden who spent two months in Sweden provided El Nido PTA members with a memorable program at the January Association Meeting.

Nadia's foster mother, Mrs. M. Henshaw and Mrs. John Melville, American Field Service Chairman accompanied the students to the El Nido school. The short simple duties of a Library Chairman and her assistants were explained in a skit with Frances Hon and Grace Parenteau, 8th grade students, also Kathryn Hempel and Linda Daugherty, 2nd grade students participating.

Mrs. Elmer Ecker was elected delegate for the Torrance Council nominating committee with Mrs. W. A. Wright elected as alternate delegate.

The 1958 nominating committee was elected with Mrs. W. A. Wright named chairman along with Mrs. Elmer Ecker, Mrs. Harley Smith, Mrs. E. Underwood and Mrs. Sarah R. Hooker.

The welfare committee reported that eight Christmas baskets were distributed in the El Nido school district. Mrs. Harley Smith reported that every grade held a Christmas party and a candy cane was given to all students by Santa Claus. Refreshments provided by the parents of the 6th grade students were served by Mrs. William Newton, Mrs. Harley Smith and Mrs. C. H. Brackett. Hot dogs, baked beans, spaghetti, salad, corn chips, potato chips, cupcakes, punch and coffee was served the students, parents, grand parents and teachers that attended the El Nido PTA hot lunch on January 16 at the El Nido school. The hot lunch was a complete success due to the complete cooperation of the following people: Mrs. Harley Smith, Mr. Paul Herring, Mrs. Paul Herring, Mrs. Joseph Bray, Mrs. Robert Mackin, Mrs. S. R. Hooker, Mrs. William Newton, Mrs. Philo Mellor, Mrs. C. H. Brackett, Mr. William Forrest, Mr. Denny, Mrs. W. A. Wright and the mothers of the Kindergarten students who provided the cupcakes.

Edison PTA

January 8 was fathers night at Edison PTA. The fathers, under the direction of Bert Richardson were in charge of entertainment and refreshments. The entertainment actually started during the business meeting when the fathers performed several unannounced skits.

The formal part of the entertainment followed a space theme. Joe Reinhardt, high school chemistry teacher, was introduced as a space tour director. He discussed problems of space travel, gave special instructions to the passengers, then plugged his ears and called for the blast off. The tour included a stop at the planet Muistopia where the rocket was greeted by the Off-Keys, a local quartet, and an encounter with an unidentified space man who interviewed the crew. The devil may care captain, Bert Richardson, Jittery Jet, Robert Prior, the nervous flight engineer, Herb Fisher, the forgetful Navigator and the stewardess, Mrs. Robert Shimmin, and so me comments from a mad Russian, Mario Gamm, who was found floating in space in a parachute harness.

During the business meeting the treasurer report was given by Mrs. William Styles. Mrs. Dean White discussed the Parent Education series program to be held at McMasters Park Wednesday, January 15 at 1 p.m., and Mrs. William Cassida, president, announced that baby sitting would be available at the school for the association meetings. A movie was held at the

school cafeteria last Saturday. Walt Disney's "Dumbo" was shown.

The association also passed a motion to send a letter to the city manager asking for a sidewalk leading to the school across the Edison Company right of way. Also a letter be written to the traffic commission asking for a signal at the crosswalk in front of the school. It is hoped that all persons in the area will support the request to encourage an early solution to the dangerous situation.

Alexander Fleming PTA

Mrs. Joseph B. Butler, president, presided at the first board meeting for the Fleming Junior High school held in the school's Little Theater last Friday. The officers and chairmen of the board were introduced. It was decided to dispense with the January general meeting because of the A9 graduation; members will assist at the party following the graduation. The next board meeting will be Friday, February 21 and the general meeting Tuesday, February 25.

Members were asked to attend the 10th District meeting Monday, February 20, 10 a.m. at Bell high school where the group will be introduced as a new PTA.

Two new chairmen were ratified: Civil Defense, Mrs. Charles F. Lupin, Lomita; and recreation, Mrs. David Williams, Lomita.

The following members were asked to serve on the Standing Committees: Membership, Mmes. Judson Bowers, Dallas Wallick, Leland Van Buren, Merle Gould, Ray Groover, and Ed Holloway. Publicity: Mmes. Raymond Stalmack, Scott Rakek, John Giblario, and Earl Brewster. Program: Mmes. C. L. Wilson, Ruth Ware, Phillip Hand, and Louis Funk. Hospitality: Mmes. Edward H. Reynolds, Erwin C. Lenkelt, Frank Funk and John Gerosky.

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Dallas Wallick, Judson Bowers, Harry Rhodes and James H. Triffon. Parent Education: Mmes. Richard L. Groverman, Kenneth Bridges, Russell L. Fowler, and George Clark. Child Welfare: Mmes. James Gonderman, Robert E. Sease, and John McGuire.

Also named to special committees were: Founders' Day: Mmes. Norwood Teague, C. L. Wilson, and W. N. Kepley. Comic Book Survey: Mmes. Harry Sallie, Richard L. Groverman, Jack R. Egan, and Scott Rakek.

223rd St. PTA

"Safety" was the topic which Dr. Virgil Hansen spoke on at the January meeting of the 223rd Street School PTA. He told about which accidents were most common at each age of the child and how to help prevent tragic accidents.

The 6A students, who are being promoted at the end of this semester, and their parents were honored and Mr. McGonigle, their teacher, introduced the class at the meeting.

