

Tots, Parents Go To School In Torrance

If pre-school, mother-child education could be made available to families throughout the United States, it might have a tremendous effect in preventing child maladjustments, broken homes, and even much juvenile crime.

This is the opinion of many Southern California educators who believe that child observation classes are the most socially significant in California's adult education program, and with that idea in mind, the local adult education leaders established the Torrance Co-operative Nursery School last September as a lab supplement to the evening parent education class.

Interested parents throughout the community will have an opportunity to see the school in action next Wednesday at a 9:30 to 11 a.m. open house.

When mom and dad go to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia Ave., regular "schoolhouse," for the gathering, they will see their pre-school tots learning to play with others, to share toys and play materials, to express themselves in music, painting, and clay. They will see each child experiencing the small joys and sorrows, the disappointments and triumphs which will lead to better adjustment with people the rest of his life.

They will see mothers enrolled in the parent education class supervising the children's activities, learning what typical child behavior is, how to handle discipline situations, and how to help a child develop in the best possible way.

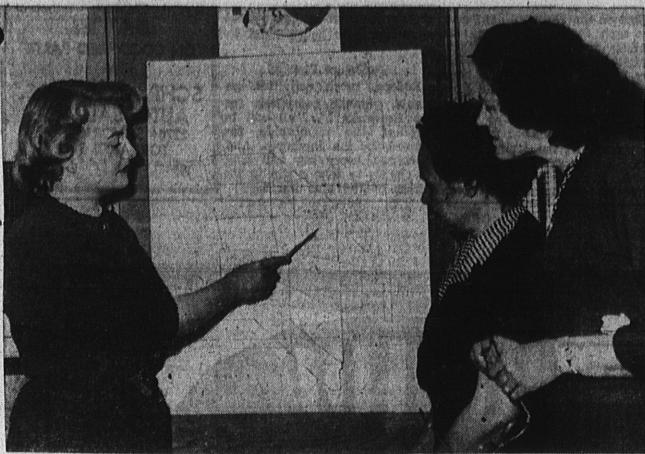
Some of them may become so enthused about the school that they will enroll in the parent education class so that their own children may participate. There are openings for five more children at this time, according to Mrs. Richard Jordan, director, and Mrs. Henry Weil, 2487-M, will handle applications for new members.

Each child attends the school Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Mother and dad attend a weekly Monday evening class which covers the learning taking place in nursery school, home problems, and the overall education of the child.

In addition, each mother supervises nursery school activities one morning a week.

The entire program is non-racial and non-sectarian—and one which both parents and children enjoy, said Mrs. Jordan.

"Parents tell us that they are learning what their own children are really like, and that their children are enthusiastic about attending "my nursery school," she said.



RED CROSS CONFAB . . . Mrs. J. H. Van Dyke, residential chairman for the Red Cross fund-raising campaign which begins next Thursday, shows Mr. David McMillan, right, the section she will canvass for contributions while Mrs. Edith Meskimen, Red Cross secretary, looks on. Mrs. McMillan is one of the many volunteer workers who will be on hand for the 10 a.m. kick-off meeting at the YWCA building Thursday. The drive will begin immediately afterward and continue for two weeks. "We still need many more volunteer workers," Mrs. Van Dyke said. "Those wishing to offer their services may call me at Torrance 3391-W."

Ugandese Delegate To Arrive at Harbor District Y Thursday

Mrs. Rebecca Mullira, member of leading women's groups in Uganda, British East Africa, and one of the 20 delegates to the International Training Project sponsored by the National Board of the YWCA, will be at the Harbor District YWCA next Thursday to spend three months.

This is the second phase of her participation in the nine-month work-study project supervised by the Foreign Division in an effort to train leaders from Asia, Africa, and Europe in methods of YWCA work in this country.

Mrs. Mullira spent the first three months of the training project at the YWCA in Summit, N. J., where she attended meetings of the board of directors, the staff, Y-teen and young adult groups. She also spoke on life in Uganda before YWCA and civic groups.

The same type of program is being planned for the foreign delegate while she is in the Harbor District YW.

When she completes the study, she will return to Uganda to help her countrywomen plan a YWCA. This organization can play an important role in helping to educate the women of Uganda, Mrs. Mullira feels. It

Two Local Juniors Attend District Meet

Mrs. Fred Hansen and Warren Perry, federation coordinator, represented Torrance Junior Woman's Club at Monday night's district conference of the Junior membership, CFWC, held at the South Gate Woman's Clubhouse.

Nearly 400 women from clubs throughout the district attended the session, which featured a panel discussion on "How Can Junior-Senior Co-operation Be Encouraged?"

TABLE MANNERS . . .

Tommy Evans reaches across the table for crackers, almost hiding Susan Moore, who sits next to her mother, Mrs. Charles Moore. Mrs. Moore, as the supervising mother for the group, will put what she has learned in the parent education class about handling discipline situations into practice. Others enjoying "juice time" are, left to right, Steve Cahow, Peter Sprague, and Chris Champion.



Garden Club To Plant Tree At Halldale

As its next beautification project, Torrance Terrace Garden Club will hold a tree-planting ceremony at Halldale School next Friday, Mar. 6, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Carl Hood, chairman of the project, announced the plans at last Wednesday's session held at the home of Mrs. Phillip Lisman, 1503 Post Ave., with Mrs. William Hickcox sharing hostess honors.

The club also plans to place three entries in the International Flower Show, to be held in Inglewood Mar. 14 through 22. Mrs. Joseph McClay heads the committee in charge of selecting the entries.

Highlighting the program following the business hour were two films on growing roses and "The Mysteries of Plant Life," shown by a representative of the California Spray Chemical Corp.

