

PTA News

TORRANCE COUNCIL PTA, honorary-life presentations and election of officers highlighted the annual Founders Day meeting of the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers held Wednesday, February 8 at the Torrance Woman's Club.

Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh was lectured president to serve the 1961-1962 term. Elected with her were Mrs. James Orr, first vice president; Mrs. C. R. Peterson, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Crossman, third vice president; Mrs. Paul Snyder, fourth vice president; Mrs. William LaMore, fifth vice president and Mrs. Leo Bereda, sixth vice president.

Mrs. C. W. Strahm, seventh vice president; Mrs. M. H. Spaulding, eighth vice president; Mrs. William Cassida, recording secretary; Mrs. Lee Polick, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jack Prince, financial secretary; Mrs. William McDade, treasurer; Mrs. James Anagnost, auditor; and Mrs. Edward Murawski, historian.

Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent of education, Torrance Unified School District and the Rev. Milton Sipel, pastor of the First Christian Church, Torrance, were the honored recipients of honorary life memberships. The monies sent in the names of these recipients is placed in a California State Parent Teacher education fund to be loaned to students studying

in the field of education and allied fields. These gentlemen were selected for this honor for their many activities in Parent Teacher work, youth activities and community affairs.

D. Duncan, curriculum consultant for Torrance School District led the group in the flag salute, and Mrs. J. H. Blue, inspirational chairman, presented the South High Choral Group, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Horne, who sang the inspirational, "Green Cathedral, Wonderful Guy, He's Coming Back and Autumn Leaves."

Mrs. Jay Madden, program chairman, presented Mrs. John Walti, chairman Torrance chapter of American Field Service, who introduced three foreign exchange students who are presently attending high school in Torrance. They were Pierrette Faure, from France; Gabriele Moretti, from Italy and Brenda Memoli from Uruguay. Each of the students spoke briefly about their homelands and experiences since coming to the United States.

Special guests included Mrs. Edward Kemp, president 33rd District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Torrance Council past president who are Mrs. E. E. Bowen, Mrs. A. B. Cowie, Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. Kenneth McVey and Mrs. William Posner.

—ELSIE EDWIINS

HAMILTON PTA—A fashion show of clothes made by the seventh and eighth grade students of Mrs. Lorene Shoup's Homemaking Class highlighted the Hamilton PTA meeting last Thursday evening. Misses Gaylene Groman and Karen Gibson, students, narrated the display of fashions modeled by the makers.

Founder's Day was observed by a skit, written and directed by Mrs. Charles Griffen. The honorary life membership award was presented to Mrs. Anna Hause, an eighth grade teacher at Hamilton School, for her devotion and years of service to youth. Mrs. Hause has taught school for many years and is recognized by both students and parents as an outstanding teacher.

Cub Scout Pack 957-C, Den VII, Mrs. Ray Durden, den mother, presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. During the brief business meeting, conducted by Mrs. W. H. Bayliff, Mmes. Arthur Hanson, Clifford Brink, A. J. Stilwell, M. R. Stiles and Jack Cleveland were elected to serve on the nominating committee.

Mrs. M. R. Stiles, ways and means chairman, announced that a roller-skating party will be held Monday, March 6, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Torrance Roller Dome.

Mrs. Woehlicke's and Mrs. Hause's rooms won the room count and refreshments were served by the third grade

ARLINGTON PTA gathered Thursday, February 9, to award its annual Honorary Life Membership awards. The recipients chosen, were Mrs. George McKinnon who has been active both with Boy and Girl Scouts for the past twenty years, and has been active in PTA at present she is Civil Defense Chairman.

Orville Moody, has been Head Custodian at Arlington for the past five years, and was awarded his Honorary Life Award for his ever ready helping hand an outstanding work with youth. Honorary Life Chairman, Mrs. Walter Vess, made the presentations, to the two recipients.

—Mrs. Jess Huerta

HALLDALE AVENUE PTA observed Founder's Day at the regular association meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the school auditorium. Honorary life memberships were presented to Mrs. Helen Cole who has taught kindergarten or first grade at Halldale since the school opened in 1948 and to Mrs. Douglas J. Cowdrey, 1521 West 213th St., former community youth leader and PTA board member.

Also on the program was a play with Mmes. Earl Sanders, Ray Sloan, Norman Webb, Jim Garland, Glen Patrick, John Aurentz and George Fimmel being the actors. Harbor Area Mother Singers under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Adams provided musical interludes.

room mothers following adjournment.



TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL—Honorary life memberships were presented by Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, honorary life chairman, to Dr. Carl Ahe, principal of Torrance High School, and Mrs. Leonard Stamps, treasurer of the PTA.

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