

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

## Sepulveda

Plans for a drive aimed at enlisting 100 per cent parent participation in the Sepulveda School PTA were formulated at a recent meeting of the membership committee. Chairman Mrs. John Regan has announced.

The group will rely heavily on children's cooperation in attempting to reach the membership goal. Mrs. Regan said, with prizes offered for rooms gaining highest percentage of parent membership.

The drive will be held from Oct. 3 to Oct. 11, with the campaign built around the slogan, "Don't miss the boat; join your PTA."

Mrs. Regan stated that an intensive effort is planned to increase fathers' participation in PTA meetings at the school, with the incentive of added points to be awarded to children's rooms for fathers' attendance.

Present at the membership committee meeting, in addition to Chairman Mrs. Regan, were Robert Dexter, principal of Sepulveda School; Mrs. Ben Holden, PTA president; Albert Yackle, men's membership chairman; Mrs. Albert Yackle, parliamentary; Mrs. Charles Scott, Newslette co-chairman; Mrs. Gerald Creager, room representative; Mrs. Robert Meyers, hospitality chairman; and Mrs. Emmet Milburn, treasurer and art chairman.

Dessert and coffee was served to the school's teaching staff in the school cafeteria, Sept. 10, by the PTA executive board members.

Sepulveda's first executive PTA board meeting will be held on Sept. 19.

Plans also are being discussed for a get-acquainted coffee hour to be held during the month of October for the PTA. Information on the date will follow in the near future.

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## 259th Place

Mardi Gras preparations was the main topic of discussion at a recent board meeting of the 259th Place PTA held in Lomita Park.

Mrs. D. E. Dunn, ways and means co-chairman, displayed six story book dolls, dressed by her mother, that were beautiful with their long, full afternoon dresses with matching hats. Most of the board members took home one or two dolls to clothe in the outfit of their choosing. The doll booth will be featured at the Mardi Gras Oct. 25.

Committee members for the Mardi Gras are Mmes. R. A. Stalmack, ways and means chairman; D. E. Dunn, co-ways and means; R. P. Boderman, Dan Bowling, C. R. Chitwood, E. H. Cook, T. R. Biglin and W. S. Dillon.

A "come-and-go" breakfast is planned for the first week in December at the home of Mrs. Dan Bowling. Potholders, aprons and white elephants will be on display for sale at a booth in her home.

Two folding tables 5 feet long were purchased by the PTA for use at association meetings and board meetings.

Mrs. H. B. McDonald is moving into a new school district and found it necessary to tender her resignation as first vice president of the 259th Place PTA.

A special executive board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. Creager, president, to elect a new first vice president. Mrs. J. R. Allen was elected.

The following chairmen were ratified: Mmes. John Peres, registration; Claude Pearson, historian; E. H. Cook, sunshine; C. R. Chitwood, school education; Palmer Orseth, honorary life.

"Now is the Time to Meet the People" is the topic for the 259th Place PTA meeting to be held on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. Miss Frances Dastarac, principal, will introduce the faculty and student speakers will talk on the Communist Chest. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with the teachers after the meeting during tea.

## Edison

The executive board of the Edison School PTA entertained the teachers at a luncheon at the school Monday. The purpose of the affair was to get acquainted.

The teachers were introduced to the group by Lester Foster, principal, and greetings were extended by PTA President Mrs. William Cassida.

Mrs. Thomas Seegar was chairman of the arrangements committee.

PTA officers for the current school year include Mrs. William Cassida, president; Mrs. Carl Miller, first vice president; Mrs. William Ulrich, second vice president; Lester Foster, third vice president; Mrs. Bert Richardson, recording secretary; Mrs. Curtis Pearsey, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Stiles, treasurer; John Rezum, auditor;

Mrs. Dan Looi, historian; Mrs. Charles Groutage, parliamentary; Mrs. Thomas Seegar, art; Mrs. Calvin Perkins, budget and finance; Mrs. Lonnie Gregg, health; Mrs. Dwight Preston, honorary life membership and Founders' Day; Mrs. Herv Fisher, hospitality; Mrs. Red Nichols, inspirational; Mrs. Doyle Henderson, librarian; Mrs. William Ellings, magazine; Mrs. Robert Kildoo, membership; Mrs. Arthur Lundberg, music; Mrs. Jerome Hoffman, newslette; Mrs. Jules Juge, parent education; Mrs. Arthur Lester, publicity; Mrs. Robert Shimmin, room representative; Mrs. Earnest Carlstrom, safety; Mrs. Robert Kandler, welfare, and Mrs. Carl Duncan, record books.

