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# High School P.T.A. Unit Starts Another Year of Activity

## Fern Avenue Pupils to Stage Elaborate Spring Festival

A spring festival and operetta, "Flowers of the Nations", will be staged by pupils of the Fern Avenue school next Tuesday morning, May 18, at 9:30 o'clock. This event, for which attractive hand-painted programs have been prepared, will be one of the most elaborate entertainments ever presented at that school, according to Mrs. Oda Vans, principal. She extends a cordial invitation to all parents and friends of the institution to attend.

A prologue, featuring Indian dances and songs by Mrs. Lily Johnson's kindergarten, a May Day fete by Miss Elta Mowry's B1 class, and a Poppy dance by Miss Margaret Hollenbach's B1-A1 pupils will precede the "Flowers of the Nations" festival.

Those appearing in character roles will be John Agapito, Betty West, Barbara Sterling, Kenneth Russell, Itaru Kai, Kazuaki Haruta, Patricia Hanks, Atheline Baker, Bob Stirling, Katherine Kirby, Virginia Rowe, Marilyn Smith, Madelyn Hensley, Don Robinson, Helen Pina, Shizue Kumai, Peggy Eshom, Yukie Haruta, Dorothy Intermill, Rose Marie Disario, Beverly Kelley, Jessie Brewer, Marjorie McNew and Patty Garaghty. Miss Genevieve Crowley will be pianist for the operetta.

All Nations Represented. Opening with songs, "Golden California" and "Dixie" by the Glee club and Verse choir, the program will include the following numbers: Swanee River clog, Mrs. Martha Cardwell's

## Fourth President of Elementary P. T. A. Speaker Tuesday

Torrance Elementary Parent Teachers Association will hold their May meeting in the school auditorium, Tuesday, May 18. Mrs. G. H. Sapp of the Torrance Recreational Center will speak on "Keeping Children Occupied During Vacation." Mrs. Sapp is no stranger to the Elementary ladies as she served as fourth president of that group and has the honor of being the first and only local president to attend a national Parent Teacher convention.

Mrs. Sapp will have a display of the handwork made at the local center.

The pupils of A3 under the direction of Miss Ruth Pitkin will appear in folk dances. A cordial invitation is extended to parents and friends of the school to attend this meeting. Mrs. M. Edwards will preside.

## FERN AVENUE P. T. A.

Fern Avenue Parent Teachers announce there will be no regular meeting of the group in May. Newly elected officers will be installed the evening of Tuesday, June 1.

Palos Verdes Family to Tour Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hiezman and son, Edward, of Palos Verdes are leaving June 8 for a three months' trip through Europe. They are shipping their car so that they may tour throughout the continent. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bayley and their daughter, Madeline, also of Palos Verdes, are meeting the Hiezmans in Italy.

Together, the two families will visit Boyd Comstock, former track and field coach of the Los Angeles Athletic club and present head coach of the Italian track team and National Athletic Director, having been appointed to this position by Mussolini last year.

## THEATRE AND SUPPER ENJOYED BY JUNIORS

Attending the performance at Paramount theatre in Los Angeles, Friday evening and later enjoying supper at the Ed Hatter home C. C. M. O. were a party of young folks from Torrance. Those included were Misses Phyllis Sears, Phyllis Joanne Schultz, Vivian Wartalla, Rosalind Boyd, Pauline Austin, Messrs. Harry York, Eugene Hatter, Kenneth Perkins, Dick Beecher and Marvin Getch.

Chaperones for the group were Misses Leonard Austin and Henry Wartalla.

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## Mrs. Sleeth is Honored With Second Term and Life Card

Mrs. Jack Lowry, president of the newly organized Gateway Council of Parent and Teachers, was principal speaker and installing officer at the meeting of Torrance high school Parent Teachers association held in the school music room Monday afternoon.

Mrs. R. S. Sleeth, president; Mrs. Raymond Rogers, recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Parks, second vice-president; and Mrs. D. A. Barnard, historian, were installed for the second year. Other officers seated were Mrs. J. W. Post, first vice-president; Mrs. George Peckham, treasurer; Miss Sarah Vaubel, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Charles Woodcock, recording secretary. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Glee club were enthusiastically received, when they sang "Dear Land of Home" and "Recessional" and "Maytime." Mrs. Maxine Smith directed the music and Mrs. Eloda Barkdull played the accompaniment.

