

# PTA The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

**COUNCIL**  
Unit presidents and officers of the Torrance Council of PTA approved the tentative budget presented by Mrs. George Norman, budget and finance chairman, at the September 6th Council meeting at the Recreation Center. Among items listed were: \$500 for Dental Health services, \$350 for Welfare and Mental Health and Unit aid; \$100 for Parent Education.

Mrs. Eric Wescombe presented the program theme for the year 1967-68: "The Council — Where the Information Is, The Unit — Where the Action Is."

Mrs. Margaret Collins, School Education chairman, gave a report on the meeting held earlier this year on Student Dress and Grooming Standards, and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, secondary education chairman, moved the executive board vote to support the board policy.

PTA membership drive will be held Oct. 2 to 6 and the theme will be "Membership Information Creates Action" as reported by Mrs. Robert Phillips, membership chairman of Council.

3,878 lunches were served to students in Torrance schools in the 1966-67 year, reported Mrs. M. Davidson, milk and lunch chairman of Council.

Mrs. Cecil Sutton, movie evaluation chairman of the Council, reported the summer movies a success.

Torrance Council will hold its annual workshops for all officers and chairmen Thursday, Sept. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church of Torrance under the direction of Mrs. Benjamin Hatfield, 1st vice president.

**MADISON**  
PTA mothers started the school term at Madison with a reception for all the new "Kindergarten" mothers. Coffee was served, and the novices were acquainted with the school surroundings.

President Mrs. Charles Mathews, held her first board meeting at her home on Sept. 14. Plans for a carnival in October were discussed. Membership is open for interested parents of Madison, who would like to participate in the PTA activities.

All parents are urged to **JEFFERSON** ing which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. The program will include a group conference and the Madison Miserables will present a skit describing the history and purposes of the PTA.

**VICTOR**  
A picnic theme highlighted the Victor school annual teacher luncheon held Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the cafeteria with Mrs. Gerald Totten, hospitality chairman, in charge. Members of the Victor PTA decoration committee who created the picnic atmosphere were Mmes. Virgil Gaul, Harold Stout, Delbert Schwartz and Bruce Sopher.

**TORRANCE HIGH**  
Mrs. J. McDonald announced the following programs for the 1967-68 year at the Torrance High School PTA meetings will be: "Creating Parental Interest" in Students Day in School, Oct. 4; In Holiday Students Learn to Drive, Nov. 1; In Holiday Harmony, Dec. 14; In School Administration, Jan. 15; In Science on Feb. 7; In Student Accomplishments, March 6; In the 50 Years, April 3; In Homemaking, May 6.

Mrs. McDonald further stated she hoped parents would note meetings of special interest to them and mark their calendars now. Further information on programs and other school activities will be mailed with membership cards.

**NEWTON**  
At the first meeting, Newton PTA board discussed next year's budget. A luncheon to welcome the teachers was held Sept. 12 in the cafeteria. New parents were welcomed to Newton School Sept. 13, with a coffee

fee served by the PTA board.  
The first meeting of Newton PTA is set for Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. After a short business meeting, Dr. Dale Wickstrom will speak on group conferences. When the meeting is adjourned, parents of one through sixth graders will disperse to classroom, and the parents of seventh and eighth graders will meet with teachers in the cafeteria.

**EVELYN CARR**  
Evelyn Carr PTA board members held their annual salad luncheon Sept. 12 at the school to welcome back the teachers and Mr. William Lettunish, the new principal. Plans for the coming year were discussed.

**JEFFERSON**  
Coming events for Jefferson PTA will be the October meeting with guest speaker, Captain Walter West of the Torrance Fire Department. "Panic or Plan" is the topic and there will be booklets distributed plus a film.

"Happy Anniversary — 10 Candles for Jefferson," is the theme chosen this year. Jefferson PTA will hold its first association meeting on Sept. 20. After a short meeting in the cafeteria, parents will attend group conferences, conducted by the teachers in their rooms.

