

# THS Stresses Good Health, PTA Learns

Body-building, correct posture, cleanliness, good grooming, and proper nutrition all are being stressed in the health program at Torrance High School this year, 115 PTA members learned Tuesday night when they heard a panel discussion presented by instructors and students.

Participating in the forum were Betty McCown, home economics instructor; Leonard Lifton, English-social studies instructor; Violet Caldwell, school nurse; and Kathy Bishop, girls physical education instructor. Mary Sue Easley and Gregg Jenkins, both seniors, represented the student body, while Miss C. Rous, girls counselor, acted as moderator.

Joint efforts of Bruce Wagner, school principal, and Mrs. Frank Lane, PTA program chairman, made the panel possible. Also taking a program spotlight was the Boys Glee Club under the direction of Walter Silke.

Over 500 names, including 66 of the faculty, are now on the PTA membership roster. Mrs. J. L. Hinds, chairman, reported during the business session, called to order by the president, Mrs. I. O. Kasten. As the meeting was Freshman Night, Miss Kathryn Chisholm, freshman mother, gave the inspirational.

# Seaside PTA Plans Parent Class, Social

"Skippy and the three R's," a film, will feature next Wednesday's meeting of the Seaside PTA parent education class on reading, to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school homemaker room. Mrs. Charles G. Nollenberger, press chairman, said this week.

Also slated for Wednesday is a teacher's luncheon at the 5406 Sharynne Lane home of Mrs. Lorne Bristol, with proceeds earmarked for youth activities including a new Brownie troop led by Mrs. W. W. Poser.

Plans for the two events were made last Thursday when the Seaside members also heard a talk on school problems caused by the growing community by Emmet Ingram, assistant superintendent of Torrance Unified School District.

Entertainment highlights included a skit presented by Jeff Olsen's eighth graders; "Because You're Mine" and "I Believe," sung by Vice-principal Lloyd Jones; and community singing led by Jones. The Webelos, led by Richard Naumann, presented and retired the colors.

Torrance High School PTA is now on the honor roll. Mrs. D. K. Kirks reported. Parents were encouraged by Mrs. Lane to drop into the question box all queries about school curriculum which they would like answered. Freshmen mothers, headed by Mrs. William Speck, hospitality chairman, and her assistant, Mrs. H. Herrera, are hostesses for the evening. Presiding at coffee tables were Mesdames Lloyd Davis and Sam Neely.

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# TEA HONORS FAMED HARBOR AREA ARTIST

Art lovers in this city got an opportunity to see some of the best in water colors and pay tribute to one of the charter members of the San Pedro Art Association Sunday at the Association Gallery, 820 S. Beacon St., San Pedro.

The exhibition, featuring 35 paintings by Alice Tennessee Hawkins, opened formally at 2 p.m. with a tea honoring Mrs. Hawkins, who is immediate past president and charter member of the 23-year-old association.

Mrs. Hawkins, a graduate of the University of Washington and student of Arthur Beaumont and Caesar Hernandez, has exhibited in the Harbor area for many years. She has won awards in the annual San Pedro Fishermen's Fiesta art exhibition and in past Association shows, as well as exhibiting at the Palos Verdes Library Gallery, Long Beach Municipal Art Center, Pacific Coast Club, Los Angeles Coliseum, Cabrillo Museum, and San Pedro YWCA.

The show will be open to the public daily from 1 to 4 p.m. except Tuesdays and will last through Nov. 22.

"Mrs. Hawkins' watercolors are executed without affectation and with a spirit of sincerity that is easily transmitted to the observer," said Art Association President Jay Messner.

On exhibition concurrently with Mrs. Hawkins' watercolor paintings is a display of rare stones and jewelry by her husband, Alvin Hawkins, an ardent member of both the San Pedro Lapidary and Mineral Society and Art Association.

# Ladies' Chorus Plans to Meet Each Tuesday

Plans to meet each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock at North Torrance Elementary School were made by a new women's chorus sponsored by the Torrance Council PTA under the Torrance Adult School program when the initial meeting was held last Tuesday at North Torrance School.

