



STREET SCENE... A group of outlandishly-garbed people will parade Torrance streets next weekend, May 14 and 15, to advertise the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show...

New Council PTA Chiefs To Take Office Tuesday

With "Opportunities Unlimited—Our Conductors Check Up" as its theme, Torrance Council PTA will hold an open breakfast meeting at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., May 11, at 9:45 a.m.

Installation of officers, to be conducted by Mrs. H. A. Spurgin, will highlight the agenda. Also scheduled are the historian's report, awards, and a skit portraying progress in the units during the year...

Birthday Fete Is Surprise For Mrs. Davis

Pink and green formed the color motif recently when Mrs. Robert Neubig hosted a surprise birthday party for Bea (Mrs. Wayne) Davis.

Streamers formed a canopy over the refreshment table, centered with a pink and green plant which was a gift to the honoree from her husband...

Paper Drive Slated by 259th PTA

A paper drive will be conducted by the 259th PTA at the school next Thursday, May 11, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Seniors Hear of Communist Threat in Latin America

Can we save Latin America from Communism? This was the question posed by Paul Hadley, assistant professor of international relations at the University of Southern California, Wednesday afternoon when he spoke at a silver tea given by the Torrance Woman's Club at the Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

It can be done, he said, but the job will take more than the mere emotional expression, "I hate Communism." It will take more than American dollars, and it will take more than an all-out war.

The only way to eliminate Communism, Hadley said, is to hit it at the source, to remove the conditions that cause it.

What are the conditions that favor Communism? "First of all," Hadley said, "Communism is caused by poverty. In Latin America, where the bombs fell during the 1st world war, the people are living in abject, dire poverty greater than that of bombed-out Europe."

"And when people are hungry, overcrowded, with no comforts of ordinary, basic existence, their minds are fertile ground for the seeds of Communist propaganda."

The United States ownership of most of the basic industries, Hadley continued, citing particularly the United Fruit Company in Guatemala, is another factor boosting the growth of Communism in Latin America.

"When people are downtrodden, they naturally look for a scapegoat," he said, "and it has been easy for the Russians to persuade them that capitalistic America is the cause of all their ills, which can be remedied only by Communism."

Another thing aiding the Russians is the lack of appreciation of the Latin Americans have of democracy. Hadley said, "It's hard to tell the difference between the United States way of life and the Russian 'democracy' 15,000 miles away from Moscow, because the Soviet constitution guarantees the same rights and more than our American document."

"Most of our southern neighbors already are living under conditions where there is no free speech, so how can they appreciate what they have never had?"

The growth of nationalism, appreciation of their own status as countries, also is helping the Russians in Latin America," Hadley continued. "The Russians are developing anti-Americanism under the guise of nationalism. When social reforms go through, the Soviet agents say: 'This comes to you through the blessings of the Communist party in spite of the activities of the United Fruit Company, the agent of corrupt America.'"

"What do we have to help us fight Communism in Latin America?" questioned Hadley. "For one thing, there is the Roman Catholic Church, doctrinally opposed to Communism; for another there is the same nationalism, the desire to keep other countries from interfering with their own affairs," he said. "A third is the basic character of the Latin American, who is spiritual and individualistic and who will reject the cynical materialism of the Soviet doctrine when he sees it for what it is."

"We can help the Latin Americans realize that Communism is a danger and not a savior, he said, by intelligent use of our wealth. We must be properly identified with social progress or 'do goodism,' a general spreading around of funds, it does no good to enhance the economic level of a country if the downtrodden minorities do not benefit and identify it with the democratic way of life."

The biggest thing is to can all Hadley continued, is to understand our own duties as individuals. "Each of us must cultivate an intellectual climate that will not tolerate isolationism in Washington. 'We must learn to understand and appreciate the individual desires and folkways of our neighbors to the south, because when disaster strikes, nothing survives but affection.'"

"Nothing will do us any good at the high school cafeteria tomorrow at 7 p.m."

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Local Moose Women Get High-Degrees

Back home with baby rings on their club pins to symbolize their newly-awarded friendship degrees are Torrance Chapter Women of the Moose members Eleanor Mae Fritz, 818 Sartori Ave., and Mary Koshak, 2334 W. 236th St.

