

OLD, NEW EXTREMES LOSING FAVOR

Treating Children As Individuals And In Consistent, Fair Manner Is Best Discipline, PTA Panel Resolves

Consistency and fairness in dealing with children, treating them as individuals and taking time to study and work with their special needs were among the qualities named as important during a panel discussion of the discipline problem at Monday night's meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association.

An eight-member panel of teachers and parents—with Dr. A. C. Dawson, superintendent, as moderator—discussed aspects of discipline in school and home and how the school and home should cooperate in this matter for the best interest of the child.

Mrs. I. A. Woodell, PTA president, presided at the business session. An innovation that was well received was opening the meeting with a color guard of three Boy Scouts from Troop 223 who marched in with a United States flag, placed it on the stage and remained while the audience gave the pledge to the flag and sang one verse of "America." Composing the color guard were Jimmy Ritenour, flag bearer; Lamont Brown and Robert McCrimmon.

The Association gave its approval to a recommendation of the executive board that the PTA sponsor the recreation center being established in a house on school property by seventh and eighth grade students and their parents.

Mrs. Woodell said she had been asked to point out to parents the situation on the New York Avenue side of the school grounds where children leaving school are placed in danger by the backing and turning of cars that enter the dead-end section of New York Avenue to wait to pick up youngsters.

It would help in that situation, it was stated, if parents picking children up would park on New York Avenue below Ridge and not enter the dead-end street or the school grounds. However, it was suggested—in line with requests from school officials—that parents use the "horseshoe" driveway off Massachusetts Ave., east of the elementary school, in picking up children.

At this location no child has to cross the path of a car or go behind a car, and the continuous driveway provides a free flow of traffic all going in one direction. It was also noted that parents have been asked not to use the driveway that circles the auditorium because of the blind curve at the end of the building. Several parents in the audience said they had not previously known of this regulation and had been picking up students there.

A vote of approval on the 1957-58 budget, already approved by the executive board, was postponed to the next meeting. Members were reminded of a request for a donation of 10 cents from each member to help build a State PTA headquarters building in Raleigh. A district PTA meeting, to which committee members and officers are especially invited but which will be open to all members, was announced for Tuesday, October 21, at Aberdeen, with registration at 9:30 a.m.

Taking part in the panel discussion, in addition to Dr. Dawson, were Miss Barbara Elliott, Miss Mary Logan, Miss Pete Dana, W. A. Leonard and Roger Gibbs, all teachers; and Mrs. Robert Ewing, Mrs. Don Traylor and Dr. Bruce Warlick, parents.

Each member of the panel had been assigned an aspect of discipline for discussion. Dr. Dawson added his comments and summed up ideas advanced, and then there was general discussion and comments from the floor as to points that had been raised. Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., PTA program chairman, had arranged the program. She turned proceedings over to Dr. Dawson who introduced panel members.

Opening the discussion, Dr. Dawson said that "the pendulum has swung back near the center" in the matter of school discipline, between the extremes of very strict discipline of 30 years and more ago and the "progressive education" influence of the middle 1930's when many educators minimized discipline in favor of letting pupils do what they were most interested in and did best.

Miss Elliott pointed out that discipline does not mean punishment, but, in school, means the "degree of order maintained in the classroom" and the establishment of order there.

Miss Logan said that the school wants the child to realize his best self. Speaking on the relationship of physical development and behavior, she said that many behavior problems are related to

physical conditions which must be adjusted in both the school and the home. The school, for instance, must supply furniture that fits the child, while parents should see that he has proper food, rest and care and that defects of eyes or ears are discovered and adjusted.

Teachers must have great faith in humanity, said Miss Dana, and must try to see how other persons, including their pupils, feel in each situation. The child should be made to feel that the teacher is willing to help him. To these points Dr. Dawson added that both the teacher and parent should try to find the thing in which the child excels. Nothing is so satisfying as a sense of accomplishment, he noted.

Mr. Leonard pointed out that children should be treated as individuals. Important also is the difference in the way children are accustomed to be treated. What's normal for one child isn't normal for another and they respond best to different treatment. Children need to be interested in what they are studying, he said, but still they must learn to do things they have to do and still don't want to do. A child needs the security of living under rules and is likely to develop behavior troubles when there are too many or not enough rules.

Adults record their own traits and reasoning on the unformed and developing consciousness of children, Mr. Gibbs said. Parents and teachers therefore are responsible for how a child turns out. He said that teachers can see in children the results of emotional tension in homes; and he listed 10 "tips to reduce tension" emphasizing consideration for and understanding of other persons, acceptance of trouble and failure as a part of life, doing the best one can under the circumstances and taking time for recreation and relaxation.