The chorus is being organized not only to recruit a group from Torrance for the PTA Mothers' chorus, but for all women who enjoy group singing. Mrs. J. I. Hinds, publicity chairman, said. Music other than that to be used with the Mothersingers will be studied under the direction of Walter Silke, choral director at Torrance High School.

Among the first attending the first session was Mrs. Loren Edmon, Council music chairman, who explained the special music used by the Mothersingers. A social hour, with the North Torrance women as hostesses, followed the class.

Supplementing the meat loaf entree were scalloped potatoes, baked beans and pumpkin pies, all arranged on tables decorated with eucalyptus of fall leaves and chrysanthemums around lighted tapers.

Dancing to popular discs followed the meal, supervised by Mrs. Harry Lewis with assistance of Mesdames Robert Mowry, Philip Hoffman Jr., W. M. Montgomery, George Blahnik, Douglas Baldwin, John Cooper, M. Weir, and Charles Schultz Jr.

# Good Leader Must Be Good Follower First, PTA Hears

"We can all be leaders some of the time if we learn to be good followers most of the time," Mrs. Laurence B. Martin, second vice-president of Tenth District, told PTA members at the first Parent-Teacher Information Study Group sponsored by Lomita-San Pedro Council last Monday.

A good parent-teacher leader, Mrs. Martin pointed out, is democratic and courteous. She delegates responsibility, uses initiative, accepts difficulties as a challenge, appreciates all contributions by members, admits mistakes and asks for forgiveness, refrains from personal comparisons, budgets time through systematic planning, keeps herself in the background, and retains a sense of humor.

"There is no one individual at the head of an organization of any value to the group unless there is an active participating membership; and a leader should not carry the entire load of the organization," the second vice-president said.

An illustrated review of various PTA publications and emblems given by the Tenth District chairman, Mrs. Clyde Simpson, also highlighted the class. Succeeding sessions will be held each Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Channel Heights Auditorium until Nov. 30.

# Comfortable Bathroom; Happy Day

To start your family off happily each morning, it is important to make the early bathroom ritual quick and pleasant. Especially in a one-bathroom house, split-second timing is required for dad's shaving, big sister's shower, and the children hurrying off to school.

The housewife can solve this situation by having all the essential bathroom necessities conveniently at hand. This avoids the familiar "Where's my towel?" or "I can't find the soap, mother."

A few extra shelves will go a long way toward smoothing the morning rush. These shelves hold bath towels, hand towels, and washing cloths within easy reach of shower, tub, or basin. The regular family linen closet, as always, holds the complete household supply.

If you're planning to build a new home, add an extra bathroom, or remodel your present one, remember to include two or three recessed shelves. Whether open or behind glass, they will prove helpful savers of time and energy.

Another idea is to build a set of hanging shelves of glass or wood to hold this handy supply of extra bath and hand towels.

# 115 Attend Junior Feed

One hundred fifteen members, their husbands, and guests gathered at the Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., last Wednesday night for the annual Junior Women's Club polkadeo dinner.

Mrs. Lloyd Jones, press chairman, reported yesterday.

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# Bridgettes Hold Fall Luncheon

Brilliantly-shaded fall fruits spilling from a huge horn of plenty, suspended above the table highlighted the decoration motif Thursday afternoon when the Bridgettes held their bi-monthly luncheon at Avalon-Carson Trailer Court.

Tom Tregler featured the menu prepared by hostesses for the day, Mesdames June Herman, Bonnie Trambly, Irene Read, Yvonne Kell, Gertrude Steele, and Betty Randall with Mrs. May Skaggs as honorary cook.

Afternoon prizes, two hand-made aprons donated by Mrs. Edith Ostrander, were won by Mesdames Herman and Hazel Shaffer. Mrs. Rose Nelson of Houston, Tex., joined the membership as honored guest.

Bridgettes, composed of feminine employees and wives of workers at Chicago Bridge and Iron, will hold their next luncheon Jan. 14 at the 1409 Cota Ave. home of Mrs. Neil Burdick.

