

The Feb. 13 executive board meeting of the El Nido School PTA was held at the home of Mrs. Philo Mellor, 18249 Ashley Ave.

Roscoe Colclasure, second vice president reported on a chart he was making of the numerous expenses listed in the PTA budget. It was explained in full at the Feb. 9 meeting and will be taken to the Torrance Council PTA then on to Thirty-third District.

Mrs. W. A. Wright reported that the first of a series of monthly dances for the seventh and eighth grade students would be held on Friday, Feb. 14 and that she along with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hon and Mrs. C. Chriss would be chaperones and that refreshments of cookies, sandwiches and punch would be served to all students attending.

Mrs. Jerry Westmoreland, first vice president presided at a meeting held for the purpose of reviewing the progress of the room mothers.

A copy of the duties of a room mother was given to those present in order to bring a close relationship between the home and the school. Persons in attendance were: Mmes. Charles Hynes, Robbs, R. E. Underwood, Albert Martin, Daugherty, A. Thompson, Roscoe Colclasure, A. M. O. Chadwick, M. Wisdom, C. H. Brackett, Harley Smith, Perry Ames, and Mr. William Forrest as a representative of the school.

El Nido School PTA honored Mrs. Jack Kelley and Paul W. Herring, a Queen and King of their day, when they were presented with honorary life memberships by Mrs. Elmer Ecker, Honorary Life membership chairman, for their outstanding and faithful service to the school and community.

The Founders Day meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 19 and guests were: Mrs. Kenneth McVey, Torrance Council PTA president-elect; Mr. Lester Foster, former principal, and Mr. and Mrs. David Minar, parents of one of the past presidents.

The Founders Day program chairman, Mrs. W. A. Wright, was mistress of ceremonies; student assistant was Miss Shirlene Paulette Herring. Contestants who supplied pertinent information about the Founders were: Mrs. Carlos Espionsa, Mrs. Ira Hon and Mrs. Sarah Hooker. All the El Nido PTA presidents were present. Mrs. Philo Mellor, Mrs. Paul Herring and Mrs. Elmer Ecker were given a gift in tribute to the fine work they had done during their years of leadership.

During the business session, Mrs. W. A. Wright reported that the first seventh and eighth grade student dance held on Valentine Eve was a success.

An exhibit table with many parent-teacher items was set up for display by Mrs. Harley Smith and Mrs. C. H. Brackett who also served refreshments along with Mrs. William Newton.

The nominating committee reported the slate of nominees for the various offices: President, Mrs. Ira Hon; first vice president, Mrs. Elmer Ecker; second vice president, Roscoe Colclasure; recording secretary, Mrs. R. E. Underwood; auditor, Mrs. M. Wisdom; historian, Mrs. Charles Hynes.

More than 4440 pounds of papers along with 580 pounds of rags and 200 pounds of shoddy were collected by El Nido School students during the recent PTA sponsored paper and rag drive.

Assisting were Mmes. W. A. Wright, Amos Chadwick, S. R. Hooker, and Jerry Westmoreland.

Students, parents, teachers and neighbors were served a hot lunch Feb. 27 by the school PTA.

On the serving committee were Paul Herring and Mrs. Robert Hernandez, C. H. Brackett, Samuel Villegas, William Newton, Paul Herring, Harley Smith, W. A. Wright and S. R. Hooker.

PTA DANCING PARTY FRIDAY

Sepulveda School PTA invites the parents of Seaside, Anza, and Meadowpark schools to a dance and card party to be held at Sea Aire Recreation Center, located at 22730 Lupine Dr., on Friday, March 14, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Coffee will be served.

SUGAR CONTENT About 15 per cent of the weight of the average sugar beet can be extracted as sugar, according to current processes.

P T A ACTIVITIES

Fleming

Mrs. Joseph Butler, PTA president of Fleming Junior High School, Lomita, officiated at the first general meeting of the new school. The pledge of allegiance was given by Mrs. Harry Rhodes, Mrs. Jack Davidson read the inspirational message "Youth" Mr. P. E. Turner, principal gave a short talk stressing the need of Math, and Science in school and the need of qualified teachers. Mrs. Ray Groover gave the auditors report, the adoption of the budget and standing rules was voted on.

