

Ford Grant Revealed By Y President

A \$98,500 grant for an international leadership training project has been made to the National YWCA by the Ford Foundation. It was revealed this week by Mrs. C. R. Halfpenny, president of the Harbor area YWCA, upon her return from the National "Y" Convention in Chicago.

According to Mrs. Halfpenny, the project will bring to this country 20 women leaders from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. They will arrive in October and take a nine-month work course, beginning with a two-week orientation in New York.

At the conclusion of the orientation course, the women will be given special on-the-job training in international relations and

Board Has Final Session

Business concluding their activities of the year was discussed by members of the North Torrance PTA executive board last Wednesday when they gathered in the school for their final meeting on the current calendar.

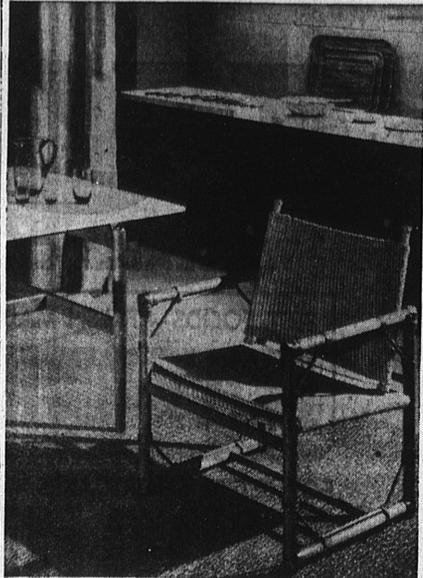
Mrs. Ralph McBee, president, conducted the session, when plans were made for a teachers luncheon June 4 and a graduation luncheon June 11. Committees were appointed to plan both projects.

Mrs. Harry Van Bellehem, finance and budget chairman, reminded the board of the paper drive Wednesday, May 21. Persons wishing to have papers picked up may call Menlo 4-3448.

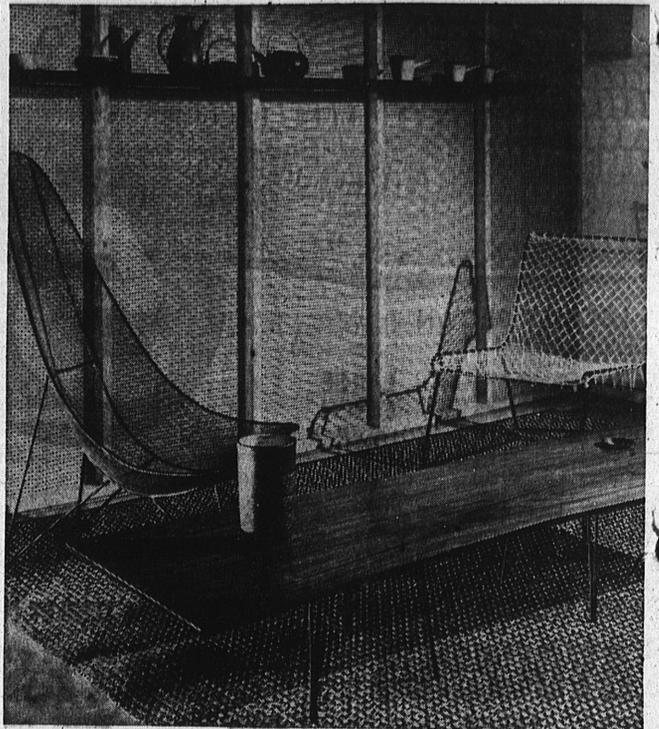
Mrs. McBee reported that the Articles of Incorporation have been sent to Sacramento. The board voted to take the blanket insurance policy offered by First District PTA.

PTA SERVES LUNCH

Hot lunches were served the children at Perry Elementary School last Tuesday by members of the PTA directed by Mrs. H. L. McGeachy, ways and means chairman. The menu included hot dogs, baked beans, punch and cup cakes.



NEWS IN CHAIRS . . . This sedate-looking officer's chair is one of the newest designs in furniture, its shape belying the comfort achieved through use of new materials. Fashioned of oak, it is trimmed with rawhide bindings and has a removable sling seat and back of heavy tweed cloth. The table nearby is of natural birch, designed by Paul McCobb. The furniture and the glassware and dishes in the background are part of the "Good Design" exhibition at the Merchandise Mart, Chicago.



