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HI SCHOOL P-TA MEET FEATURES PANEL TALK

Members and guests of the Torrance High School P-TA filled every seat available in the school's library last Tuesday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the association, which featured a panel discussion, musical numbers, a dance skit, special recognition for Freshman parents and teachers and a social period, with light refreshments served.

During a short business meeting preceding the feature attractions, Mrs. Hugh Bowman, treasurer, submitted a report showing a balance on hand in the amount of \$499.55; Mrs. Leo Flanagan, health and welfare chairman, gave a report on the progress of the Dental Clinic program for the first quarter; Mrs. F. W. Lane, magazine chairman, rendered an original poem, honoring the California State Magazine and reported that two achievement seals had been earned; and Mrs. E. S. Moon, membership chairman, reported 317 members to date, and more coming in daily.

Mrs. G. C. Van Deventer, music chairman, presented the Tartar Choir, who sang three numbers under the direction of Mr. Walter Slyke, voice instructor for the school. Mrs. Sam Neely, program chairman, presented Principal John Steinbaugh, who conducted the panel discussion on the subject: "General Relationship of School to Vocational Preparation." Panel members were Miss Ellen Koehn, Dan Meyers and Louis Valencia

representing the students; Mr. Bernard Lee, for the businessmen; Mr. Leonard Lifton and Mr. Creed Jenkins, the teachers, and Mr. Fred Bruner, assistant superintendent of Industrial Relations at Columbia Steel Company, serving for Industry. A question and answer period from the floor drew a large response from those in the audience.

Students Alice Olson and Mickey Van Deventer presented a Spanish Cape Dance, from the forthcoming High School Variety Show, to conclude the meeting. Mrs. E. J. Jansson, hospitality chairman, and her committee served doughnuts and hot drinks to all present.

Co-op Nursery Parents Consider Scholarship Plan

Parents of children enrolled in the Torrance Cooperative Laboratory School met Monday evening, Nov. 24, for their monthly business meeting. Mrs. Ruth Weil gave a report on the Los Angeles Cooperative Nursery School Council. She discussed how this council helps new nursery schools get started, and conducts workshops for the benefit of member schools.

Members considered raising the attendance requirements for parents at the evening meeting from two to three meetings per month. Also discussed was the possibility of setting up a scholarship fund, as a community project, to provide the opportunity for a deserving child to attend school.

A film on Principles of Development was shown, followed by group discussion.

Large Crowd at P-TA Luncheon

The 186th St. Parent-Teacher Association enjoyed a large attendance of parents and teachers at their regular monthly potluck luncheon. The luncheon, consisting of a variety of dishes brought by each member, was complimented by coffee and tea served by the hostesses.

The tables were decorated in keeping with the fall season, with branches of leaves and berries of pyracantha.

The hostesses were Mesdames Oliver Lang, Cecil Shull, B. Suman, and M. Beck.

Pupils, Teachers To Entertain at P-TA Meeting

A unique program by students and teachers of Torrance Elementary school will be presented at the school auditorium on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. with Robert Morton, school principal in charge. Main theme will be "Meeting Spiritual Needs of Families." The school as a whole will participate.

This will be the regular Parent-Teacher association monthly meeting said president, Mrs. Hartley Carr. It will have a Christmas motif.

P-TA Unit Heads Hold Meeting

Presidents of the ten Torrance P-TA units met for their regular meeting at the home of North Torrance Elementary School P-TA president, Mrs. Robert Jackson, 17032 Della Ave., on Monday, Dec. 1. Mrs. Raymond Hole of Hollywood Riviera School, was co-hostess. Mrs. Victor Benard, council president, presided.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table that carried a Christmas motif. Home-made gifts were exchanged by the ladies present.

Young Women Learn More Than Cooking Pie Today

Words to at least one traditional folk song are being rewritten at El Camino College where the homemaking program is concentrating upon the problem of teaching young ladies to look forward to the future when they will take on responsibilities as homemakers.

The song that is being rewritten is "Billy Boy," and the lines being revamped are: "She can bake a cherry pie," said Marjorie Burrill, homemaking instructor, "but they can exhibit proficiency in meal planning and serving, nutrition and dietetics, clothing design and selection, selection of household furnishings, home management, child care, and home nursing."

"They are anything," she added, "but 'young things who cannot leave their mothers.'"

In describing the newly-expanded homemaking program at El Camino College, William H. Harless, Director of Instruction, said that 19 young ladies are enrolled as first semester students in a course called "Food Selection and Preparation."

"This course meets twice a week," Dr. Harless said, "with morning and afternoon sessions."

The course carries college transfer credit and is preliminary to the advanced study of foods, nutrition and dietetics, and to the study of clothing design and selection, interior decoration, and similar courses. The total curriculum is preparatory for positions as hotel hostesses, food demonstrators, and similar occupations.

P-TA Membership Drive Successful

The Perry school P-TA reported a total of 282 members, with the completion of their effort to welcome new members in to their ranks.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Kups, membership chairman, P-TA workers appealed to every parent and teacher in their school district to volunteer for this service.

They informed everyone that though the parent-teacher objects remain constant through the years, their projects and activities change as new forms of service are called for by new conditions.

"In the infinite pageant of the parent-teacher movement there is need for all; there is work for all and on them depends the ultimate attainment of the association's great goals," Mrs. Kupka states.

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