

# PTA The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

## EVELYN CARR

A group of 12 Evelyn Carr PTA executive board members toured the Columbia School, March 6. The group was headed by Mr. William Lettunich, Carr principal, Mrs. Ned Benedict, PTA president, and Mrs. Floyd Chisam, Robert Churich, Quinton Cunningham, Henry Dalton, Karl Diebel, William Dempster, Herb DeYoung, Ken Durian, William Johnson, and Lee Peltier. They were very much impressed at the accomplishments of the school.

Fourteen attended a "Kidnap Breakfast" held in the home of Mrs. Ned Benedict, PTA president on March 17. Coffee, do-nuts, and orange juice were served. The six attending in night clothes were awarded tissue-paper roses.

## COLUMBIA

Columbia PTA recently honored their president, Mrs. Kenneth Poiry with an Honorary Life Membership, for her untiring efforts on behalf of children in the community. Mrs. Richard Livingstone was chairman of the committee, consisting of Mrs. James Hartman, Mrs. Paul Kolleck, and Mrs. Cleo Barnes.

## JEFFERSON

The first place winners in Jefferson's recent bicycle rodeo, sponsored by the PTA, are, third graders Dicky Castro, Jim Siroky; 4th grade, Lynne Kezon, Bobby Rios; 5th grade, Linda Roepke, Aubrey Van Adams; 6th grade, Cathy Blaize, Ervin Rittner; 7th grade, Karen Carroll, Bill Kidman; 8th grade, Terry Peltz. The first place winners in each grade will participate in the city-wide rodeo to be held May 17.

Jefferson school is participating in the Savings Stamp program. Mrs. Roger Peltz, third vice president, is in charge of the sale of the stamps.

## NORTH HIGH

Mrs. Andrew Foster, Freshman Mothers Tea chairman, of North High PTA, held a meeting at her home to complete plans for the tea to be held Wednesday, April 16 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Saxon Hall.

Table decorations, corsages, and refreshments were planned by the following committee: Mrs. Elroy Wittrock, North High PTA president; W. W. Barsley, first vice president; Terrie Hashimoto, courtesy; William Hansberger, co-courtesy; Herman Redmerski, corresponding secretary, and Ralph Gring, publicity.

Board members of North High PTA met at the home of Mrs. Bert Richardson, treasurer, on Tuesday, March 25, to assemble the Tea corsages.

## Homeowners To Elect Officers

Palo Del Amo Homeowners Association will elect new officers at its meeting Monday, April 14, at 8 p.m. at the Hickory School cafeteria.

After the business meeting, candidates for the Torrance School Board will speak. Guests are welcome.

## Bake Sale Set

Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors, will conduct a bake sale on Saturday, April 5 in downtown Torrance near the Newberry store. The public is invited to attend.



## National Honors Given

Two recipients were chosen by the Torrance PTA Council to receive National Honorary Life Memberships for outstanding work for youth in the area. Chosen were Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, left, who received the honor at the Honorary Life Dinner held at the Redondo Elks Club, and Mrs. H. S. Rogers, seated, president of the PTA Council, who was given her award at the Council's Founders Day Dinner. At the right is Mrs. Paul Crossman, Honorary Life Membership chairman for the Council, who made the presentations. (Press-Herald Photo)

## School Superintendent Addresses Y-Wives

Children's attitudes towards school aren't formed in the classroom; they're formed at the dinner table.

—So said Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, at a meeting of the YW-Wives at the Torrance YWCA Wednesday morning.

"Parents have more to do with a child's success in school than any other person, including the teacher," the superintendent stated.

When parents criticize school authorities, complain about taxes, and fail to back up the child's teacher, they are planting the seeds of student unrest, he asserted.

To prepare a pre-schooler for a positive kindergarten experience, the superintendent advised the young mothers to teach their children to dress themselves, to get along with other children, and to follow things with their eyes from left to right. "Because that's how they will read," the superintendent said.

Tracing the history of Torrance schools, Dr. Hull, who has headed the district since its formation 22 years ago, stated that the school system was begun with 2,000 children and four schools. "Today," he commented, "we have 34,000 students and 40 schools, in addition to an adult education program, a pre-school program, and a continuation high school program."

Torrance schools at the present time, according to Dr. Hull, are operated for the benefit of all children in the community. To carry out this objective, he stated, special classes are provided for partially deaf, partially blind, blind, spastic, and retarded youngsters, as well as those who have neurological handicaps and the gifted.

"We recognize the uniqueness of every youngster, and plan our program to meet each child's particular needs," he stated.

To encourage teachers to use creative teaching techniques, Dr. Hull pointed out, the school district constructed an Educational Materials Building several years ago. Each day teachers order whatever supplementary textbooks, films, records, or pictures they might need. Orders are delivered by truck the next day.

