

LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

Perry

Executive board of Perry PTA held its March meeting in the teachers' room at Perry School. Mrs. T. R. Jackson presided.

A letter of resignation was received from Mrs. Mary Squillace, co-room representative, and Mrs. Dorothy Morgan was appointed to take her place.

Henry Behrens, vice principal, gave a report on the bicycle safety program in the school and told how Officer Jackson of the Torrance police department had visited the school to speak to the students on safety procedures. Booklets were issued for study and a written test and also a riding test were required before permission was granted to bring bicycles to school.

Mrs. Francis Fox, auditor, reported that the books were in order.

Mrs. William Gresham, ways and means chairman, stated that the coffee hour held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Perkins, co-ways and means chairman, had netted receipts of \$25; that a plastic party held at the home of Mrs. James Reynolds, Newslette chairman, had realized the sum of \$1679, and that there was also \$5 from the sale of dishes. Mrs. Gresham also confirmed the April 12 date set for a magic show to be given by Larry Nelson in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, recreation chairman, gave a report on the proposed sports center to be built near the city of Torrance, and stated that the total report by the Recreation Commission would be given to the City Council on April 15.

John Strom, principal, reminded everyone that parent conferences are to be held this year from April 1-10 and that Spring Roundup on April 8, 10 and 11 will herald the introduction of the next kindergarten classes. Mr. Strom also spoke of plans for a luncheon for the graduating eighth grade classes and the board voted \$25 towards this purpose.

On Thursday, March 21, Perry PTA met in the school cafeteria and elected its officers for the year 1957-58. Newly elected officers were Mrs. Kenneth Judd, president; Mrs. Frank Solis, vice president; Mrs. Eugene Phillips, secretary; Mrs. Jerome Lemberger, treasurer; Mrs. Barba Watwood, auditor, and Mrs. James Reynolds, historian.

Mrs. Roscoe Anthony, room representative, announced that she and her co-chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, had planned a coffee hour in honor of this year's room mothers and their helpers.

These "unsung heroines" of the PTA who work hard and cooperate loyally on all PTA projects will be hosted by executive board members who will serve sandwiches, cookies and coffee from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All Perry teachers have been invited to attend.

Meadow Park

"Strengthening Our Community Through World Understanding" was the theme at the Meadow Park PTA meeting held March 20. Foreign exchange students were guest speakers — a young student from Denmark and a girl from Austria. They spoke on dress, customs and schooling in their countries and expressed their gratitude for having the chance to attend American schools and live here in American families' homes.

The children of Meadow Park furnished the music for the evening and square dancing by several groups rounded out the program, directed by Mrs. K. M. Grogan.

Mrs. J. T. Anagnost was elected president for the coming year. Serving with her will be Mrs. R. M. Wood, first vice president; Mrs. O. L. Winn, second vice president; Mrs. J. Marshall, recording secretary; Mrs. W. Williams, corresponding secretary; E. C. Terry, treasurer; D. Ellsworth, auditor, and Mrs. N. F. Larson, historian.

The next regular meeting will be held April 10. Theme will be "Knowing Our Community by Knowing Our School."

Evelyn Carr

Mrs. G. Shelton gave the inspirational, "An Irish Prayer," at the meeting of the Evelyn Carr PTA board on March 18 at the home of Mrs. Merle Love, 16821 Thornburgh. Mrs. Roland Stamm, president, was in charge of the meeting.

In the correspondence read by Mrs. D. Kinda were notes from the Glee club thanking the board for their new robes and from North High thanking the Mothersingers for their association program.

Mrs. C. R. Ross outlined the next association meeting which will be opened with the flag salute by Little League of North Torrance. Junior choir will sing songs from Disney's motion pictures.

R. Welte, president, also discussed the articles in a national magazine "Back to the Three R's," pointing out that Torrance schools have never left the Three R's. He invited parents to visit the classrooms. Welte also announced the progress of the student clubs, in which 12 teachers are acting as leaders.

The state PTA convention April 11 from 10 until 3 p.m. at the Whittier High School was announced. Dr. Kenneth Carlson, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Santa Monica, will be one of the speakers. Election polls open at 8 and close at noon.

Mrs. R. McDonald, library chairman, reported on new books for the library and Mrs. L. Woods gave a brief outline of the TEAC luncheon.

It was also announced the Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA was the only school to receive the gold seal award for the California Parent Teachers magazine.

Mrs. J. R. Cunerty was appointed chairman for the room mothers dinner to be held in May.

