

# LOCAL PTA ACTIVITIES

## Purche

Over 90 enthusiastic parents attended Purche Avenue School's pre-organizational meeting held recently in the school auditorium.

Principal Herschel Lyons welcomed the parents and introduced Mrs. Richard Alexander, 10th district third vice president in charge of the extension department. Mrs. Alexander presented Mrs. Howard Heintz, elementary school service chairman of the district and acting secretary, Mrs. C. N. Peterson, Gardena-Wilmington Council PTA president, and Mrs. Edward T. Walker, past national vice president.

The main purpose of the meeting was to elect a nominating committee. Serving on the committee are Mmes. Don Hickman, P. G. Lovin, Joseph Canter, Don Conrad, Herb Easton, alternate. The next meeting will be held Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. in the school auditorium. At this time the nominating committee will report and election of officers will be held. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Mrs. Robin moved that a PTA be formed at Purche Avenue School, the motion was unanimously carried. A panel consisting of Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Heintz, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Lyons, under the direction of Mrs. Alexander, explained PTA, its aims and purposes. Also what the state, district, and council can do to help the new unit.

## Carl Steele

Mrs. A. D. Akins, president, conducted the recent meeting of the Carl Steele executive board. Ways and means chairman, Mrs. Robert Golden, gave the schedule for the Saturday movie program which begins Feb. 1. "The Long, Long Trailer," a color film featuring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez will be shown at this time followed on consecutive Saturdays by other films. A Walt Disney cartoon will precede the film and the entire show will last approximately one hour and forty minutes. There will be two complete shows, one at 10:30 and the other at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Jack Erving and Mrs. John Hubacek were elected as member and alternate to the council nominating committee.

Mrs. Thomas Greene was appointed to handle the dog tags which will be made available to students as soon as possible.

R. K. Petrat, principal, was authorized by board members to obtain the trophies for the intramural sports program.

Mr. Petrat requested that Mrs. Robert Walker, pre-school chairman, and her committee stage a house-to-house campaign to provide estimates for the kindergarten enrollment in 1958.

Mrs. John Hubacek, library chairman, announced the beginning of the book drive and asked for volunteers to help screen the books.

The club program which started last week was discussed by R. K. Petrat. The Varsity Club of 41 boys will assist teachers in the physical education program in the school. The Drama Club, with 55 members, selected a play and started production and tryouts. The Newspaper Club composed of 10 members will publish a school paper. The Square Dance Club has at present time six couples. The Art Club boasts 55 members and the Hobby Club has more than 40 attending its meetings. The Science Club, with fifteen members, promises to launch a few Sputniks of its own. Teachers Aid recruited 40 students. The Book Club at present has but 2 members but promises to have more as the program develops. Tidy Teens has almost the complete support of the eighth grade girls. The Knitting Club has an upper division of 23 members from grades 4-3 and a primary division of 48 members, grades 1-3. This is the only club offered for the primary grades at present. A study hall was provided for students not interested in any of the clubs.

An advisory committee of one boy and one girl from grades 4-8 will attempt to solve some of the schools problems with the consent of the student body. The first matter under consideration is bicycles. The teaching staff has given their complete cooperation and enthusiasm in the formation of these clubs, but they badly need help and support from interested parents.

## 259th Place

A-6 class of 259th Place School presented a 12 scene play at the PTA meeting on Jan. 24 under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Caroline Blake. The costume play was "Washington Marches On." Bonnie Galbreath gave the inspirational and Sheila Weirich led the flag salute.

Those participating in the play were: Peggy Gerhart, Linda Holloway, Ronald Nash, Linda Chatterton, Gary Bayless, Ray Wilson, Lynn Bulwa, Ronald Glusac, Robert Roderman, Janice Jillson, Connie Chitwood, Sandra Danza, Pamela Lewis, Sheila Weirich, Danny McHale, Richard Myers, Celia Sawyer, Royale McDerment, Linda Brewster, Pamela Newling, Raymond McKenzie, Vicki Woodruff, Jack Barry.

Sheila Weirich and Danny McHale received the American Legion Medal and Royale McDerment and Robert Boderman received the American Legion Certificate presented by Donald Sutlif, American Legion Post 645 in Lomita.

"Bridging the gap between Elementary and Junior High School" was the topic discussed by Paul W. Gaebel, vice principal of Fleming Junior High School. Mr. Gaebel outlined the changes the A-6 students would find upon entering Junior High School and gave them tips to follow to make the change easier.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, the A-6 promoting class will be honored by a luncheon and party given by the PTA and the A-6 mothers.