Speaking as a parent, Mrs. Ewing pointed out that many parents have not had the valuable

training in psychology that teachers have had. Common sense and a sense of humor are essential in meeting discipline and behavior problems, she said. She advocated making a point of answering all children's questions and teaching safety—"the right way to do things." Her recommendations for "don'ts" included: Don't force a child to eat; don't threaten bed as a punishment and don't feel that you have to include children in adult conversation.

More contact between parents and teachers was recommended by Dr. Warlick. Teachers should inform parents when a child has been corrected at school and should call parents in when a child has a discipline problem. A "visitation day" when parents and teachers could meet would give parents a closer understanding of what goes on at school and what the problems are, he said. Parents should not be offended if teachers correct children, he said. "If teachers are fit to teach, they are fit to discipline children in all ways."

Commenting on communication between the home and the school and its relation to discipline, Mrs. Traylor said that this is important for more reliable understanding of children's problems, but she pointed out that children, especially older children, tend to be embarrassed when a parent goes to the school. In view of this, she asked, what should a parent do? Dr. Dawson said that in some situations it is better that a child doesn't know a parent and teacher are getting together. At other times the child should know. It depends on the particular situation, he said, and there is no general answer to the question.

A point made from the floor during the ensuing discussion drew agreement from the panel: parents should not find fault with the school in the presence of their children.

AT ABERDEEN YESTERDAY

State Program For Secondary Roads Is Outlined By Chairman Makepeace

The state's secondary roads chief, Harold Makepeace, made peace with some of his neighbors in Aberdeen yesterday.

He met with county commissioners from Lee, Moore, Hoke, Richmond and Scotland counties as one of several meetings scheduled to permit Makepeace to explain the administration of secondary roads in the new Highway Department organization.

Near the conclusion of the meeting, Lee Board chairman Percy Measamer went to the front of the room and made remarks pertaining to what had been described as criticism of Makepeace from Lee commissioners.

Measamer said that Lee Board members rae "quoted on everything we say, whether formally or informally." He said such statements get picked up and are carried all over the state.

"We didn't try to correct the stories that said we criticized Mr. Makepeace because everything would have turned out worse," Measamer said.

Measamer recalled that one story stated that Lee County, Makepeace's home county, was the only one out of 100 counties that had voiced criticism. "That kind of thing really hurts us," Measamer said.

Makepeace answered that the department "appreciates constructive criticism" and that he understood how quotations out of context can be misconstrued. "Whenever anything can be construed as criticism, it always makes headlines," Makepeace said.

As the meeting concluded Measamer and Makepeace shook hands.

The meeting was presided over by Makepeace and was conducted in an informal manner. Members of the Makepeace party in addition to T. G. Poindexter, Eighth Division engineer, were E. W. Davis state maintenance engineer; Bill Ingram, assistant to Makepeace; and Sam Beard, Highway Department public relations chief.

Makepeace said the new secondary roads setup was designed to expand the authority of the division engineers to help take the load off county commissioners. The engineer will be a consultant who will know the standing of rural roads within his district and who will be available to explain the state's position while accepting the recommendations

of county commissioners wherever possible.

The crux of the system will be the method of priorities to be established at the conclusion of the current statewide survey, Makepeace said. Each road will be given a priority according to a statewide standard to determine when it shall be paved or improved.

When they are available, maps will be distributed to each county explaining the priority of each road in the county.

Makepeace said that the state has 12,000 miles of primary roads and 5,000 miles of secondary roads, which makes the Highway Department responsible for more roads than any similar body in the nation.

Rites Conducted Today For Mrs. Mary S. Windham

Mrs. Mary Singletary Windham, 89, died in St. Joseph Hospital early Wednesday morning.

Funeral services were held from the Emmanuel Episcopal Church this morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Martin Caldwell, rector, officiating. Interment was in the Maplewood cemetery, Wilson, this afternoon.

Mrs. Windham was born in Wilson, the daughter of the late Col. Robert W. and Mary Jane Pitt Singletary. With her husband, the late Junius M. Windham, she moved to Southern Pines from the Eastern part of North Carolina in 1914.

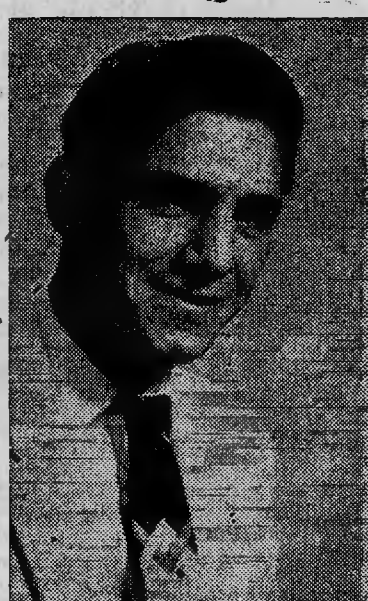
She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Louise Clarke Bowman of Southern Pines; one son, J. Lenox Windham of San Carlos, Calif; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. John Dupress of Wilson; and two brothers, William Pitt Singletary of Wilson and Joseph Kirkland Singletary of Hendersonville and Bradenton, Fla.