Newly-elected officers of Jefferson PTA are Mmes. Stephan Sampson, president; William Morrow, Robert Mosher, Roger Peltz, vice presidents; William Hathaway, recording secretary; Ronald McKee, corresponding secretary; William Blaize, treasurer; Carl Coordt, historian, and Mr. Duane Norton, auditor.

Jefferson PTA hosted the teachers at a luncheon on Sept. 12 at the school.

**COLUMBIA**  
Columbia PTA will hold its first meeting of the year, on Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria with newly-elected president, Mrs. Joseph Kettering, presiding.

"Opening Doors" has been chosen as the program theme for the coming year and the first meeting will be "This is Your School—The Doors are Open." An interesting evening has been planned by Mrs. Kenneth Poiry, program chairman.

Lester Foster, principal of Columbia School, will introduce the staff. Open house will be held and the parents will have an opportunity to see their child's classroom and get acquainted with the teachers.

**CASIMIR**  
Casimir PTA executive board met on Sept. 12. The following new board members were ratified: Mmes. Charles Robbins, corresponding secretary; William Dickson, parliamentarian; Daniel Esteban, citizenship and Rex Porter, hospitality. Plans were made for the Sept. 12 Teachers Luncheon and for the coffee hour for Kindergarten mothers on Sept. 14.

Mrs. Jack Davittian, president, has announced that on Oct. 5 the board members will take a tour of Columbia School. Any parent interested in taking the tour should contact Mrs. Davittian.

The association meetings have been moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month, and the next meeting, which will include the school open house, will be on Sept. 26.

**Riviera Club Membership Coffee Set**  
Annual Membership Coffee of the Riviera Garden Club will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Joseph Walters.  
The club program for the coming year will be presented and discussed.  
Interested residents of the Hollywood Riviera area are invited to attend. For further information, Mrs. Anthony Maggio, membership chairman, may be called.

## Squared Necklines, Arch Seams Trapezoidal Silhouettes

Crowning the exciting new Civic Center is the now completed Music Center of Los Angeles County, a three-building complex for the performing Arts dedicated as a "Living Memorial to Peace." Added in April of 1967 to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, which was completed in 1964, are the Mark Taper Forum, a 750-seat circular theater rising out of a reflecting pool, and the largest theatre-auditorium (2100 seats) completed in the U.S. in the last quarter century, the Ahmanson Theatre. Both are surrounded with an impressive Colonnade, and all buildings were designed by Welton Becket and Associates.

Small wonder that current fashions coming from California reflect architectural influence. Squared necklines, trapezoidal silhouettes, vertical or arched seaming, and squared-off sleeves cut close-to-the-shoulder, are clues to the affinity fashion has for structural engineering.

James Laver, eminent fashion historian and former Curator of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London,

has traced the significance of architecture throughout fashions in history. The henin, that conical headdress of medieval times, to which was attached a veil of sorts, reflected the vogue for high Gothic arches; then later, when Mary, Queen of Scots became regent, her rounded and flared Tudor headpiece suggested the broader Romanesque structures of the time. Contemporary clothes similarly mirror the clean, almost austere type of design that is incorporated into today's monuments to space age living.

Costumes that relate to such backgrounds as the buildings surrounding the Civic Center show bold window-pane checks that are mathematically precise; or chevron-striped knits, their points well taken to identify with the "butterfly" composition of roofs that seem to float above concrete and steel bases.

Panel fronts in dresses—like paneled exteriors—are visually interesting, and inclined to flatter the human figure. Lack of heavy ornamentation is another characteristic shared by today's

fashions and contemporary buildings.

Contrast, however, often provides the interest of comparison. For example, a few short blocks from the fresh, clean lines of the Music Center complex, is the old Plaza and Olvera Street. Here the ornate, gingerbread facades and features of a bygone era heighten our awareness of then and now. Just as interiors are more interesting because they blend old and new, we find that often accessories of real or simulated antique origin proclaim the newness of today's fashion in accents unmistakably clear. Hope that your great Aunt Bertha will leave you the gold watch, the diamond and pearl sunburst, the opal necklace. Of course, if she doesn't, California accessories abound in current heritage-making costume jewelry, as well as the explosive colored plastic adornments of NOW.

