

Narrative History Of North Wilkesboro Parent-Teachers

By MRS. E. G. FINLEY

In the year 1910 the forerunner of the present organization came into existence when the "Woman's Association for the Betterment of the Graded School of North Wilkesboro" was organized on October 21st by Charles D. McIver of Greensboro. This indeed was a fitting name for such an association for our children were then being taught in a rambling, frame building, with sliding partitions between the rooms, inadequate benches, and practically no equipment. From the very first the rules of the organization held that membership should not be restricted to those connected with the school but be extended to anyone, young or old, who was interested in our school and our children. It is also interesting to note that the first year's work laid the foundation for all following years. Its goal was for better sanitation, more beautiful grounds, better equipment, comfort for its teachers and co-operation between school and home. Many changes were made in the name of the association finally adopting in 1915 the name "Woman's Betterment Association of North Wilkesboro" and holding onto that until adopting with the state in 1919 the name of "Congress of Parents and Teachers." But no change has been made in its aims and ambitions to be a real aid to our school in every way possible.

Many changes were also made in the day and time of meeting. Each day of the week from Monday to Friday seems to have been tried,—several times having the old rule of—"the first Monday after the first Sunday"—or some such statement, until our present day of the second Thursday of each month became our permanent date of meeting.

Always a spirit of willingness has marked the association and many fine officers have given of their time and abilities to its leadership. We will record the names only of the presidents with their term of office and the corresponding superintendents:

Mrs. C. D. Coffey, 1910-1911; Mrs. Louis Ulrich, 1911-1913;—Mr. Willis.

Mrs. J. Clinton Smoot, 1913-1916; Mrs. Louis Ulrich, 1916-1917; Mrs. W. P. Horton, 1917-1918;—Mr. Gaston.

Miss Frances Smoot, 1918-1919;—Mr. Willis.

Mrs. J. R. Marlow, 1919-1920; Mrs. F. G. Harper, 1920-1921; Mrs. R. B. Williams, 1921-1922;—Mr. Hurst.

Mrs. J. E. Duncan, 1922-1923; Mrs. J. L. Clements, 1923-1929; Mrs. Sam Cassel, 1930-1931;—Mr. Sisk.

Mrs. Sam Cassel, 1931-1932; Mrs. E. G. Finley, 1932-1934;—Mr. Halfacre.

During the first years of the association great stress was laid on the material needs of the school and until 1919 when we became Parents and Teachers we find no record of an instructive program, the meeting hour being filled with active business. Active business it was indeed with concerts, banquets, book receptions and so on given to raise funds for such things as disinfectants for the school, cleaning women to have the school building in a sanitary condition for opening day (sometimes this cleaning work was done by the members themselves) drop curtain for the stage, improvement of the school ground, Domestic Science equipment and many other useful benefits too numerous to mention. With the introduction of educational programs and great stress being put on the understanding of problems that both parents and teachers were called to face, the material needs of the school have not been neglected. Records still show improvements being made on the school grounds, the equipment with furniture of an attractive room for the teachers. Bookcases and shelves for the library with many sets of volumes and separate books to bring the library up to standard.

Perhaps it would be interesting to list a few of the activities of the finance committee—
1914—A banquet given for the Teachers Protective Association that paid 50 cents a plate and guaranteed 100 plates. \$75 realized. A concert given by the primary grades, realized \$10.00. A baseball game under the North Wilkesboro Athletic Association, \$33.72.
1915—A supper given in the first floor hall of the school building, \$62.30 collected. Apron and Candy sale, \$25.00. Concert, \$26.70.
1917 or 1918—Play, over \$100.00.
Later years—An automobile party, \$65.00. Contest put on by

Spainhour-Sydnor, \$10.00. A Womanless Wedding put on for Book Week and The District School put on to raise the budget.

