

# PTA Council Membership Hits All-Time Record With 20,684

From a membership of 1,700 persons in January 1948, one month following its organization in December 1947, the Torrance Council Parents and Teachers Assn. serves as a barometer attesting the tremendous growth of the area with its 20,684 members today.

These 1,700 members represented four elementary schools, Perry, Fern Avenue, Walteria and Torrance Elemen-

tary and one high school, Torrance High. Mrs. W. E. Bowen served as first president.

Today, the over 20,000 members represent 33 elementary schools and four high schools.

The Torrance Council PTA serves as a source of information and encouragement in coordinating child welfare projects and activities. The Parent-Teacher organization is a channel of communications for

individual PTA units in Torrance.

Council meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. These meetings are attended by unit presidents, council officers and chairmen. Open meetings are held in the months of October, February and May for the entire PTA membership.

Mrs. James Orr will direct council activities for the year 1963-64.

Serving with her are

Mmes Paul Snyder, J. K. Edw in s, Lee Polick, Mark Wright, Eugene Laxton, M. K. Sullivan, Hiro Muranako and Perry Baker, vice presidents; Ben Hatfield, recording secretary; Joe Ankerberg, corresponding secretary; Cecil Sutton, financial secretary.

Others are Mmes H. S. Rogers, treasurer; Paul Crossman, auditor; Jack Prince, historian; and Vernon Perry, parliamentarian.



MRS. JAMES ORR  
... Council President

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**MILK LUNCH FUND** . . . Each PTA unit contributes to the Council Milk and Lunch fund from which over 3,000 students benefit yearly by receiving hot lunches and milk. At the stove in the cafeteria where many of these lunches are provided are from left, Mmes. Keith Johnson, 1963

child health chairman, Lee Polick, council health director, Paul Crossman, 1963 council health director, and H. S. Rogers, council treasurer. Dinners and other benefits are staged by individual PTA units during the year to raise money for this important fund.



**PLAN CAMPAIGN** . . . With a clever theme and enticing method of competition, the PTA Council membership committee will put on a drive for new members throughout the month of October. Committee members discussing this year's drive are from left, Mmes. Herbert Hanes, council membership chairman; Hiro Muranaka council extension director, F. G. Quattrini, PTI chairman, and Vernon Terry, parliamentarian.



**PTA PUBLICITY** . . . Publicity for each PTA unit is handled by a press chairman who submits her copy to Mrs. Perry Baker, council communications director, who in turn edits the regular PTA column appearing weekly in The TORRANCE HERALD. Here, Mrs. Baker, at right, talks over publicity with, from left, Mmes. Guy Sherod, Meadow Park PTA press chairman and Stan Toloczko, Madison chairman.



**FOR FUTURE TEACHERS** . . . Each year, Torrance Council PTA contributes a \$400 scholarship to a student from each of the four high schools, who is pursuing a teaching career. Each PTA unit of the council supports this scholarship fund, Miss Mary Yoshioka, center, one of the first recipients of a Council scholarship in 1957, and now a teacher at Adams School, is pictured with from left, Mmes. Mark Wright, council education director; William Poser, council scholarship chairman, and William Dickson, Madison PTA president.



**HELP FOR NEEDY** . . . In the PTA Student Welfare program, the Council acts as the clearing house to supply areas where the need is greatest. Looking over a collection of food items, donated by students, are from left, Mmes. Robert Thomas, council student welfare chairman; James Carlson, council dental health chairman, Andrew Foster, Lincoln PTA president; and Ann Omeron, Lincoln student welfare chairman.



**SAFETY PROGRAM** . . . Over 3,500 students were instructed in safety rules for bicycle riding in a program sponsored by the Council Welfare Dept. and the Torrance Safety Council. These programs are held at the elementary schools in the spring each year. Fireman Richard De Armitt, bicycle safety chairman, gives a few pointers to, from left, Edwin Monroe, and Joe Melillo, Madison students, as Mrs. Edward Schefers, Riviera PTA president, looks on.



**READY FOR YEAR** . . . Mrs. James Orr, left, president of the Torrance Council of Parent-Teacher Assn., and Mrs. Paul Snyder, first vice president, slate the first council workshop for all PTA officers and chairmen for Sept. 18. Workshops are held at the First Christian Church, 2930 Eldorado.