The local women flew to Richmond Sunday to receive their awards, returning here at 1:30 Monday morning. Presentation was made on the basis of holding office and contributing five or more members to the chapter.

Mrs. Fritz' service as chaplain last year entitled her to the degree, while Mrs. Koshak's work as a guide won her a high degree.

Mrs. Fritz now serves the club as guide while Mrs. Koshak has taken over the office of escort. A third officer of the Moose Women, chaplain Joyce Clay, traveled to Phoenix, Ariz., to receive her friendship degree.

Mrs. Koshak, who also is president of Torrance Chapter, Blue Star Mothers of America, left for a convention of this group immediately after returning from Richmond. During installation ceremonies Wednesday evening she assumed the office of department guard.

JULY WEDDING BELLS TO CHIME FOR MISS MOTT



MISS JO ANNE MOTT... Bride-to-be (Al Frederic Photo)

Announcing the engagement of his daughter, Jo Anne, to Michael Lynn of Redondo Beach, are Mr. and Mrs. Val Gen-Mott, 15148 Hawthorne Blvd.

Wedding plans are for July. A graduate of Torrance High School, the bride-elect has been active in the Redondo Beach Bethel of Job's Daughters and is employed by the Colony cleaners.

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'Stork Story' FROM TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Carl Neil is the name chosen by the Harry Finke Jr., 392 Newton St., Walteria, for the newest daughter, born at 1:05 p.m. Apr. 30. The 8 lb. 7 oz. little miss has a seven-year-old brother, Paul Douglas, and a five-year-old sister, Dee Louise.

Father is an engineer at Douglas Aircraft Co.; the Neil Shoenmakers of Camarillo, Cal., and the Henry Finke Sr. of Detroit, Mich., are grandparents.

Born the first day of May at 8:35 p.m. was Patricia Lee, 8 lb. 5 1/2 oz. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Drager, 2784 Ontario St. The Mayfair Creamery employee and his wife also have one other child, eight-year-old Michael. Mesdames E. Welsen and Marie Drager are grandmothers.

Rita Annette, 21-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rodriguez, 17615 Della Ave., now has a new baby brother, Rudolph Louis. The 8 lb. 1 oz. boy arrived May 2 at 8:39 a.m. Father is employed at American Can Co.; grandparents are Mesdames and Mesdames Alfonso Hernandez, 2215 W. 250th St., Lomita, and Jesus Rodriguez of Wilmington.

Announcing the arrival of their first child, a baby girl, are Mr. and Mrs. Alex Valencia, 1552 W. 221st St. The little miss, who has been named Teresa K. K., weighed 7 lbs. 3/4 oz. when born at 12:50 p.m. May 4. Father is employed at Douglas Aircraft; the Ysmael Olinares, 2115 W. 203rd St. and Alex Valencia Sr., 2203 1/2 W. 203rd St., are grandparents.

William A. Warren, mechanic at Chandler's, and his wife, 25320 Pelton Ave., Lomita, are welcoming the birth of their second daughter, Gail Lee, who weighed 7 lbs. 3/4 oz. when born at 6:14 a.m. May 7. Father is co-owner of Vandergift and Son Machine Works; the J. H. Vandergifts of Hermosa Beach are paternal grandparents while on the maternal side are Peter Hellmuth of Addy, Wash., and great-grandparents, the Ben Turners of Bellflower.

A PTA skit with a parody of "Mocking Bird Hill" as its theme highlighted the program. Appearing in the play were Mesdames Payne, Stoelcke, and Kelly.

Mary Louise Payne and Patsy Kelly danced two tap routines: "Young at Heart"; Mrs. Denmarsh gave a humorous reading; and Mrs. Gilbert Williams sang "I Believe" to conclude the program.

Mrs. Wilkins also led community singing following the program.

LEADERS OF SORORITY SLATE MONEY-MAKERS

A ways and means social at the Wilmington home of Mrs. Jack Morrison Wednesday, May 12, is next on the agenda for members of Beta Sigma Phi, international business girls' sorority, who also are charting plans for a fashion show on May 28.

