

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

## High School

Mrs. Paul Crossman, first vice president of the Torrance High School PTA, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership by the association at its regular meeting Tuesday, March 31. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. C. Osterlind on behalf of Mrs. V. T. Vanderpool, chairman of the Honorary Life Membership committee, which chose Mrs. Crossman for the honor because of her varied activities with many civic groups of the community. In addition to her work with the PTA which includes helping to organize Howard Wood PTA, with service there as president, treasurer, spiritual and character education chairman, and publicity chairman; on the Torrance Council PTA as publicity chairman, many years as room mother and her present office in the high school unit, Mrs. Crossman has been an active worker with the Girl Scouts, the YWCA, the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council, Jobs Daughters of Torrance, Campfire Girls, the Delta Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International and the First Christian Church.

At this meeting Mrs. Crossman was also elected president of the organization for the coming year. Mrs. Jack Carter, chairman of the nomination committee, presented the following slate of officers to work with Mrs. Crossman: First vice president, Mrs. Elbert Steele; second vice president, Mrs. Robert E. Moffitt; third vice president, Leonard Lifton; treasurer, Mrs. O. O. Clayton; recording secretary, Mrs. H. F. Heinlein; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Adam Krauszer; auditor, G. E. Johnston; historian, Mrs. B. G. Ludwig. All were unanimously elected.

The meeting was opened by a choir of students under the direction of James Nichols. Incidental music was presented by the choir which ended its program with a new T.H.S. song, "Varsity," composed and written by Mr. Nichols. Bonnie Fletcher, student at the school, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. H. S. Widney gave the Inspirational. Mrs. G. C. VanDeventer and Mrs. A. C. Turner, past-president, were introduced and presented with corsages.

Following the meeting, the approximately 750 parents attending, visited the classrooms and teachers during Open House. An informal get-together in the cafeteria was held for cookies made by the Home Economics classes and coffee served by the PTA board.

Mrs. W. W. Jackson, president, and Carl Ahee, principal, announced that the next meeting, April 8, will feature a panel of foreign exchange students who will discuss the customs and life in their native lands as compared to their life in Torrance, where they are attending local schools. The new board will be introduced and past presidents will be honored.

## Flavian

Elected to direct the activities of the Flavian PTA at the March meeting were: Mrs. J. Kenneth Edwins, president; Mmes. James Russell, Woodward Hebert, Chester Black, Charles R. Peterson, vice president; Mrs. Z. W. Giza, recording secretary; Mrs. John Shaiver, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Burt Ferris, historian; Cliff Massey, treasurer; and George Glaze, auditor.

Delegates to the district convention are Mmes. Melvin Berhow, Davis Berry, Chester Black, Daniel Lombardi, Charles Petersen, James Russell, Leonard Spedale, and Z. W. Giza.

Mrs. B. W. Mann, child welfare chairman, announced that the toothbrushes purchased by the PTA will be distributed after Easter in recognition of Dental Health Week.

Eighth grade sewing students of Miss Mary Fisher modeled their creations and the eighth grade shop students of Frank Vogt displayed their projects.

Music was furnished by the Glee club, directed by Jerry Andrews, and the Mothersingers.

Eighth grade mothers, Mrs. Fred Carroll, chairman, served refreshments.

## Madrona

Madrona PTA held its board meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry A. Campell, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, president, brought the meeting to order. Mrs. William McDade, nominating committee chairman, announced the list of officers nominated for the coming year, which will be presented at the next association meeting, at which time the election will be held. Carl Hay, legislation chairman, gave a report on the meeting he attended at the Elks Lodge on anti-narcotics.

Mrs. Eric Wescomb, program chairman, announced the board members will present an operetta at the May association meeting. Plans were made for rehearsals.

The meeting closed with the hostess, Mrs. Harry Campell serving refreshments.

## Edison

Officers for the forthcoming year were elected at the recent Edison PTA meeting. They are Mrs. Doyle Henderson, president; Mrs. William Cassida, Mrs. Robert Kandler, Lester Foster, vice presidents; Mrs. Bert Richardson, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Kildoo, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Stiles, treasurer; Pat McManus, auditor; Mrs. Carl Miller, historian.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" led by the Edison Brownie Troop 208. Mrs. Charles Henderson gave the inspirational. In addition to the election of officers the association decided to send Mrs. Doyle Henderson to San Francisco

State Convention and approved the purchase of a coffee urn. Plans were discussed for the district convention in Long Beach, April 17.

James Crockett, guest speaker, is the director of new construction for the Torrance unified school district.

## 186th Street

Thursday, March 6, the room representatives of the 186th Street PTA met in the school auditorium to discuss plans for the Easter party. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Herman Eisenbeiss, room representative chairman, and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mrs. James McMillen.