186th Street

Executive board members and two sisters of Mrs. Herman Eisenbeiss, president of 186th Street School PTA, entertained at a luncheon in her honor at the Plush Horse, on Tuesday, March 12. Mrs. Jay Takahashi, radio and TV chairman, presented Mrs. Eisenbeiss with a corsage of a white orchid. Mrs. James Ellis, president-elect, presented Miss Ruth Engdahl, school principal, with a corsage of pink camellias. Mrs. Walter S. Stewart, was the hostess in charge, and made all the arrangements for the lovely luncheon. A special treat included a tour of the beautiful restaurant from the banquet room to the kitchen.

Those attending were Mmes. Stephen Pencheff, J. T. Evans Jr., W. S. Stewart, Jay Takahashi, Edward Patton, Billie Lewis, Hugh Allen, Donald Dittman, Phillippe Major, Sam Tanihara, R. Dean Bryan, James McMillen, James Ellis, Frank Nelson, and Miss Ruth Engdahl, board members. Mrs. Delmar De Mary and Mrs. D. E. Bonano, sisters of Mrs. Eisenbeiss, were also present.

Carl Steele

El Camino Choral Group, presented by Mrs. A. D. Hawkins, program chairman, entertained the members of the Carl Steele PTA at the March 14 meeting.

Pledge of allegiance was led by the Boy Scouts and Mrs. L. M. Griffith led the group singing of "America." Inspiration was given by Mrs. William Pancake.

New officers elected were: Mrs. W. B. Beresford, president; Mrs. A. D. Hawkins, first vice president; Mrs. George Fowler, second vice president; Mrs. F. H. Steele, third vice president; Mrs. Clifford Lane, fourth vice president; Mrs. L. A. Scheele, secretary; Mrs. D. Coleman, treasurer; Neil Campbell, auditor, and Mrs. B. Swanson, historian.

The president, Mrs. J. R. Erving, read the list of delegates to the Whittier convention on April 11.

Lu Bisou read the legislative report on the incorporation of the PTA. Newslette chairman announced that the first issue, "Bits of Steele," will be out around April 1.

Sepulveda

Clifton J. Caruth, Acting Chief Psychologist of the Los Angeles Mental Hygiene Clinic, chose the topic "Child Psychology vs. the Child" as he spoke before the Sepulveda PTA group on March 21.

"Although the trend toward better mental health for the past 50 years has been good and active," Mr. Caruth stated, "there is the unfortunate effect of parent losing confidence in his own child as a result of the widespread number of books, theories and talks on the subject of child psychology."

"The child finds himself battling child psychology and the parents end up not knowing their own children," Mr. Caruth said.

Emphasizing the radical change in the handling of children, Mr. Caruth stressed the fact that "in the '20's a prominent psychologist named Watson recommended conditioning children with rigid schedules and a repeat routine. After a few years the swing was entirely in the opposite direction: Children were allowed to express themselves. Mr. Caruth drew particular attention to the fact that there is no disturbed child without a disturbed home element present.

In the past few years, a San Pedro branch clinic has been established. There is a minimum fee of 50 cents for those who cannot afford private psychiatric help. The clinic operating for mental hygiene are eager to cooperate with parents and schools, Caruth said.

An impromptu question period followed Mr. Caruth's speech.

Preceding Mr. Caruth's talk, an election of officers for the next school's term was held. Those elected to office are the following: President, Mrs. Ben Holden; first vice president, Mrs. Paul Halbach; second vice president, Mrs. Robert Dexter; third vice president, Mrs. John Cariveau; auditor, John Merrin; treasurer, Charles Bennis; historian, Mrs. Edward Ogdon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Craig; and recording secretary, Mrs. Allan Hosman.

During the business meeting President Mrs. A. Yackie, reported that the following had been selected as delegates for the PTA District Convention on April 11: Mmes. A. Craig, Bill Abernathy, John Cariveau, Robert Whitney, John Regan, and Albert Yackie.

R. Dexter, principal, introduced the following teachers who have been added to the teaching staff in January: Mrs. Nita Pascal, Miss Mary Larkins and Mrs. Ruth McDougal.

Entertainment was provided by the Riviera Mother Singers.

Gateway

Mrs. A. C. Akerson was re-elected as president of the Gateway Council at the March meeting held at Banning High.

