

# YWCA's Parent Education Group Stages Anniversary Fete & Dinner

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Last Monday evening at 8 p.m. this correspondent attended the tenth anniversary celebration and dinner of the Parent Education Committee of the Sejourner Truth YWCA, where a decade ago a group of members and friends set going an experiment and pledged themselves to make it succeed.

Thus was born the Parent Education Committee, an idea that has grown and blossomed into a mature and beautiful rose during the past ten years. It was ten years ago that members of the Board launched the PEC out to sea.

"But tonight we boast of a membership of 55 interested, concerned parents, and in humility we observe ten years of continuous practical activities and growth," said Mrs. O. L. Hairston, the committee secretary, when called upon to give the PEC's history.

AMID A "NOVEMBER" BACKGROUND scene and tables graced by waxturkey candles, an atmosphere of Thanksgiving prevailed among members and guests who had gathered at the YWCA home, 310 East Davie Street, to eat a delicious menu of turkey and cranberry sauce, crab apples, June peas, stringed carrots and celery, rolls and coffee, ice cream, mints and nuts.

Toastmistress and MC was Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin, Board of Management member, whose graciousness made her the admirable PEC host as she introduced speakers and guests who had contributed in many ways to the success of the dinner observance. Mrs. Jarnagin is known throughout the state because of her influence and interest in the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers.

ALL THE WHILE a program was in progress and featured Mrs. W. T. Stroud, assistant business manager, Shaw University, and PEC member, who gave the keynote address on the subject "Ain't Women Wonderful?" She outlined eight characteristics that make women wonderful, saying:

1. They have the power of creativeness.
2. Their woman's intuition respected by men.
3. They are endowed with a sense of the beautiful.
4. They have an unusual sense of responsibility for little jobs.
5. They exercise their power of influence for good.
6. They have a sense of curiosity.
7. They have an acute sense of humility.
8. They give so freely of their time.

The program began with fellowship singing and later included sentence greetings from YWCA committee chairmen as follows: Mrs. A. E. Brown, budget and finance; Mrs. Hattie Edmonson, human relations; Mrs. Minetta Eaton, women's activities; and Mrs. C. H. McLendon, committee management.

Greetings from the Central YWCA were given by Mrs. Ross Schroyer, executive secretary, and Mrs. J. D. Hartman, president, who were introduced by Mrs. J. A. Boyer, executive secretary of Sejourner Truth YWCA. Other special guests were Mrs. Purdie Anders, director of Y-Teens and Mrs. J. A. Forber, who said the blessing for the dinner. Mrs. S. E. Daly recited an original poem.

THE PROGRAM ENDED with a presentation of a gift to Mrs. D. M. Jarnagin in appreciation of her service to the PEC. The gift box was passed around the tables in order that guests and members could see the exquisite pair of white gloves.

The next immediate projects of the PEC are the annual Thanksgiving basket donations and the Christmas party.

Committee for Observance include: Mrs. Marie Thorpe, chairman; Mrs. Lillian Freeman, vice-chairman; Mrs. Viola High, Mrs. Maceo Wideman, Mrs. Inez Horton, and Mrs. Iola O'Neal.

Other special guests included: Mrs. Patsie Smith, treasurer; Mrs. O. L. Hairston, secretary; Mrs. Spurgeon Fields, program chairman; Mrs. O. J. Wortham, music chairman; M. H. Boulware, Caro-

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