To build a wardrobe that says TODAY, choose clean lines and interesting accessories, and you may be sure they're "with it" if they carry a California label.

## Twin Sisters Home From Trip Around-the-World

With 70 days of travel and a view of the world, Mrs. Ted Meier, 1309 Maple Ave., Torrance, and her twin sister, Mrs. Florence Bissell of Sunnyvale, have returned to their California homes.

The two travelers left Los Angeles June 20 for New York for three days before flying to Copenhagen and Oslo. In Switzerland, the two women boarded a steamer in Geneva for a trip up the Rhine, saw the Matterhorn and visited friends in Basel.

They spent a week in Rome and Athens before going on to India where they spent three weeks packing ten trunks to be returned to the Bissells. Mrs. Bissell and her husband had served as medical missionaries for three years in India and ten years prior to that they were in Thailand. Reunion with old friends highlighted their visit there.

They visited Hong Kong, and Free China and made a round trip from Taipei to Kaohsiung. Next stop was Tokyo where they met 17 teenagers from the Torrance YWCA on a trip to the Orient under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilcox.

In Yokohama, they were guests of friends and visited

many gardens and temples even though the typhoons were hitting Japan.

Crossing the international date line on Aug. 24, their trip was climaxed with a week in Hawaii visiting with friends and making a tour of all the islands.

## Moose Unit Hears Talk On Defense

Mike Woner of the Department of Defense, Terminal Island, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Torrance Chapter 44, Women of the Moose and Moose Lodge 685 on Sept. 6. His topic was "Self-Protection for Women at Home and on the Streets."

Two new members were enrolled in membership in the chapter. Mrs. Betty Adams, publicity chairman, served as chairman of the evening. She was assisted by Mmes. Ed Cacic, Mel Coates, George Clay, Cliff Kloffner, Robert Stewart, Roy Smith, Milt Taurman, Tom Walls, Robert Wilson, Mike Woner, Joe Marley, senior regent; Cora Hill and Patricia Rhu.

The Women of the Moose sponsored a card party at their hall on Sept. 13 to raise funds for Mooseheart and Moosehaven, cities for orphans and the aged of the Moose Lodge.

The party committee consisted of Betty Adams, Eileen Coates, Barbara Smith, Carolyn Stewart, Irene Taurman and Ruby Marley.

## AAUW Unit Opens Year

A potluck supper at St. Peter's By the Sea Presbyterian Church, 6410 Palos Verdes Drive South, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, will mark the first general meeting for the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Harry Edgcomb is chairman of the event, assisted by Mmes. Thomas Frautze and Cline Cadle.

Mrs. Benjamin White, program chairman, will introduce the implementation chairman, who will present the study topics, "Testing Values in a Changing Society," "The Growing Gap Between the Rich and the Poor Nations," "The politics of Public Education," and "Society's Reflection in the Arts."

For membership information, Mrs. Robert Cook may be called.

## Saunders Home From The East

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saunders and sons, Robert and Gary, 5128 Merrill Dr. have returned from a two weeks vacation in the east. In Morristown, N.J. there were guests of Mrs. Saunders' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schulman. The family then went to Bennington, Vermont, where they spent a week with Mr. Saunders' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kramer.

## Levy School Dedication On Tuesday

Formal dedication of the Sam Levy Elementary School will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the cafeteria at the school, 3420 W. 229th Place, Torrance. Open house will follow.

Assisting in planning the dedication ceremonies are the members of the Sam Levy Elementary PTA, Mmes. Thomas Koenig, program chairman; Clarence Cummings and Thomas Wagness, art design; Marvin Schiff, invitation secretary; Billy Hoffman, publicity; Tom Akiyama, decorations.

## Volunteer Office Open Five Mornings

Office of the Volunteer Bureau, South Bay-Harbor is now open five mornings every week, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 12.