**NURSERY EDUCATION WEEK . . .** Mid-term workshop of the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School got under way with mothers and fathers refurbishing equipment, inventing and making toys and musical instruments. Open house was held last week and others interested in viewing the school should make an appointment with Mrs. Tom Burns, membership chairman. Shown here in left picture are Myrtle Barter, director of the school; and Howard Engel, sanding chairs. Dorothy Engel, Charlotte Goodman and Clarice Robinson also are shown making doll clothes.



Guest speaker from the Lennox Sheriff's station, Sgt. L. D. McGinnis, spoke on prevention of juvenile crime, stressing home influence.

## Parkway

Thursday Dec. 9, Parkway PTA members enjoyed "brainstorming" ideas designed to stimulate member expression on future PTA programs and plans.

Under the direction of Robert Stapleton members were divided into teams where individual expression could be readily generated. Time limits were imposed prompting individuals to think hard, fast, and informally. The best ideas from each team were then screened and reported by the team captain to the chair. The questions (1) "How can we best achieve 100% membership?" (2) "What topics or subjects would you like presented at PTA meetings?" produced many excellent ideas.

Parkway School was honored when 8th grade students, Winkle Gilbert and John Brooks placed first and second respectively in the recent Elks Club sponsored essay contest for all grammar schools in the Torrance system. Martin Bode is their teacher.

## Anza

Anza School PTA enjoyed an outstanding speaker at its January meeting. Dr. E. V. Pullias, president of the Los Angeles County Board of Education, gave an interesting talk on the topic "Our Children Are Normal."

Mrs. Gordon Stephens, president, conducted a short business meeting followed by a film on "Survival Is Not Enough" pertaining to the March of Dimes.

A question and answer period followed the talk by Dr. Pullias and refreshments were served by the second grade mothers. Room prizes for the most attendance went to Mrs. Walker's first grade class and Mr. Andrew Kovach's sixth grade class.

## Walteria

The Christmas pageant highlighted the December meeting of the Walteria PTA. Colors were presented by Den 1 of Pack 240-C and a short business meeting followed with Mrs. Cass Russak reading the minutes and Mrs. Glen Hardcastle giving the treasurer's report.

The seventh-eighth grade, directed by Stanley Schlick, presented the pageant titled "Santa's Visit." The talented class used as sets their own hand-painted scenes. Miss Cathy Dunn was narrator. An added inspiration was given by Robert Matchett's sixth-seventh grade with carol singing outside the auditorium.

Attendance room prize was won by Mr. Matchett's class. Host and hostess for the night were Mr. and Mrs. J. Birmingham.

## FERN-GREENWOOD

Some of the startling aspects of life in Southern California with its casual living, zooming freeways, and neon-lighted nights as seen through the eyes of a high school student from Greece were presented to members of the Fern-Greenwood PTA Thursday evening by Miss Nadia Basmadjian who is studying at Torrance High School.

In America on an American Field Service International Scholarship, the Greek student amazed the capacity crowd at the January meeting of the PTA with her mastery of the English language, and with her observation of the many strange events which she had experienced since leaving her home last summer.

A comparison of schools, markets, roads, and manners of living highlighted her informal talk.

A look the other way was provided by Mary Sippel, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Milton Sippel of the First Christian Church, who spent last summer in Europe as an AFSIS student. Miss Sippel related her experiences of living with two families as though she was another daughter. Both girls were presented by Mrs. George Ackerman, program chairman for the evening.

During the business portion of the meeting, the group voted to resume Saturday showings of movies at the school on the recommendation of the ways and means committee. The group also voted to remit \$25 to the Torrance Council PTA scholarship fund.

Elected to serve on a nominating committee for new officers were Mmes. I. R. White, E. E. Conry, B. R. Rose, L. H. Voien, and Barnett.

Brownie Troop 532 led the pledge of allegiance and posted the colors, and Mrs. Michael Medved read an inspirational poem.

The rhythm band of Miss Joan Potter's first grade class performed—and the class won the attendance prize with 89 parents attending the meeting.

The February meeting, following PTA tradition, will feature a Founders' Day skit and presentation of honorary life memberships. It will be held at the school cafeteria on Thursday evening, Feb. 13.

## Harbor City

Boy Scout Troop 743 opened the January meeting of the Harbor City PTA with the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. James Alexander, president, conducted the business meeting; the auditor's report was made by Mrs. Anthony Graro; and a nominating committee was chosen for the coming election. Those selected to serve on the committee are Mrs. Dallas Wallick, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Raymond Gruber, and Mrs. James Trifon.