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## S. M. White

Stephen M. White, PTA board members held a potluck luncheon at Banning Park with a business meeting preceding.

Attending were Mrs. H. E. St. Clair, president; A. Cartwright, principal; John Fox, boy's vice principal; Mrs. C. Virona, girls vice principal.

Others were Mmes. Fred Schimmel, Glen Mullin, Oscar Smith, C. E. Johnson, G. L. Walker, Kenneth Madison, Loring Thomas, Louis Erspamer, J. M. Wynn, Joe Haslett, C. W. Wittenburg, Marvin Holm, O. L. Davission and Henry Runge.

## Carl Steele

Carl Steele executive board held their third meeting of the summer recently at the school. Mrs. A. D. Hawkins, president, presided.

Reports on the Orientation Luncheon were given by Mrs. H. G. Rix, hospitality chairman. Members of the board volunteered their services for serving and food preparation. This luncheon was given by the board for school personnel Wednesday.

Membership Chairman, Mrs. W. A. Freeman reported that her committee would have the small posters, which will appear in each classroom, ready by this week. The membership envelopes which are sent home with each student were available at the Council Workshop held Tuesday.

Mrs. D. J. Coleman, budget and finance chairman, called a meeting of her committee Sept. 9. Members of this committee are: Mrs. A. D. Hawkins, Mrs. R. L. Golden, Mrs. J. Erving, Mrs. A. W. Beresford, Mrs. W. H. Steele and Mr. R. K. Petrat. The committee formulated the budget and will present it at the first association meeting for approval.

Hi-Jinks Chairman, Mrs. D. J. Coleman, presented a list of the booths which the PTA will sponsor at this affair. Board members were assigned to specific booths and shall be responsible for same. Letters have been sent to various Scout groups and the Civic Association inviting them to sponsor a booth of their choice. Full proceeds from these booths will be given to their sponsor.

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## Narbonne

"The New Look," commemorating the opening of the new high school, will be the theme of the Narbonne High School PTA for the coming year. At a recent board meeting held at Torrance Park the program for the year was ratified.

Mrs. John Blackmen, president, conducted the business meeting which preceded the potluck luncheon. Three new chairmen were ratified by the board: Mmes. Al Boderman, school education; G. A. Ford, recreation co-chairman and Clyde Bohannon, 11th grade representative.

The first association meeting will take place on Oct. 15 and will feature a demonstration by students from the athletic departments. A tea welcoming new members will culminate the meeting.

Highlighting the programs during the year will be a Father's Night which will feature a potluck dinner preceding the meeting; an introduction to the high school's two foreign exchange students who will take part in a panel discussion on foreign relations; the annual Founders Day program; a speaker on mental health and a fashion show featuring students from the home economics department.

Members present at the meeting and luncheon included Mmes. Virgil Bunn, H. G. Cotton, William Sellers, R. B. Huntley, John Blackmon, Frank Cummings, D. G. Cheek, Ray H. Reed, Ed Holloway, Lewis E. Long, Joseph B. Butler, Al Boderman, E. M. Bernardin, D. C. Jones and Arthur Anderson.

## Riviera

Riviera School's general PTA meeting will be held Sept. 18 at the school cafeteria.

Spaker will be Mrs. Alvin Larsen, representing the 33rd district, California Congress of Parents and Teachers. Theme for the meeting will be "Looking Ahead Together." Teachers, staff and administrators will be present.

A teachers' luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. Mel Heflinger, 528 Via La Selva, with a general board meeting held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Jay Madden, 421 Via Las Estrellas.

Busy board members meeting during the month of August with their committees were: Mrs. Edward Davis who still needs volunteers for Room Mother Representatives; Mrs. James Cooley who reported at the last board on the work planned for the welfare group; Mrs. Marjorie Sparks, membership; Mrs. John MacKenzie, hospitality; Mrs. James Ogborn, program; Mrs. William Lofus who will work with the Mothersingers and Robert Atha of the Bicycle Club.

Three new chairmen were ratified; Mrs. Thomas Shelton, flowers; Mrs. Laurence Ely who will serve as co-chairman on hospitality and Mrs. Howard Terry who will be co-chairman of the coffee committee. Coffee and flower committees have asked for volunteers to serve with them this year. The Art Committee also asks the service of a volunteer co-chairman.

## El Nido

El Nido PTA's budget and finance committee meeting was held by the chairman, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Sept. 4, at her home, 16328 Roslin Ave., to plan a proposed budget for 1957-58.

William B. Forrest, El Nido School principal and Mrs. Amos Chadwick, PTA president, remained for lunch.