During the first year 1910-1911, twenty members were enrolled and \$56.95 spent. In 1921 the first membership drive was inaugurated and dues for state and national Association paid from local dues collected. Since 1919 a special collection had been taken to pay the state and national dues as the local dues were discontinued for fear of written to Mrs. Mollie Ginnings keeping members from joining. In 1921 the recommended 25c dues were adopted. In 1927-28 the budget plan was adopted and is still in use. The first budget was for \$150.00. The greatest budget was in 1931-32 when \$213.00 was reached. 1931 also reports 243 paid members the highest record for the association, our present membership being 237. However we have in this year of 33-34 the record of attendance on the monthly meetings for our yearly average is between 75 and 80. We find several records of committees being sent out to invite and urge attendance on the meetings and even of rounding up a few more after the meetings had started so that a quorum might be present. One interesting item tells of a rhyme contest conducted among the students of the high school—the best rhyme announcing P-T. A. meeting to be shown on the movie screen several days before the meetings. It is with great satisfaction that we see today the real and sympathetic interest shown in Parent-Teacher recorded by the attendance on the monthly meetings.

The scholarship medal given today originated in the early years with this association. Medals for attendance, scholarship and improvement were given until this responsibility was taken by the school board and other organizations. Prizes for neat and well kept rooms seem to have given the impetus to the present day attendance prize. A banner was the first attendance award, being passed to the winning grade each month, and used until the present system of giving money was adopted.

Grade Mothers were introduced in 1926 and after many disheartening and unsatisfactory trials have developed into the splendid group functioning today in 1934. The co-operation and understanding between parents and teachers is greatly dependent upon this group. Much work and improvement is still ahead of us along this line.

The social side of Parent-Teacher work has not been neglected. Receptions, picnics, and teas have been given in honor of the returning school faculty in the fall, open house in the two new buildings when opened for use, fathers night, Parent and Childrens night and a high water mark entertaining the District Meeting in 1927 with Mrs. Swift the state president presiding and many fine speakers on the program. A beautiful luncheon was served at Hotel Wilkes.

Among the notable speakers who have addressed our association are the following:
Dr. Livers and Dr. Myers of the University of North Carolina; Dr. Faith Gordon and Mrs. Martin, of Woman's College of the University North Carolina of Greensboro; Mrs. Swift, of Greensboro; Miss Binzel, a noted child psychiatrist; Dr. Right and Dr. Brantly, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Henderson, of Hickory, as well as many of our own local celebrities.

Our present gymnasium was fostered in the thought of those early pioneers. From 1913 on we find them raising funds for a gymnasium. In 1914 a Liberty Bond for the sum of \$500.00 was held by the association for the gymnasium and finally applied

on the arroyo when it was built and used for that purpose by the school.

Nor were the efforts to secure the voting of the supplement in 1933 without precedent for we find the active work of the association; members for both bond issues when the present school buildings were contemplated. Mrs. Smoot tells an interesting anecdote of the first bond issue. The school was then in danger of being closed for two years because of lack of funds and adequate building. The president and ladies of the Betterment Association aroused the school children and teachers and forming a parade marched through main street bearing banners and demanding an adequate building and schooling for our children. Needless to say public opinion was so aroused that the minutes of the following year bear record that the meeting of January 19 was held in the new school building.

Perusal of the old minutes are interesting and delightful. Only the high lights have been recorded here. For further record of Summer Round Up Campaigns, Health Crusades, showers for furniture and pantry for the Teacherage and such and such would fill quite a volume. We find we have a background of fine aspirations, intense, loyalty and untrifling service to our school and its needs. We have gone a long way since the days when it was necessary to wash the school windows and disinfect the buildings and wage fly campaigns in the town but there are still many fields for us to explore and conquer. Mothers are here to interest and educate in the broad understanding of our ideals and high standards for our children, fathers to awaken to the responsibility of preparing a safe and sane community for our young people, teachers to stir to an active and loyal co-operation with our efforts and an ever present need for the giving of our best to the Parent-Teacher work.

Commencement Program City School Monday

(Continued from page one)

and Ruth Ford; maid of honor, Gladys Bryant; crown bearer, Catherine Irvin; may queen, Rebecca Brame; pages, Tommy Eshelman and Jay Johnson, Jr.; gifforian, King Spainhower; prophecy by gypsy, Ruth Tuttle. (The class officers are James Caudill, president; Woodrow Johnson, vice president; Hale Jones, secretary; Mack Reavis, treasurer.

STEFANOFF AND BLACK ARE DENIED APPEAL

(Continued from page one)

finds that after "a searching investigation of the record it leaves us with the impression that it is free from reversible error."
The Supreme court has the Greens' case. Recently the governor gave them a respite to allow them to carry their case before the high court. Their execution in the nature of things will be stayed by this move. The defense hopes to show that the Greens did no killing and in the alleged conspiracy opposed the killing. In fact, the defense will claim that the shooting was farthest from the conspiracy.

