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## P. T. A. HAS MEETING

(By E. K. Veach)

The meeting of Aurelian Springs Parent-Teacher Association Wednesday evening, Nov. 5, manifested much enthusiasm which was due largely to the demonstration lesson in teaching put on by Miss Patterson and nine of her first grade children.

The meeting was opened by each one of the children reciting a verse from the Bible. Miss Carty then gave an explanation of Miss Patterson's demonstration and directed the parents and teachers to the class room. The children were first asked to find their parents in the room before beginning the lesson.

Some of the children were studying about their pet dogs and ponies. The children read from charts and then compared it with the reading in their text book. Each one of these children has a small rug which he uses to take a rest on each afternoon. Miss Patterson said six went to sleep that afternoon.

In this work the parents get an

idea of what each child is missing when he stays away from school a day. It would be almost impossible for the teachers to take one or two children that were absent one day and teach them what the other children studied the day before, for the majority of the children would not have any work to do while the teacher is helping the children that were absent.

The parents were asked if they would like to see Miss Carty, one of the second grade teachers put on a lesson similar to this one next month at the P. T. A. meeting which was voted unanimously.

The work to be taken up in connection with the demonstration is the book on character training. The reason this book was chosen is due to the fact that it is a continuation of the book studied by the P. T. A. last year.

Mrs. White had each parent to write out the outstanding fault of his or her child, so she could tabulate these things and present them to the group at the next meeting.

Mrs. White also read a number of questions on children—habits, food and clothing, with three answers to each question. The correct answer was given by the members present. There was a grade of 91 made on 35 questions, which shows the students responded well to their teacher.

As the P. T. A. offered a prize last meeting for the teacher having the highest per cent of attendance in her grade for the past month, Miss DeWar happened to be the lucky one. Next month the prize will be given to the grade having the largest per cent of parents present at the P. T. A. meeting.

The attendance chart was again presented by Miss Gunn and it read as follows: (1) Children in district that should be attending school, 418; (2) Enrollment and average daily attendance, 328 as compared to 368 for the first month of school.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, December 3, with Miss Carty putting on a demonstration lesson.

## TEACHERS MEET AT RALEIGH

The North Carolina Educational Association held its eighth annual convention of the North Central District Teachers at Raleigh, Friday and Saturday of this past week.

The first general session was held Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The first number on the program was to appoint committees on nominations and resolutions. After the various committees were appointed, President E. J. Coltrane of the North Carolina Education Association presented his greetings to the association. Following his address there were general announcements after which came the address by Florence Stratmeyer of Teachers College, Columbia University.

The address by Dr. Stratmeyer was particularly interesting to grammar grade teachers. She discussed the importance of the child's curriculum as every learning institution is an opportunity for character growth. No single method of teaching must be used. The previous interests of children are used as a starting point. The good teacher takes an inventory of the fundamental ideas about the child. She becomes acquainted with the children by learning about the kind of homes they live in, their background and experiences. Teachers must arrange situations, choose and help children to respond. By doing this the children learn best from experience.

At the close of Dr. Stratmeyer's discussion, departmental meetings were held. The city and county superintendents met in the Bruner Class Room of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. At this meeting Dr. A. T. Allen discussed North Carolina's educational policy while Francis Bradshaw, dean of students, University of North Carolina, spoke of the handicaps that hinder freshmen progress.

In the joint meeting of all High School departments, Dr. C. C. Tillinghast, Horace Mann School, New York, spoke about High School subject matter. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith stressed the importance of subject matter.

The meeting of the Principal's group took place at four o'clock. The topic they were interested in was Education for Citizenship. The music teachers had their presiding officer Isaac L. Battin, Meredith College. Rural supervisors met in the Chinese Room of the Sir Walter Hotel with Miss Carrie Wilson as their chairman.

There was a round table discussion of materials for year book and curriculum bulletin.

The purpose of having this convention was to help teachers in the North Central District to learn the newest ideas in their particular field.

In the second general session held Friday evening, Dr. Charles C. Tillinghast, Principal of the Horace Mann School, Teachers College, Columbia University, spoke of the values of knowing the child as well as the subject matter. He said a teacher should major in her field of teaching to be efficient.

The members of the Aurelian Springs faculty who attended were Mr. V. C. Matthews, Mr. A. G. Green, Misses Grace Hunt, Mary Lord Daniel, Velma Hardy and Jeanette Duncan, Miss Cherry and Mr. Akers were also present.

