



TELLING TALE — Childlike wonderment is displayed by four-year-old Julie Laxton as she listens to Mrs. Karen Kraegel, a PTA historian, read from the children's classic "The Pied Piper." To get into the mood for such a story, Kraegel, 10, donned the costume of a mouse. Reason behind

special storytelling is the joint efforts of Torrance Council PTA and Footlight Theater to encourage local youngsters and their parents to attend performances of the musical production about mice, children and townspeople this weekend at Victor Benstead Plunge, 3131 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance PTA's Work with Theater

Torrance Council PTA is cooperating with the Footlight Theater, a non-profit community group sponsored by the city's Recreation Department, in the selling of tickets for the musical production, "Pied Piper" which will be staged next Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Victor Benstead Plunge, 3131 Torrance Blvd.

Parents are being urged to take their children to at least one of the performances, by local school PTA's. It is so seldom that a children's program of this type is offered within the city, that youngsters of all ages should have the chance to enjoy entertainment slanted to their own level.

"The Pied Piper," as presented next weekend, is the familiar story altered delightfully by music and dance. It brings to life some of the lovable rats with their outrageously funny behaviour.

Manolete Mouse, Reginald and Louie's tormenting of the Mayor and the city council provide hilarity and enjoyment throughout the production.

Children of the town-people learn a great lesson in keeping their promises and making their parents realize responsibilities.

Written by the founders of the Players Ring Children's Theater of Hollywood, the professionally proven play was presented to capacity houses for six months.

Not only is the production graced with a strong, solid, well-tailored story and the essentials of good children's theater, but it has hilarious comedy, exciting chase scenes, tuneful music, toe-

tapping dances and costumes colored in every hue imaginable.

"It is through entertainment of this type that children gain their first impressions and favorable attitudes toward worthwhile drama, music and the cultural aspects," says Mrs. Eric Wescombe of the Torrance Council PTA. "Therefore, the PTA Council cannot stress too much the desirability of taking one's family to such a production."

Proceeds from ticket sales will be added to the scholarship fund of the Torrance Council PTA. This fund directly benefits Torrance students who have chosen teaching as a profession.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For further information or tickets, contact Mrs. Eric Wescombe, program chairman at FA 8-8579. Persons wishing to purchase tickets at the door will be able to do so.

Mrs. William Poser, parliamentarian, is in charge of the various concessions which will be staffed by PTA members. These proceeds will also benefit the scholarship fund.

Women

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BOWLING BELLES—Victor Woman's Club members Mmes. H. W. Griffiths, Roy Wiseman, Ted Blanke, chairman, and Stewart Kulp, secretary, proudly display one of the trophies to be awarded at the club's annual bowling banquet next Saturday night at the Hacienda Restaurant. First place awards will be given to Doris Griffiths, Louise Lenarth, Ginny Wiseman; second place to Sally Reed, Jeanette Roby, Mary Porter; high series to Shirley Larson; high game to Ginny Wiseman and most improved average to Marie Kulp.

YWCA Offering Two Classes for Women

Two new classes of interest to Torrance housewives are being offered now by the local YWCA.

The first, a class for Childbirth Preparation, will begin tonight at 7:30 and will continue until 9 p.m. All eight sessions are being held at the YWCA building, 2320 W. Carson St., Torrance.

Highlights of what expectant mothers will learn include: How to carry her baby with comfort and best appearance; how to relax at the "drop of the hat," breathing techniques for easier labor; post natal exercises for "after baby bulge." Expectant fathers will have one special meeting.

Included in each class session will be a lecture, discussion-question and answer period and exercises.

Mrs. Janet Anderson, a registered physical therapist, will be the instructor for the class.

Beginning May 11, a slim-trim class for housewives will be held each Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Class is being held to help the young housewife trim up her figure; learn to relax; gain "pointers" on all aspects of charm including voice, poise, hair styling, nu-

trition and make-up.

