

ELEMENTARY PTA "DADS' NIGHT" MEETING IS OUTSTANDING AFFAIR THURSDAY NIGHT

The March meeting of Torrance Elementary P.T.A., held Thursday evening in the school auditorium, was a hilarious occasion for members and their guests when the "Dads' took over for the evening.

Elmer S. Moon, as acting president, arrived in dress suitable for his role, a pale green, full-skirted gown and a charming chapeau, adorned with blue flowers.

Under his direction the business meeting progressed rapidly with Bernard Lee leading the flag salute, Principal William H. Clinkenbeard reading the minutes of the last meeting and the treasury report by Kenneth Ruffel. At the conclusion of the business meeting, the acting president, in a clever pantomime, demonstrated all he had to do in preparation for the meeting, to the accompaniment of gales of laughter from the amused audience.

An outstanding musical program included old favorites by the Christian Church Quartet, Ralph Prime, Ben Prime, Dean Lougee and Bill Bartholomew, whose accompanist was Mrs. Ben Prime; selections by clarinet soloist Abe Milstein and violin soloist William H. Clinkenbeard and solos by Mrs. Clifford Ruppel, who sang "By the Bend of the River" and "Were My Song With Wings Provided." Mrs. Howard A. Wood accompanied the soloists at the piano.

The need of enlarging Torrance schools was discussed by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Emmett Ingram.



PET PARADE WINNERS . . . Pictured are the winners of cash prizes awarded at the contest held Saturday morning at El Prado park which launched the fourth annual Women's Club spring carnival. Shown are, left to right, Larry Hickcox, 2417 Torrance blvd., and his thoroughbred Collie, "Laddie"; Nancy Humphreys, 1324 Crenshaw blvd., with her black and white dog; Carol Ann

Cole, 1811 257th street, with her tricycle riding poodle in clown's attire, special award winner; and Alice Olson and her friends, with her white duck. At the carnival Saturday evening Mrs. Rose Winters was the recipient of a \$100 prize; Mrs. R. R. Smith, a beautiful doll and wardrobe and an electric train; Mrs. C. M. Crook, a circus cake; Mrs. O. A. Kresse, Mrs. Chris Jones, Mrs. C. Olsen and Miss Rosa Orman, miscellaneous gifts. (Torrance Herald photos.)

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Club Juniors At Board Meeting In Mrs. Jones' Home

Mrs. R. C. Jones was hostess for the monthly board meeting of the Torrance Junior Women's Club in her home, 1607 Post avenue.

Mrs. L. A. McCoy, ways and means chairman, announced that members of the Junior-Senior fashion show committee have been meeting.

Mmes. John Oursler, L. Gill and Paul Loranger of the Senior club and Mmes. L. A. McCoy, J. H. Hull and Melvin Millar are making extensive plans for the show, scheduled for April 28.

Mrs. J. P. Montague, president, and Mrs. L. A. McCoy attended the District Federation of Women's Clubs luncheon and meeting as guests of the Senior club members.

About 27 members of the Torrance Juniors attended the recent District meeting at El Segundo, breaking the records for Torrance attendance at a monthly conference meeting.

Speaker of the evening was Miss Eleanor King, well-known charm instructor, whose subject was "Personality and Poise." Committee reports were given and refreshments were served.

Pauline Robinson On Honor Roll For Redlands University

Pauline Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robinson, 1324 Beech avenue, Torrance, was among the 108 students named on the honor roll for the fall semester at the University of Redlands. The honor roll consists of the upper ten per cent scholastically each semester.

Eleven straight A students headed the list while the lowest was 3.25, the equivalent of a B plus average.

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ON THE BEACH AT TORRANCE HIGH . . . Are left to right Ginger Shew, Mildred Mood, and Beverly Moore who gave a fine rendition of the native dances of Hawaii at the Variety Show that played to 1500 students and townspeople in two performances held last Thursday afternoon and Friday night in the high school auditorium. More than 17 acts were included on the all-high school talent show. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Eastern Stars Observe Members' Courtesy Night

Torrance Bethel, No. 50, International Order of Job's Daughters, will exemplify their ritualistic work this evening at the regular meeting of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star.

The observance of member's courtesy night highlighted last Thursday's chapter meeting when the Star Points served as chairmen.

Frances Buckley, deputy grand matron, gave her impressions of her recent visit to Fresno where she attended the official visit of the worthy grand matron and the reception for the grand chaplain, OES.

Candidates initiated during the evening were: Nattie Richardson, Rita Codo, Agnes Whittington and courtesy candidate Phyllis Mathews.

At the conclusion of the ritualistic work members and friends adjourned to the banquet room where St. Patrick's Day decorations created a colorful atmosphere.

