

Teacher, Custodian Get Highest Awards From Halldale P-TA

Mrs. Lilla Smith and Earl Comstock Jr. were honored with the highest P.T.A. award that can be bestowed upon any person, receiving the Honorary Life Membership at the February meeting of the Halldale Ave. School P-TA. Mrs. Smith who resides at 1333 E. Glenn Ave. in Compton, has taught school for 25 years, seven of which she has taught at the Halldale Ave. school. Comstock, who lives in Los Angeles, has been custodian at the Halldale Ave. School for the past seven years.

Mrs. Amanda Bonwell introduced the guests of honor, the three past-presidents of the Halldale Avenue School P-TA: Mrs. H. T. Seeman, Mrs. E. Ber-narden and Mrs. C. C. DeVore. Also introduced were past recipients of life membership awards: Mrs. E. Morris, Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, Mrs. M. Gorge-darpe, Mrs. J. Blackmon and Mrs. E. R. Martin. Mrs. J. N. Rogers, Founders' Day chairman, introduced Mrs. D. Wolf, speaker of the day, who spoke on P-TA progress through the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lopez announce the birth of a son, Tommy, born on January 10, weighed 8 pounds and one ounce.

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RATING HIGH . . . Life Membership Awards went to Mrs. Lilla Smith, teacher, and Earl E. Comstock, custodian, at last week's meeting of

the Halldale Elementary School P-TA. Mrs. E. E. Salcido (right) made the presentation. Other P-TA's are making similar presentations.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB INITIATES FIVE MEMBERS

Cupids and hearts formed a background for a lovely candle-light ceremony at which five members were initiated into the Torrance Junior Woman's Club last week. Candles were lighted by Mrs. J. A. Barrington, Junior Club president, signifying objectives of the club for Mesdames B. Johnson, J. K. Lees, J. P. Roberts, N. J. Fahey, and S. L. Bateman. Also honored was Mrs. Marvin Brain, who is returning to the club after a short absence.

Mrs. Barrington was assisted with the installation by Mrs. George Stevens, first vice-president and membership chairman, Mrs. B. W. Roberts, club adviser and past president of Senior Woman's Club, and Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, Senior Woman's Club president.

Decorations
Dinner tables were decorated with red crepe paper covered wire hearts from which were suspended valentines and cupids, while at each place was a large heart decorated with dillies of paper lace and listing the menu and program for the evening. Decorations were planned and carried out by Mrs. James Halle, assisted by a committee consisting of Mesdames E. W. Eckert, Robert G. Leech, J. P. Bay, Charles Schultz Jr., Howard Percy, and James M. Weir.

Entertainment
Following dinner a program was presented by Torrance High School students under the direction of Walter Silke and J. M. Baum, music instructors. The audience was amused by musical numbers played by "The

Hungry Five," composed of Mr. Baum, Jack Johnston, Dan Buckley, Bill Trau, and Jim Thompson. An ensemble composed of Marilyn Brooks, Virgil Benenstahl, and Charles Edmonds added to the evening's entertainment, along with choral numbers presented by the Junior-Senior Girls Glee Club. Those taking part in the singing were Shirley Ferrer, Joanne Jaida, Barbara Larned, Freda Lynch, Pauline Mansfield, Beverly McKell, Jackie Stautemas, Patricia Wilson and Joan Owen.

Attending the social event were fifty-one club members and three advisers, Mesdames Roberts, R. Bingham, and E. L. Snodgrass, and two guests, Mesdames Dean L. Sears and C. T. Rippey.

P-TA To Award Life Membership

The honorary life membership committee of the Harbor City P-TA met January 20, at the elementary school. Mrs. Richard Seden, chairman, and her committee of the Mesdames D. G. Cheek, George Weeks, Leland Van Buren, and Avis Creech, principal, selected a recipient of this P-TA honor. The award will be presented at the annual Founders' Day meeting, today, Thursday, February 18, at 1:30 p.m., in the school auditorium, when the past presidents of Harbor City P-TA will be honored.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lane announce the birth of a son, Morris Jay, born on January 14, weighed 8 pounds.

Dean Peck To Address Rotarians

Dean Peck, who has just returned from an extended European tour and who is a member of the Hermosa Beach Rotary Club, will address the Torrance Rotary Club Thursday evening, February 25, at the meeting to be held at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., it was announced this week by Dr. Raymond A. Larson, program chairman.

O.E.S. Chapter To Meet Tonight

Torrance chapter 380, OES will hold its regular meeting tonight, February 18, 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 1321 1/2 Sartori avenue.

Worthy Matron Florence Viel-

Club Holds Luncheon

The Woman's club met Wednesday, February 17, at 1422 Engracia for an informal luncheon and business meeting, at which time a nominating committee was elected for the coming election.

It was announced by Mrs. A. E. Palmer, ways and means chairman, that the recent rummage sale and dinner were successful fund-raising affairs. Appreciation was expressed to the committee of eight Torrance high school girls, headed by Sally Speck, who served at the dinner.

Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, president, recently attended a presidents' conference at CFWC headquarters in Los Angeles.

Lenave and Worthy Patron Vincent Viellenavme will preside. Mrs. Rita Foster is chairman for the social hour which follows the meeting.

Parent Class Hears Talk On Maturity

The Parent Education class of the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School held its regular meeting recently at the Torrance High School cafeteria. The members enjoyed a discussion on the emotionally mature person and the modern woman, led by Mrs. George N. Coleman, Parent Education teacher for the Los Angeles city schools.

Mrs. Margaret Evans, newly elected president, announced the following appointments to the board of directors: Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, education chairman; Mrs. Bud Dahlen, membership; Mrs. Maurice Ransom, transportation and scheduling; Galen Truesdell, father's work chairman; Don Newman, purchasing agent; and Mrs. Maurice Hattem, parliamentary; Mrs. George Ackerman, publicity; Mrs. Don West, area council representative.

The older children of the nursery school were taken on a tour of the Inglewood Farms Dairy last week.

Information regarding the nursery school may be obtained by calling Mrs. Bud Dahlen, FA. 8-5570.

Members Attend P-TA Conference

First District, CCPT held its mid-winter conference on January 28, in the El Monte Union high school in El Monte. El Nido and Perry P-TA representatives who attended are: Mrs. E. Phillips, Mrs. R. Dohner, Mrs. P. Herring, Mrs. J. Arensmeyer, Mrs. A. MacKentez, Mrs. G. Runsted and Mrs. W. A. Wright.

Students Win Scholarships

Two residents of Torrance are currently attending Santa Barbara College among the winners of 114 scholarships for the current year. They are Marcia Wright, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wright, 1532 El Prado; and Jerry Downing, the son of Mrs. Janice Bates, 17039 Glenburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Buchholz announce the birth of a daughter, born on January 18, weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces.



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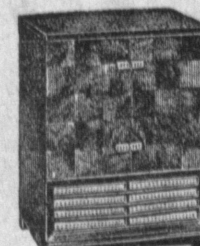
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