

Council's May Brunch Slated May 13

The Torrance PTA Council annual May Brunch will be held Tuesday, May 13, at the Civic Auditorium announced Mrs. D. D. Tuggle, Council president. The coffee hour will be held 9 to 9:30 a.m., with the meeting starting at 9:30.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, president-elect, will be installed and she will give a report of the state convention. Recognition of unit progress will be noted with awards for programs and record books.

Two scholarships will be awarded, and a report on the accomplishments of the milk fund will be given. Both of these activities are supported solely by funds given from the units.

Amaranth Lodge Begins New Year

First meeting of the new year, by Lomita Court 61, Order of Amaranth, was held Thursday evening, April 24, in Torrance Masonic Temple.

Recently installed Royal Matron Dorothy Davis and Royal Patron A. D. Davis presided, assisted by Honored Lady Grace Herd, Associate Matron and Jr. Past Royal Patron, Sir Knight Fred Bacon, Associate Patron pro tem, for Sir Knight Thomas Herd, who was on a business trip in the east. Honored Lady Mabel Moore and Honored Lady Marie Ware filled their regular stations of Conductress and Associate Conductress.

Several members of the Grand Court, Order of Amaranth, were escorted and honored, the Grand Chief Commissioner of Appeals, Sir Knight Glen Kelly, of Redondo Court; Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight Eugene Meyer, of Lomita Court; Assistant Grand Lecturer, Honored Lady Gladys Mothersell, of Lomita Court and Honored Lady Olga Kelly, of Redondo Court, Assistant Grand Lecturer to Lomita Court.

During the business session the Royal Matron appointed the annual chairman and members to the several committees necessary for the good of the order and outlined methods and policy for the coming year. Finale of the evening was the enjoyment of refreshments, prepared and served by Honored Lady Grace Herd and her committee.

LODGES PLAN PUBLIC EVENTS

Torrance Rebekah lodge and the Trio Odd Fellows will sponsor a public card party next Wednesday evening, May 7, at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 2326 Cabrillo. Prizes for winners in the regular card games along with a door prize will be awarded.

On May 14 Odd Fellows will sponsor a chili dinner for the public in the same hall. Edward Collins, vice grand, is chairman. Dinner hour is 6 to 7 p.m. Tickets may be had from any member of the Rebekah or Odd Fellows, or at the door.

Newton

"Facing mental health problems courageously," was the topic of the recent Newton PTA meeting. The panel discussion on mental health included Dr. Robert Richards, psychiatrist; Webster Smith, school principal; Mrs. Robert Wright, housewife; and Miss Margie Brown, Torrance district psychologist.

An interesting highlight of the meeting were science projects made by Newton students which were exhibited at the Torrance Science Fair. James Waters was the teacher-advisor on the science fair exhibits.

Certificates of participation were presented by Principal Webster Smith to the following students for their contributions: John Toeva—synthetic rubber; Richard Widney—electric motors; Irene Hansen—Jupiter, king of planets; Sandra Turner—highways to the heart; Jean Tritelli—dinosaurs; Geoff Hamada, Bob Bonham—rocks and minerals; Deena Perry, Louise Zoeller—microscope; Barbara Hardy—dinosaurs.

Winners of first place ribbons at the Torrance Fair were: John Toeva, Richard Widney, Irene Hansen, Deena Perry and Louise Zoeller. The flag salute was given by Girl Scout Troop 167 and first grade mothers were hostesses for the evening.



FIVE GENERATIONS . . . Mrs. Ann E. McCallister of Hermosa Beach holds her great-grandson, Gary Dewey Schafer. Gathered around the two are Mrs. L. I. Inlay, Mrs. McCallister's daughter; Mrs. N. C. Harlan, granddaughter, and Richard I. Schafer, grandson. The group met recently at Mrs. Harlan's home, 1750 W. 242nd Pl. Mrs. Inlay lives in Thousand Oaks and Schafer recently moved from Torrance to San Pedro.

Crenshaw

Foreign student speakers highlighted the program of Crenshaw Elementary PTA, Wednesday evening, April 9. Introduced by Mrs. Dorothy Stoeckle, were Marjorie Towle, Torrance student returned from Sweden, and Lucienne Elshout, from Belgium.

Sharing the program spotlight was the Fashion Show, consisting of home made clothing modeled by mothers and daughters. Eighth grade girls displayed articles made in sewing classes and "Fashions of Yesteryear" added a spark of current humor.