COMFORT AND NEW MATERIALS . . . Radical changes are noticeable in the furniture designs of the current year, designs which employ a variety of heretofore "outdoor" materials. The scoop chair, left, displayed at the "Good Design" exhibit in Chicago, is of black steel rods and mesh, designed by Sol Bloom. On the right is a beachcomber side chair, also of black steel, with sea net forming the back and seat. Steel rods are used on the legs of the 12-inch-high coffee table, which has a top of walnut. The Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Merchandise Mart, Chicago, jointly sponsor the annual exhibition.

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Homemakers Can Acquire Inspiration from Exhibit

Just as fashion-wise women look to Paris for inspiration, the Torrance homemaker can find the latest ideas in contemporary furnishings for her home in the "Good Design" exhibition now in its third successful year at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Furniture selections in the current show of some 200 new designs range from experimental to new ideas to skillful reworking of traditional. Between these two a transitional group is shown which places more emphasis on the use of wood and upholstered parts, and less on the use of black iron than the experimental group.

An exhibition of the best new design available on the home furnishings market "Good Design" is sponsored jointly by the Museum of Modern Art, New York and The Merchandise Mart.

Edgar Kaufman Jr. from the Museum of Modern Art, chairman of the selection committee, which this year also included Charles Zadok, head of Gimbels in Milwaukee and Harry Weese, distinguished young Chicago architect and city planner.

Five new chairs designed by Charles Eames—with black iron

Juhl has designed a walnut armchair with leather seat and back, and an 85-inch walnut coffee table in natural finish. Although this well-known Danish designer uses an experimental line, he combines woolen and upholstered parts rather than using the more radical black iron.

The traditional theme is restrained in two distinguished and side chair with eolophans seat and Bertha Schofer's nest of tables. The latter is a rectangular side table encompassing four circular nesting tables with drop leaves, compactly stowed away.

A hand-made rush chair from Portugal which has no solid framework whatever but gives rather like the old Victorian "Turkish Frame" chairs. Final of the traditional are seen in two Cancian chairs from Italy, to be found either in natural cherry or, extremely light in weight, in beech with a black lacquer.

Among some 50 woven fabrics, three are from American

Sweden and Holland. Really elegant hand blown German glass by Wilhelm Wagenfeld, have had considerable acclaim in Europe, but are quite new in this country. Quite different from these are Freda Diamond's new line of mass-produced American table glasses which sell for as little as \$1.20 for eight pieces.

Three lamps on black iron bases show how modern designers have been able to escape from the old-fashioned concept of a lamp as a base plus an "object d'art" and a shade. These lamps include one which can be hung from ceiling or wall, one with a cylinder of wire mesh' swivel-jointed on a tripod. The setting for the 1952 exhibition was designed by Paul Rudolph, well-known young architect and teacher. With his partner, Ralph Twitchell, he has designed some 35 residences and shops in and around Florida and is currently teaching at the University of Pennsylvania.

The color of the exhibits is emphasized by keeping all tones on backgrounds, floors and ceilings in a range from white through black, accented only by gold on two faces of the columns.

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Club Formed By South Bay AGD Alumnae

A new club got under way this month with an organizational meeting and selection of temporary officers in the Hermosa Beach home of Mrs. V. P. Weismann.

Made up of alumnae of Alpha Gamma Delta International Sorority, the new South Bay organization is open to AGDs from Torrance, Hollywood, Riviera, Gardena, Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo and Playa del Rey.

Mrs. J. Calvin Moon was chosen temporary chairman of the group. Chosen as panhellenic delegates were Meses. Luther W. Busby and William Keene, while membership committee-men will be Meses. Robert Black, Thomas Mills and Ray Terry.

Mrs. Otto B. Willett was among the organizers of the group, with Meses. R. A. Girvin, Heber Hertzog, John Hauerauer, Richard Roll, John Sterling, Moon, Black, Keene and Mills.

Current plans of the group are for meetings the first Wednesday of each month, including the summer season. The next session will be June 4 at the home of Mrs. Thomas W. Mills in Portuguese Bend.

Special philanthropic project of the group will be to raise funds for the daughter of a sorority sister. The child is recovering from third degree burns on 90 per cent of her body and is the first person in medical history to live after such an extensive injury. Dues and proceeds from fundraising events will go into this fund.