ATTEND CONVENTION FUNERAL DIRECTORS

W. K. Sturdivant and Claude Canter, of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home attended the state convention of funeral directors in Fayetteville Tuesday and Wednesday. The convention was in session three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and today.

Dr. Scholl's Personal Representative at Belk's

A personal representative of Dr. Scholl's, famous foot specialist, will be at Belk's Department Store here Monday for the purpose of giving advice to all people who have foot trouble or who have feet that are ordinarily hard to fit. His services will be free to all Belk's customers.

Aged Lady Died Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchison Passed Away At Home Near City; Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hutchison, aged and respected resident of North Wilkesboro route 1, died Tuesday morning at 12:30. She was 84 years, one month and 17 days of age.

Mrs. Hutchison had been ill for several days but her condition was not regarded as serious until the afternoon preceding her death.

She was a daughter of the late Noah and Sallie Stout Snyder and the wife of the late J. F. Hutchison. She leaves the following children: Miss L. H. Hutchison, T. T. Hutchison, North Wilkesboro route 2; Mrs. P. H. Whittington, Wilbar; E. M. Hutchison, North Wilkesboro route 1; and Miss Victoria Hutchison, North Wilkesboro route 2. Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Adam Snyder, Reddies River; N. G. Snyder, Millers Creek; Mrs. A. G. Whittington, Reddies River; Mrs. Talton Miller, Glendale Springs.

The funeral service was held yesterday at the old Fairplains church at 11 o'clock. Elder Shade Caudill, of Statesville, was in charge of the service, being assisted by ministers of the community.

Chevrolet Plans For World's Fair

Installation of equipment for the assembly of Chevrolet automobiles in the General Motors Building at the 1934 "Century of Progress International Exposition," Chicago, has already been started by the Chevrolet Motor Company, M. E. Coyle, president and general manager, announced today.

Complete installation will be effected well in advance of the scheduled re-opening of the 1934 World's Fair on May 26, Mr. Coyle said, assuring early visitors that they will be able to see an automobile built up from the bare frame to the completed car, from the opening till the closing day of the exposition.

Machinery is identical with that used in Chevrolet's nine other assembly plants, with the exception of overhead conveyors. The latter have been replaced by floor type conveyors to bring parts to the proper stations along the line. This slight change in factory procedure provides visibility for the thousands who will watch the assembly each day. Machines will again be finished in silver with black trim, and will be manned by approximately 200 workers in white uniforms.

A balcony seven feet above the assembly line and erected in circular form so that the maximum number of visitors may walk completely around the line and watch every operation in the building of a typically modern automobile, has been provided, Mr. Coyle said.

LOCAL HIGH NINE BEATS WILKESBORO

North Wilkesboro high school baseball team completely overshadowed Wilkesboro's team Wednesday to win by a wide margin. This was the last game for both of the schools. The local school has played six games, winning two and losing four.

Reduce Liquor Taxes

Washington, May 1.—Congressional leaders tonight said they were prepared to reduce federal liquor taxes if President Roosevelt desires such action in the administration's war on bootleggers. Disclosures by Federal Alcoholic Control Administrator Joseph C. Choate of the extent to which the bootlegging industry still flourishes have brought new congressional attention to the problem of combating the illicit traffic. Chairman Robert L. Doughton of the House ways and means committee, told the United Press he would confer with President Roosevelt soon on the liquor tax situation.

No More Hand-Outs

By Albert T. Reid



Eight Win In Indian Contest

Winners May Get Free Ticket To Theatre By Calling At Journal-Patriot

There were eight school children who selected the tribes to which the Indian chief photos published in Monday's Journal-Patriot belonged. The winners are Onie Blackburn, Harley Douglas Harris, Wilkesboro; Robert Settle, Wilkesboro; Russell McLain, Wilkesboro; Sam Smoak, Wilkesboro; Warren Craven, Pores Knob; James Hemphill, Wilkesboro; Vaughn Brock, Pores Knob.

The winners published above may get a free ticket to see Saturday's show at the Liberty Theatre by calling at The Journal-Patriot office.

Leg Broken When Hit By Automobile

Joe Staley, youth of the Reddies River community, sustained a broken leg when hit by an automobile in this city yesterday morning. Mr. Staley stepped from the sidewalk into the street just as an approaching car struck him to the pavement. He is a patient at the hospital here.

