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North Torrance Tattler

Spirit of America Shown in PTA Meet

By ADALINE CORTEZ

Memor 4876
The convention of First District PTA is behind us again and impressive as it was, what I gained from the meeting was derived from a few insignificant words, a question that arose in my mind, "Is PTA really doing some good? Could I put my time to better use?" My own amateurish philosophizing gave me the resulting conclusion that PTA is SURELY a wonderful thing!

Instead of the speakers on the stage, I could see Evelyn Carr, our happily informal president of Torrance Council presiding over an enthusiastic, often wisecracking group—all of them handling a serious welfare problem with the same ease and casualness that they handle plans for a luncheon. Neither Mrs. Carr nor her board feel they wear halos but what struck me with the suddenness of a revelation is that this spirit is exactly why America stays young. We, as a country, handle tremendous problems with such ease that we often seem to lack to be irresponsible and lacking in direction and dignity. But we get the job done!

That may not have been the purpose of the convention and don't think I didn't hear what the speakers said) but who can say what it should mean to the individual? What was the saying about three people looking at the moon and seeing three different things? On the lighter side, I was thrilled at the sight of so many chic women dressed in Dame Fashion's wide range of spring fashions.

Delegates from North Torrance

were Mmes. William Wilson, Clarke Harris, W. Towell, Robert Payne, A. Nichols, C. Stauffer, T. Rogers, W. Sale, James Snell, William McGausland, R. Gastelum, V. Morgan, F. Stoeckle, J. R. Allison, J. H. Cortez.

Mrs. Gerald Cunerty, 17639 Elgar Ave., entertained nine friends at a spring luncheon Saturday. The centerpiece was an arrangement of pink roses flanked by pink tapers. Pastel Easter baskets served as nut cups.

Mrs. Walter Buffington, 2720 W. 174th St., is convalescing after major surgery at Hawthorne Community Hospital where she is employed as a surgical nurse.

The Easter bunny delivered his gifts even before Easter to some lucky ones! This week the Ralph Gastelum are driving a glamorous Monterey coupe, the James Spences a smart red and cream colored two-tone and the Joe Fletchers a cream-colored ranch wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bass, 17014 Almsworth Ave., invited their neighborhood group over for a charades party. The battle was hard-won—the men remain champions!

Present were the Allen Leues, Stu Ayeras, Bob Doyle and Bill Sales.

A tree with blown eggs depicting a caricature of each guest provided amusement and admiration for the artistic details.

Connie Gastelum, 17507 Ermanita Ave., entertained at a Home Style Show last Wednesday. Buying the feminine frills were Clodie Spence, Marge Straubel, Helen Pope, Alma Farris, Alma Denney, Jean Loy, Ann West, Marie Hensley, Olga Moss, Maxine Crosley, Barbara Walker, Ruth Towell, Sarah Bramblett, Pat Stamm, Vera Romo.

James Snell, 17511 Cerise Ave., celebrated a birthday April 8. The big celebration, however, had already taken place at a family dinner complete with pink champagne!

The daddy of our family had a birthday this week. We had all kinds of surprises for him but the biggest thrill came when news arrived that he had been granted registration by the California Board of Engineers as a professional civil engineer. He didn't even mind adding on another year!

Nancy and Johnny Ruoff, 17519 Cerise Ave., are out enjoying the sunshine after a siege of chicken pox kept them indoors for weeks.

All the gay calves and handsome cowboy shirts at the Psychia Society Country Dance competed with the spectacular array of box lunches brought by the ladies.

Mary Krumwiede was hailed the winner! Her box, covered with balls of cotton, was topped by a Maypole with bright streamers leading to Easter bunnies.

Ruth Bruce's covered wagon was a close runner up. One of the cleverest was a black cylindrical box with a skull and bones and the warning POISON on the front.

Fashion Notes: Helen Wood in a blue and white gingham, Marge Cunerty in a frothy white nylon, Juanita Alford in dark green dotted Swiss, and fresh from the city was Clint Beedon in new overalls, and a natty red and black plaid cap (the won first prize for costumes).

The Brownie troop led by Mrs. Robert Payne elected the following officers recently:

Patrol leader, Sharon Altenfels; secretary, Sue Rogers; treasurer, Beverly Hodges; refreshment chairman, Yvonne Ewin; publicity chairman, Cathy Knox; telephone chairman, Claudia Wilkins.