"Next to teachers, materials are the most important thing in the Torrance classroom," the superintendent stated.

Other policies of the schools are aimed at: supporting excellence and maintaining quality, providing a harmonious environment and good communications, protecting the schools from encroachment by special interest groups, carrying out functions delegated by the state, providing adequate financial support for the educational program, and assisting parents in educating their children for good citizenship in a free enterprise system.

## Jumping Jack Program Opens at Local YW

The Jumping Jack program (day care for school age children during Easter vacation from March 31 through April 4), is again being offered at the Torrance YWCA.

The program is to help employed women with their school children. Supervised by a professional staff, this program will include movies, crafts, games, and special events.

The YMCA will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. in order to meet the work schedule of any employed mother.

Registrations are now being accepted and information regarding rates may be secured by contacting the YWCA.

## Xi Theta Dinner Will Eta Kappas Aid Mexican Orphans To Install Saturday

Xi Xi Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will host an International Dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Allione, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Saturday, March 29, at 7 p.m. The purpose of the dinner is for the chapter's Service Project, the Fundacion Para Ninos — Foundation for Children — outside of Tecate, Mexico, for orphaned and abandoned children.

The members chose the Foundation last fall as their project for the year after hearing a talk by Efrain Conrique, president of the Foundation. The Foundation presently has 34 children ranging in age from over a year to 16 years. The chapter's 10 members

have worked closely with Mrs. Charles Piper, who represents the Children's Foundation, Inc., concerning the most needed items on a month-to-month basis. Members have donated picture books, useable clothing, dishes, carpets, school supplies, personal items, and are collecting books of stamps to acquire sports and play equipment. At the end of the year, the Foundation will be presented with a donation to purchase needed items.

Guest for the evening will be Beta Alpha Nu Chapter, who will donate canned goods for the Foundation.

Three business establishments have donated main dishes for the dinner.

Eta Kappa 2323, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Sorority, will meet at the Palms in Torrance, Saturday evening, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. George Cripe, the first president of California State Council, ESA, will install chapter officers for 1969-70.

To be installed are Mmes. Ralph Engstrom, Lomita, president; James O'Donnell, Torrance, vice president; Frederick Walton, Torrance, corresponding secretary; Michael Quadrato, Torrance, recording secretary; and B. J. Meyer, Torrance, treasurer. Mrs. Stewart Angus, Torrance, has been appointed educational director.

Jackie Barnett, a former ESA sorority member from Kansas, will re-affiliate with Eta Kappa chapter at this dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. James Matheny, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chalfant and husbands of the new officers will also be in attendance.

## Camp Fire Girls Hold Cook-Out

Tanha-chee-we Camp Fire Girls, Rainbow Blue Birds, and Smiling Blue Birds of Seaside school held a cook-out at Lago Seco park, Wednesday afternoon.

Camp Fire Girls in charge of cooking were Lori Bock, Nancy Stien, Ra Nae Mercier, Kim Currier, Lisa Bernad, Sandy Muecke, and Susan Forsyth. Mrs. Lawrence Mercier is guardian and Mrs. Henry Puppoff, the assistant.

Rainbow Blue Birds, Mrs. Roland Ellington leader, Smiling Blue Birds, Mrs. James Cheek leader, and Mrs. Paul Jamesson, assistant, were in charge of the games played.

Approximately 48 girls and adults attended.

## Alpha Chi Plan Bridge-Luncheon

South Bay Alpha Chi Omegas will meet Wednesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at the Palos Verdes Estates home of Mrs. Barry N. Smith.

A morning of bridge will be followed by a buffet luncheon at 12 noon.

A business meeting led by Mrs. John E. Thayer, president, will include election of officers.

## DAR Presents Manual For New Citizens

Booklets entitled "Manuals for Citizenship" are gifts of El Redondo Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to those attending the Naturalization Class at Mira Costa High School. The class is taught by Mr. Height, who has been honored for his excellence as a teacher of U.S. history and government to the foreign-born who wish to become citizens of this country. To date, 104 manuals have been presented.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Karl Raife, who is chapter chairman of the Americanism Committee, and is past regent of the chapter.

El Redondo Chapter has been given an award for "Outstanding Achievement in Work on Americanism" issued by Mrs. M. C. Cheek, chairman, who heads this important work on the state level.

## Rho XI Meets

Rho Xi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet Wednesday, April 9 at the home of Mrs. Peter Phillips in Redondo Beach. Program for the evening will be "Thought" presented by Mrs. Phillips.

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## For Services Rendered

Jefferson PTA chose two of its own members to receive Honorary Life Memberships in recognition of their outstanding work with the PTA and service to their community. Mrs. William Morrow, left, PTA president, presents Mrs. Charles O'Harra with her award as Mrs. Roger Peltz accepts the honor from William Zecher, principal at Jefferson. (Press-Herald Photo)

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