



GIFT PRESENTATION—By Girl Scouts of Troop 1374 was made recently to Mrs. Martha Leake. Members of the troop made the shawl as a craft project. (Left to right) are Denese Russell, Jacque Hansford, Rickie Richardson, Mrs. Martha Leake and Kathy Croak.

Brunch Social Set for Friday

Mrs. Francis Davidson will honor the executive board members of the Hillside PTA at her home, 26131 Delos Drive with a brunch social on Friday.

Mrs. Davidson, president of Hillside PTA, said that the guest list includes Mmes. Beryl Gutridge, Fred Field, T. Caspo, Guy Gates, Peter Baker, James Macedo, John Derry, Al Hudson, Ben Mayfield, Herbert McCoy, Ed Thompson, Vince Esposito,

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Half World's Telephones in US, Says Pacific Telephone

Half the world's telephones are in the United States with only .06 percent of the world's population. And nearly half of all telephones added

in 1959 were gained in America. World's telephones now number 133.6 million, double the amount in 1950 on most continents and triple the amount in Asia. In the United States there are 71 million.

These are highlights of the new 1960 issue of "The World's Telephones" just released by American Telephone and Telegraph Company, according to Pacific Telephone Manager Richard Pyle. The report takes nearly a year to compile.

While world's telephones increased 8,800,000, telephone users were also placing millions of more calls daily. Many of these calls were world-wide directed and went by way of undersea telephone cable.

In order to speed these calls to and from North America the American Company developed a system called TASI (Time Assignment Speech Interpolation) which is now in use on two transatlantic telephone cables. The system enables the transmission of many voices over a cable by taking advantage of a person pausing in his conversation or just listening. It is accomplished by switching voices back and forth to idle paths in a millionth of a second and in complete privacy. Ease of communication are maintained, and persons in conversation are quite unaware of the process.

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Local Scouting News

TROOP 315

The Last Court of Honor for Boy Scout Troop 315 and Explorer Post 315X was held at the Torrance Moose Lodge Home. The Staff Patrol conducted the opening ceremony. The new Senior Patrol Leader, Richard Sullivan, was introduced by Scout Master Homer Foster.

The awards portion of the program was opened by presenting advancement ratings. Four boys were admitted as Tenderfoot Scouts, one was advanced to Second Class Scout, and one was advanced to First Class Scout. Two Star Scout awards were given next. In addition many merit badges, patrol leader badges, and year pins were awarded.

Paul Thies, Harbor District camping chairman, presented the Eagle Scout award to explorer Leon Carpenter. He also presented a silver palm leaf to boy scout Danny Richard to add to his eagle badge.

One highlight of the evening was when Ross Britt, junior governor and civic affairs chairman of Torrance Moose Lodge 785, presented a plaque to Troop 315 and Post 315X bearing nameplates for each boy that has earned the Eagle Scout award since the troop was formed in 1950 and additional plates for future Eagle awards. The Eagle Scouts whose names appear on the plaque are: Donald Myers 1952; Bob Chapman 1955; Gary Richard 1957 with bronze, gold and silver palm leaves; Charles Pavlu 1958 with bronze palm leaf; Danny Richard 1959 with bronze; gold and silver palm leaf; Fred Bunch, 1960; and Leon Carpenter, 1960. The plaque will hang in the Moose Lodge Home which is also home of the Troop and Post. Paul Thies commended the Moose Lodge and Scouts on the fine cooperation between the two organizations.

Last item on the evening's agenda was a movie shown by Herman Boodman, explorer advisor of Troop 728, showing their trip to Canada last year. The boys are enthusiastically laying plans for Troop 315 to make a similar trip in the future.

Following the closing ceremony, refreshments were served by the Mothers' Club of Troop 315.

CUB PACK 755-C monthly skating party, Saturday, Jan. 7, at Torrance Roller Drome. There were 47 Cubs and boys and girls, and 13 adults. They held races and played games and 19 prizes were given.

Pack 755-C holds a skating party the first Saturday of every month.

Henry Craab is cub master. Mmes. Murga, Wiley, Sims and McLay are den mothers. Pack 755-C is sponsored by the 223rd St. School PTA.

TROOP 1374 Girl Scout Troop 1374 met at the home of Mrs. Martha Leake at 106 Irma, Redondo Beach, and presented her with a shawl that they knitted as one of their handicraft projects.

Troop members who took part in making the shawl were: Jean Allen, Kathy Brooks, Marporie Brooks, Stephanie Capps, Vicki Drolinger, Jacqueline Enslin, Vicki Giff, Jacque Hansford, Celia Hawley, Betty McClure, Deborah Miller, Christine Pauling, Cristine Pfau, Rickie Richardson, Denese Russell, Gloria Stilwell, Yvonne Thomas, Nancy Weber, Mickey Wilner, Randi Woodard, and Kathy Croak.

The girls entertained Mrs. Leake by singing a number of songs after which she treated them to candy and cookies.

Other guests were the Reverend Kenneth Doctor, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Redondo, Mrs. William Weber, troop leader, Mrs. Robert Enslin, Co-leader, and Mrs. William Croak.

Troop 1374 is sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Redondo Beach of which Mrs. Leake is a member.

