

History Ferguson
P.-T. A. Given

The Ferguson Parent-Teacher Association was organized in November 1935. Mr. M. C. Dixon was principal of the school. Mr. W. A. Proffit was elected first president of the P.-T. A., and he held that office for two years. Those early years of the P.-T. A. were trying ones. The old school

building had burned down, and the present one completed in February 1934. Securing curtains for the stage was one of the first projects of the P.-T. A., then a piano was purchased, electric light fixtures were installed in some of the classrooms by the Duke Power Company, and some books were purchased and added to the library.

In 1936 Mr. G. E. Tester became principal of the school. In 1937 Mr. T. W. Ferguson was elected president of the P.-T. A. Shrubbery was set around the school building and a cable was put around to protect the shrubbery. In that year the lunch program was organized, with Mrs. Walter Davis head cook. The price of each lunch was .05 cents. In 1938 Mrs. S. F. Miller was elected president of the P. T. A. An Encyclopedia was purchased for the school, and improvements were made on the school ground. In 1939 Mrs. T. W. Ferguson was elected president of the P.-T. A., additional shrubbery was set out and a cement walk was com-

pleted. In 1940 Mr. S. P. Miller was elected president of the P.-T. A. Laboratory equipment was purchased for courses in Biology and Chemistry. Improvements on the driveways were made, and a flag pole erected. In that year Mr. D. C. Redmond became principal, serving until Christmas, then Mr. Mack O. Proffit became principal and served until 1944. During the school year 1940 and 1941 a basement for storing food was started, and gutting was put up around the school building. In 1941 Mr. S. F. Miller was unanimously re-elected president of the P.-T. A., with Mrs. T. W. Ferguson vice president. In that year the school had the largest school garden in Wilkes county. A canning program headed by Mrs. Eva McNeill canned 1800 quarts of foods, 135 bushels of beans were grown.

In 1942 Mr. L. F. Walsh was elected president of the P.-T. A. and Mr. E. R. Settle was elected vice president. It was in that year that the P.-T. A. began planning sanitary toilets. A kitchen sink was installed. The P.-T. A. had dreamed about a playground, finally in 1942 5.2 acres of land was purchased from Mr. Roby Bishop to enlarge the playground to what it now is.

In 1943 Mr. L. F. Walsh was re-elected president of the P.-T. A. and Mrs. S. F. Miller vice president. Seats were secured for the auditorium, and a filing cabinet purchased for the office. In 1944 Mr. L. C. Hollar became principal and Mr. G. G. Hayes was elected president of the P.-T. A. The basement was completed with brick furnished by Mr. Mitch Shepherd. A large Majestic Cooking Unit was purchased and installed in March 1946. 100 soup bowls, plates, cups and saucers were purchased. Two hogs were butchered and stored in the freezer locker at Statesville by Mr. Hollar for later use in the school lunch room.

In 1946 Mr. D. C. Redmond became principal. Mr. C. E. Johnson was elected president of the P.-T. A. The price of the school lunch was raised to .15 cents that year. 180 compartment plates, 10 or 12 dozen forks and spoons, some pots, pans and other cooking utensils were purchased. November 15, 1946 the Home Demonstration club gave \$25.00 to start a fund to build a gymnasium. "A Gym Club" was organized with Mr. Mitch Shepherd president and Mr. L. F. Walsh secretary and treasurer. Something over \$2,000.00 is now in this fund. By March 18, 1947 a 100 foot well drilled by R. E. Faw and Sons had been completed, and a modern water system installed. Two typewriters were purchased. It was announced that year that the school had been made a four year high school. A large refrigerator was purchased for the lunch room that year.

In 1947 Mr. M. R. Ingram be-

came principal. Mr. C. E. Johnson was re-elected president of the P.-T. A. A central heating system and indoor toilets were installed in 1947-48. Two new classrooms were added and a kitchen built. The kitchen was paid for by the P.-T. A. Light fixtures were installed in the other rooms, so that now all rooms are lighted.

In 1948 Mr. M. A. Cowles became principal and Mr. C. G. Williams was elected president of the P.-T. A. with Mr. L. F. Walsh, secretary and treasurer. Improvements have been made on the school ground including posts set along facing the road to protect the newly set rose bushes and shrubbery. The outdoor toilets have been removed and the ground leveled with a bulldozer. Cinders have been placed on the grounds to keep the mud down near the bus parkings. A motion was made and carried to sow grass on the school lawn. A number of supplementary readers have been added, and eleven full length mirrors have been added. Bars have been placed over the lunch room windows. \$137.00 worth of Wear Ever Cooking Utensils have been added to the lunch room, also tables and shelves have been covered with linoleum. A cot and linen have been donated by P.-T. A. members for First Aid equipment. 28 blackout shades have been installed over the windows in the auditorium, so that a movie may be shown at any time. The same officers have been re-elected by acclamation for the school year 1949-50. The total membership of the Ferguson P.-T. A. to date is 52 members.—Reported by Ben S. Johnson, chairman publicity committee.

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