



COUNCIL OFFICERS ... Gardena W. Peterson PTA council officers met at Torrance Park recently to ratify new chairmen. They are, from left, standing, Mmes. Harry Peterson, historian; W. A. Blacker, parliamentarian; A. J.

Russell, treasurer; A. J. Baze, secretary; Mrs. Evelyn Carr, president. Seated from left, Mmes. William Shier, past harbor regional director; C. N. Peterson, president; and Harry Bully, first vice president. (Buck Photo)

Torrance Council PTA held its first association meeting of the 1958-59 season at the Torrance Elementary School on Sept. 23 at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Harry Peterson, past harbor regional director, presided. In charge, William King Hillside PTA president, led the pledge of allegiance.

Dr. J. H. Hill spoke briefly on the bond issue and Mrs. James McClure, president of the Torrance Elementary PTA, gave the welcome.

The following chairmen were ratified: Mmes. Zigmond Giza, music; Wilson Willey, membership; S. A. Brooks, legislation; Robert Payne, telephone; and J. D. Dunton, special education.

Mrs. V. B. Terry, financial secretary, and Mrs. James Anagost, treasurer, gave reports.

Mrs. Robert Payne was elected recording secretary and Mrs. David Tauner, corresponding secretary.

Vice Presidents Mmes. Carl Cramer, William Poser, Jack Erving and Seth Warden introduced the chairmen of their departments.

Mrs. Wilson Willey, membership chairman, spoke on the membership drive beginning Monday.

"We Are Told" was the theme of the first association meeting of the Evelyn Carr PTA Tuesday Sept. 23 at the school cafeteria. Mrs. J. B. Allison called the meeting in order and was assisted throughout the evening by "Interim" John Miller and Robert Thomas. The flag salute was led by Boy Scout Troop 761 and the inspirational was given by James McDonald.

Mrs. Allison introduced her board and each member wore a humorous hat depicting her office or chairmanship. Richard Welte, principal, introduced the teaching staff individually and welcomed them to PTA.

Given as a "commercial" on the "told" program were a request for room numbers by Chairman Mrs. Merle Love, Mrs. Perry Baker announcing the "kick-off" of the membership drive, Oct. 6

cards the ball game. Mrs. Robert Heins reporting on the success of the "Sidelinks of Paris" 200 acquainted tea. Other amusing, humorous, and interesting comments were made throughout the program. Taking part in these were Mmes. Richard MacDaniel, J. A. Jensen, Wendell Touret, William Sale, and Robert Steele, narrator.

Treasurer Mrs. Albert Peola read her report and Mrs. Carl Johnson presented the yearly budget which was approved by the association.

Dr. J. H. Hill, principal speaker, was informative and interesting with the subject, "The Role of the Board of Education." Coffee and cookies were served by the executive board.

Receiving at the door were Mmes. William Dorman, C. W. Strain, Leo Radford and R. I. Shelby. Mrs. Catherine Chisholm, freshman class advisor, worked with the committee, Mmes. Frank Curry, Richard Tierman, Isabelle Kelly, Roy Gore, L. G. Tidmarsh and Henry Heinlein, to make this an outstanding event.

During the afternoon, Leonard Lifton, acting principal, introduced members of the faculty and Dieder Seiler, the exchange student from Germany, to the parents attending.

High School

PTA executive board of Torrance High School met Sept. 23 to complete plans for the first association meeting Oct. 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. It will be "Get Acquainted Night" for parents of the school when they meet for a potluck supper and social hour. The PTA will furnish coffee. Those who bring main dishes are asked to bring enough for 10 while those who bring salads or desserts will serve 12.

Mrs. Paul Crossman, president, announced that an outstanding handbook has been prepared as a cooperative effort between the student council and the PTA to furnish parents with a volume of information concerning the school and its activities. The handbooks and an invitation to join PTA will be delivered personally to each family in Torrance High School some time between now and Oct. 6, the official opening date of the membership drive. Representing their specific neighborhoods in this project will be Mmes. C. W. Strain and Cleo McComas from Howard Wood; Elbert Steele from Madrona; Walter Mathlin from Fern-Greenwood, and Henry Heinlein and Robert Moffitt from Torrance Elementary.