Influence of moon rockets predominated the "crazy hat contest." Winners were craziest hat, Mrs. Arthur Hanson; most original, Mrs. E. H. Husted; most beautiful, Mrs. U. Wallace, and best in show, Earl Eckert.

"No Man Is An Island," sung by Mothersingers from Carl Steele and Evelyn Carr Schools, provided inspiration for the evening, and was followed by two additional numbers.

Brownie Troop 423 presented the flag ceremony.

The PTA approved the Torrance Council PTA policy for milk and lunch fund program. Delegated to the District Convention in Long Beach are Mmes. Don Robinson, Marvin Richards, Arthur Hanson, Lonnie Mansker, James Bramlet, E. J. Moorookian, John Ramirez, Wm. Drake, and Clint Chapman.

Room hostesses for the evening were from the rooms of Mr. Cardwell, Mr. Wright, and Miss Nichols.

The next regular meeting of Crenshaw PTA will be held on May 14, at which time new officers will be installed.

Riviera

Mrs. Seth Warden and Mrs. Charles John were co-chairmen of the Riviera PTA carnival held at El Retiro Park last Saturday.

Other chairmen were: Needlecraft, Mrs. M. Hefflinger; white elephant, Mrs. R. MacKenzie; ice cream, Mrs. B. Holt, cake and pie, Mrs. L. Berenda; coffee, Mrs. F. Fonville; hot dogs, Mrs. E. K. Rem; soft drinks, Mrs. C. Whistler; fish pond, Mrs. J. Weller; make up, Mrs. E. Tunturi; plants, Mrs. J. Johnson; pop corn, Mrs. W. Spore; souvenirs, Mrs. R. Atha.

Others were: tickets, Mrs. E. Davis, junior carpenter, Mrs. F. Porter; fishbowl, Mrs. C. Landon; milk bottles, Mrs. J. Speight; hoopla, Mrs. R. Beach; record walk, Mrs. W. Dotty; bean bag, Mrs. B. Buyers, and Teen Dance, Mrs. D. Pettipiece. The May 14 board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Hedstrom, 6014 Paseo de Pablo at 8 p.m.

At the next general meeting new officers will be installed. They are: Mrs. F. Griffin, president; Mmes. L. Oswald, M. Bandoli, C. John, M. Hefflinger, vice presidents; Mrs. B. Fonville, recording secretary; Mrs. C. Whistler, corresponding secretary; R. Dodge, treasurer; R. Hall, auditor; and Mrs. R. Freeman, historian.

Parkway

Joe Yocam, popular KFVB color radio disc jockey, highlighted "Dads' Night" program at Parkway PTA, recently. Everyone, including a large number of Parkway students, enjoyed his interesting behind the scenes report on the hit record business as seen through the eyes of the disc jockey.

Audience questions pertaining to the current rock and roll craze answered by Yocam proved to be highly entertaining and fun for all.

A humorous flashback covering Parkway PTA organization problems was presented by Paul Maret using colored slides. Maret, Parkway treasurer and a major in the USAF, leaves for extended duty in England very shortly. Everyone enjoyed the fun wherein officers of Parkway PTA staged a false arrest of Maret claiming the treasurer's books he audited before his leaving.

The regular business meeting followed the program under the direction of Mrs. Bert Sanders, Parkway PTA president.

Officers elected for the coming year were president, Iver Christensen; first vice president, Mrs. Paul Stevens; second vice president, Tony Baratta; third vice president, Mrs. Charles Meyers; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Watts; recording secretary, Mrs. Floyd Newton; treasurer, Len Freeland; auditor, Martin Beaudet and historian, Ivan Gilbert.

Carl Steele

"Do You Trust Your Parents?" a parody on the TV show, "Do You Trust Your Wife," provided entertainment for the recent association meeting of Steele PTA.

Scott Gray, eighth grade teacher, acted as moderator. Panelists included: Patty Moore and her father, Thomas Moore; Jinx Wright and her mother, Mrs. Robert Wright; and Leslie Robbins and her father, Fred Robbins. Students were given questions concerning the Constitution and given the option of answering or allowing their parent to do so.

R. K. Petrat, principal, conducted a Spelling Bee for students from the fifth through grade. The words were chosen from the list used at the state competition. Sharon Dohrman and Tommy Moore were declared the winners. Runners up were: Marilyn Baird, Claudia Barto, Rickey Browning, Pamela Christensen, Nancy Hamilton, Diana Mocke, Lyle Knight, Leslie Lane, and Carolyn Lancing.