Both projects are under the supervision of new officers installed at a recent meeting which combined initiation of pledges and awarding of degrees.

Installed as president was Mrs. Gene Stirling, while named to assist her were Mmes. Dolores Campbell, vice-president; Robert Bowers, recording secretary; Morrison, corresponding secretary; Harold Roberts, parliamentarian.

A transferee, Mrs. Vincent Geller, assumed the post of publicity chairman; Miss Chambers will serve as ways and means chairman, and two neophytes, Misses Joan Davis and Marilyn Finch will head the social and program committees, respectively.

Other pledges initiated during the evening were Mrs. S. L. Stanley Jr., Miss Annabelle Kloss, and Mrs. John Wardwell. Mrs. Jane Pierce, at whose home the May 19 meeting will be held, received an exemplar degree, while Mrs. Morrison received the ritual of jewels degree.

Prior to initiation rites, the pledges were feted at a fashion show and luncheon at Bullock's and a preferential tea at the 1433 Anapola Ave. home of Miss Chambers.

Meeting also will feature committee reports on the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show, to be held May 21, 22 and 23 at the Civic Auditorium.

Howard Wood, Newest PTA Unit Here; Elects Leaders

Mrs. Lee M. Pollock took the president's gavel of the new Howard Wood PTA, first to be formed under the new 33rd District, at an organizational meeting last Thursday evening.

Meeting followed the signing of the charter by 87 members, after they had approved by-laws read by Mrs. Mae Stewart. Named to assist Mrs. Pollock were the following:

Mrs. D. B. Houston, first vice-president; Robert Evans, second vice-president; Mrs. E. Raines, recording secretary; Mrs. Walter Sharon, corresponding secretary; Mrs. I. L. Eckersley, treasurer; Willard Reich, auditor; Mrs. Howard Kell, historian; and Mrs. Richard Thompson, parliamentarian.

The new leaders assumed office during ceremonies conducted by Mrs. A. C. Turner, financial secretary of First District PTA, who likened their executive offices to specific flowers.

Mrs. Elmer Soper, extension chairman of First District PTA, took charge of the meeting, introducing several guests, including Mesdames J. J. Millard, state PTA citizenship chairman; Victor Bernard, parliamentarian of Torrance Council PTA; E. Ingram, Council treasurer; R. M. Morfitt, Torrance Elementary PTA president; and Hartley E. Carr, outgoing Council president, who presented the new unit with a treasurer's and secretary's books on behalf of Council.

Mrs. U. G. Tidmarsh and Mrs. G. Hawley served refreshments during the social hour. The new unit plans to meet the first Thursday of each month.

Others named to executive posts were Mesdames Hugh Bowman, secretary; Albert Ison, treasurer; J. H. Ritchie, hair puller; and Riel Mottion, but-

Locals Invited To Lecture on Normal Child

Torrance parents will have an opportunity to learn "What Is a Normal Child?" when they attend a lecture sponsored by the Southwest Health Society next Wednesday, May 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the San Pedro YMCA.

Lecturer will be Milton Tobias, M. D. pediatrician of Beverly Hills and a member of the Lecturing Board of the American Academy of Nutrition, a national professional group. The meeting is free to the public.

The Southwest Health Society, according to Thomas J. Gentle, publicity chairman, is a non-profit civic service group organized last August for the betterment and maintenance of the health of our community by supplying the latest authentic information regarding experiments, developments, and conclusions in bio-chemistry through the medium of books, papers, pamphlets, and lectures.

Included in recent activities of the PTA, was a luncheon honoring the teachers last week. Strawberry shortcake and coffee topped off the menu of meat loaf, salad, and French bread.

Assisting with the affair were Mesdames F. Deck, R. W. Gerhart, J. W. Croager, R. P. Berman, H. O. Wasmund, Wilson, R. E. Franck, and Powers.

Room Moms Of El Nido Plan Potluck

Room mothers of El Nido PTA will hold a special potluck luncheon at the 18228 Roslin Ave. home of their chairman, Mrs. W. A. Wright, who also is president-elect of Torrance Council PTA, on Friday, May 21.

