

PTA

The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

COUNCIL
 "Founders Day — Where the Inspiration Is," will be the theme of the Torrance Council PTA meeting, to be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Perry Baker, council president, will conduct a short business meeting which will include the election of officers for the year 1968-69.

"Then and Now" a skit directed by Mrs. Fred Field, Founders Day chairman, will highlight the Founders Day portion of the program which will be followed by a silver offering.

Honorary Life Memberships will be awarded to deserving individuals for their continued interest and service to youth and children, and past presidents of Torrance Council and past Honorary Life membership recipients will be honored.

The inspirational message will be given by Mrs. Ernest Erickson and the featured chairmen will be Mmes. Fred Field, Founders Day; Fred Wilkins, Honorary Life; J. Coyle, Dental Health.

CASIMIR
 Casimir PTA will help serve at the Council meeting of the Torrance Council on Feb. 7. Members who will attend are Mmes. Jack Davitian, John Lukesh, Paul Fullmer, Walter Kaestner, Lynn Thompson, and Mr. Edwin Brown, principal.

The Board will meet on Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Jack Davitian, president, reports that the cakes to be sent to Juvenile Hall can be brought to this meeting.

On Feb. 13, a tour of the Torrance Police Department is planned. Those interested should meet at the school at 9:30 a.m.

LINCOLN
 "Communication with Fame," is the theme of the Feb. 8 Lincoln Elementary PTA meeting and 16 past recipients of the Honorary Life membership will be honored. Mrs. Elsie Anderson, Honorary Life chairman and committee Mr. Victor Kilburn, principal, Mmes. Malcolm Rhodes, Harold Caswell and Barbara Oady announce that this year three memberships will be given to deserving citizens of the community. One of the greatest programs of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers is that of assisting high school graduates to continue their education by extending financial aid through loans, fellowships and scholarships, which has been in existence since 1927. Each Honorary Life Membership costs \$25 and these contribution funds are allocated by the State Board of Managers according to the recommendation of a special committee to promote furthering teacher education and loans to students above the high school level to continue their college education.

Also, on the program for the evening will be Mr. Andrew Foster, presenting the annual Founders Day Tribute commemorating 71 years of PTA. Contributions made on the birthday of PTA each year have far-reaching effects which returns to the unit the vital services that help PTAs carry on purposeful programs for the welfare of children. Past founders of the Lincoln PTA to be honored are Mmes. James Orr, Richard Anderson, Andrew Foster and Ralph Craig. Lincoln students will give the inspirational and music portion of the program. Mrs. Raymond Doyle will welcome parents and teachers at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

MADRONA
 A program of Athletic and Physical Fitness will be presented by the Madrona students on Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Torrance YMCA at 7:30 p.m. The presenting of the Honorary Life award

will highlight the meeting. Mrs. Don McCready reminds all of the paper drive on Feb. 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in front of the school. Prizes will be awarded.

WEST HIGH
 West High PTA will have its unit meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the lecture room. The Torrance Board of Education will follow with its monthly meeting.

As part of its meeting the PTA will have a brief Founders Day program and presents its Honorary Life membership. A report will be given by the nominating committee composed of Mmes. Marie Kroner, Anza School; William Hill, Flavian; John Johnson, Carl Steele; Dennis Mulvaney, Grace Wright; Steve Haston, Jefferson; William M. Coombs, Victor; and Yvonne Frame, Sepulveda.

YUKON
 Two deserving persons will be named to the Honorary Life Membership in the Parent Teacher Association at the Feb. 15 meeting of the Yukon Elementary PTA. In honor of these two people, \$50 will be placed in the Honorary Life Membership Scholarship Fund from which college students may borrow money to further their education. Recipients of these awards are not told until the award is presented. Mrs. Wendell Towell is in charge of this program.

Mrs. Paul Bailey will present a memorial program to honor the birthday of the PTA.

The League of Women Voters of Torrance will have a sample voting machine at this meeting to give a demonstration of its usage and also will have a registrar so anyone can register to vote. Feb. 16, is the final day to register on the April ballot.

HOWARD WOOD
 Parents and friends who attended last Wednesday's association meeting at Howard Wood PTA were given an extra treat when Mr. Mark Littleford awarded Mrs. Carl Kildoo, Jr., this year's Honorary Life.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute led by the girls from Girl Scout Cadet Troop 1840.