Housewives can learn many money-saving things about buying and preparing meats for their families through the special exhibits of the Challenge Program displays at the 1957 State Fair in Raleigh, October 15-19.

Two Local Graduates Join Navy



JOHN WHATLEY



JAMES CHIRICOS

John T. Whatley and James M. Chiricos, both graduates of Southern Pines High School, are awaiting transfer to specialty training schools in the United States Navy.

Whatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Johnson, will be assigned to a school in the elec-

tronics field and Chiricos, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Chiricos, will be assigned to a school of his choice after further aptitude tests are completed at the Personnel Classification Test Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

The two enlisted under the "buddy system" and are training in the same company.

Circus This Week Rated Tops

Gay costumes, cleverly trained animals, and the worlds most widely acclaimed swinging rope act were enough to send hundreds of people away from the Christiani Brothers Circus Monday night wishing for more of the same—regularly.

The Circus, second largest in the country now and the largest that performs primarily in outdoor tents, came to the Sandhills for its one-day stand amidst trepidation.

But some circus hands, standing around after the final applause had died down, said that the stop may have been one of the smallest but was surely the most enthusiastic.

Crowds were thrilled at both performances. In the afternoon, when most of the audience seemed to be school children, dust got heavy inside the tent but did nothing to dim the enthusiasm. The various acts, which included shooting the "Great Zachini" out of a cannon, were well received.

At night the wooden stands were again full and the show picked up a bit. About 10 acts, several said to be the only ones of their kind in existence today, were presented and drew long applause.

Best of the evening, according to a consensus of opinion after the show, was a daring act performed on a rope that swung from side to side of the great tent. Gasps and relieved sighs

were recorded every time the artist, a young Argentinian, swung back and forth.

The circus officials also set up a menagerie outside the main tent that included, for the most part, animals that also performed in the various acts.

N. C. State Alumni To Hold Fall Meet

State College alumni in Moore County will hold their fall meeting next Thursday, October 24, at Dante's Restaurant, according to W. O. Spence of Southern Pines, president.

The meeting begins at 7 p. m. with dinner.

Spence said that Dr. Edward A. Murray, supervisor of instruction in the textile school at State, would be the speaker. He is a native of Tacoma, Washington, and attended both the University of Washington and the University of Texas.

There are approximately 90 ex-State students known to be living in Moore County, Spence said, and officers of the club are anxious to have them all attend the meeting. Any new residents who attended State are also welcome and have been requested to contact either Spence or Norman Caudle, secretary-treasurer.

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Carters Win Better Ball Golf Meet

The annual Moore County "better ball of pair" golf championship, recently concluded at

the Southern Pines Country Club, was won by Jack and Joe Carter, two of the area's outstanding golfers.

Carpet Co. Workers To Get Salk Vaccine

Free Salk anti-polio vaccine shots will be given to employees of A.&M. Karagheusian, Inc., beginning October 25, it has been announced by Cecil Beith, plant manager.

He said that efforts were being made to obtain sufficient vaccine for the shots but that so far the efforts were in vain.

BOND SALES

Combined sales of series E and H Savings Bonds in Moore County during September were \$34,244, and for the three quarters just ended, \$313,373, it was announced this week by the Greensboro office of the U. S. Savings Bond Division. The figure represents 91.4 per cent of the county's annual goal.

Folk entertainment has become so popular at the N. C. State Fair that Bascom Lamar Lunsford's Festival of Folk Music and Dancing runs three separate performances daily.

The Carters, no relation, defeated D. Worsham and Tom Gray 2 and 1 for the title.

Other winners in the field of 64 included:

First flight, Barney Avery and Max Forrest defeated L. D. Coats and Will Wiggs, 1 up; second flight, Boyd Starnes and Louis Honeycutt defeated Don Madigan and Chan Page, 5 and 4; and third flight, W. E. Alexander and A. Plunkett defeated Dave Ginsberg and Henry Turner, 2 and 1.

Club Championship Roy Grinnell, club pro, said today that the annual Southern Pines Country Club championship would get underway October 26, with Col. John Dibb defending the title he won from Jack Carter last year.

Welcome to CHURCH OF CHRIST E. Main St. Aberdeen Sunday School 10:00 Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Worship 7:00

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