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Halldale

To the tune of calypso music, the teachers and clerks of Halldale Ave. School enjoyed a luncheon served on Sept. 12 in the auditorium by the PTA board members.

The luncheon was served by Mmes. Irvin Bishop, Judson Bowers, Frank Bowling Jr., Douglas Cowdry, William Dunston, W. L. Harvey, Donald Hartman, Jack Kenyon, Daniel Reyes, Samuel Reyes, Richard Sabey and George Winters. Mrs. William Dunston was chairman of the affair.

Teachers and clerks attending were: Amanda Wilhelm, principal; Lucille Fox and Dorothy Gordon, clerks; Helen Cipriotti, Lois Graham, Helen Cole, Jeanne Hoyt, Pauline Shearer, Mary Halverson, Sara Vagenas, Betty Lewis, Olive Roring, Ruth Fischer, Geraldine White, Ruby McLaughlin, Marion Smith, Robert Smith, Helen Morton, Margaret Jensen, Jack Cowger, Ruth Lannan, Wilma Clair, Jean Ehrlich, Ann Taylor, Elizabeth Hampel, Ruth Moeller, Frank Smouse and Ruth Adams.

South High

South High PTA will hold their first meeting for the 1958-59 season at the high school library Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Paul Rottger will present the budget for the coming year, which has been approved by the executive board, to the membership for their approval and acceptance.

Mrs. A. H. Neeth, membership chairman, and her committee has planned for attainment of 100 per cent participation in the PTA this year and will begin the membership drive toward this goal at this meeting.

There will be a speaker presenting comments on the coming school bond issue.

The meeting will be dismissed at 8:15 p.m. so that the parents may meet for group conferences in their students' home room. Teaching methods will be explained and the necessity for cooperation between parents and teachers in guiding students to the greatest capacity of learning will be discussed.

Crenshaw

"Crenshaw enters the pennant race" is the theme of this year's membership drive at Crenshaw Elementary. A baseball field poster will be hung in the cafeteria so the children and teachers can watch their rooms progress.

Every mother who joins will receive one hit and every father will receive two hits. This should give the fathers an extra incentive to come to bat and get those runs in for his son's or daughter's room.

Prizes will be awarded the winners. A prize will go to the winning team in the lower grades, one for the winning team in the upper grades and one for the team with the most fathers to join.

The drive gets under way Oct. 6 and ends Oct. 10. Oct. 8 is the day of the first PTA meeting. It will be held at the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. C. M. Richards, PTA president, urges everyone to attend.

Madrona

First board meeting of Madrona PTA was held recently in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, president, in charge.

Mrs. James Cassidy, first vice president, gave a report on the proposed program for the school in the coming year. Mrs. William McDade told of plans for PTA membership. The theme this year will be "Rocket to the Moon" with the slogan, "Don't Be Earthbound."

A paper drive, movies, mother and daughter tea, were suggested by Mrs. V. G. Bliss, ways and means chairman, for fund raising events. William Forest, principal, announced 55 new students enrolled to date, bringing the total to 625.

High School Hand Books Distributed

Through the cooperative efforts of parents, teachers and students of Torrance High School a handbook has been prepared for each family of the school, according to Mrs. Paul Crossman, PTA president; Leonard Lifton, acting principal, and Victor Masaki, student council president. Under the direction of Mrs. Isabelle Kelly, membership chairman, PTA members are distributing the handbooks to each home on the school roster.

The purpose of the book is to acquaint the parents with the program of the PTA and the policies, procedures, regulations and activities of the school. Some of the other subjects covered are the history of Torrance High School, attendance, grading, graduation requirements, test schedules and insurance.

Gerald Ronan, acting boys' advisor, and G. E. Johnston, student activities advisor, worked with Mr. Lifton to compile most of the information and the student activities calendar. The PTA of the school shared the cost of the project with the student council. Mr. Paul Crossman, of the PTA, took on the monumental job of folding and stapling the books together, thus saving the sponsor a large expense.

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KNOW YOUR SCHOOL ... All families with students in the Torrance High School are being presented with a hand-book complete with student activities, PTA activities, and student requirements. Parents, teachers and students joined forces to complete the book. Representatives here are Gerald Ronan, Boys' Advisor; Paul Crossman, PTA record book chairman; Leonard Lifton, principal; and Diane Cook, student body vice president.

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