A change was announced for the time of the February meeting which will be held February 11. The coffee hour will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and the business meeting from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. At this meeting the past president will be honored and an honorary life membership presented to some deserving person.

Sepulveda PTA

"Survival Is Not Enough" was the title of the March of Dimes film shown before the Sepulveda PTA, January 16. The movie depicted the courageous attempts of post-polio patients in attempting to resume a normal life after having had the crippling disease.

Stressing the importance of contributions to the March of Dimes campaign, the movie brought before the audience, actual cases of handicapped patients finding a place in life again through the help of special wheel chairs, braces, and therapy treatments.

Mrs. James Stalter has been appointed chairman of the March of Dimes campaign which will take place in the near future and mothers who

wish to offer their services for the March are urged to contact her.

Another film, "For Defense of America," was presented before the group by Robert E. Paddock and Captain Pat Mahoney, representatives from the Torrance Nike installations center.

Emphasizing the importance of a Nike installation in defending the cities should an attack occur, the film presented vivid color pictures of the radar and missile operations.

Captain Mahoney announced that the public was invited to inspect the Nike missile firing station on Crenshaw Blvd., February 1, between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

The following officer's nominating committee was selected and voted upon by the group during the business meeting: Mmes. John Regan, James Stalter, Charles Bennen, Emmett Milburn and Mr. John Merin.

Entertainment was provided by musicians from the Melody Music Center.

Sepulveda school's response from a recently completed book drive totaled 150 books contributed from the families as book gifts to help build a nucleus for the school library. Mrs. Robert Johnson, Library Chairman, announced.

Each teacher will be able to select approximately 15 books from the library's total of 200 books, thus forming individual libraries within the classroom. Students will have the advantage of selecting books best suited for their particular age group.

New and used books for the newly formed library will be purchased from a fund of \$100 which has been allotted for this purpose, Mrs. Johnson reported. Books to be donated may be sent at any time during the school year.

Carl Steele PTA

Miss Lucienne Elshout, an exchange student from Brussels, Belgium, and Miss Marjorie Towle a Torrance student who spent the summer in Sweden entertained the Carl Steele PTA association with comments on their activities. The girls displaying charm and poise told of experiences in the United States and Sweden and spoke of the differences between the school system and life in gen-

eral. Mrs. John Melville, chaplain, told of the work of the American Field Service and how selections are made for the exchange student program.

Miss Patricia Moore acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the student participation part of the program. Patricia explained the aims of the social studies program in the school and introduced representatives from the first, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. These students explained how the projects displayed upon the stage were used in their studies. First graders Stewart Diekel, Bobby Epstein, and Vicky Coleman described their clay model of the school. First graders Paul Hayman, Leslie Erving and Alan Morrell told about life on a farm as illustrated by clay models and a mural. Eddie Wilson and Mike Wood also members of a first grade class discussed space astronomy. The California timber industry, a fourth grade project, was explained by Arnold Edner, Donald Gear, and Larry Aust. Fifth graders Lynn Koster, Bruce Winther, Dickie King, and Marsha Berry told of studies about California's natural resources. Early American Colonial Life was portrayed by murals and a scale model of a typical village. How people lived and how the scale model was made was discussed by Sheldon Edner, Dana Marshall, Sharilyn Rose, Leslie Lane and Alan Worthington. Jerry Roberts, Shirley Lloyd, and Glen Garrod members of the sixth grade reported on the geography of Canada. A base relief map illustrated their talks. Generalities of Europe and a comparison of different governments was presented by seventh graders Ricky McGinty, Karen Cooper, Anita Stewart.

Mmes. D. J. Coleman, R. Golden, W. Freeman, T. Greene, R. Lansing, D. Gray and H. L. Thompson were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Club program which got under way last Thursday was discussed by R. K. Petrat. The Varsity club of 41 male members will assist in the physical education program in the school. The Drama Club with 55 members selected a play for production and will have tryouts next week. The Newspaper Club of 10 members will publish a school paper. The Square Dance club has six couples. Art Club is popular with 55 members and the Hobby Club has 40. The Sci-

ence Club with 15 enthusiasts promises some Sputniks of its own. The popular Teachers' Aid has 40 members and the eighth grade girls have formed a Tiddy Teens Club. The Book Club is just starting and hopes for more members as time goes on. The Knitting Club has both an upper and primary division. The upper has 23 members from grades 4-8 and the primary has 48 members from grades 1-3. At present this is the only club available to primary students.

A Study Hall has been provided for eight students who elected not to join any of the above clubs. An Advisory Committee of one boy and one girl from grades 4-8 hopes to solve some of the school's problems with student body consent. The first matter under consideration is bicycles. The teaching staff has given their complete cooperation and enthusiasm in the development of this program but they need assistance from anyone interested in any of the fields covered. Club day is Thursday afternoon so please plan to come and help where you can.

Agenda for the January 16 association meeting was presented by Mrs. Leo F. Fischer. A

foreign exchange student and a Torrance student who attended school in a foreign country will be guest speakers. Social Studies through the school will present projects of various classes and these will be on display after the meeting.

259th Place PTA

On Tuesday, January 30, the 259th Place School PTA will have a rummage sale at the House of Rummage, 1142 South Pacific ave., San Pedro.

Mrs. R. A. Stalmack and Mrs. D. E. Dunn, co-ways and means chairmen, may be called by anyone having the following items to donate: clothing, pots and pans, dishes, pictures, toys, books, jewelry and furniture, in clean and usable condition.

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