

PTA Council Plans Year's Activities



COFFEE HOUR preceded Tuesday meeting of Torrance Council PTA at Torrance Elementary School. Shown from left, Mrs. Seth Worden, fourth vice president; Mrs. James McClure, president of Torrance Elementary PTA; Dr. J. W. Hull, superintendent of school district; Mrs. Kenneth McVey, Torrance Council president, and Mrs. Hector Herrera, courtesy chairman.

Mrs. Kenneth McVey Leads Tuesday Business Session

Continued close relationship of parents and teachers was urged by Dr. J. W. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District Tuesday morning as he brought a message of welcome and inspiration to members of Torrance Council PTA Meeting in Torrance Elementary School. The council which consists of officers, chairmen and representatives of units from 25 schools, represents a present membership of 16,086. Mrs. Wilson Willey, membership chairman, announced that an increase of 15 per cent is expected during PTA enrollment week which will start Oct. 6 in all schools.

Coffee Hour
The Tuesday program and business session was preceded by a coffee hour and get acquainted period. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance led by William King, President of Parkway PTA. Presented by James Van Dyck, director of Torrance Youth Band, Miss Margaret Shidler played a piano solo, "Raindrop Prelude" by Chopin and Tony Greer played "Concerto for the French Horn" by Mozart. He was accompanied by Ethel Lockyer.

Projects Discussed
Mrs. Kenneth McVey, council president, conducted the business meeting which included review of the milk and lunch project for needy children and the council's scholarship program to provide funds to two deserving high school graduates.

Also reviewed was the coming school bond issue to come before voters next month. PTAs were encouraged to take a definite stand in promoting awareness of educational finances.

Elect Secretaries
Mrs. Robert Payne was elected recording secretary of the council, and Mrs. David Tanner, corresponding secretary. Newly ratified chairmen are Mrs. Wilson Willey, membership; Mrs. J. D. Dutton, special education; Mrs. S. Giza, music, and Mrs. S. A. Bross, legislation.

Evaluate Movies
Mrs. R. R. Barduck, TV and movie chairman, reported on the council plan for evaluation of current movies being shown in the area, with the idea of encouraging quality offerings. Program theme for the council this year will be "Enriching Council Circles with Inspiration, Recognition, and Unit-faction."

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Cassimir PTA Fetes Teachers

September 8th marked the beginning of preparations for the official opening of Cassimir Elementary School with teachers and faculty members readying their rooms for the expected 1,210 boys and girls.

PTA executive board members welcomed the faculty at a luncheon in the school cafeteria under the direction of Mrs. Walter J. Keberlein and Mrs. Jack Landsberg.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Barton Peters, PTA president, introduced officers and committee chairmen. She asked the 20 members present to model aprons made for the October 25 carnival.

Teacher judges selected that worn by Mrs. William F. Hunter, as the prettiest and awarded her a ribbon.

Introduce Teachers
John Dunworth, Cassimir principal, introduced the faculty of 38 teachers, Dale Wickstrom, vice principal, and guest Neal Lewis, formerly of Cassimir, now with the Educational Materials Center.

Because of increased enrollment, ten teachers were added to the staff this semester. They are Mmes. Teresa Taskett, Mary Seymour, Bernice Cox, Barbara Herold, Ellen Strumppfer, Sheila Pohn, Charlene Bachry, Miss Carol Ramaker, Harold Brunner and F. John Diroll.

Host Cocktail Party
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds, 21613 Redbeam ave., entertained friends last Saturday night at a cocktail party in their home. Music and dancing were also enjoyed.

On the guest list were Messrs. and Mmes. Bill Augustus, Elmer Welhouse, Don Livingstone, Bob Addington, Tom Jurekovic, and Orchard Bennington.

PTA Welcomes Teaching Staff

Launching the new term, members of Parkway school staff were guests September 1st at a buffet luncheon hosted by PTA board members in the school cafeteria. Mrs. P. Dergarabedian, hospitality chairman, planned the "get acquainted" event.

Tony Baratta, school principal, introduced the teachers to the PTA board and gave a special word of welcome to newcomers. Mrs. D. LaMare, Mrs. W. Preston, Steven Gpland and John R. Lankford.