Volunteers who register at the Bureau, 2008 W. Carson St., Room 211, Torrance, are placed with one of the fifty community social service agencies requesting their help. Formerly open only three mornings a week, the staff was not always able to process the increasing number of agency requests and placement of volunteers promptly.

Additional volunteer clerical help is now keeping the office open five mornings a week.

## New Auxiliary To Hold Open Meeting Sept. 20

"The Carriage Set," newly formed auxiliary of the Children's Home Society in the Hawthorne, Carson-Dominguez area, will hold its first Open Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. A. King, 21917 Dablon Ave., Torrance.

The Carriage Set has joined more than 200 other

## VFW Auxiliary To Pay Tribute To Past Prexys

Auxiliary 1622 of Lomita Veterans of Foreign Wars will honor past presidents at their meeting Sept. 19. There will be a special program observing the organization of the auxiliary in 1920.

New members initiated at the last meeting were Elizabeth Phelan and Alys Wines. The auxiliary announces that its project "Operation Goodies" for the boys in Viet Nam is proving successful.

volunteer groups throughout California now working to further adoptions through the Children's Home Society. The results of the auxiliary's efforts will be seen in the increasing number of children who find permanent, loving families through CHS. A non-profit, statewide agency, the Children's Home Society has arranged for approximately 29,000 successful adoptions since 1891.

Mrs. Kitty Morris, assistant volunteer director of the Children's Home Society, will show a film and discuss the background and services of the CHS; as well as the role of auxiliaries, such as The Carriage Set, who provide the Society with 21 per cent of the operating income.

Mrs. Donald F. Hemme, president of The Carriage Set, extends an invitation to anyone interested to attend the meeting.

For additional details, Mrs. Kitty Morris or Mrs. E. A. King may be called.



**RAZZLE DAZZLE**  
A silver cocktail dress for evenings of dinner and theatre at Los Angeles County's Music Center, Jeannette Alexander gently shapes the longer waist and tables the conical skirt with sparkling rhinestone buttons. An elegant evening look in silver or gold rayon metallic. Shiny ball earrings by Carole, Inc. and mirrored shoes by Sbicca.

## Pre-Teen Square Dance Class Set

Knots and Why Knots, pre-teen square dance club, announces a new pre-teen square dance beginners' class on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at 1953 1/2 W. Carson St.

Callers and instructors will be Walt and Charles Fagan.

## Rho Epsilon To Meet Monday

Rho Epsilon of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Sept. 18 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jack Amberson. After the business session, the chapter will be led by Mrs. Tony Gugliotta, program chairman, in a group discussion of "Self Analysis."

## Peninsula Committee To Present Mezzo Soprano

Peninsula Committee for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra will present Rose Taylor, mezzo soprano, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at the home of Mrs. Joseph A. Denni, 28967 Palos Verdes Drive East, Miraloma.

Reservations, which must be in by Sept. 18, are being taken by Mrs. Richard Caldwell and Mrs. Edward S. Cleveland.

## Women Will Hear Director At Toberman

Miss Ruth Murphy, program director of Toberman Settlement House will be the guest speaker at the Sept. 19 luncheon meeting of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Women's Association.

Mrs. Alexander Hume will give the devotions and Mrs. Walter Hudgins will present the Year Book of Prayer.

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## Dinner First Social Event For Chapter

First social event of the new season for Xi Nu Upsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be a Back-to-School Potluck Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Felix of Redondo. Mrs. John Cronander, social chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Andrew Pope.

Attending will be Messrs. and Mmes. Ralph E. Adams, Jr., John Cronander and Morten Jones, Redondo; Mack Johnston and Andrew Pope, Rolling Hills; Edward Morris, Eastview; Walter Salla, Delbert Ush and Raymond Young, Torrance; and Harry L. Vannatta, Palos Verdes.

The chapter will hold its first business and cultural meeting on Wednesday evening, Sept. 20 at 8 at the home of Mrs. Walter Salla. "The Origin of Life" will be the topic for the speaker, Mrs. Allan Felix, as she leads the group in their study program "Life, Learning and Friendship."

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