Miss Mary Long Daniel of the Aurelian Springs High School presided at the meeting of the grammar grades teachers on Saturday morning. The topic for discussion was Character Education, a subject in which Miss Long is especially interested. While presiding over the meeting she spoke of the values of school experiences in forming character.

SEVENTH GRADE GEOGRAPHY  
The seventh grade is busy in Geography trying to find out why France

is one of the leading nations of Europe. They are getting all the information that they can possibly find from different text books, magazines, encyclopedias and newspapers. Each one in the class is anxious to get all possible credits that can be gotten by getting up the 61 questions. Working in groups on the big phases of France and working out as many as possible of the six extra contracts, posters, maps, booklets, stories, etc., in France show that the class is much interested and that nothing will be left undone to solve their problem concerning France.—Amon Liles, Clara Belle Mooney, Irene Arrington, Committee.

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

We have planted in our room some narcissus bulbs which are growing very pretty and add a great deal to our reading table. We are hoping they will be blooming by Thanksgiving.

We have made a border of the history of the Pilgrims and put it across the back of our room. We have also put some Thanksgiving pictures on our bulletin board.

Our window box is beginning to look very pretty now, as the flowers are growing rapidly. Some of the boys have painted the box which adds a great deal to the appearance of our room.

In Geography we are studying of South America and are making books on the different countries. We hope to have these completed in a short time. Then we are going to put these on our reading table.

## MAKING POSTERS

The fourth grade has had quite a busy week helping to make posters for the faculty play, "And Mary Did," which will be presented Friday evening of this week at the Aurelian Springs High School. Several of the posters will be sent to various places to help advertise the faculty play. The fourth grade hopes that the posters will bring in a large crowd to see the play which is an unusually good one.

## BEAR SWAMP B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of Bear Swamp met Sunday evening Nov. 9 at 7:00 o'clock. The program was centered around "Living the Truth of the Bible." Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Milton Chichester, Misses Anna Harper, Bessie Collins, Maudieina Shearin and Maudie Chichester, Messrs Zack Mohorn and Albert Stalings.

We were very glad to have visitors of the community with us and also some from other communities.

We are looking forward to an address by Dr. B. A. Brown of Gastonia, N. C., Thursday night November 13 at 7:30. To those who are interested in B. Y. P. U. we are sure this will be enjoyed by every one present.

## MEETING OF Y. T. H. F. CLUB

The Young Tar Heel Farmer's Club of Aurelian Springs School met Nov. 11. The meeting was called to order by the president. The program was as follows: Devotional, Marvin Taylor, talk, "Why Hardtimes Came," Marvin butts. He said that one of the main reasons was the lack of cooperation among the farmers in marketing their products. He also brought out the point that crops usually fall to a low price during election years and are usually a while climbing back to standard prices.

Our program was cut very short due to the practicing for some other entertainment, so we adjourned to meet again, Thursday, November 13.

## LINCOLN LITERARY SOCIETY

The meeting of the last Literary Society was called to order on Nov. 11th by the president. We all stood and sang "America The Beautiful," after which the second grade gave the devotional. The secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting. We then had an Armistice Day program. We were very glad to have with us

for this meeting the High School pupils. We wish to thank the French class for the part they took on the program.—Mildred Liles.

## PRIMARY NEWS

The beginners have been studying about Indians. Some of the things they have learned about Indians are: 1. How they live. 2. How they dress. 3. How they look. 4. How they make tents. 5. How they fight. 6. How they write. The beginners have illustrated what they have learned by drawings, clay and cut work. Some of the boys are building a tent from sticks and cloth. The girls are making Indian hats with feathers and stringing beads from berries. The children have learned poems and songs about Indians.

The beginners have made a play corner in their room. It is made with boxes and planks to make it look like a real play house. Some of the things in the play corner are: picture books, blocks, beads, tooth picks, Tan's house (made by the children) flowers, dolls and oil cloth toys. When the children finish their work they are allowed to play in the play corner. Each child may have a toy or book from home that they like and add to the play corner. The children seem to be interested in their new center of interest.

The beginners are very sorry that Seliah Parrish has to miss so much school on account of illness, and they hope she will soon be able to return.