**Reports are Heard**  
Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice-principal of the high school and second vice-president of the Parent Teachers Association, presented Mrs. Sleeth with a life membership in the California Congress of Parents and Teachers. Mrs. Sleeth is the fourth Torrance woman so honored. Other local P. T. A. women who hold life memberships are Misses J. O. Bishop, Warren Scrivner and Charles Arrill.

Ivan Grigsby, who recently joined the high school faculty, was introduced by Thos. H. Elson, principal. A report of the Tenth District meeting held at Washington high school Thursday was given by the association president and a report of the Gateway Council, recently held in Lomita, was given by Mrs. Lowry.

Members of the school faculty with members of the Parent Teachers executive board will meet for a luncheon in the school cafeteria Monday, June 14.

## Local Women Delegates to Convention

Addie Parks and Bettina Miller returned Sunday from Del Monte, where they represented Torrance National Business and Professional Women at the 18th annual convention held at the beautiful hotel Del Monte, May 7, 8 and 9.

The National Business and Professional Women's Federation has a membership in California of 6,623 and is the largest organized group of business women in the world.

Registered as delegates at the Del Monte convention were 590 women, who elected the following officers to serve them during the ensuing year. E. Louise Jolly of Alameda, president; Anne Leidendecker, of Los Angeles, first vice-president; Eunice C. Hennessy of Sacramento, recording secretary; Jane Fry of Stockton, corresponding secretary; Mildred De Bolt of Bakersfield, treasurer; Myrtle Boswell of Hollywood, auditor. Delegates elected to attend the national convention at Atlantic City were as follows: Caroline Weber of the Bay District, Margaret Holcomb, Violet Rupley, Louise Badger and Maude Neece. The annual convention of 1938 will be held at Santa Barbara.

## BRIDGE CLUB MEETS AT INGOLD HOME

Mrs. C. L. Ingold, Mayfair apartments, was hostess when she entertained members of her contract bridge club in her home Friday. Included were Misses T. T. Babbitt, Baker Smith, L. M. Farley, C. D. Lowen, N. P. Gallucci, Fred Fischer and R. P. Schaeffer. Prize for high score was awarded to Mrs. Fernley.

**ADDITIONAL SOCIETY**  
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**MOVERS AND SHAKERS** by Mable Dodge Lohan: This is the third volume of Mrs. Lohan's memoirs dealing with the American scene of 1912-1917, and must be considered as the study of a personality. The book is full of pictures of all the "revolutionary" movements and movers of that day: Lincoln Stephens, John Reed, Max Eastman, Isadora Duncan. These and many others move through her pages in a wealth of detail and savory gossip.

**LEVEL CROSSING** by Phyllis Bottom: In "Level Crossing," Phyllis Bottom writes an intensely dramatic story in which two young lovers courageously face the most agonizing crisis that can confront their married life, the dread grip of the kidnapper. Rich in action and romance, this story is an unusual excursion into general and criminal psychology. This novel, of our country, our time, and our people, should have even greater appeal than its predecessor, "Private Worlds."

**THE LONG NIGHT** by Andrew Lytle: This is a striking first novel; the story of Cameron Melvor, whose father was framed by rural gangsters in Alabama in '39 and who devoted his life to the single-handed pursuit of vengeance. A boy not yet grown fighting an underground organization that had terrorized a whole region, he had to live in the woods, work in the dark, strike with sudden stealth and retreat to caves. Then came the war and Cameron Melvor went into the army, with an outcome which is not fair to disclose. The book has an intensity of feeling carried throughout the whole story. His chapters on army life and the battle of Shiloh are more than remarkable and his figures are live human beings, not figures in a historical tapestry.

**THE ULTIMATE POWER** by Morris Ernst: Ernst has written about a subject which has been worrying the American people of late. It is a popular and vigorous book which might have been called "Our Constitution and Our Court, Their Cause and Cure." After devoting considerable space to the background and forming of the Constitution and after careful examination of the various reforms suggested, the author offers the opinion that it is time we adopted James Madison's suggestion that when the Court declares an Act of Congress unconstitutional, Congress should have power to override the decision by a two-thirds vote in both houses. In case both President and Court vote an act, a three-fourths vote should be required to override the dual votes, suggests Madison. This idea was supported by John Marshall also. Ernst thinks this "would in time enhance the stature of the Court" for it would be inspired to build up enough popular support for its decisions to cause Congress to hesitate about overriding it. This is in line with the English system.

Though himself a scholar and a lawyer, the book is intended for neither but for the average public-minded citizen and is a happily readable book well worth the time spent in reading it.

## POSTAL WORKERS ENJOY DINNER PARTY HERE

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