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## Youth Welfare Chief Aim of Parent-Teacher Council



LIFE MEMBER—Mrs. J. D. Haddad embraces Mrs. Carl Therriault after PTA. Therriault was honored with life membership by Newton PTA. She is first-grade teacher at the school.

### Newton PTA Honors Mrs. Carl Therriault

Newton PTA awarded its annual honorary life membership to Mrs. Carl Therriault, first-grade teacher at the school. At native of Montana, Mrs. Therriault has taught in the Torrance School System since its inception in 1947. She has been

### Harbor City PTA Enters 44th Year

Harbor City PTA was organized in March 1917 with 16 charter members. Since then there have been 16 presidents, many serving two terms. Mrs. John Blencowe is president this year. She also has held chairmanships which include child welfare, ways and means, and membership.

Mrs. Blencowe is the mother of three children, aged 10, 12, and 13. She has worked with Brownie and Cub Scout committees and served on the PTA council and the Fleming Junior High School board.

Mrs. Stephen Silkotch, first vice president, presented this year's theme, "Avenues of Understanding," at the September luncheon for board members. Ways and means projects planned for the year by Mrs. William Soudy included paper rag drives, cookie and popcorn sales, "The John Strong Circus," Beantnik breakfast, and a conventional breakfast.

Other activities of the Harbor City PTA were the Room Mother's Tea, Community Chest Drive, Christmas party, four Christmas baskets given to needy families in the area, and the Mother's March for March of Dimes.

At every meeting a plant is given to the PTA member of the month. Room mothers from each grade serve refreshments at one association meeting a year.

Average age of person living in Torrance is 25.5 years, according to the Chamber of Commerce.

### New Units Swell Membership to 17,262 in City

By MRS. LEE POLICK  
Torrance Council Publicity Chairman

To promote the welfare of youth, and clarify relationships between home and the school, educators and the public, are the objects of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers of which the Torrance Council PTA is a part.

Hamilton and Jefferson are among new units formed during the past year swelling current membership to 17,262.

Members provide milk and lunches for children in need of better nutrition. They donate funds to the Torrance Dental Health Association to provide dental care for children unable to secure care at the time of need.

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets are supplied to those in need during the holiday season. Some units such as Yukon went outside the local community and supplied food, clothing, and toys to the Navajo and Apache Indians.

Carr PTA supplied toys to the Marine Toy Drive; Steele provided gifts to the Mormon School in San Pedro. Torrance Elementary provided trees for the TB ward at General Hospital.

During the year Torrance PTAs joined District 33 in supplying birthday cakes for children at Juvenile Hall.

Many members assist school nurses and doctors in physical examinations, dental checks, and immunizations. Madonna held First Aid classes. The Sepulveda unit provided polio clinics.

Many units have bicycle clubs to teach children bicycle skills and safety. Perry PTA is sponsoring a safety poster contest; Edison PTA was instrumental in securing a black top walkway for children's protection. Parkway has worked for many months to secure a traffic signal at Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd.

International relationships were emphasized with several units corresponding with citizens of Kenya, in cooperation with the Torrance city-to-city program.

Seaside PTA sent magazines to Konya College. Torrance associations support the American Field Service and its program of exchange students. Many units including Flavian and Newton feature these students at meetings.

Walteria found its members represented many countries and are using association meeting programs to learn more about the races represented in its community.

North High, South High, and Torrance High sponsored after-graduation parties and hosted the district's College Advancement Night program.

Acting as liaison between parent and school is the responsibility of the PTA. Serving coffee to Kindergarten mothers, as did Fern-Greenwood; and sending a representative to the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meetings and Board of Education meetings is only a small part.

Two units, Anza and Wood, planned their year's program to acquaint parents with different phases of the school program. Calls Mayor presents parent in-

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CASH GIFT—Mrs. L. A. McCoy, ways and means chairman of Torrance High PTA, gives check for \$387.59 to Ray Yanase and Susan

Mathis of Student Council, Mrs. Lee Stamp, PTA treasurer, approves transaction, Money represents half proceeds from football games.

### Narbonne PTA Sponsors Youth Recreation Series

Narbonne PTA, with a membership of 2196, is working for the welfare of young people.

In their year two successful grad-night parties have been held and another is planned for June.

The president, Mrs. David P. Goolsby, and the executive board, in cooperation with the Banning and San Pedro High School PTAs, have asked Los Angeles 10th District to reconsider the ban of PTA sponsorship of these parties.

A survey of recreational facilities for youth in Lomita and Harbor City was done jointly with the Narbonne Area Coordinating Council.

The PTA is aware of safety hazards at the school. Students crossing Western Ave at 242 Pl. are endangered by heavy traffic on Western Ave. Members are working for traffic control at this intersection.

Louis Beraud, Scoutmaster of Troop 115, was given an honorary life membership for his years

### Fleming PTA Lists Annual Activities

Fleming Junior High PTA, began 1959 under direction of Mrs. Joseph Butler.

Mrs. Leland Van Buren was elected president in February and took office in July. She attended the state PTA convention in Los Angeles in May.

Paul Gaebel, boys' vice principal, was given an honorary life membership at the February meeting.

The organization plans an eventful year in 1960-61 with Mrs. Ted Hachiya as president. She and Mrs. C. L. Wilson will attend the PTA convention in San Francisco on May 4 through 6.

Mrs. Hachiya and her new executive board will begin their term July 1. Coming events will include a cookie drive March 21 through 28. Proceeds will benefit student body and PTA.

PTA executive board will serve as hostesses at the open house meeting in April. Plans have been made to assist with a party for the graduating class.



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