May Return Child

Tucson, Ariz., May 1.—The return of June Robles, kidnapped six-year-old heiress, was awaited hopefully tonight as her family prepared to turn over \$15,000 ransom to her abductors. Although the family, reliably informed June is being held captive either in Tucson or somewhere close by, the pay-off will be made in Mexico at a rendezvous in the vicinity of Santa Ana, Sonora.

Mail Robber Taken

Chicago, April 27.—A Chicago patrolman walking his beat yesterday captured Ludwig (Dutch) Schmidt, one-time associate of the notorious Gerald Chapman, and made the law's score against the Touhy gang, 6 to 2, Schmidt, 37-year-old bank bandit, was wanted for the Touhy gang's last big crime—the \$70,000 kidnaping of John (Jack the Barber) Factor, international speculator. He also is wanted for a \$105,000 mail robbery at Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Frances Pearson, daughter of Mrs. C. S. Pearson, of Moravian Falls, underwent a tonsil operation yesterday at Wilkes Hospital.

Relief For Cities

Washington, May 1.—Relief for thousands of debt-ridden cities and towns was in sight tonight with Senate passage of a bill permitting them to scale down their obligations in agreement with creditors.

The bill was passed by the House last year, but was held up by the Senate until the administration exerted pressure which brought its adoption today by 25 to 28. The Senate made provisions of the measure more strict, so it will have to go to conference with the House. Speedy agreement on final terms is expected.

Agents for the Famous Gibson Musical Instruments—Banjos, Guitars—all grades.—Rhodes-Day Furniture Co., 9th Street, North Wilkesboro.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

I have filed with the county board of elections and am a candidate for the Republican nomination for register of deeds. If nominated and elected I will try in an honorable and efficient way to perform the duties of office. I will greatly appreciate your vote on June 2. Sincerely yours, M. F. BUMGARDNER. 5-3-34

CARDUI FOR WOMEN

"Now I'm the Picture of Health," Says Lady After Taking Cardui

Here is how Cardui helped an Alabama lady. . . . "I suffered from pains in my back and sides," writes Mrs. A. G. Gray, of Cusseta, Ala. "I was so thin and weak, I read of Cardui and decided to take it. I noticed at once it was helping me. I kept taking Cardui until I had finished five bottles. I gained. My health was much better. Now I am the picture of health. My color is good and my weight increased." . . . Thousands of women testify Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE OR RENT—Second-hand Typewriter. Goodwill Department Store. 5-3-34

FOR SALE—A small farm with good six room bungalow, located near Nathans Creek High School. See or write W. G. Little, Jefferson, N. C. 5-7-21-pd.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Well located house suitable for rooming or boarding house. . . . 15 rooms, steam heated. . . . Just 2 blocks off Main Street. . . . For particulars call Journal-Patriot office. 4-25-34

FOR THE UNEXPECTED Guest keep PART-PAK Ginger Ale in your refrigerator. 10c plus 5c deposit on this quart bottle. At Cafes, Drug Stores, Grocers. 5-10-34

BARGAINS IN FELT BASE Floor Coverings—9 x 12, full room size, \$4.95; smaller sizes in proportion; 100 rugs to go at special prices. A full selection of new patterns. Buy your rugs now at Gray Bros., Wilkesboro, N. C. 5-3-34

LOST—In North Wilkesboro on way to Elkin two or three weeks ago, a pair of pink gold rimmed glasses carrying name of George E. Blauer, optometrist, Hickory, N. C. Owners name not on case. Return to Sara Ismay McCracken, Elkin, N. C. 5-3-21-pd

SALESMAN WANTED—Have opening now for reliable salesman age 25 to 50 years to take care of demand for Rawleigh Household products in East Central Wilkes, North Iredell, Yadkin counties. Good profit for hustlers. We furnish everything but the car to start you. Rawleigh Co., Dept. NC-14-C, Richmond, Va. 5-3-17-31-pd

Williams Auto & Radiator Shop
Phone 131—North Wilkesboro.
Radiator Repairing, Body Building, Motor Blocks Reborn, Extensions Welded in Truck Frames, General Repair Work a Specialty.
T. H. WILLIAMS, Owner.

MR. BROAD OF WALL STREET



By Charles McManus