Mrs. Butler announced that an open house would be held at Fleming on April 17th; the PTA will have a cookie sale on April 24 and that a letter was sent to 10th District asking that they check on the poor quality of teenage movies and take action on same.

Mrs. L. W. Van Buren, Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Mrs. Walter Talley and Mrs. James Gonderman were selected as the nominating committee.

The Girls Glee Club, under the direction of Jack Josephson, sang three numbers. The school program by the Math Department, under the direction of Miss Ada Ludke, gave a very interesting demonstration of the use of Math in everyday life. Six students, one from each grade, spoke on what was taught in each grade level. A question and answer period followed.

Mrs. Norwood Teague and Mrs. Walter Talley gave a Founder's Day skit, a question and answer panel on how and why the PTA was founded, the explanation of founder's day, life memberships and student scholarships.

A coffee hour followed in the school cafeteria with the mothers of the Lomita-Harbor City area as hostesses.

Riviera

Riviera School PTA board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert McMahon, 427 Via Colusa, March 12 at 8 p.m. The general meeting follows at the school cafeteria on March 19, at 8 p.m.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Dr. Warren

Hamilton, director of special services, Torrance board of education. Dr. Hamilton will be presented by Forrest Sedgewick and Gene Voorhees, co-chairmen of community projects.

Dr. Hamilton will show a film and speak on the efforts of special services for Torrance children.

The nomination committee will present their report on candidates for office for the April election and the entire membership is encouraged to make additional nominations from the floor. Hostesses for the evening will be third grade room mothers and the room mothers of the second-third grade combination class.

Mrs. Voorhees, president, has discussed the numerous events which Riviera PTA has sponsored and contributed to: Bike Club, Square Dancers, seventh and eighth grade dances with an instructor, Mrs. Buff Meeks, Saturday children's program, cake sale, class pictures, teachers' luncheon, the regular contributions to the Riviera school library, dental health clinic, Torrance PTA milk fund, TEAC, American Field Service, Torrance PTA scholarship, the high school graduation party as well as Riviera graduation party, and the contributions to the new PTA's of Parkway School and South High School.

Mrs. Lester McCowan, Mrs. Allen Cooper, and Mrs. Lorman Griffith sang the inspirational with Mrs. Leo Fischer, accompanist.

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186th Street

February Founders Day meeting of the 186th Street School PTA was held in the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11. The past presidents of the association were the honored guests and received gifts of key chains engraved with a replica of the Chicago headquarters of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The nominating committee chairman, Mrs. Frank Garst, presented an incomplete slate of officers nominated for the 1958-59 term of office. These included Mrs. W. S. Stewart and Mrs. Frank Daddi for president; Mrs. Clifford Risher, first vice president; Mrs. Ralph Nichols, second vice president; Mrs. R. Dean Bryan, secretary; Mrs. Frank Garst, treasurer; Mrs. Floyd Phillips, auditor; and Mrs. Donald Dittmann, historian. The election will be held at the March meeting.

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Torrance

The executive board of the Torrance High School PTA met in regular session Wednesday to plan for the coming regular meeting of the association at the high school Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. W. W. Jackson presided.

Mrs. Jack Carter, chairman, reported that the nominating committee will present its slate of officers at the Tuesday meeting. Mrs. M. W. Hinshaw, hospitality chairman reported that the past presidents of the association will be invited as honored guests. An Honorary Life Membership will be given by the unit at this meeting, according to Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool.

The association will be represented at several coming conventions. Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Paul Crossman and Mark Caldwell will attend a secondary session in Lynwood next month. Also in April delegates from this unit will attend the district convention in Long Beach and in May the president-elect will represent the unit in San Francisco during the state convention.

Following the business meeting of the PTA, which will be held in the auditorium, the parents and members attending are invited to attend open house and the science exhibit of the school. Boys and girls of the home economics classes will serve refreshments they have made. PTA members will assist.