Mrs. Lue McMinn provided the inspirational by singing "Christopher Robin is Saying His Prayer" and "A Prayer Perfect," accompanied by Mrs. Avis Creech, principal.

A question and answer period followed with Mrs. James Trifon, Mrs. Norman Bailey, and Mr. Johnny Balch, parents providing the questions while Mrs. Avis Creech, principal, Mr. John McClintock, Mrs. Mary Griff, Mrs. Vera Newman, Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, and Mrs. Francis Rush, faculty members, explained the answers.

Mrs. Robert Rohl and Mrs. James Summers, two mothers who have daughters in a newly formed Brownie troop, under the supervision of Mrs. Blanea Pattison, conducted the child care program.

The committees featured during the meeting were Parent Education, chairman Mrs. J. H. Griffen, Mrs. Don Furu, and Juvenile Protection, chairman Mrs. Harry Baile.

First grade room mothers served as hostesses for the pre-meeting coffee, tea, and cake refreshments.

## Crenshaw

In a setting of Sputniks and creatures from outer space, made by the fourth grade students of Miss Ondrasik, the Crenshaw PTA held its Jan. 15 meeting.

Brownie Troop 2048 under the leadership of Mrs. Jean Dye led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Inspirational chairman, Mrs. T. V. Westfall read President Eisenhower's "Prayer for the New Year."

## El Nido

Students, parents, grandparents and teachers attended the El Nido PTA hot lunch on Jan. 16 at the El Nido School.

The hot lunch was a success due to the cooperation of the following people: Mrs. Harley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hering, Mrs. Joseph Bray, Mrs. Robert Mackin, Mrs. S. R. Hooker, Mrs. William Newton, Mrs. Philo Mellor, Mrs. C. H. Brackett, William Forrest, Denny, Mrs. W. A. Wright and the mothers of the Kindergarten students who provided the cupcakes.

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Rev. Walter M. Stanton  
FA 8-2019  
11:00 - Morning Worship  
8:30 - Youth Fellowship  
7:30 - Evening Worship  
Midweek Worship Service 7:00  
Wednesday Evening

**WELCOME TO TORRANCE**  
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at Carson & Manuel St.  
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Phone FA 8-5030  
Morgan Gates, Pastor  
Robert Dehn, Asst. Pastor  
SUNDAY - 2 Morning Services  
9:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.  
Sunday School for all ages  
9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship Training - 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelistic Messng - 7:30 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY - Bible Study  
7:30 P.M.  
Comunion Service and Prayer  
Nursery provided for all services,  
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ALL WELCOME

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Meeting at Anza School  
2160 Ellinwood Drive  
Gerard W. Garfield, Pastor  
2924 Carlrow Rd. Frontier 8-0931  
Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1217 Cravens Avenue, Torrance  
R. E. Prout, Minister  
SUNDAY  
8:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. - Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. - Young People's  
Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY  
1:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Class  
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC**  
**CHURCH**  
1447 Engracia Avenue, Torrance  
Fr. Joseph Macardie  
Telephone FAIRfax 8-2776  
Schedule of Masses and Services  
Eight Sunday Masses - Seven at  
Main Church, 1449 Engracia Avenue - 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00,  
11:15 and 12:15. One Mass at Mission  
Church of St. Joseph's, 2314  
W. Del Amo Blvd. at 9:30 A.M.  
Confessions three times on Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 A.M., 4:00 to  
6:00 P.M., 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Baptisms  
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Holy Communion, first Sunday  
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Parsonage: DAVIS 4-2589  
Office: FR 6-1350

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Sunday School -  
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Morning Worship Service, January  
Church services, 11 o'clock  
Junior BYF, 6:15 p.m.; Junior-HI  
and Senior, HI BYF, 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship Services at 7:30  
o'clock.  
Bible study & Prayer - Wednesday  
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SUNDAY  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 o'clock  
Young People - 6:15 p.m.  
Evangelistic - 7:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Ladies Prayer Meeting - 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.  
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2706 W. 182nd St., Torrance  
Maynard V. Mielhusen, Pastor  
Phone DAVIS 3-6821  
Res. DAVIS 9-3455  
Divine Worship, 8:30 A.M.  
Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.  
Divine Worship, 11:00 A.M.  
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services.

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1st Sunday - Holy Communion  
Sunday  
2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer  
3rd Sunday - 9:15. Holy Baptism  
or Morning Prayer  
11 a.m. - Holy Communion  
4th and 5th Sunday - Morning  
Prayer  
Holy Communion at 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
Baby Sitting at 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
Thursday - 11 a.m., Holy Communion

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Saturday -  
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Church Service - 11 A.M.  
Wednesday -  
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