# Sell Tickets For Nov. 21 'Show Boat'

Tickets for "Capt. Rogers' Showboat," musical drama to be presented by the "Songdusters" Saturday night, Nov. 21, at Torrance Elementary School Auditorium, may be obtained from any member of the sponsoring group, Madrona PTA, the "Songdusters' press chairman, Iris Hultz said this week.

The duets also may be obtained at the door the night of the event, which will begin at 8 p.m., she said. All proceeds will be turned over to the Torrance Dental Health Clinic.

In addition to "Capt. Rogers' Showboat," the Songdusters are planning to present a show at the Daughters of Nova Scotia, Lady McDonald Clan, of Long Beach, Saturday Nov. 28, at the Machinists Hall in Long Beach. Any organization desiring to sponsor the show may contact Mrs. H. V. Blakesley, 1850 W. 262nd St., Lomita, DAVenport 6-1381.

# TUESDAY CARD FETE SET BY NEIGHBORS

The drill team, with Mary Baker as chairman, will sponsor the last 1953 card party of the Royal Neighbors, to be held next Tuesday night, Nov. 17, at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Card play, featuring pinchle, 500, bunco, bridge, and canasta, will begin at 8 p.m., and hand-made gifts will be awarded as prizes for high scores. Refreshments will be served.

# Safety Film Planned for Perry Meet

"And Then There Were Four," a safety film, will feature next Thursday night's 7:30 o'clock meeting of Perry PTA in the school auditorium. Mrs. D. D. Kern, press chairman, reported this week.

Announcement of the film was made by Mrs. A. F. Kupka, program chairman, at the regular executive board meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. F. Doher, 17311 Prairie Ave., last Thursday.

Also calendared for next week is a Cub pack committee at the school auditorium Friday at 7:45 p.m. Parents of boys between the ages of 8 to 11 who are interested in helping to organize a new pack are requested to attend, Mrs. Kern said.

# CHOCOLATE IS FAVORED

A great many people favor chocolate when they choose a dessert. Cakes, cookies, pies and other luscious dishes in this favorite flavor are generally popular.

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# OUR NEWEST CHOCOLATE CAKE

This recipe makes two big 9-in. layers. Rich—delicious—delicious! Follow the directions for mixing. They're easy to follow—but just a bit different from those in the usual creaming method cake.

2 C. sifted flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 C. shortening  
2 sq. baking chocolate, melted  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 C. milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 C. chopped nuts

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cream shortening to soften and gradually add sugar, creaming thoroughly. Stir in melted chocolate. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Combine milk and vanilla and add SLOWLY. (Yes! All the milk is added before the flour is put in, and it's important to add it slowly to keep the mixture from separating.) Blend in sifted dry ingredients. Add chopped nuts. Divide batter into two oiled, waxed-paper lined 9-in. layer pans. Bake at 375° for 30 to 35 minutes.

# CHOCOLATE FROSTING

It's the egg that makes the difference in this luscious cake topping. Do try it next time your cake calls for chocolate frosting.

2 egg whites  
1/2 C. sugar  
1/2 C. vanilla  
2 C. powdered sugar  
2 sq. baking chocolate, melted  
1 egg

Cream butter to soften. Mix in vanilla and about 1/4 of the sugar. Add melted chocolate and a little more sugar. Add egg, and beat thoroughly. Gradually beat in remaining powdered sugar.

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# CHOCOLATE MERINGUE PIE

Sweet—but not too sweet! A just-right pie! Your chocolate lovers will call for repeats.

1 C. sugar  
2 Tbsp. flour  
2 Tbsp. cornstarch  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 sq. baking chocolate  
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten  
1 Tbsp. butter  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 1/2 C. milk  
1 C. pie shell

Mix together sugar, flour, cornstarch and salt. Put chocolate and milk in upper pan of double boiler and heat to melt chocolate. Beat whites to stiff peaks. Blend in remaining ingredients and cook over hot water, stirring until mixture thickens. Continue cooking for 20 min. Stir while the cooked mixture into the egg yolks and add to rest of mixture in double boiler. Add butter and cook 3 min. Add vanilla. Cool before putting into baked pie shell. Top with meringue. Bake at 325° for 20 to 25 min.

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