

PTA

The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

COUNCIL
Attending the ACT-PTA conference Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Los Angeles Hilton, will be Mrs. H. S. Rogers, president of Torrance Council PTA and seven delegates.

Exploring "Crises in Education," discussions by teacher members of the Association of Classroom Teachers and PTA participants of First, Fourth, Tenth, and Thirty-Third Districts will be, minority group education pressures, student unrest and discipline, teacher unrest and organizations, relevant curriculum and finance.

The PTA will be represented by California Congress Board officer Mrs. Lennart Swenson, who will report on the State Board study of student unrest and discipline.

CASIMIR
"The Role of the Father" is the subject to be discussed at a "Men Only" meeting of Casimir PTA on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jack Davittan, 2809 W. 167th St., Torrance. Don Sorenson, school psychologist, will lead the discussion.

"Spotlight on Our Children — Intermediate Grades," is the theme of the Jan. 28 association meeting at 10 a.m. when the intermediate grade teachers will demonstrate and discuss teaching techniques.

On Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. all interested parents are invited to the home of Mrs. Jack Davittan, to discuss how a child's chronological position in the family affects his behavior.

Mrs. Walter Powers, safety chairman, reports a "Bicycle Rodeo" will be held at Casimir on Friday, Jan. 31.

COLUMBIA
Columbia PTA will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

"Reinforcement Therapy," a film on mental retardation, will be shown. It was produced by the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of California, Los Angeles at Patton State Hospital and the Rainer School in Buckley, Wash. Mrs. Joan Abend, senior public health nurse of the South Bay Mental Health Service, will be present for a question and answer period.

EDISON
At Edison PTA January association meeting, Donald Sorenson, psychologist in the Torrance schools, spoke on "Understanding Our Children," with a question and answer period following.

PTA members were informed by Dr. Frank Tyrrell, principal, that uniforms for the basketball team have been purchased with the proceeds of a fund-raising movie sponsored by the PTA in December.

The PTA board voted to launch a book drive, to make wickets for the Middle Grade Chorus, and to purchase diploma folders for this year's graduates. Plans are also underway

MEADOW PARK
The Cheyenne Indian Guides will conduct the opening of the Meadow Park PTA meeting Jan. 21, 1969, in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Roxy Battles has written an entertaining historic play commemorating the Founders of PTA to be presented by students of Mrs. Battles sixth grade class. Third Grade room mothers will be hostesses.

MADRONA
"Father and Son Night" for the Madrona PTA is Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The guest speaker will be Louis Zamperini, a Torrance High and USC graduate and Olympic miler. His life story will be of particular interest to the young men of the community.

Hostesses will be the kindergarten mothers. Opening ceremonies by Madrona students. Parents are asked to attend and help their child's room win the attendance trophy.

RN Camp Plans Open Installation
Torrance Camp #908, Royal Neighbors of America, will hold an open installation Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Woman's Club.

New officers to be installed are Mmes Laura Coger, orator; Iola Hunderman, vice-orator; Thelma Norris, chancellor; Mary Baker, recorder; Opal Hoy, receiver; Sophia Duncan, marshal; Isabelle Schwartz, inner sentinel; Angelina Disario, outer sentinel; Cora Hill, Bertha Sharp, Marguerite Baudin, managers.

Scots Celebrate Burns' Birthday
The 210th anniversary of Scottish poet Robert Burns will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 25, at a dinner-dance in the Pacific Ballroom of the Los Angeles Hilton, Wilshire and Figueroa.

Over 600, many dressed in kilts and other native garb, are expected to attend the event sponsored jointly by the Order of Scottish Clans and the Daughters of Scotia.

Wins Recognition



Mrs. Philip Sheaffer

Mrs. Philip Sheaffer, 22817 Date Ave., was honored as the "Outstanding Jaycette of the Quarter" at the Jaycee Quarterly Awards banquet held recently at La Venta Inn, in Palos Verdes.

Mrs. Sheaffer has been an active member of the Torrance Jaycettes for the past three years. She served as social chairman last year and is currently the second vice president in charge of ways and means.

