

State Supervisor Public Instruction Speaks At School

Wm. R. Davie PTA Meets Last Week

The Wm. R. Davie P. T. A. held its regular meeting last week and had as speaker, Miss Julia Wetherington, State Supervisor of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Miss Wetherington chose as her subject "The Public School System in the State of North Carolina."

Points of interest she brought forward were:

The Challenges to the Public School system. Will the public schools survive,—and what shall we do about them? Work carried on by such organizations as P. T. A.s have held the system together. Many study groups have been organized to study the various phases of public education. Parent - Teacher Associations should serve as a means of bringing parents and teachers together to discuss methods most needed for the various problems confronting schools and to make plans for the betterment of each school system. The difficulty confronting this lies in the fact that the parents who most need to be contacted are more than often not reached through the P. T. A.

Studies of this difficulty have been made and a plan devised in a consolidated school system was cited by Miss Wetherington as being a partial remedy. Since most consolidated schools have patrons in various communities, sometimes several miles apart, and the plan was to have, at least once each year, a P. T. A. meeting held in churches of respective communities whereby, sometime during the school year, most of the parents could be reached. In these meetings problems of these

communities could be discussed and careful thought given to each. In every community problems of youth are present. Whether it be juvenile delinquency, careless driving or other problems of the younger people, each community finds these prevalent.

Miss Wetherington made the statement that "we haven't done all the things that we might do in the public schools." She used illustrations of project work that should be carried on in the schools to take care of the special needs of the child as an individual, and the community as a whole. She visualized usefulness of trade learning in schools and the profitable outcomes for the communities.

The two reasons for not having developed these ideas in the schools are that practice lags behind theory, and that public schools lack funds. Funds are only available for routine work. A betterment of this situation can come only through pressures exercised by the P. T. A. on Legislatures.

What has been done for the children in schools may be summed up, she said, as follows:

Teaching respect for vocations, and appreciation of work carried on in the world; teaching boys and girls the power of straight thinking, and instilling in them the value of research in working out their own problems; opening their eyes to beauty; teaching respect for others; and by having a well informed student body.

There are committees working on the 12th year plan which will probably meet challenges. There is an active committee of more than fifty people working on this program. They are making studies of the needs of various communities; how far the money will go, and what the people want. Much time and effort is being

spent by this committee in order that the school systems will be taken care of.

Miss Wetherington closed her very enlightening message by quoting this very appropriate thought:

"If it takes a \$50,000 man to guide a client,

Develop a coal mine, Put a corporation on its feet— What is the teacher worth who helps you take that boy of yours and Guides him, Develops him, Puts him on his feet and makes a man of him?"

The meeting closed with a round table discussion of school problems.

Miss Wetherington's talk was preceded by a program presented by the second year home economics class, featuring a "right and wrong" fashion show. At the close of the meeting, the girls served punch and wafers to those present.

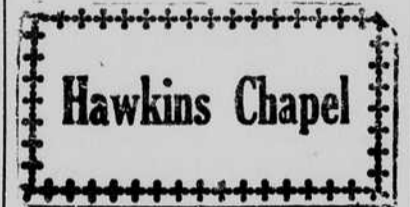
KIWANIS OFFICERS MEET HERE

Divisional organization conferences in nine different places for recently elected officers of 77 Kiwanis Clubs in North and South Carolina have been announced by

District Governor J. Maryon Saunders.

The meetings were announced for Marion, Mooresville, Elkin, Fayetteville, Burlington, Roanoke Rapids, and Florence and Greer, S. C. Approximately 250 officers of local clubs are to participate in the conferences, representing more than 4,000 Kiwanians in the two states.

W. J. Norwood of Roanoke Rapids had scheduled a meeting here at 7:30 o'clock last Monday night in the club room of the new Rosemary Cafe for club officers of Ahsokie, Elizabeth City, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Tarboro and Williamston clubs. Norwood, Lieutenant-Governor of this Kiwanis District, presided at the conference here.



(Crowded out last week)

Mesdames Helen Greene, John Denton and Alice T. Greene were visitors in Littleton Tuesday morning.

Willie Gray Mitchell and children from near Littleton, Winifred Hasty and girl friend from Roanoke Rapids and Eunice Greene from this community visited friends at State Sanatorium Sunday.

Mrs. George Thompson and children, Mrs. Alice Greene, Eunice Greene and Edith Hurst spent Monday with Mrs. Helen Greene.

Mrs. Claude Hawkins visited in the home of Mrs. S. B. Fowler Monday evening.

W. G. and Margaret Anne Mitchell and Betsy Anne Myrick from near Littleton visited G. L., Lynwood and Vivian Thompson Saturday morning.

Eunice Greene spent Saturday night in Roanoke Rapids with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cullom and family. Mrs. Forest Hawkins spent the week-end in Warrenton with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Greene and Eunice Greene went to Littleton Monday night to see the "Crazy Tennesseans", who appeared in person there.

George Thompson and children attended the Health Festival given at Aurelian Springs School.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harris and daughter from near Enfield visited Mrs. Bert Butts Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Elias and daughter from Weldon visited Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pittard Sunday evening.

Zeb and Birdie Hawkins were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hawkins Sunday.

HAWKINS CHAPEL CHURCH Sunday School Sunday a.m. at eleven o'clock.

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