Each woman will be weighed, measured, given individual help with exercises and "tips" on charm.

Each session will include exercises, coffee break and a guest who will speak on charm. The class will be limited in number to make it possible for women to be given an opportunity for individual attention and to enable them to ask questions on individual problems.

For additional information or registration in either of the two above classes, interested persons are asked to call FA 0-2255.

District Awards Won by Dianas At Convention

Thirty-six Dianas attended the Marina District Convention held recently at Disneyland, Mrs. Charles Hillinger, Marina District president, presided over the awards luncheon and introduced the district chairman who presented the outstanding club awards for the year.

Dianas won the following: First place; Americanism and Crafts; second place Art, Build a better Community, International Hostessing and Mental Health.

Mrs. Eric Lindgren won a special trophy for the best "paint by number" picture exhibited at the District Art Display last January.

Program of Cultural Interest Presented at Rho Xi Meeting

A program of cultural interest with emphasis on pictures was presented to the Rho Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at the home of Mrs. Virgil (Jody) Pfeifer, 621-24th St., Hermosa Beach, on April 25, by Mr. Smith and Mr. Hansen of the Adsit Design Center, Lomita.

Emphasis was placed on the placement and grouping of pictures in the home, so that full advantage may be gained from the pictures without overshadowing the other decorations. Further discussion stressed the blending of pictures and other decor to the whole theme.

During the short business meeting, discussion was held on the forthcoming activities for May, including the installation of new officers, council breakfast, and founder's day celebration.

Refreshments of Danish pastry and tea and coffee were served after the business meeting.

How About YOUR Organization?

The TORRANCE PRESS soon will publish a special series explaining the goals, purposes and accomplishments of women's clubs and organizations in the area

If your organizations should be included, please fill in this coupon and return it no later than June 1.

There is no charge.

Organization's name.....

President's name, telephone number and address.....

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Return to Society Dept., the TORRANCE PRESS, 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, before June 1, 1962.

Series Will Feature Local Organizations

How important is YOUR organization? Do people in the Torrance area know about your club—its goals, purposes and accomplishments?

During the summer, the Torrance Press will do a special series featuring various women's clubs and organizations in the community. This is being done to acquaint new residents, as well as long-time residents, with the marvelous work that is done; services provided and philanthropies which are sponsored by local groups.

Los Cancioneros to Present June "Cancioneros Carousel"

"Come one, come all, and bring your friends to the biggest show in Torrance" is the song Los Cancioneros are shouting to the tent tops these days according to Chairman Marjorie George.

"Cancioneros Carousel" will be given on Friday and Saturday nights, June 1, 2, and 8, 9. Curtain time will be 8 p.m.

rhythms of Afro-Cuban songs and negro spirituals. Among other acts scheduled for appearance are the lesser known, but very talented characters, C-note Lally, Miss oo-oo-ogie, Lanolin Turner, the Twisters, the Chicago Fright Flock and a "do it yourself" Gilbert and Sullivan operetta.

Los Cancioneros is once again trying the unique and different for the entertainment of the community and friends.

With a cast headed by guest star Laird Brooks Schmidt, and director Lyle Fleck, Los Cancioneros will present a program of music, melodrama and vaudeville for easy listening on a June evening.

Tickets will go on sale May 14. Reservations may be made with Chairman Marjorie George, FR 5-5795 or her assistant Ann McLean, TE 5-9467. You may also purchase tickets from any member of Los Cancioneros or at the box office before each performance.

Through the cooperation of the city of Torrance and Abbey Rents, the singers have arranged to have a large tent put up back of the Benstead Plunge in Torrance Civic Center on Torrance Boulevard and it is

There will be selections by the chorus from current Broadway shows such as "West Side Story," "Wildcat," "Milk and Honey" and "Gypsy" plus the arresting

Since this is entertainment designed for everyone to enjoy, Los Cancioneros suggest you arrange now to meet your friends at the green and white striped tent and see the show.