During the past quarter, Mrs. Sheaffer served as chairman of the Men's Catered Dinner and assisted with the fund raising Bake and Craft Sale in November. During the holiday season, she spent countless hours on the Jaycette Christmas Card sale, proceeds from which aided the Jaycees in their Christmas for the Needy project.

Mr. Sheaffer is the external vice-president of the Torrance Jaycees.

Wine Tasting Tonight

Preceptor Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will entertain members and guests at a Wine Tasting Party in the home of Mrs. Andrew Foster, 16222 Daphne Ave., Gardena, this evening at 8 p.m.

Guests invited to attend are members, husbands and escorts of Xi Nu Upsilon Chapter. Assisting Mrs. Foster, will be Mrs. Robert Nickelson, co-hostess for the event. The wine for tasting, which will be served from 8 to 9:30 p.m., will be provided by one of the popular wineries of the Napa Valley. A late supper will be served following the wine tasting.

Members and husbands attending will be Messrs. and Mmes. Louis Below, Inglewood; Dominick Nardelli

Sister Renee Entertained During Visit

Sister Renee of the Little Company of Mary Order of Chicago, the former Miss Jory Cunningham of Torrance, spent the recent holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cunningham on Reynosa Dr.

During her visit, Sister Renee was guest of honor at a reunion of her former classmates at Marymount College. Hostess for the gathering was Miss Carolyn Hodapp.

Attending were Misses Linda Rocha, Shelly Booth, Vicki Lo Nigro and Mrs. Steve Petrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham also entertained at a dinner party during their daughter's visit. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huster of Chicago; Mrs. Howard Huster of Gardena and her daughter, Sister Michele, the former Mildred Huster, who was also home for the holidays from Chicago. Also attending were Sister Renee's brother, Daniel Cunningham and her sister, Emyard Cunningham.

Deputy Makes Official Visit To Bethel 50

Job's Daughters, Bethel 50, Torrance, will honor Mrs. Carolyn Peterson, deputy, who will be making her official visit to the Bethel on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Officers and the choir will exemplify the ceremony of initiation for this occasion. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Presiding officers will be Debbie Fox, honored queen; Brenda Watt, senior princess; Kathi Bennett, junior princess; Debbie Ellison, guide; Patti Martinkus, marshal; Mrs. Charles Petersen, guardian; and Mr. Vic Fowler, associate guardian.

Clipped Wings Unit to Meet
Wine and cheese tasting will highlight the membership meeting of the local chapter of TWA Clipped Wings when Mrs. Jack L. Keyes is hostess on Jan. 28.

The meeting is expected to bring new members from the ranks of former TWA hostesses.

Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

I would be the last to fault kids for wanting every toy and game they see advertised on television when you consider that the commercials are so enticing.

First, there are the dramatic ones, usually introducing a new \$18.95 toy robot, announced with a ruffle of drums and a voice reminiscent of Charleton Heston descending Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments. These are in contrast to the bubbly, exciting commercials which could make the simple card game of Solitaire appear like the Fun Game of the Century.

I often wonder how kids became interested in toys before TV without anyone shouting, "Hey, Kids, be the first on your block with the exciting new game of MARBLES! Or, "Introducing the new fun game for kids — JUMP ROPE! Learn how to jump. Hot Pepper, Blue Bells and over 150 exciting jump rope jingles."

I know this, my kids would hear them all — from Captain Kangaroo through the 38th re-run of "Leave It To Beaver" at night, plus the 2000 cartoons and 2000 commercials ours watch on Saturday morning which go on, I believe, right after the Farm Report at 5:30 a.m.

That's when I'm nudged out of bed and prevailed upon to go out and buy Silly Putty, Silly Sand, a Super Ball or before that, a Hula Hoop which re-appeared later as a "Shoop-Shoop" when the manufacturer apparently was stuck with a surplus and decided to install ball-bearings inside them so they would go "shoop-shoop."

Of course, I could never understand why it was so important for a Hula Hoop to go "shoop-shoop," but then again, I'm not 10 years old.