The program for the evening featured Mrs. John Hughs, of the Torrance Chapter of the American Field Service, who explained how this organization works. She then introduced Joe DeBock, an exchange student from Belgium. Joe showed several slides and then answered questions from the audience.

Attendance awards for the evening were given to Mrs. Olson, lower division; Miss Sonner, middle division; and a tie between Mrs. Harshaw and Miss Ferguson for the upper division.

Those on this year's nominating committee include Mrs. Paul Crossman, Mr. Mark Littleford, Mmes. Wesley Coleman, Dave Jones and Wood.

Students will be able to buy Savings Stamps at the school every Thursday and continue the interest they have shown in the program.

On Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. parents of the 5th to 8th grade students attended a showing of six movies which are part of the Family Life Education series. The students will see the movies the last week of February.

Feb. 7 at 7:30, Mr. Mark Littleford will present a Parent Education meeting and Smoking Sam will be presented, also a movie and discussion afterwards.

Coming events of Howard Wood include a "Country Store" to be held in February and a Mexican dinner to be held in March.

Attend Luncheon
 Attending a Marina District Coordinators' luncheon at the home of Mrs. S. Pfeil, Marina District coordinator, in Los Angeles, Friday were 11 local clubwomen, Mmes. William Faulds, Dean Sears and Leslie Steigh.



MODERN SCIENCE DISPLAY

Torrance High School PTA meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Girls' Gym will feature a presentation by the Science Dept., including a tour of the Science Bldg. "Modern Concepts of Biology" will be demonstrated under the direction of Charles Pillet, chairman of the Science Dept. Pictured, Mr. Pillet, explains the operation of an oscilloscope, a machine for measuring heart beat, to Mrs. J. M. MacDonald, PTA program chairman, Pat Ryan 15, to whom the oscilloscope is attached, and Kathy Haynes 17. The first showing of Torrance High's 50th anniversary film "5x 10" is also planned.

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Diana Worthen Now Mrs. L. R. Ropke

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was the setting for the wedding ceremony at 8 o'clock recently, when Miss Diana Lee Worthen exchanged vows with Landall Ramsey Ropke. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. O. Worthen, 4922 Calle de Arboles, Torrance. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ropke, 23024 Benner Ct., Torrance.

On the arm of her father, the bride came to the altar wearing a traditional wedding gown of candlelight satin. The bodice was ornamented with seed pearls and a full skirt fell into a chapel train. Her shoulder length illusion veil, sprinkled with seed pearls, cascaded from a tiara. The bride carried a white Bible, a gift from her parents, and a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Bridal attendants, gowned in apple green brocade, were Miss Jacqueline Blake, maid of honor; Mrs. Fran O. Sieh, serving as her sister's matron of honor; Mrs. Richard Barlow, Miss Gloria Winslow, Miss Patty Worthen, bridesmaids; and Miss Peri Lea Ropke, junior bridesmaid. Kathleen Sieh was flower girl.

Candles were lighted by David and Robert Worthen. Mrs. Melville Tully played the nuptial music and accompanied Mr. Tully, soloist.

The Rev. Paul C. Cox officiated at the marriage ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the church hall. Mrs. Clifton Slotsve was in charge of the guest book.

The honeymoon was spent at Laguna and Big Bear.

The bride, a graduate of South High School, is a senior at San Jose State College.

Her husband, a South High graduate, attended El Camino College and the Western Airlines Flight School. He is now attending the United States Army Helicopter Flight School in Alabama.

Upon graduation, the couple will return to Torrance.

To Discuss Amish History

Transferees and rushees will be greeted by members of Beta Sigma Phi at the home of Mrs. John Shetler, president. The group will convene at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, for a Model Meeting.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Shetler will present a program on travel, highlighting the history and customs of the Amish community in Lancaster, Pa. As is customary of that area, the program will be given solely by lamp and candlelight.

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Attending from the Torrance area are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schooner, Mr. Norman Michels, Mmes. Garrett Gifford, W. R. Kanatsky, Matt Schmillen, Ray Sullivan, Clayton Bowen, Ardon Pinstor, Paul McDonald, A. J. O'Connor, James O'Brien, Betty Biscane, Norman Oldenwalder, Mary Munro, Eileen Barnidge, Cora Clarke and Misses Barbara Morgan, Karen Clunkenbeard, Carolyn Guzman, Gloria Baker, From Nativity School, Sister Coelia, C.S.J. and Sister Rosaleen, C.S.J., are attending.

