

## PTA The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

### COUNCIL

The annual May Brunch of Torrance Council of PTA will be held Wednesday, May 1, 1968, at 9 a.m. at South High School cafeteria with Mrs. Perry Baker presiding.

Leading the Council in the Flag Ceremony will be Dr. Robert Morton, and the Inspiration will be given by Mrs. L. K. Bright, Thirty-Third District president.

Guests of the Council will be the Torrance Board of Education, Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent of Schools, and the Assistant Superintendents.

On the program will be musical presentations by South High students, the installation of Officers by Mrs. Bert Lynn, Record Book and Program awards, presentation of a \$500 check to the Dental Health Association, and a Special Presentation by 1967-68 Presidents and an Honorary Life Award. Scholarships will be presented to students from the four High Schools and Special Recognition Awards to three deserving people from Torrance.

### MEADOW PARK

Board members of Meadow Park PTA will assist in the enrollment of new Kindergarten students on Thursday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the music room. Children, who will start

school in the fall, will have an opportunity to meet one of the Kindergarten teachers and be given a health check-up by the school nurse, and parents will receive information concerning the Kindergarten program.

Brownie Troop 1762 is being sponsored by Meadow Park PTA with 20 girls under the leadership of Mmes. Fred Burdette and John Howenstine.

### LINCOLN

An all-time favorite of the South Bay area is Aladdin, the King of Magic, who has captivated the hearts of young and old alike with his fascinating magic program. Aladdin will appear at the Lincoln Elementary School on May 2 on behalf of the Parent Teacher Association, reports Mrs. Paul Williams, ways and means chairman. The two showings will be at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Inquiries regarding tickets may be made to Mrs. Williams through the school office.

## Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I can't say that it ever breaks the heart of either my husband or me when the schools inform us that the project one of our kids is making at school has to remain there and cannot be brought home.

"Too many parents are assisting on the project," the school admonished. "It isn't fair."

At least not with our kids, because I'm beginning to think that some of the most brilliant inventions ever conceived began as part of a project in an Industrial Training class. I can see little Eli Whitney now, working on his little cotton gin and young Tom Edison, inventing the light bulb. Both of them undoubtedly got an "A."

Unfortunately, it does not always hold true, especially in regards to our son, Brian, whose total output in metal shop last semester was limited to a hacksaw, a chisel and an ash tray which he never finished. However, I'm not worried, because we DO have enough ash trays and also paperweights. Our kids have turned them out a hundred-fold as part of school projects.

Brian's hacksaw, chisel and unfinished ash tray will be part of the school "open house" exhibit this month. They'll look nice alongside some of the other projects his classmates have made—frames for Boeing airplanes, automobile combustion systems and I hear one of the students even has a working ballistic missile system.

I must confess that Brian and his sisters, who took homemaking before him, come by their talent—or lack of it—naturally. How many mothers are there who tried to help a daughter with a skirt and received a "D" as a result? Nor do I think Brian is going to receive much help from a father who calls a plumber to fix a leak in a water sprinkler.

Right now Brian is in the throes of building bookends in woodworking class. But we are not exactly waiting with bated breath for him to complete the project.

"Introduction to Changing Washers"—demonstrates the inner workings of a faucet to the beginner.

"Creative Puttying"—shows how to apply putty to walls and windows. More advanced classes repair windows.

"Intermediate Painting With Roller"—practical theories of how to paint a room.

"Elementary Fuse Changing"—shows principles involved in removing old fuse and replacing with a new one.



WELCOME FRESHMAN MOTHERS

Mothers of eighth grade students, who will be entering North High School next fall, were welcomed at a Tea last Wednesday given by the North High PTA. Getting acquainted, around the punch bowl, are, from left, Mrs. Clem Bolles, freshman mother, Eugene H. McCusker, assistant principal; Mrs. Harry Ringer, publicity chairman; Mrs. A. J. Stilwell, PTA president; and Mrs. Elroy Wittrock, president-elect. Mrs. Andrew Foster served as tea chairman and special guests were Mrs. Perry Baker, PTA council president; PTA unit presidents; and principals of elementary schools. (Press-Herald Photo)

### Eastern Star Chapter

## In Tribute to Past Officers

Past matrons and patrons of the Torrance Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, filled the stations at the chapter's last meeting with many guests in attendance. Presiding as worthy matron and worthy patron for this special night were Harriett Warnick and Vincent Viellenave. Phyllis Peverley of Carmichael, who held the office of worthy matron in 1955, returned to assume the office of worthy matron with Allen Butler as associate patron.