Guests attending the afternoon gathering were Mesdames Ed Campbell, Thomas McCutcheon, Arthur Bello, Paul Loranger, Gill Derouin, Kenneth Figgins, Jack R. Gordinier, and Victor D. Beard.

CHILD'S ATTITUDES TO GET ATTENTION AT FREE LECTURE

Parents will learn how to help their children build wholesome attitudes at next Wednesday's parent education lecture, to be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Seaside School auditorium.

Fifth in a series co-sponsored by the Torrance School of Adult Education and Seaside and Riviera PTAs, the lecture will be conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Law, family life instructor in parent education.

Further information may be obtained by calling Frontier 5-8016.

Disario, Bride Make Home In Allied Gardens

John D. Disario and his bride, the former Miss Grace Voite of Los Angeles, are now receiving friends at a home in Allied Gardens.

The couple, wed at Feb. 8 ceremonies in Florence Ave. Church of Christ in Los Angeles, returned Friday from a honeymoon journey to San Diego, Palm Springs, and Borrego Springs.

For the 6 p.m. rites, the bride chose a street-length gown of green taffeta "accented by a white orchid. Her only attendant, Mrs. Henry Pukpoff, was gowned in yellow taffeta with an orchid corsage.

Henry Pukpoff attended the groom as best man.

Friends and relatives presented gifts and congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. at a reception held at the Los Angeles home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Monti.

Disario, son of Mrs. Angeline Disario, 1020 Beech Ave., now is employed with Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. He is a graduate of Torrance High School.

BPW's Hostess District Today

About 60 women who hold leading business and professional positions throughout the Los Angeles Sierra Madre District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, will gather at 9 o'clock this morning at the Lomita VFW Hall for a district breakfast being hosted by the local Business and Professional Women's Club.

The affair will feature at St. Patrick's Day theme in table decor. Mrs. Bill King is chairman in charge of arrangements.

Seniors Elect New Officers Wednesday

Torrance Woman's Club members will elect officers for 1953-54 when they meet next Wednesday, Mar. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave.

Election procedure will begin with recommendations of the nominating committee, composed of Mesdames R. A. Bingham, S. V. Rauss, and M. M. Schwab. Nominations from the floor will follow.

Also to be elected at the meet are delegates to the fifth annual district convention, slated for Mar. 11 and 12 at the Los Angeles Statler Hotel, and delegates to the state convention, to be held at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel Mar. 21 through 24.

A silver tea and program, featuring Mrs. Dorothy H. Jamieson, city librarian, with a book review will follow the business hour.

186th St. Room Moms Hold Planning Session

Plans for an Easter party and "oom mothers' participation in the annual school carnival highlighted last week's Friday meeting of 186th St. PTA room mothers, held at the 1608 W. 204th St. home of Mrs. James McMillen, with Mrs. Floyd Beech, room mother chairman, sharing hostess honors.

Attending the gathering were Mesdames E. White, M. Christensen, D. Beckworth, L. A. Norton, Herman Eisenbeis, J. W. Hight, W. Turrentine, W. B. Shanton, I. R. Howard, Leonard Wise, A. Whitting, Bill Rose, Albert Meyer, L. Hayden, Frank Nelson, W. Webb, Donald Meredith, and Claud Hill.

Spring Themes Junior-Senior Dessert Party

A touch of spring graced the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., Wednesday night as the Torrance Junior Woman's Club entertained the senior membership, their husbands, and friends at a dessert party.

A bouquet of daffodils, narcissus, and other spring posies flanked by ivory candles, centered the buffet table to carry out the theme.

Featured entertainers for the evening, presented by Mrs. R. Dexter, program chairman, were Frances Archer, soprano, and Beverly Gile, contralto, who sang stylized American folk songs to their own guitar accompaniment. The girls, known as the "Delightful Duo," have recently toured several veterans' hospitals in this area.

About 60 attended the affair.

Prexy Plays Hostess To PTA Board

Mrs. H. E. Carr, president of Torrance Elementary PTA, held open house at her home, 1544 Marcelina Ave., Wednesday for members of the executive board so they could present their annual reports.

Those dropping in during the day were Mesdames R. E. Moffitt, first vice-president and program chairman; M. W. Tappin, fourth vice-president; I. L. Eckersley, treasurer; W. W. Hamilton, historian and hospitality chairman; Lee M. Polick, parent education chairman; Gordon S. Jones, publicity chairman; George Crabtree, membership chairman; M. A. Bauman, health and child welfare chairman; and E. G. Ludwig, character and spiritual education chairman.

Mrs. Lloyd Davis, ways and means chairman, announced that over 11 tons of paper were collected during last Tuesday's paper drive. Children were rewarded for their efforts with a special cartoon show in the school auditorium the following day.

ATTENDS YOUTH MEET Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, youth conservation chairman for the Torrance Woman's Club, attended a district youth conservation conference held at the Los Angeles district headquarters Thursday.

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SELF EXPRESSION . . . These four tots, left to right, Patty Hardinghaus, Judy Ballard, Mike Belzer, and Sharon Salveter, are learning to express themselves through finger painting, one of the many free-play activities offered at the Torrance Cooperative School. Supplying them with paint is Mrs. Burton Belzer, one of the Torrance mothers now enrolled in the parent education class sponsored by the school of adult education. The school is conducted as a lab session for the parents' class.



RHYTHM MAKERS . . . These nursery school kiddies follow the rhythm pattern set by Mrs. Richard Jordan, director, as they listen to record music, one of the regular features of Torrance Cooperative Nursery School. Pictures are Susan Moore, Karen Boulton, Craig Cahow, Susan Kerber, Timmy Ferguson, Steve Cahow, and Paul Ransom.

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