

ANNUAL MEETING OF DEERFIELD P. T. A.

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of the schools. There is too much duplication in the work of the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, also in the high school. Some work must be put into the school that the student may be able to use in order to make a living, if it is necessary for him to do so immediately after he leaves high school. Too many students drop out of high school because they do not get the things that they need.

There is something wrong with high school work when a boy who graduates goes out to drive a delivery truck. He protested against grading pupils on the intelligence basis. "There is something in every boy or girl that can be brought out, but he should not be labeled as a dumb or a bright pupil." He advised the parents to study the curriculum of the school. Students should learn to do in a better way what they will have to do in life. His definition of culture was "That man is cultured who appreciates the significance of the past in relation to his fellow man." Vocational work may be cultured work to others. Wood working may be cultured work to the professional man. Education must be useful in various ways. It makes a man a better man for having done that work.

Too many school men are afraid to embark upon a change in the curricula of the schools. They should be revised to meet the needs of each individual student. Too many teachers are interested in the subject matter which they teach, rather than in the boy or girl. Mrs. Solomon Jones in a sectional conference said:

Work of P. T. A.

"Church meetings should never interfere with the work of the Parent-Teacher association. Children are facing the responsibility to the teacher, and parents must have a vision of the welfare of the child. Train the women to be chairmen of your associations. We should not criticize unkindly the women who start to serve as officers. Consult the handbook as faithfully as a judge's watch. Go to the teachers for criticism of the pupils. The P. T. A. is not a clearing house for complaints against the teachers. It never interferes with administration of school. Individual differences of opinion must be settled in the class room. Grade schools should have committees for the high school. An objective budget for the current expenses of the school should be made. Send delegates to district and state conferences always, and consider that money well spent. Only through conference can we get unified thought. There is something wrong with the teacher who does not like P. T. associations. Make them so worth while that the teachers cannot live without us. The program chairman is the life of the organization. Study our weaknesses. Teachers are tired at the end of the day. The average mother goes to school with the idea of having her child praised by the teacher. The mother does not take the criticism of the child by the teacher kindly. There is an element of co-operation between the parent and the teacher which is lacking. Have round table discussions by the teachers for our information.

"Adequate salaries make teaching a joy. In order to study and travel to make themselves better teachers for our children, instructors should be able to live comfortably and not worry over finances, and not have the fear that a capricious school board will be influenced by a disgruntled parent not to hire them another year. Tenure of office during good behavior, with good preparation for teaching, smaller groups of children to teach, all react to the good of the teacher, and the benefit of your children. See that the child's homework is done. Never criticize a teacher destructively before the child. It is for the mutual benefit of teacher and community that a principal be retained long enough to establish broad interests. County and state certificates should be given for extra work to both pupils and teachers."

The principal of the school must be a member of the program committee. Teachers should have a part in the conference. Send the principal of your school to P. T. A. conferences. Every school should send two delegates. One school board is eager to have its principal attend the P. T. A. state conference and pays his expenses. The Child Welfare Magazine is essential to the education of parents. In this connection Illinois now holds first rank in the list of subscribers to Child Welfare, and exceeded California this year.

Broad in Purpose

We challenge any organization to be as broad in its purpose as the P. T. A. In this sectional conference one woman said that she had always thought that the P. T. A. was a place to go to listen to a program and to pour tea. When she saw the scope of the work discussed at this state conference she said that she would return to Wilmette to round up all the parents and insist upon their attendance at meetings.

A one armed man who arose from the floor said that "the trouble with the schools is the lack of discipline in the homes. Children six years of age are stronger willed than their parents. Where is the old fashioned girl who had stamina enough to go to school as her mother dressed her? Civilization is not all that we learn in books."

Program Given

One of the diversions from speeches was an imitation broadcasting station put on by children in a safety program. "Uncle Bob" told a story and then presented other children who were the doubles of "Our Gang" in the movie comedy, "Farina and Her Pal," and the little black pickaninny was adorable. In this little play "Yankee Doodle looked around before he crossed our highway." We were urged to buy safety matches with two color heads, not to keep oil mops under steps nor in closets, and away from heat. Place in a tin pail. "Stop, look and listen at railroad crossings." Drills for physical perfection were put on by the boys and girls of the junior high schools, and your delegate wondered what had become of all of the gymnasium equipment for which we paid so much money several years ago—and which should be in use now.