Other officers were Frederick Cook, 1950, secretary; Estill Clere, 1963, treasurer; Bettina Miller, 1959, conductress; Ruth Hardin, 1966, associate conductress; Marguerite Morgan, 1958, chaplain; Robert Butler, 1967, marshal; Juliette Johnson, 1931, organist. The five star points were Florence Viellenave, 1954, Adah; Bernice Ruppel, 1960, Ruth; Helen Miller, 1942, Esther; Lois Lougee, 1965, Martha; Elizabeth MacDonald, Electa. Others were Fred Bever, 1938, warder; Oscar Fossum, 1946, sentinel; Edward Morgan, 1956, electrician; Floyd Mead, 1952, prompter; Raymond Lougee, 1960, flag bearer. Others here for the celebration were Edith Kasper, 1932, from Laguna Hills; Jean Mosher, 1938; Ernest Mosher, 1947; Frances Buckley of Los Angeles, 1944; Hazel Fossum, 1946; Edna Babcock, 1948; Vivian Cook, 1951; Joan Simpson, 1953; Fred Bever, 1938; Jack Miller of Yucaipa, 1945; Francis Reiser, 1961; Frieda Shaffer of Vancouver, 1963. Two 50-year members on hand were Evelyn Howland and Hazel Hyde, as well as three deputy grand matrons, Nellie Falls Hargett, Bonnie Moss and Dorothy Faulkner Mead.



TROPHY WINNER

Another trophy added to her collection was presented Karla Crouse for her tap dance "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey" in competition sponsored by the South Bay Exchange Club at Mira Costa High School recently. Karla, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Crouse, 23306 Iris Ave., is a sixth grade student at Hickory School. She has won trophies and medals for her Scottish Highland dances throughout California and western Canada. She appears regularly with the Torrance Recreation Department's Sunday afternoon Showcases during the summer months. (Press-Herald Photo)

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## Course in "Securities" Opens at Y For Women

"Investment Securities for Women" is the name of a new course to be offered at the YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St., in Torrance. The purpose of this course is to attempt to close the gap left by the fact that women own the bulk of the securities in this country, but most of the literature on this subject is written for men.

The class offers a basic knowledge of the stock market, slanting the information to the needs of women. A visit to the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange is to be included.

Some of the subjects to be discussed: The many ways of putting your money to work; the difference between bonds, preferred stocks and common stocks; the risks in investing, and inflation—the risk in not investing; the market—how it used to be, and as it is today; how to read the financial pages.

Others are: market terminology; dividends and capital gains, Bull and Bear markets; Methods of stock selection and investment supervision; establishing a personal financial plan, balancing savings, insurance, and investments; Class discussion of current events, and review; and the three secrets for acquiring wealth.

The course will be led by Thomas J. Leonard, Jr., a registered representative with Powell, Johnson & Associates, Inc., a member firm of the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange.

Leonard is a graduate of Michigan State University. He has specialized in long range financial planning for

individuals seeking safety and growth of their purchasing power. Class will be held on Tuesday 1:20-3:30 p.m., starting April 30 for five weeks. The YWCA may be called for additional information and registration. A small fee will be charged.

### Island Dance Class Offered

Women interested in learning the dances of the islands are invited to join the classes offered at the Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Ave. on Wednesday mornings at 10:45.

The class will be offered for eight weeks under the direction of Bette Jo Zankie. For more information the Lomita Recreation Center may be called.

### Farewell Party Given by Board

Executive board of Knolls Travelers Club entertained at a farewell luncheon for Mrs. Eileen Meridith, who served as treasurer. Mrs. Meridith, who has moved to Green Valley, Ariz., was presented with a gift.

Attending were Mmes. Frank Weust, Norman Johnson, Ira Dansby, William Puckey, Davis Gartner, S. Tolentino and Norma Lee.

### Club Tours City

A charter bus trip for a Night Tour of Los Angeles was sponsored by the Knolls Travelers Club recently. Among the places visited were Olvera Street and Chinatown.

## Speakers to Be Family Panel Guests

Family Panel of America will have two excellent speakers to offer to the public at their Wednesday, May 1 meeting to be held at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of Western Federal Savings in the Del Amo Financial Center in Torrance.

Bernard Jonas of the Outraged Citizens Association will talk about the modern narcotics problems and the laws and sentences of the courts today. Detective Paul B. Crawford of the Juvenile Division of the Hermosa Beach Police Department will enlighten all with a display and discussion on "Our Youth of Today and Narcotics."

As this is a panel of women interested in becoming aware of new products, new ideas in improving lives, there will be a new product presented at the meeting for their opinion, Mrs. LuWanna Cormier, National Director, stated.

All panel meetings are open to the public.

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