Mrs. Eisenbeiss asked for suggestions for the party, saying the only restriction was that each room have an equal number of treats. It was suggested that ice cream be served, with the expense to be shared by the student body and the PTA. Either cookies or cupcakes would be furnished by the room representatives.

It was decided to invite the teachers to a tea to be held before the Easter vacation, to give the room representatives and teachers a better chance to know each other. Mrs. James Ellis, PTA president, as a whole, are a first in Gardena-Wilmington Council; and are of an interest to the entire council membership.

Present were 44 room representatives, and filled out questionnaires regarding future meetings and workshops on arts and crafts. Mrs. Eisenbeiss expressed her appreciation at the large attendance and read a note of appreciation from Miss Ruth Engdahl, school principal, of all the willing

help of the room representatives.

The March meeting of the 186th Street PTA, held in the school auditorium, featured the fathers. Ward Grantham sang two musical selections, "Bend in the River" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." Then he led the audience in community singing of "My Wild Irish Rose." He was accompanied at the piano by Robert Graham, musical director of the school.

Election of officers of the coming year was held and the following officers were elected: Mmes. W. S. Stewart, president; Robert White, first vice president; Ralph Nichols, second vice president; R. Dean Bryan, secretary; Frank Garst, treasurer; Floyd Phillips, auditor; and Donald Dittman, historian.

A skit, "Father Takes a Hand" displayed the thespian ability of the PTA fathers and emphasized the fact that fathers are needed as active members of the association. Featured in the skit were: Mmes. R. Dean Bryan, Herman Eisenbeiss, Tom Nakoaki, Floyd Cockerham, Frank Dadi, and Walter Stewart; and the small boy was portrayed by James Ellis.

A letter was read concerning the request for re-zoning of some property across from the school for a parking lot. Mrs. Ellis, PTA president, asked that all interested parents sign the letter of protest or write to the zoning commission protesting this further safety hazard to our school.

To complete the evening, fathers were the hosts at the tea and social hour that followed the meeting, and served coffee and cake. Mrs. Robert Rasmussen was the room chairman in charge and was assisted by room mothers of the first and third grades.

## Sepulveda

Mrs. Ben Holden was re-elected president of Sepulveda School PTA for the coming year. Other officers are: Mrs. John Cariveau, first vice president; Robert Dexter, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Bennen, third vice president; Mrs. Ralph McElyea, fourth vice president; Mrs. John Regan, fifth vice president.

Mrs. Hubert Bailey is recording secretary; Mrs. Russell Mayer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Emmitt Milburn, treasurer; Mrs. Robert H. White, historian; and T. McGe, auditor. Delegates to the district convention at Long Beach, April 17, will be Mmes. Albert and Ray Sadlack.

Mrs. John Cariveau, ways and means chairman, announced a "Bake Sale," to be held at a market on March 29. A hilarious skit was presented by Ben Holden, Raymond

Sedlack, Emmitt Milburn, James Craig, Albert Yackie, Paul Halback, and Larry Winshemer portraying a PTA meeting.

"Fathersingers," barbershop quartet style, led the group in a community sing.

Raymond Sedlack presented a movie, "Road to the Stars." The movie, distributed by North American Aviation, showed the history of their inception to the present time.

Rooms of Miss Pritchard and Mr. Merrill acted as hosts for the evening. Mrs. Geissel's room won the attendance award for the third consecutive month.

## Evelyn Carr

Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA executive board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 19, at the home of Mrs. Robert Dennis. Meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Roland Stamm. Courtesy seats

were extended to Mrs. Robert Mooney and Mrs. J. R. Allison. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Perry Baker. Mrs. Jean Vance gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Eugene Brown announced that Dr. A. E. Hufferburger would be guest speaker for the March association meeting. The movie "Drop in the Bucket" will be shown in keeping with the theme of the evening—"Dental Health and Fluoridated Water." Election of officers for the coming year will be held, plus a Science Fair where projects from all grades will be shown.

Mrs. Stamm read a letter from Mrs. J. R. Allison expressing gratitude for having received the Honorary Life Membership award. A discussion of the by-laws and standing rules resulted in several revisions which will be presented at the association meeting. Delegates and alternates

were elected to attend the District Convention in Long Beach on April 17. The Kindergarten round-up will be held April 15, 24, 25 at 8:45-11:45 and 1-3.

Mrs. Eugene Brown reported on the Health Conference held at the Biltmore Hotel. Mrs. Robert Mooney, chairman for the eighth grade graduation party, announced that there will be three eighth grade dances to be held on Friday evenings, and brought the board up to date on the progress of the graduation plans. In the absence of Richard Welte, principal, Don Credell announced that the final Parent Education class will be on April 9 at 1:10 p.m. Evelyn Carr open house will be held on April 22, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Perry Baker discussed the plans for the Room Mothers' Dinner which will be held on May 1, 7 p.m., at the Club Alondra.



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