CRIME BILL

The crime costs in the U. S. reached an all-time high of \$20 billion in 1953, or about 10 times the amount which is given for the support of all of America's churches.

Newton

Founders Day at Newton PTA was celebrated with a skit by the Newton players and presentation of honorary life membership to Mrs. Otto Willett by Principal Webster Smith.

Mrs. Willett, currently Newton TEAC chairman, was selected because of her activity in PTA and youth functions for a number of years in this area.

Newton Players, directed by Mrs. Donald Hauser, presented "First PTA on the Moon."

Participating were Mrs. Fred Geisel and Mrs. James Hurst, Founders Day and Life Membership chairman. Newton Players are: Mrs. F. A. Geisel, Mrs. Carl Rogers, Richard Radford, Roland Rogers, Mrs. Donald Nelson, Mrs. Parke Meek, Mrs. John Dreisler, Mrs. C. A. Fischer, Mrs. Richard DeArmitt, Robert Manning, Rocky Manning.

Costumes and headpieces were made by Mmes. John Holmes, Roland Rogers, William La More, Richard DeArmitt, Donald Nelson, John Dreisler, Parke Meek and James Hurst.

Others assisting were Mmes. Robert Surber, Albert Seaver, William La More, Roland Rogers, Otto Willett and James Hurst.

Arrangements, sound effects, and photography was done by Richard Radford, Roland Rogers, Miss Jacque Van Camp and Lloyd Wuterich.

Honored guests introduced by H. A. Graef, Newton PTA president, were Mrs. D. D. Tug-

gle, Torrance Council president; Mrs. David Sokaloff, South High PTA president; and Mrs. Burt Sanders, Parkway president.

Mrs. Otto Willett spoke on "PTA—Past, Present and Future."

After the program, refreshments were served by the third grade room mothers.

S. M. White

Stephen M. White's first Upper Division Sports Knight for this semester was held Feb. 28, commencing with games and sports at the gym and climaxing the evening with dancing at White Hall.

Mrs. Margaret Bell and Stanley Miller, gym teachers, were sponsors. The event was co-sponsored by the Stephen M White PTA.

The theme of the program was South Sea Islands. Entertainment chairman was Jim Williams; Bobby Endo, records; Richard Reed, Earl Thacker, and Robert Alegria, hula dancers, along with "Hendley and the Low Ones," consisting of Paul Henley, Bob Ross, Gary Grable, Mike Irving, and Ken Wagner.

Four tied for the most original costume. The winners were Carole Hiatt, Diane Dunston, Paul Henley and Richard Reed.

Parents helping were Mmes. Oscar Smith, C. W. Wittenburg, Richard Eakin, E. N. Reese, Jack Spenne, Carlton Johnston, William Dunston, Henry Runge; Mr. C. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Thompson, and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, recreation chairman.

Brotherhood Week Marked By Nursery

Brotherhood Week was celebrated at the Gardena Nursery School, 3153 W. Compton Blvd., by a showing of the film, "Brotherhood of Man" at the general membership meeting, on Feb. 24. The discussion which followed re-emphasized the inter-racial, non-sectarian foundation of the cooperative nursery.

In addition, the school is a training ground for parents in that it provides the opportunity for discussion of the problems of the pre-school child with professional staff members and other parents.

Teacher-director Rosalie Greene and teacher Many Green, meet with the youngsters for two and one half hours from Monday through Thursday. Sponsored by the Alondra Park Methodist Church, the school accepts children from two and one half to five years of age. Parents interested in enrolling their children should call membership chairman Fay Boardman.

An announcement was also made at the meeting of the forthcoming fund-raising puppet show to be held on April 26 at the Gardena teen-age Center. Groups interested in ticket information were urged to contact committee chairman Charles Zavidov.

Torrance Church Calendar. A large directory listing various churches including Central Church, Welcome to Torrance, Church of Christ, St. Matthew Lutheran, The First Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of El Nido, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Assembly of God Church, First Christian Church of Torrance, Seventh-Day Adventist, WALTERIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HOPE CHURCH, WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH, ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA, TORRANCE GROUP OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE, and First Lutheran Church.

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