Courtesy hostesses for the occasion were: Laura Buchman, Allie Bush, Myrtle Clayton, Mabel Hof, Florence Littlefield, Norma Larson and Inez White. Courtesy officers and hostesses were recipients of ceramic vases as souvenirs of the evening.

186th Street PTA Elects Officers For Year 1948-49

Election of officers was the principal business conducted at the regular meeting of 186th Street P.T.A. held Thursday afternoon in the school.

Officers who will serve during the ensuing year are: Mesdames James A. Gauley, president; Leon Meskimen, 1st vice-president; Kay Davis, 2nd vice-president; Oliver Lang, secretary; Ernest Tanner, treasurer; Robert Brannon, auditor, and C. C. Hines, historian.

A delightful program, presented by the P.T.A. sponsored Camp Fire Girls, featured the Nightingale Bluebirds, whose leader is Mrs. Leon Meskimen; the Roses Bluebird group, led by Mrs. C. C. Hines and the Cheskanay Camp Fires with Mrs. Robert Brannon as their leader.

A movie titled, "Defense Against Invasion" completed the afternoon program.

Miss H. Wells, kindergarten teacher was presented with an attendance prize for her room.

Students at 186th Street School will be entertained at an Easter party in the school on March 19. Plans are now being completed by the Room Mothers.

Fern Avenue PTA Studies Plans For April Carnival

Carnival plans have been occupying the minds of Fern Avenue P.T.A. executive board members following their meeting at the school Wednesday, March 10.

Many unique plans are being studied for the carnival set for early in April, with attractions for young and old.

The room mothers who, in cooperation with the teachers will be arranging the booths, met at the school on March 16 to discuss and assemble their plans.

Mrs. Swanson Is Showered By Philathea Class

Mrs. Leonard Swanson was complimented when members of the Philathea Class of First Methodist Church showered her with useful and attractive baby gifts following their last meeting and pot luck supper.

Hostesses for the enjoyable affair were Mmes. Janet Harsh and Doris Tanner.

The dessert course featured a large white cake, baked in the shape of a lamb, appropriately iced and complete with a pink ribbon bow.

Present were the honoree and Mmes. Beatrice Bryson, Mary Alice McCool, Rose King, Rachel Strange, Margaret Loring, Sophia Duncan, Lucille Hill, Betty Sandstrom, Vita Paxton, Mary Welch, Rose Stanley, and Miss Ruth Tunks.

Hospital Patients Are Enjoying "Y" Arts, Crafts Class

An arts and crafts class has begun at the Harbor General Hospital under the sponsorship of the Torrance YWCA Center—and the Los Angeles Department of Adult Education.

Hospital personnel and others in the community are cordially invited to enroll.

The class, now engaged in leather working, meets on "Y" days at 6:30 p.m., and is instructed by Mrs. Irene Lyll, arts and crafts expert.

Phone Torrance 1356 for further information concerning registration for these classes.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The home of Mrs. L. A. Maddux, 1011 Beech avenue, was the attractive setting for afternoon section meeting of Torrance Junior Women's Club-sponsored Needlework Guild on Wednesday afternoon.

Multiple Attractions Mark Woman's Club 1948 Carnival

Mrs. R. R. Smith, general chairman for the fourth annual Woman's Club spring carnival held Saturday evening in the clubhouse, has expressed her sincere appreciation to her chairmen and their committees for their wonderful co-operation.

The attractive posters announcing the many posters attractions were made by Torrance junior high school arts and crafts students at the request of Mrs. B. T. Whitney, poster chairman. In appreciation, Mrs. Whitney today will present the students with a hide and kit containing tools necessary for leather craft work. Earl Eekert, principal and Miss Evangeline Morris, art teacher, will accept the gift on behalf of the school.

Mrs. S. V. Rauss, who served as Country Store chairman, extends her sincere appreciation to those merchants and individuals who so generously contributed merchandise for her booth, who were: A. & P. Store, Grand Torrance Market, Ideal Ranch Market, Quality Market. Also contributing were members of Pacific Telephone office staff and the Grand Sweet Shop.

Mrs. O. B. Willett is appreciative of a \$10 contribution from

Friday Morning Study Club Plans Easter Program

With Holy Week and Easter soon to be observed, the Friday morning Study Club has prepared a program of music in keeping with the season for their meeting on March 19.

Margaret Christian, soprano and Mackey Swan, baritone, will be presented in a concert of solos and duets, accompanied by Mrs. Swan at the piano.

This Easter program will be held in the YMCA at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Elmer I. Higgs presiding.

SHUT-INS

Camp Fire Girls senior members, Horizon Clubbers, make monthly visits to hospitals in Santa Maria, Calif., reading to patients and writing letters for them. Often they take along homemade cookies, cakes and other treats for the shut-ins.

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