It would take several hours to view the exhibits of the grade schools which showed beautiful sewing by the girls, bird houses and furniture by the boys. The pupils also sang for us, and high school orchestra and band played for us.

How Illinois P. T. A.'s have multiplied this year was shown in the report of 180 new charters issued. There are now about 3000 associations in our state. \$11,000 were the receipts for the year.

The P. T. A. protects the national asset, the children of America. The financial aid to the schools is wise, it is meant to improve the atmosphere and comfort of the schools.

Supt. McAndrew Speaks

Supt. McAndrew of the Chicago schools told of the technique which the teachers of his school in Brooklyn organized against parents who went to complain—"Wait a minute" in various intonations was used, and then "I am sorry that you feel that way about it," which completely disarmed the aggrieved parents. He called women who try to tell teachers how the school should be run "a smelling committee." The teacher would say to a woman "you have one or seven children, I have forty. I know that you know how to take care of your children." How to prevent mischief on Halloween which should be a day of all the saints but is now a day of all the devils, is made an examination day in good citizenship, with a falling off in arrests by police for destroying property in Chicago.

At the evening meeting a candle lighting service was held. Each regional director, in a white robe, marched up the aisle to slow music, and lit her taper from the one held by the president on the rostrum of the church, and then in about twenty-five words each woman reported the work of her district.

The Illinois council was founded 26 years ago. We have 92,645 members in our association. The money we send to the national goes to Utah, Spain and Hawaii to help the work there. Illinois stands second among the states in membership in the national.

District 19 in our state has all of Cook county outside of Chicago and all of Lake county. It has one P. T. A. in every seven schools. We stand second among districts. Chicago is first with one for every six schools. District 16 is the lowest with but one P. T. A. in every sixty-seven schools. There are twenty-six counties that have none, there are eight with one, six with two, and eleven with only three P. T. A.'s in the county. Lake county has twenty-one.

Each regional director was given a bouquet, by the women of her district. Some leaders were also given their expense money to the conference for Illinois, and two were given money to send them to the National conference in California this year. Two were given life memberships. We gave Mrs. Edmonds a beautiful leather portfolio. A new memorial membership was created whereby any association may honor a departed member who has given valuable service to her association, by presenting \$100 in her name to place her on the memorial honor list.

Miss Alma Binzel of Milwaukee, spoke on "Wise Parents and Well Trained Children." She told of her child guidance clinics and among many interesting stories she told of

a man who had never been trained to pick up his soiled socks. His wife cured him by leaving all of his socks on the floor until he had no more clean ones. "Train boys to help clear up" was her admonition for making good husbands. Iowa has 150 centers for training parents.

Superintendent of Public Instruction in Illinois, Mr. Francis G. Blair, told us "You have done things for the schools that before the organization of the P. T. A. were never considered possible, but whenever the women start a campaign for better schools, you may just as well figure out that they are going to win before they stop."

Streator, East St. Louis, Mount Vernon and Moline presented invitations for the conference next year, and it is my hope and wish that you may have at least two trained leaders eager to attend.

The school children picked flowers for the corsage bouquets that were given to us at the banquet which the Catholic women served. Luncheons were prepared for us in Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. The sessions were held in the Vermont street Methodist Episcopal church. A school of instruction was held by a state and national leader. Mrs. Orville T. Bright, who was one of the four state presidents that have addressed our Deerfield P. T. A. The others have been Mmes. Langworthy, Young and Mears. The scope of the work discussed in Quincy included conferences on Wednesday morning on radio, American Citizenship, Child Hygiene, Education, Kindergarten, High School, Better Films, Juvenile Protection, Legislation, Parliamentary Law, Press and Publicity, Safety, Rural Schools, School Beautiful.

Deerfield P. T. A. publicity in scrap books and Mr. Lowdermilk's artistic invitations, were the admiration and envy of some of the delegates. We give as well as get information.

These conferences are held in different communities to give us a better knowledge of the state in which we live. They weld together our people, we learn of our natural resources. The by-products of meetings are growth and development. The trials of the high water stage of the Mississippi river give us a better understanding and greater sympathy for the afflicted. The P. T. A. is a great training school, we get our education in public gradually.

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