Las Vecinas Members Present One Thousand Dollars to YMCA

Philanthropic projects play a principal role in the activities of the Las Vecinas Women's Club. The Torrance YMCA received a mighty boost this week when the club contributed a check for \$1,000 to the local youth agency.

stat machine which will be made at a later date, when Las Vecinas Club board members will attend a board meeting at the Medical Foundation.

Dr. Allen Pyeatt, Chairman of the Torrance Family YMCA board, stated that the gift will be used in the advance preparation for the future construction of a new and adequate program center in Torrance.

Belles and Buoys To Hold Eighth Anniversary Hon

One of the high spots of the year for the Belles and Buoys, a local square dance club, is their eighth anniversary dance.

Speaker To Stress Learning

Members of the Metropolitan Cactus and Succulent Society will hear a talk entitled, "Teach Yourself to Wonder" by Miss Marjorie Sewell, specialist in communications for women's clubs for the Southern California Gas Company, at their regular meeting.

This year they are holding the event May 19, at 8:30 p.m.; at 2013 Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita.

Event will be held Friday, May 11 at 8 p.m. in the Women's Progressive Club, 3727 W. 111th Pl., Inglewood.

The caller will be George Watts. All square dancers are cordially invited.

A former high school teacher of speech, English, history and journalism, Miss Sewell has spoken for service and civic clubs throughout Southern California. In Friday's talk, she will stress the importance of continually broadening one's fields of interest and knowledge in order to keep abreast of today's expanding world.

In accepting the check, Pyeatt, and Joe Wilcox, executive secretary, commended all members of Las Vecinas for their significant assistance and vision in aiding this major development of the future for the youth of Torrance.

The plant table will feature a large selection of desert plants. Immediately following the meeting, refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Parent-Teacher Associations to Sponsor Variety of Activities

Installation of officers for the Narbonne PTA will be held Tuesday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the school.

Follow, according to Mrs. Dwayne Witty, ways and means chairman.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson will install Mrs. John Conshafter as president and her line of officers including Mmes. Vier Lowry, first vice president; Lucile Gordon, second vice president; Jack Kenyon, recording secretary; Dallas Wallich, corresponding secretary; Leland Van Buren, treasurer; James Alexander, auditor; Louis Stango, historian and Joseph B. Butler, parliamentarian.

Over four-hundred people attended the Harbor City PTA spaghetti dinner held recently at the Retail Clerk's Hall.

Woman's Club to View Fashions From the Past

The May executive board meeting will be a potluck luncheon that will be held preceding the association meeting on May 15.

"Fashions of the Past" will be the program brought to the Torrance Woman's Club at its meeting on May 16.

Mrs. Ralph Robertson, president of 223rd St. PTA and Mrs. Marie Lorenz, school principal, honored board members recently with a luncheon in the school library.

Goodwill Industries are showing from their costume department fashions going as far back as Civil War days. They will all be modeled by club members. The program will be introduced by Mrs. J. P. Bay, program chairman and president-elect.

Attending the 63rd annual state convention of California Congress of Parents and Teachers which opens today in San Francisco, is Mrs. Hal Burgener, president-elect of the 223rd St. School. A May Festival will be held May 25 on the school grounds with a bake sale to

All officers and chairmen of the Junior Woman's Club will be guests of their corresponding officers at this meeting.

A potluck luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by a business meeting conducted by president, Mrs. Les. Stamps.



CLUB CONTRIBUTION—A generous contribution in check form is being presented here to Mr. Joseph Wilcox, executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA, by Mrs. Don D. Malone, treasurer of Las Vecinas Women's Club. Proud observer is Mrs. John V. Woods (center), club president. The check for \$1000 will be used in the advance

preparation for the future construction of a new and adequate program center in Torrance. Members of the women's club were commended by YMCA board members for their significant assistance and vision in aiding this major development. (Press Photo)