Ivan Christensen, president, extended greetings of the board.

Welcome Wagon Club Plans Luncheon
The September meeting of the Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the Fish Shanty, 4020 Pacific Coast hwy.

Newcomers, who have moved into the Torrance area within the last year are invited to attend the luncheon and get acquainted. Free transportation is available. For reservations or information, please call FAirfax 8-5899 or Davis 3-6083.

Elementary PTA Has Picnic Lunch

A pot luck luncheon preceded the business meeting of Torrance Elementary School PTA executive board September 3 in Torrance Park. Mrs. J. T. McClure presided. Special guests were children of the board members, and Mrs. Kenneth McVey, Council president.

The eight programs of the year under the theme, "We Meet the Challenge" were presented by Mrs. Harold Irvine, and accepted by the board.

Presents Budget
Mrs. McClure presented the budget totaling \$1,238 and it too was approved.

The following events were announced: Luncheon in the school to honor teachers and PTA board, with Mrs. H. F. Heston, chairman; Council meeting September 9th; Kindergarten Mothers' Tea, September 12. Next meeting of the board will be held in the school at 9:30 a.m. October 8.

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"Apples for the Teachers" at Howard Wood Luncheon

It was "apples for the teachers" last Thursday at Howard Wood School cafeteria, where members of the school PTA executive board hosted teachers and staff at a welcome luncheon. "Apples" were the name tags.

Board members wore white chef hats as name tags and miniature chefs were favors at each plate. Summer flower centerpieces decorated the tables. Approximately 65 were in attendance.

Introductions
Mrs. Paul Braswell, PTA president, introduced her chairman of the day, Mmes. Robert O'Call, William Dorman, and J. Caegant.

Robert Evans introduced his teachers for the new school term. C. R. Wallner, vice principal; Mrs. Ruth Sandoval, nurse; J. Ducor, music instructor; Charles Mahon, testing psychologist; Miss Jean Watson, Mrs. Phyllis Noble.

Also Jerry Hill, Miss Lillian Wilder, and Thomas Lafleck, speech therapist.

Other special guests were the wives of principal and vice principal and two past presidents of the PTA, Mrs. Paul Crossman and Mrs. C. W. Stroh.

Cassimir Plans "Blast-Off"
"Blast-off" time at Cassimir Elementary School will come October 6 with the opening of their PTA membership drive, represented by "destination moon," to be reached by October 10.

Each classroom will have a rocket ship and as parents "get on the ball and join PTA this fall," the ship will move closer to its destination. A display will be located in the school office, showing the progress of each room.

Prizes will be awarded classes with highest percentage of members and according to Mrs. D. L. Omeran, membership chairman, a special prize will go to the class having the highest percentage of father members.

Honor Teachers At Luncheon
The annual welcome luncheon for the faculty and staff of Seaside Elementary School was given Monday by the PTA executive board in the Home Economics room.

Mrs. Harry Harter, president of the unit, greeted the school staff and Lloyd Jones, principal, introduced Stanley Roberts, new assistant principal, and other personnel.

The luncheon was arranged by Mrs.ohn D. Hanley, hospitality chairman. She was assisted by Mmes. Edward Aiken, Tom Brummet, Kenneth Daniels, Ronald Forrester, Joe Gastelum, Basil Gaynor, Irving Hambro, Jack Hensley, Harley Lynch, John Mallory, Clyde Miller, Wendell Stillwell, and Jack Walters.

Board members assisted at the school Thursday in directing parents and students to the rooms.

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Harbor City PTA Announces Theme

"Happy Days Are Here Again" will be the theme for Harbor City Elementary School PTA. Their "get acquainted" meeting was held September 3 with a pot luck luncheon in Lomita Park. Present were Mrs. Avis Creech, principal, and 22 members.

Mrs. James Triffon, program chairman, presented the theme and told of the program for the coming year. First meeting will be held September 23 at 7:30 p.m.

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Named to help with opening day registration were Mmes. Albert Dudley, J. L. McMitra, James Alexander, and James Mason.

Fern Greenwood Board Meeting

Mrs. Edward E. Conry presided over the first executive board meeting of Fern-Greenwood PTA at the home of Mrs. W. W. Nation, 2538 Lesserman st.

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