Elected to serve with her were: Mrs. Carl Brooks, first vice president; Mrs. Harry Rhodes, second vice president; Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, secretary; Mrs. Peter A. Brutti, treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Groom, auditor; Mrs. Harry G. Foa, Jr., historian. Mrs. aurence Fryer, president of the Southwest Council, conducted the election.

Gene Vollnogle of the Banning faculty enlarged upon the topic "Behind the Wheel Guidance" by explaining driver education program offered high school students. Mrs. Annabel Wiles presented Banning students in a variety of instrumental and vocal selections.

Among visiting PTA presidents were Mmes. William Shier, omia-San Pedro; E. N. Reese, Haldale Ave. and William Asplin of White Point.

Gateway presidents giving reports were Mmes. Arnold Reiman, Banning; Peter Brutti, Dana; Robert Straughn, Gardena; D. G. Check, Narbonne; A. J. Standley, Peary; Thurman Raig, San Pedro, and L. R. Park, Wilmington. Mrs. O. L. Davison emphasized the importance of a Yes vote on propositions B and C.

The next meeting will be held at Peary Jr. High April 1 at 10 a.m. with the theme "Love Thy Neighbor" demonstrated by foreign born students.

Riviera

Nominations were in order Wednesday night, March 20th, at the Hollywood Riviera PTA meeting held in the school cafeteria. The candidates for next year's board were nominated by Mrs. Lester Oswald, nominating committee chairman, as follows: President, Mrs. Gene Voorhees; first vice president, Mrs. James Ogber; second vice president, Mrs. Markle H. Sparks; third vice president, Mrs. Leo Lavanis; fourth vice president, Mrs. Edward Davis; recording secretary, Mrs. Carl Whistler; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jay Madden; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Jahn; historian, Mrs. Art Stevenson; auditor, Mrs. Marvin Bandoli; auditor, Richard Miller. There were no nominations from the floor. However, because the elections are not until the April 10 meeting, the nominations are still open.

Mrs. M. H. Sparks, PTA president, announced the American Field Service Coffee will be held April 4, at 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria. The two foreign students attending high school in Torrance, Miss Christa Volkman from Austria, and Carl Hoybee from Denmark, will speak. The PTA Chorus will sing songs of foreign nations. Everyone is invited to attend and help support the American Field Service.

Mrs. Rod Freeman announced that reservations and money must be in by April 1 for the Room Mothers Fashion Show Luncheon at the Plush Horse on April 10. Each room mother may bring two guests and Mrs. Robert Dwight will be at the school on April 1 from 1 to 1 p.m. to sell the luncheon tickets.

The association voted at this meeting to send a letter to the Torrance City Council requesting that the barriers between Palos Verdes and Riviera on Via Colusa not be removed because of the safety factor involved when children go to and from school.

A letter will also be sent requesting that the City consider the Hollywood Riviera as a possible location for a branch library.

When time was called in the Father-Student spelling bee, Mr. Mickey Panovich, father, and Miss Joyce Snyder, from Mrs. Lois Christiansen's seventh grade, were still standing.

Thorsten Burman, Men's Membership chairman, sang several songs, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Bennett.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by the fifth and sixth grade room mothers.

North High

At the March meeting North High elected its executive board for the year 1957-58. Serving will be Mrs. J. R. Sanders, president; Mrs. W. H. Bayliff, first vice president; L. R. Steffy, second vice president; Mrs. F. A. Atkins, third vice president; Mrs. Joe Begando, recording secretary; Mrs. L. Van de Vort, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. L. Turner, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth McVey, historian; H. Marshlian, auditor.

Mrs. McVey presented the program for the evening, introducing the American field service students and the dance group of North High under the direction of Miss Wilhelm with Mrs. Bosco as instructor.

Mrs. F. A. Atkins, student welfare chairman, reported on the revolving lunch fund for students, and also on the polo shots that were given to 1200 students March 14 at school. Second polo shots will be given April 11. Mrs. J. R. Sanders, president, announced that the executive board will attend a secondary school meeting to be held April 9 at Inglewood High.

North High PTA is planning a Freshmen mothers tea May 3. There will be no meeting in May of the Association. W. Harter, principal, announced changes in personnel. Mr. Lucas, vice principal, is being transferred to South High. Mr. L. R. Steffy is to replace him. H. Marshlian will be in charge of student activities.

AT SILVER TEA

Mrs. LaMar Stewart, 23208 Robert Rd., represented the South Bay Alpha Chi Omega alumnae at a silver tea held Sunday afternoon at the Epsilon House on the USC campus. Mrs. Stewart is the president of the South Bay alumnae group.