Another thing I can't understand is how and why they seem to go in cycles. I mean one kid will have a Super Ball which is a signal for every kid to get one and forget Silly Putty for awhile. At least they don't cost too much, although when you think \$1 for a wad of what looks like used bubble gum does seem some what over-priced. Super Balls are certainly a bargain — 10 cents each from the gum machine — but you spend half of your life retrieving them from roof gables and inside of hedges.

However, I'm happy that some of the old "stand-bys" are still being featured — checkers, "Old Maid" and "Authors." Moreover, they haven't changed the authors in 20 years, and it seems as if the "Old Maid" gets younger-looking every year.

Unfortunately, most of the new toys are not only over-priced (for my pocketbook) but disappointing as well to the kids. I am thinking of the \$4.50 beautifully-packaged game I bought for ours recently. The box was worth more than the contents which proved to be a glorified version of Pick-Up-Sticks. They played with it for all of five minutes. Heck, it's more fun watching it being played on television.

A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische
High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce,
Maybe society needs a "maturity test," which could measure when young people are ready to drink, vote, get married, see adult movies, and do other things for which there currently is an age limit.

Present limits were set with the idea that at a certain age, youngsters are responsible enough to contribute, rather than be a danger, to society. The 21 age limit, for instance, comes from medieval days when knights weren't strong enough to wear full armor till then. But times have changed.

Students often complain that adults in one breath say, "act mature," and in the next, declare, "Don't try to grow up too fast."

If "maturity tests"—to see whether people were really grown-up in attitude—were devised, many people would get them at 15, while others wouldn't be eligible if they lived to be 100.

Many students are better, more responsible drivers than their parents, especially if Dad's still a hot-rod and Mom's too vain to wear her glasses.

Teenagers who say, "If you're old enough to fight, you're old enough to vote too," have a point, especially since most high school grads are probably better informed, having just completed a course in government.

Many high school students (who somehow get to see adult movies, despite the signs warning them not to) are more mature in their reactions to those movies than lots of adults.

Maturity seems more a state of mind than a matter of the calendar.

Yours for responsible maturity,
YOUR DAD

Brenda Jones Engaged To Michael McNamara

Mr. and Mrs. Milford H. Jones, 2822 Knode St., Torrance announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda, to Michael J. McNamara of Long Beach.

The bride-elect, a 1963 graduate of Torrance High School, attended El Camino where she was a member of Corona del Camino, leadership honorary. She received her degree from California State College at Long Beach and is employed as a history teacher at West High School. Miss Jones is also doing graduate work at California State.

Her fiance is the son of Mrs. Pat McNamara of Millbrae and Mr. Martin R. McNamara, Atherton. A 1960 graduate of Mills High School, he received his degree in history from the University of California in Santa Barbara. He studied for a year at the University of Bordeaux in France and has done graduate work at California State at Long Beach. Mr. McNamara is employed as a loan officer at the Bank of America, Santa Fe Springs.

Southern Council DAR Meeting Slated Jan. 21

Representatives of all Southern California chapters of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at Bahia Motor Hotel, Shelter Island, San Diego on Jan. 21 at 10 a.m.

Following parliamentary class conducted by Mrs. James Derrell Smith, state parliamentarian south, (Fontana) meeting will be called to order by Mrs. LeRoy Conrad Kaup, state vice regent (Fullerton).

Hostess chapter is La Jolla, Miss Mildred Vose Smith, regent.

Featured speaker at the 1 p.m. luncheon in the Mission Room is Major Gen. Lowell E. English, Commandant, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, whose topic will be "Vietnam."

Visitors will be welcomed by Mmes. Donald Spicer, national historian general (Coronado); Frank Robert Mettlich, honorary state regent (San Diego); Earl E. Ashton, district chairman, DAR Good Citizens (San Diego); vice chairmen, Mmes. Charles W. Audet, DAR manual (San Diego); Joseph W. Callahan, DAR service for veterans-patients (Coronado); Morris Fitzpatrick, historic books (Encinitas); Robert Lee Sperry, public relations committee and the regents of San Diego county chapters.

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