During the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. affair, several room mothers will be honored for their co-operation during the past year, Mrs. Wright said.

In contrast to other PTA programs, which limit room mother activities to assisting at socials, the El Nido Association has sponsored parent education classes each month, the chairman continued. "We followed this type of program with hopes that a wider knowledge of personality development would prove rewarding within each individual home," she said.

Plans for the luncheon were made at last Wednesday's board meeting, held at Mrs. Wright's home. Executives presented Mrs. Philo Mellor, president, with an engraved compact in appreciation of her services during the past year.

Carole Salcido served as mistress of ceremonies while Regius Carleton played the part of Granny and Anita Tracy portrayed the Wise Old Owl. Appearing as the father, Mary, and Tommy, respectively, were Becky Tapia, Marilyn Schilling, and Carolyn Schilling.

Directing the production was Mrs. Charles A. McNeess, leader, with the assistance of Mrs. G. A. Ruglics, co-leader, and Mrs. A. G. Schilling.

The girls joined in singing the Brownie "Smile Song" after the play, then served refreshments to their mothers.

Nursery Tots Enjoy Trip

Tots at Torrance Co-operative Nursery School had a field day Thursday, with older children visiting the seal tank at Redondo Beach and the youngsters visiting a pet shop.

Plans for the trips were made Monday evening when the board of directors met at the 1309 Cordary Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Don West. Leaders also formulated plans for the next

232nd Pl. PTA Will Install Mrs. Bassett

Mrs. Fred Bassett will take over the president's gavel of 232nd Pl. next Thursday, May 13, when installation ceremonies for 1954-55 officers are held at the school. The new leader will be replacing Mrs. Robert Ross, who served as president this year.

The following Friday, students of the school will stage their spring dance festival at 10:30 a.m. and on June 4, the association will sponsor a fashion show.

Themes were many and varied in classroom displays, recently when open house was held in conjunction with Public School Week.

An airfield, complete with planes, hangar, control tower, offices, and gas tanks was featured in Room One, where Mrs. Lucille Mageean is the instructor, while a community scene composed of a farm, beauty shop, church, cookie shop, and harbor took the spotlight in Mrs. Gertrude Keller's Room Two.

Mrs. Irene Cox's pupils in Room Three showed a farm unit, while students of Miss Muriel Patterson had decorated the walls of Room Four with harbor murals.

Farm to market murals decorated the walls in Room Five, where Mrs. Matilda Bacon is the teacher, and farm to harbor scenes were displayed in Roy Striegel's Room Six.

Room Seven, taught by Mrs. Ruth DeLuca, carried a science theme; Room Eight, taught by Mrs. Ruth Eaton, displayed sea life; and Room Nine, taught by Seymour Silver, featured a geographic theme with clay murals of prehistoric animals taking the spotlight.

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Style, Hobby Show Slated At Halldale

A style and hobby show will highlight the Halldale Ave. PTA meeting at 1:30 p.m. next Thursday, May 13, according to the publicity chairman, Mrs. A. B. Tapia.

Those who have any kind of hobbies, such as paintings, lamp shades, copper work, stamp and coin collections, knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. are invited to share them at the meeting, she said.

"We also are urging all mothers who have made Easter outfits for themselves to bring and model them for the benefit of all those attending," she continued. "A special request also is being made for mothers to bring children's clothing which they have made to the show."

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. E. N. Reese at FAirfax 8-0098.

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North City PTA to Vote On Philanthropy Projects

Expenditure of funds for philanthropy will keynote the business agenda preceding installation of officers Wednesday evening, May 12, when North Torrance PTA meets at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium.

Association members will be voting on two recommendations of the executive board, made last Wednesday when Mrs. Francis Stockie, who will be installed for a second presidential term next week, honors her officers with a luncheon.

The board is asking for contributions to the bond drive currently in progress to build an addition to Los Angeles Juvenile Hall for boys 16 to 18 who are now being housed in the City Jail and for additional funds for the AFSSB chapter, which students here for their senior high school term next fall.

Report also will be made of a potluck dinner honoring room mothers last Thursday evening. Nougats of spring flowers were presented each of 10 attending the affair, held at McMaster Hall.

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