University Women Slate Month of Guest Speakers

Dr. Gerold Larue, professor of Biblical History and Archeology at the University of Southern California, will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 7 general meeting of the South Bay University Women to be held at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Avakian, 865 Rincon Lane, Palos Verdes Estates.

Dr. Larue's subject will be on the archeology of Israel. He was the recipient of a post doctoral scholarship from the Union Hebrew College in Jerusalem where he spent a four-month sabbatical leave from the University of Southern California. He has been very active in his field, having founded the University of Southern California Archeological Council and established the Archeological Research Center at Southern California.

The Book Study group will hear a review of "The Philosophy of Poetry of Robinson Jeffers" given by Mrs. Joseph Meltzer, 2020 Mantis Ave., San Pedro, at the home of Mrs. Eugene Schreier of 23321 Stanhurst, Lomita, on Feb. 14.

The International Relations group will hear Mrs. W. R. Hughes on the subject of Southeast Asia on Feb. 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughes, 24255 Fa-leca, Lomita.

On Feb. 8, the Science group will have as guest

speaker, Dr. Richard Huddleston, who is a theoretical physicist at Aerospace in Redondo Beach. He will speak on "The Approach to the New Math." This will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Kolpin of 28015 Lomo Drive, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

All the meetings begin at 7:45 p.m.

Dr. Wallace Sterling, retiring president of Stanford University, will make his last appearance at an Alumni conference in Southern California, Sunday, Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Century Plaza Hotel.

Registration begins at 10:30, brunch at 11:30, program at 1:15, followed by a reception at 5 p.m. During the program period, Stanford experts will speak on vital issues of the day, followed with informal discussions.

The Stanford Women's Club of Palos Verdes is helping to sponsor this conference. Mrs. R. Bruce Rhoades is in charge of administration and will be assisted by Mrs. T. Reynolds, Rolling Hills; Mrs. J. N. McKenzie, Torrance; Mrs. Arthur Weber, Palos Verdes; and Mrs. Helen Graham, Rolling Hills.

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Family Panel Will Attend Annual Consumer Congress

Family Panel of America will make final plans for the 11th annual Consumer Congress at the Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. meeting to be held in the Community Room of the Western Federal Savings, located in the Del Amo Financial Center, Torrance.

The Congress will be held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day-long meeting will bring together some 700 members from throughout California, Mrs. James Alcorn, South Bay Area Director, stated.

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Trimnastic Class Will Open at Y for Women

A unique combination of trimnastics, figure counseling and volleyball session, enhanced by a coffee break, is being offered Torrance housewives.

The instructor, Ingrid Wilmot, educated and trained in Europe, has had over a dozen years' teaching experience in this country and has lectured widely on the subject of figure control. Her enthusiasm for physical fitness and exercise is strongly motivated by the fact that she is also the Dining Editor for Los Angeles FM and Fine Arts Magazine.

During the first part of the program the emphasis will be on muscle toning, grace and spot reducing. On the agenda are thigh massage, therapeutic back exercises and tips on firming bust and abdomen muscles.

In addition to feeling a lot better upon completion of the course, a prize is promised to those who attend all eight sessions without missing one. Of course, child care will be available to mothers with toddlers. Classes start promptly at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 11:30.

The Torrance YWCA may be called for registration and information on fees.

Spanish Club Plans Benefit Salad Luncheon

Torrance High School's Spanish Club will sponsor a benefit Salad Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. at the Torrance YWCA on Carson St.

A pre-ticket sale is now under way and tickets may be secured from any Spanish Club member or by contacting Mrs. Arthur Sneloff.

Funds raised from the event will be used to send students to Spain to study this summer.



SAFETY IS THEIR GOAL

Twenty Safety Chairmen from PTA units of the Torrance Council joined members of the Torrance Safety Council at a meeting recently at the Torrance Recreation Center to prepare for the annual Bicycle Rodeo to be held during February in the elementary schools. At the fifth annual rodeo, bicycles are licensed and children are taught proper riding procedures. A riding demonstration is being enjoyed by Mrs. Rod Twedell, safety chairman, assisted by Dick DeArmit, city fireman, left, and Officer A. L. Jackson, Police Department. Others attending the meeting were Mrs. Russell McElroy, director of public welfare, Torrance Council; and Mr. Dean Spence, Automobile Club; and Sgt. Woolridge.

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