The Cub Mother Club of Pack 761-C met at the home of Ruth Towell, 17512 Ermanita Ave., recently.

Den 9 won the half gallon of ice cream for mother representation. There are only four boys in that den. The happy Cubs are Darrell Bronson, Ronnie Saunders, Bobbie Knight and David Graham.

The Harold Wright family and Mrs. Kennedy, her mother, motored to Balboa to visit Mrs. Kennedy's son, Ted.

Twenty-four teen-agers danced, ate hamburgers and drank colas at Steve Park's home, 16817 Faysmith Ave., last weekend.

Air Force Cadet Kent Selgrist is home on two weeks' leave visiting his parents, the Clair Selgrists, 16813 Faysmith Ave. Cadet Selgrist is stationed at Topeka, Kans.

The family spent Sunday viewing Cinerama and dining at Steer's.

In case any of you wondered why the Faysmith crowd wasn't at the Country Dance, the Walter Metz family, 17031 Faysmith Ave., gave a party!

Special guests from Gardena were the John Stumps who are formerly from the Metz hometown of Winnipeg.

Ann Georgiana of Wisconsin has been visiting the Joe Nastinis, 16816 Faysmith Ave.

Licenses of Six Drivers Taken Away

The Department of Motor Vehicles announced this week the names of six local area residents who have had their drivers' licenses revoked or suspended during the period March 29 to April 2.

They are Kenneth Banning, 3876 W. 171st, and Paul Case, 1208 252nd St., Harbor City, both suspended following an accident for failure to meet the requirements of the financial responsibility law; Arthur Moan, 17202 Glenburn Ave., Orville Morton, 5004 Calle Mayor and Vernon Steiferman, 1539 W. 204th St., all order of probation because of bad driving record; and Margarito Trujillo, 911 Portola Ave., revoked due to a manslaughter charge.

Convicted of a violation but with no suspension recommended by the court were James Brady, 2168 W. 245th St., Lomita, Harry Cagle, 1524 W. 227th St., James Callahan, 22526 Shadycrest Ave., Arlo Dalton, 2111 247th St., Lomita Earl Hansen, 1551 W. 203rd St., Arthur Lovell, 1404 Beech Ave. and Marge Mickle, 819 Border Ave.

Licenses have been reinstated Francis Ayala, 21500 Earl St., Homer Brinlee 21330 S. Vermont Ave., Robert Gilmore, 1727 W. 234th St., Milton Pagel, 428 1/2 W. Carson St., and Robert Wright, 1639 W. 203rd St.

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The musical tells the story of a group of college students who set out in search of a pirate's treasure buried on an obscure island 200 years ago. After diligent searching, the little band finds the cave where the gold is supposed to be buried but instead of gold the cave is teeming with pirates—all bloodthirsty!

In the east of the comedy are Jeff Carr, as Lewis Morgan, yacht owner; John Pennington as Professor Molecule; Ron Jadin, Steve Peters, and Bob Kelley as pirates Spade Board, Skittles and Dead Eye; and Bob Hopkins as Black Spider, the pirate leader.

Also Claire Bentwood, as Jane Morgan; Sandy Gish and Deanna Hall as her friends Clara and Nani; Judith Slater as Aunt Julia; J. Gene Walker as radio announcer Jack Davis; Richard Bentwood as Bill Burton, radio operator; Terry Ackers as Pan; the singing chef; and Ron Heffler as Tubby Thompkins.

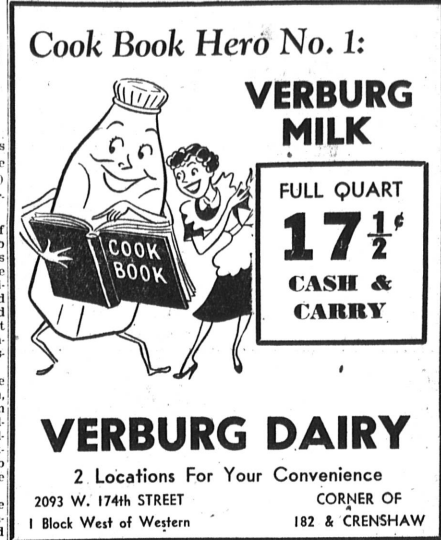
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