The defeat of the recent bond issue for local parks was discussed. The local parksite has been placed high on a priority list and a committee agreed to appear before the City Council.

The Mothersingers, with representatives from Edison and Carr Schools joining in, provided an inspired musical interlude.

AT CONFERENCE

Attending the 33rd District PTA in Long Beach representing the Hillside PTA were Mmes. William Davis, Maurice Tyner, William Bader, Beryl Guttridge, Herbert Minton and Robert Trimble.

P T A ACTIVITIES

Council

Twenty-seven delegates from Torrance Council will be among the 497 delegates from Thirty-third District attending the Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers in San Francisco, May 4-9.

Leaving, Tuesday, May 6, on the Thirty-third District special train from Los Angeles will be Mmes. Kenneth McVey, council president; Gordon Stephens, Anza; Francis Stutler, Arlington; J. R. Allison, Carr; Barton Peters, Casimir; C. Richards, Crenshaw; Doyle Henderson, Edison; Elmer Ecker, El Nido; E. E. Conry, Fern-Greenwood; J. Kenneth Edwons, Flavian; M. William King, Hillside; Robert Hagenbaugh, Madrona; R. C. Williams, Meadow Park; Joe Begando, North High; D. C. Robinson, Newton; Mr. Iver Christensen, Parkway; Wendall Morgan, Perry; F. M. Griffin, Riviera; Harry Harter, Seaside; Ben Holden, Sepulveda; David Sokoloff, South High; Thomas Greene, Steele; James McClure, Torrance Elementary; Paul Crossman, Torrance High; C. R. Russak, Walteria; Paul Beaswell, Howard Wood; V. B. Terry, Thirty-third District.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be Dwayne Orton, LL.D., editor, "Think" magazine and educational consultant, International Business Machines Corp. His address on "The Consequences of Cooperation" will treat the value of the individual in society. Dr. Orton was awarded the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal in 1954 and 1955 for his editorship and "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

Howard Wood

A Country Fair was held by the Howard Wood PTA recently at the school, 2250 W. 235th St.

In charge of booths were Mrs. Ronald Wigg, hot dogs; Mrs. R. D. Hines, coffee and soft drinks; Mrs. William Dickson, sweet shops; James Armstrong, and Albert Costos, cakewalk; Mrs. Nyle Lowrance, balloons; Mrs. Roy Gore, movies; Mrs. Ivan Eckersley, country store; Mrs. Charles Griffin, needlework; Brownie Troop 560, ring toss; Mrs. Lee Pollock, bean bag; Mrs. Ray Horner, fish pond; Mrs. Louis Pourcelli, popcorn; Mrs. Jack Hoy, milk can; Mrs. H. M. Salas, bottle ball; Mrs. Custer Hawley, darts; Mrs. H. D. Walsh, bottle; Mrs. Hal LaMour, plants; Mrs. Thomas Denman, hopla; Boy Scout Troop 211, ice cream; Cub Scout Pack 211-C, candied apples.

At the open house PTA meeting April 17, Mrs. C. W. Strahm, president-elect, tendered her resignation. She introduced successor, who had been selected by the officers-elect, Mrs. Paul Braswell. She was installed on May 1 and also will attend the state convention in San Francisco, in Mrs. Strahm's place.

El Nido

Stuffed toys, toaster covers, crocheted dollies, clown bean bags, clothespin planters, sequined book markers and unusual aprons are being made in El Nido School District and Girl Scout Troop 1383 and Boy Scout Troop 967 and 967-C are cooperating in combining their efforts in making unusual and interesting items and gifts for the El Nido PTA Spring Lazaar which will be held in the teacher's room of the El Nido School, 4402 Redondo Beach Blvd. on Thursday, May 8 from 10 to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to stop in for lunch from 11 to 2 p.m. The menu will feature hot dogs, Spanish rice, spaghetti, baked beans, mixed green salad, potato chips, cupcakes, punch, coffee and popcorn. Freshly baked pies and layer cakes will be available in the "Baked Goods" booth.

Sepulveda

Sepulveda PTA held its association meeting on April 18, at 8, in the school cafeteria.

Colors were presented by the color guard from Mrs. Emmett Milburn's Brownie Troop. "Were You There," and "In the Garden" were sung by the Sepulveda Mothersingers.

A children's program was presented by Mrs. Paschall's Kindergarten Rhythm Band. They played "Chimes," "Children's Polka," and "Echo" and as an encore, the "Children's Polka."