After looking at a picture the following story was written by the second grade:

## Nell and Yip

Nell has a puppy. His name is Yip. Nell likes to play with him. Yip can do many tricks. Nell is getting Yip ready to go to school. Yip will do his tricks for the boys and girls at school.

The children in Miss DeWar's room enjoyed having Rob Bailey with them Monday. Rob is a nephew of one of our class members, Bill Liles. Bill's mother, Mrs. Ed Liles and sister, Reba, also visited our room.

Hubert Robertson and Maxwell Dickinson are out of school on account of illness. We miss them and hope they will soon be back with us.

The boys have completed the table and bulletin board they were making for our room. We think they are very nice and wish to say thank you boys.

Aurelian Springs School, Nov 11, 1930.

Dear Third Grade:  
We enjoy reading your letters about Japan.

In our room we are studying about animals and we would like for you to

tell us something about the animals you see over there.

Hope the rest of your trip will be pleasant.—Sincerely, Second Grade.

## TRAVELING

We are now on our way to China. We left Japan early Monday morning. This time we are traveling on a great big steamer. It looks like a big hotel. Miss Savage got a man to take us all over the steamer yesterday. We saw a swimming pool and they have moving pictures too. We saw a good picture show yesterday afternoon. When we all got together again and the man left, Miss Savage asked us to write a little story about something we had seen. Charlie Buck Kelly's was the best. His was a story about a comedy. Here it is:

Old Mr. Carelessness  
Once there were two little fairies. One was fairy Carelessness, the other was fairy Careful. One day fairy Carelessness came to play with Tom. Tom wanted to play baseball that day. He did, but he fell down and skinned his nose and skinned his toes. Then fairy Careful felt sorry for Tom and drove old fairy Carelessness away. She has been staying with little Tom every since.—Third Grade.

## SOCIAL NEWS

Misses Odell Sith, Elizabeth Savage and Julia DeWar spent the week-end in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carpenter spent the week-end with Mrs. Carpenter's mother.

Misses Velma Hardy and Jeanette Duncan spent the week-end with Miss Duncan's parents at Dunn, N. C.

Miss Burwell Patterson spent the week-end with her parents in Littleton.

Misses Hunt, Crabtree, Daniel, Jennings, Duncan and Hardy, Messrs Green and Veach and Mr. and Mrs. Matthews attended the teacher's meeting in Raleigh Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Browning of Petersburg, Va., spent Sunday at Aurelian Springs.

Mr. Weeks of Liggett, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Crawley Sunday.

Miss Laura Alice Crawley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawley of Littleton.

Mr. Lorenzo Pittard, a student at University of North Carolina, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pittard.

Misses Hannah and Katherine Heptinstall, Tempie Carter and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Woodlet motored to Raleigh Sunday.

Miss Anna Shaw was home for the week-end.

Mrs. Myles of Philadelphia is spending sometime with relatives at Aurelian Springs.

Mr. B. B. Liles returned to Hopewell, Va., Sunday where he will begin working.

Miss Gaynelle Green, who has been visiting at Aurora returned home on Friday, where she will spend some time with her mother.

Miss Margaret Crabtree spent the week-end with her parents in Durham.

Mr. Claude Mabry of Hollister motored to Greenville Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Satterwhite shopped at Rocky Mount Saturday.

Miss Margaret Brown visited relatives at Hollister this week-end.

Miss Gladys Porter of Hollister spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Mohorn.

Misses Louise Aycock, Elsie Mohorn, Messrs Jessie Robertson, Wilbur Crawley attended the Littleton Fair Thursday evening.

Dr. B. A. Bowers of Gastonia will speak at Bear Swamp Baptist Church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

## Chapel Program

On Nov. 5, the student body met in the auditorium for chapel. The program was put on by the eighth grade and was centered around citizenship. We all arose and sang "America." We had devotionals by Howard Dickens and were led in prayer by Mr. Matthews. The program was then as follows:

1. What is Good? by William Crawley. 2. Three Flowers by J. W. Lewis. 3. Ladies, by Thomas E. Bowers. 4. A simple recipe by Jack Mohorn. 5. One-act play "Carelessness." 6. If the program was then turned over to Mr. Matthews. Several announcements were made and then we were dismissed.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edwards wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Doctor and nurses, their friends and neighbors for the faithful service and many acts of kindness shown them during the illness and death of their baby, Mary Elizabeth Edwards.

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