PTA News

CARL STEELE PTA

January 12 meeting featured a very interesting and informative panel of five South Bay professional men. Speaking on the subject, "Your Narcotics Problem," were Donald Hitchcock, Torrance lawyer, the Reverend Orville Gardner, pastor of the South Bay Community Church, Richard Guengerich, vice principal of North Torrance High School, Judge Armstrong of Redondo Municipal Court and Officer James Daniel of the juvenile division of the Torrance Police Dept.

A committee of seven members and two alternates was nominated to select candidates for the 1961-62 executive board. Members are Mrs. Paul Hopper, chairman, Mrs. J. M. Maxwell, Cy Levine, Ken Spooner Mrs. E. Wambolt, Mrs. Kenney, and John Kasser. Alternates are Jim Jackson and Mrs. M. H. Marquadt. The suggested slate of candidates will be presented at the February 9 meeting.

The Association also approved a \$200 check to be used to buy new books for the Carl Steele PTA Library. Paper drive is on Jan. 27.

NEWTON PTA board is proud to announce that through the efforts of Mrs. Wayne Bluemel, safety chairman, a crossing guard has been secured for the intersection of Newton and Calle Mayor. At the recent board meeting, Mrs. Bluemel also announced that on January 25, Officer Don Hartel will present the previously postponed program on bicycle and pedestrian safety to a student assembly.

"Sewing-bees" were arranged by Mrs. Carl Johnson, ways and means, in preparation for the Mother-Daughter Fashion Show to be presented Mar. 3 at 8 p.m., admission will be 50c and 75c and refreshments will be served.

The January 19 unit meeting "What is Your Youngest Child Learning?" will feature kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers presenting, with classroom materials, a program explaining what and how these primary grades are being taught. The nominating committee for the Honorary Life Membership Award will also be selected. Refreshments will be served by 5th grade room mothers.

Reminder: It is not too late to join PTA! Call Mrs. Wm. LaMore, FR 5-7269.

The board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Thomas, 4142 Via Lado.

YUKON PTA will hear Jack Kingsley, faculty member of El Camino College, speak on "Higher Education" at the next association meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19 at the school. Kingsley is debating team instructor at the college.

On the business agenda for the group will be the election of a nominating committee. Mothers from rooms six and seven will share hostess honors.

Executive board met at the school Tuesday evening, January 10. Procedures and tentative dates for a magic show and skating party to be held in February were given by Mrs. James Bramlett, third vice president. Mrs. Joseph Fletcher, president, noted many members from Yukon were present at the January T.E.A.C. meeting, and announced the 33rd District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers will hold its mid-winter conference January 30 at Morningside High School, Inglewood Calif.

VAN DEENE PTA pre-planning meeting to start an organized PTA at the new school was held recently in the school auditorium, and was attended by Mrs. Merrill Lindley, president and Mrs.

Iversen first vice president of 186th Street PTA.

Van Deene School was opened last May and students were transferred from 186th Street, Halldale and Carson Street Schools. Approximately 350 students were transferred from 186th Street School to alleviate the overcrowded classrooms.

Mrs. H. W. Pieper, third vice president of Tenth District and Director of Extension conducted the informal meeting. Those attending voted to start a PTA and elected four members to the nominating committee and two alternates.

An organization meeting will be held on February 7, 1961 at 10 a.m. in the school auditorium at which time the members will adopt the by-laws and have election of officers.

Mrs. L. E. Montenegro, Tenth District president will install the newly elected officers at that time.

Madison PTA will hold a Kaffe Klatsch at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. at the home of Mrs. Stanley Toloczko, 4043 W. 174th St.

"Come and bring a neighbor for a good informal neighborhood get-together," urged Mrs. Gloria Schwartz, press chairman. There will be cookies for the children so bring them along. A donation of 30 cents per adult will be asked. It is a chance to become better acquainted with the neighbors.

FLEMING JUNIOR HIGH PTA executive board will meet Friday, January 20 in the Library, at 9:30 a.m. announced President Mrs. Ted Hachiya.

Mrs. Michael Travers, membership chairman, will announce the PTA membership drive for the second semester new parents.

Fleming PTA safety poster was awarded first prize at Gateway Council. Mrs. Richard Mertz, chairman, will discuss safety program.

An old fashioned sewing bee and potluck luncheon was

scheduled for January 18 at the Japanese School, 25316 Frampton St. Harbor City at 9:30 a.m. Material was furnished for blouses, skirts and dresses; the finished pieces will be distributed by 10th District Clothes Closet for children ages 10 to 1b.

A series of parent-education classes began January 18 the first to be held at San Pedro High School. The date will be announced for the second class at Dodson Junior High School. In order to receive credit, at least five Fleming PTA members must participate, said Mrs. Dana B. Morrison, chairman.

SEPULVEDA PTA, in keeping with this month's national focus on Washington, D.C. during the forthcoming presidential inauguration, will spotlight the nation's capitol at its January meeting. "Washington D.C. at Work," behind-the-scenes film just released by Kiplinger, noted national editor, will be shown at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at Sepulveda School.

Following the showing of the film two musical selections will be presented by the Mothersingers under the direction of Mrs. Beth Cox.

During the business meeting to be conducted by Mrs. James Stadler, president, a nominating committee will be held in February.

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