The proposed budget will be presented to the association for approval at the October meeting, Mrs. Wright said.

## Betsy Ross Club

Betsy Ross Club will meet Tuesday at the Torrance Masonic Temple, 2333 Cabrillo Ave., with Doris Willett as hostess.

Arrangements were also made to help with the school registration during the days previous to the opening of school.

Miss Elsie Ferris of Long Beach will be the guest speaker. She is past president of the Long Beach Council of Churches, National Council Family Life, Foundation of Underprivileged Children, member of the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles County Bar Assn., California State Bar Assn.

She has traveled throughout Indonesia, Central America, South America, India, Australia, Siam, Japan, and Mexico.

The dinner is open to only those who have made reservations and men of the church will serve.



A MATTER OF HEALTH . . . Leading discussions on the mental health aspects of PTA projects at the Torrance Council PTA workshop this week were (left to right) Mrs. Charles Jackson, Torrance Council mental health chairman; R. S. Dollard, district psychologist; Mrs. C. B. Walsworth, president of the Harbor District Health Services, and Mrs. M. E. Bigham, mental health chairman for the 33rd District, PTA.



AIDS TO STUDY . . . Discussing methods of answering demands on PTA units for information on the schools and their activities are (left to right) Larry Lutz; Mrs. Ginette Bergon, council parent education chairman, and Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the school district. The discussion was a feature of the PTA workshop at North High this week.

# PTA Council Plans Active Year at First Workshops

Groundwork for an active school year was laid at a series of workshops held at North High School Tuesday under the direction of Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, president of the Torrance Council PTA.

Special emphasis was placed on mental health, parent education, and ways and means phases of PTA activities.

Speaking of the mental health workshop was Mrs. Clarke B. Walsworth of San Pedro, representing the Harbor District Health Clinic, who outlined the services of the district. She was joined by Mrs. B. E. Bingham, mental health chairman of the 33rd District PTA, who outlined areas in which local units could work, and some projects which they could undertake.

Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District, spoke to another group on parent education, explaining the programs that were available to the various schools and reporting that members of the board of education are available for special school programs. Discussions of the different levels of ability in the elementary grade levels followed.

Mrs. V. F. Terry, Council ways and means chairman, emphasized to the city PTA chairmen that their groups were not organized as money-making organizations.

## Daughters, Mothers to Hear Speaker

Mothers and daughters will gather for a banquet Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., at the Christ the King Lutheran Church.

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Projects would be undertaken for a purpose that furthers the objects of PTA," she said. She stressed that funds raised by the organization should be used entirely for those projects.

Others speaking to the various unit chairmen included Mrs. Lynn Shidler, district librarian; Mrs. Jack Campbell, high school services, and Mrs. G. W. McLaughlin, district public relations.

## Pre-School Party Given

Sixteen members and guests of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ronald Bishop, 3341 Opal St.

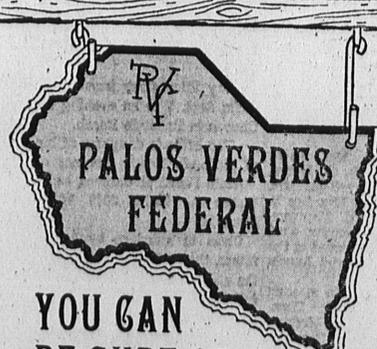
After refreshments a business meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Minol Rugg. A short discussion followed on plants suitable for planting on hills and the year's program planned for 1957-58 with many interesting tips and speakers.

Mrs. Bishop gave an interesting talk on her stay in Alaska and Mrs. Hartley on her visit in Japan. Guests present at the meeting were Mmes. Lena Sca'chard, Rosalie Boyko, Mildred Davey, Phyllis McIntyre and R. Bishop Sr.

The next meeting of the club will be held Sept. 25 at the home of Mrs. W. Stevens, 1530 214th St., at 12:30.

## Garden Club Plans Type Of Flowers

Mrs. M. Weiner and daughter, 17108 Glenburn Ave. recently visited Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Max Desatnik also were in the party.



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## Arlington

Arlington Elementary PTA held their first pre-school executive board meeting at the school cafeteria on Sept. 5, with Mrs. Jack Prince, president, presiding.

Mrs. Leon Briley, program chairman, submitted for approval the program for the coming year.

The enrollment drive under Mrs. Russell Hanson is scheduled for the week of Sept. 30, and prizes are to be awarded to the class rooms with the highest parent membership.

Mrs. Hervie Blue, hospitality chairman, and her committee planned a Faculty Luncheon, Sept. 11, to welcome the new teachers.

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