George Powell, guest speaker, gave a talk on "Civilian Defense." He explained that civilian defense is not an organization, but was organized to prepare residents to help themselves in case of disaster. He spoke of several points that each person should check to see his home is prepared for an emergency. He also mentioned that civilian defense is working closely with the schools and in the advent of any emergency that the children will be kept in an orderly unit, and will be kept at school until the danger is over.

Mrs. Robert Whitney reported on the 33rd district convention, she had attended at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. Mrs. Paschall and Mrs. Swafford won the room count and the banners for the next month.

LSP Council

The March meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro PTA council was a brunch and business meeting held at White Point School. White Point president, Mrs. William Hulsey, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag and Mrs. A. C. Akerson, council citizenship chairman, and Gateway Council president, gave the inspirational.

Mrs. Mary Mahar, principal of White Point, was introduced and welcomed the group. Mrs. Earl Goodwin, 10th District Parliamentarian, was a guest.

President Mrs. Walter Talley conducted the business meeting during which the following officers for 1958-59 were elected: president, Mrs. Harry Fost Jr.; first vice president, Mrs. Francis Anania; second vice president, Mrs. Palmer Orseth; secretary, Mrs. Harold Smallen; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Graves; auditor, Mrs. Judson Bowers; historian, Dallas Wallick; Mrs. Earl V. Goodwin presided over the elections.

Program chairman, Mrs. Harry Fost Jr., presented Dr. Simon Conrad, director of the Mental Hygiene Clinic of Los Angeles, who spoke on the different problems of parents and their children.

Council parliamentarian, Mrs. William Shier, announced that there will be a revision of the by-laws and the following will be on the committee: Mmes. Walter Talley, Palmer Orseth, and Earl Teague.

Representatives were present from the following schools: Bandini, Barton Hill, Cabrillo Avenue, Crestwood, Fifteenth Street, Halldale Avenue, Harbor City, Leland Street, Lomita Elementary, Park Western Place, Point Fermin, Seventh Street, 223rd Street, 259th Place, and White Point.

Mrs. William Shier, parliamentarian of Lomita-San Pedro PTA Council recently held an instructional meeting of the local nominating committees. The following members attended and learned their duties: Mmes. Mary Goolsby, Joy Carroll, Mary Gonderman and Virginia Guild, 223rd Street; Pat Burich, Mildred Onsoien, and Ann Stallman, Cabrillo Avenue; Dorothy Christensen, Evelyn Pedersen, Marge Harvey and Lucile Cedar, Seventh Street; Dorice Williams, Jane Stafford, Barbara Degner, Lomita Elementary; Marie Bowers, Evelyn Alves, Patsy Brook and Edith Bishop, Halldale; Josie Angulo, Julia Swanson, Barton Hill; Pauline Palsetta, Point Fermin; Stella Chuka, White Point.



CLASS PICTURES . . . Bennen Charles, a PTA father at Sepulveda School is shown here taking the picture of the first grade class and its teacher, Mrs. Leslie Stevens. Mr. Charles donated his time for this PTA ways and means project.

Flavian

"Increasing Community Awareness" was the theme of the April meeting of the Flavian PTA with Dr. Hunsaker of the Southwest School Districts special education program as special guest.

Mrs. J. Kenneth Edwons conducted the business meeting at which the PTA agreed to act as sponsors to Brownie Troop 219, Mrs. James Kocis leader and Troop 2127, Mrs. Charles R. Peterson, leader.

Mrs. Edwons reported on the Long Beach convention. Ten Flavian Mothersingers appeared with the district Mothersingers at the convention.

George Russell, safety chairman and faculty member reported on the Bike Parade which was the highlight of the Bike Safety program. Several awards were given. Fifth and sixth grade room mothers served refreshments in the home economics room.

Walteria

Flowers to say "get well soon" were sent by the Walteria PTA to its president, Mrs. J. J. Lawler, who is hospital-

ized. In her absence, the board meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. McLaughlin and the general meeting were conducted by Mrs. Loring Bigelow, first vice president.

The pupils of the upper grades presented their Science Fair exhibits. Girl Scout Troop 1400 led the flag salute. Mrs. Lloyd Baxley gave her convention report and Mrs. Henry Fink presented the program. A UNESCO film, "Assignment

Children" starring Danny Kaye was shown.

Mrs. Fink announced "Music Available in the Schools" will be the topic of the May meeting. Guest speakers will be present for this meeting to be held May 15 instead of May 8 when the president-elect will be installed.

Frank Taylor's class won the attendance award and Mr. and Mrs. A. Howe, hosts, served cake and coffee.



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