Behind the Scenes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Rising personal savings promise more in the way of relieving the so-called credit squeeze than all the rhetoric now being devoted to the topic in and out of Congress.

In the final quarter of 1956, the Department of Commerce reports, savings were 7.6 per cent of personal incomes. That's a marked increase from the 6.8 per cent reported for the like quarter of 1955.

Of course, statistical savings are not quite the same as money in the bank. Reductions in mortgage indebtedness and rises in cash surrender values of life insurance policies are both counted statistically as savings. In truth, they are savings, but we don't usually consider them that.

Savings institutions reported their rate of adding deposits showed no change from 1955 to 1956. So the fact that savings rose is a tribute to the campaign of the New York Stock Exchange and individual investment houses to have savings put directly into corporate securities. Net purchases of such securities last year were twice those of 1955.

Moreover, as 1956 progressed securities buyers turned more and more to bonds — a shift which the course of common stock prices shows to have been a wise one.

Higher savings and lower spending — the two must go hand in hand — will soon relieve credit stringency, if nothing political is done to upset the apparent before this result arrives.

ATOMS FOR INDUSTRY — The atomic energy industry and nuclear technology are going through a transition period from essentially military into largely peaceful applications. Present and anticipated dimensions of the peacetime nuclear industry are so great that almost every segment of industry can expect some impact from the new technology.

Among the country's leading corporations with a broad interest in industrial and therapeutic applications of atomic energy and its by-products is Schenley Industries, Inc., a major producer of alcoholic beverages, pharmaceuticals, cooperation and farm feeds. Lewis S. Rosenthal, chairman of the board and president, announced this week that the company is one of the firms participating with the Case Institute of Technology of Cleveland in the Case Industrial Nuclear Center Study Group.

The study, it is hoped, will lead to the building of a nuclear research and development center in Ohio. This would include a high-flux engineering test reactor and associated equipment to support a broad program of research, education and training in the nuclear sciences and their application to industrial processes.

THINGS TO COME — "Wireless Electronic Nurse" is the name of a sending device that is plugged in above an infant's bed. Any noises break in on the nearest radio or television receiver. . . Little girls are going for electric trains, too. The principle maker has just turned out some in pink, blue, lilac, and yellow. . . A new playhouse, built like an igloo, fits together with ball joints that are locked with a screwdriver after the structure is erected. . . Junior's cat seat has grown up to include and

extra-large steering wheel, contoured braces, thick plastic cushion and safety belt.

RIGHT PATH FOR CORN

There's a tremendous surplus of corn in America. Now agricultural economists in the nation's private grain-handling trade believe they have found a way to help get rid of it. This is simply to apply to corn an export program like that now in effect for wheat.

Wheat export, previously entirely in government hands, was restored last September to private industry. Since then 210 million bushels have been shipped abroad. That's considerably more than twice the 89 million bushels the government shipped in the like period of 1955-56.

Industry economists ask: "Why not the same program for corn?"

They feel that the problems of surplus are similar, and that experience with wheat tends to prove that, whatever the government is able to export

under the present system, much more could be shipped by returning responsibility to private hands.

SHORTER SUMMER

Last fall's ore piles on the southern shores of Lake Erie are larger than anyone expected, so the opening of shipping traffic on the Great Lakes will probably be deferred until April 15. Last year the first boats put out around April 1.

The Great Lakes aren't as dangerous as the annual announcement that they are "open" implies. Boats can run until Thanksgiving, and could start right now, if it were worth while, but most often it isn't.

A boat caught in ice around the Soo or the Straits of Mackinac would be in little real danger, but the payroll would go right on while the voyage was suspended. And it's true that there is enough actual danger that insurance rates are higher on early and late voyages.

Roy Kato Named to Honorary Fraternity

Roy Kato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kato, 18357 Crenshaw Blvd., was one of 10 students named to Gamma Delta, honorary agriculture fraternity at California State Polytechnic College, San Dimas.

A graduate of Torrance High School, he is studying landscape architecture. He also won the Chuck's Nursery scholarship for \$150 given annually to a top undergraduate. He also is student body treasurer at the college.

Rome Cable Planning New Research Center

Plans for a new \$500,000 research and development center to be built in Rome, N.Y., have been announced by President A. D. R. Fraser and R. A. Schatzel, director of research for Rome Cable Corp. The new center is expected to be ready for occupancy next November.

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