

# What The Parent-Teacher Associations Are Doing

By MRS. HENRY ATKIN

The City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of electing officers for the year and perfecting plans for the State convention which meets in Asheville, November 8-9-10.

Mrs. W. J. Harris was made President, succeeding the efficient Mrs. Curtis Bynum. Mrs. Guyan Lichtenfels, Vice-President; Mrs. Paul P. Brown, Secretary; and Mrs. P. U. Johnson, Treasurer.

Mrs. Harris made a brief talk stating that she appreciated the honor as well as the hard work bestowed upon her; that she was a very busy woman but that she asked the co-operation of every woman in Asheville, because the central figure in the school child is the parent-teacher. The aim of the Association is to bring about a hearty co-operation between the home and school and parent and teacher.

Mrs. Harris wanted every Parent-Teacher body in Asheville to adopt this slogan: "Watch the Parent-Teacher Association of Asheville Grow."

Miss Mary Leiper, kindergarten teacher, made an appeal to the mothers to help scatter propaganda over the State concerning kindergartens. She stated that Asheville has the distinction of being the only city in the State having a public kindergarten. There are 16 classes, Miss Julia Wade Abbott, of Washington, specialist on kindergarten work, has been asked to attend the convention here in November and give an address.

Mrs. Curtis Bynum was made an honorary member of the City Council. She was presented with a huge bunch of white chrysanthemums from the Council by Mrs. D. T. Shelton. Mrs. Bynum also gave a comprehensive resume of the work of the Association for the past three years and a view of the future.

A letter was read from Mrs. G. Lichtenfels, who was ill and unable to attend, thanking the Council for flowers previously sent.

The City Council meets the fourth Tuesday in every month at the Y. M. C. A. building. All officers of the various Parent-Teacher bodies are expected to attend and Mrs. Harris announced that any woman who is interested and who wants to come, to come.

The following were appointed by the City Council to serve during the State convention to be held November 8-9-10 here.

Auto committee: Mrs. J. P. Coston, Chairman; Mrs. J. D. Earle, Mrs. Wallace.

Registration, with headquarters at the Battery Park Hotel: Mrs. P. U. Johnson.

Reception: Presidents of the local Associations with Mrs. D. T. Shelton as Chairman.

Music: Mrs. Paul P. Brown, Miss McClain.

Luncheon: Mrs. L. B. Rogers, Chairman; Mrs. Ed. White, Mrs. H. L. Morris.

General Chairman: Mrs. Curtis Bynum.

Mrs. Bynum Reviews and Forecasts Labors.

In the course of her address, after a resume of the work of the City Council achieved during the last three years, which would be an inspiration to any band of people organized to accomplish certain ends with little to support them, either in public opinion or money, Mrs. Bynum led up to the approaching Parent-Teacher Association convention, saying:

"Our invitation has been accepted and our visitors will be here November 8-9-10. The headquarters will be at Battery Park Hotel and with these delightful surroundings we hope to make this year's convention the most successful in the State's history of Parent-Teacher work."

"Now as to our future. We have just begun our work and there are many years ahead of us to accomplish all the big things we have been planning and thinking of in the last three years. There has never been a more harmonious working body than our executive committee. It has been representative of every district in Asheville and each district has had an equal share in the discussions unless the representatives of some school were absent."

"The question which has been asked so many times may well be answered here: Is it fair to have those few women in the

Executive Committee make all our plans and might it not be open to anyone who would like to talk it over and make suggestions? In the first place, you must remember that the real and most important work of the federation is done in the individual Associations. The Executive Committee is small and representative for the purpose of handling routine business efficiently just as any other committee is interested in the monthly meetings, regularity of attendance and a willingness to co-operate with the other Associations. In the first place, the only committee we have never missed a meeting. If those requisites are lived up to your school will get the greatest possible good from the committee meetings.

**Same Goal Will Not Always Run Things.**

"The plan for making Tuesday our Parent-Teacher day has worked out successfully with only a few confusions on the fourth Tuesday in every month is reserved for the executive session. In the years to come the personnel of the committee will be completely changed. This gives a work in opportunity to those who desire to know the inside machinery of the Council. Sooner or later all the best workers in each Association will be in turn members of the Executive Committee. So you see it will not always be the same group of women running things but your best representatives for that particular kind of work."

"Parent-teacher work is essentially a work of service. There is nothing to be gained from it except the satisfaction of helping a fellow citizen to a better world in which to live. It takes hard, unselfish labor to take care of children and make things comfortable and safe for them. Phillips Brooks says: 'He who helps the child helps humanity with a directness, with an immediateness which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of human life can possibly give.' Being outsiders, parent-teacher work is not always popular. The chief criticism is that parents interfere with the teaching and make it their business to tend to that part of the school business which is outside their province. Of course, this is our great danger and has always been called the menace of parent-teacher work; that is, to meddle instead of co-operate. The degree to which this is true differs as the nature of the individual associations differ, but if we keep constantly in mind the slogan which Asheville adopted early in its organization, i. e., 'If you have a criticism to offer, make it helpful and constructive, we can accept it as a gift.' As the children grow up and leave the school, the parents naturally leave the association. It is therefore important that new leaders be developed all the time and a large number be always prepared to fill the responsible positions vacant by the graduating mothers. It is not necessary to leave the work, but many do. Some of our most prominent workers are unmarried or without children. Mrs. Higgins, however, our national president, has 13 grandchildren. (This remark brought laughter.)

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**RALEIGH, Oct. 14.**—A unique organization, whose members are restricted to daughter, granddaughters and great granddaughters of girls who once attended the institution, exists at Saint Mary's School in this city.

One of the oldest institutions for girls in the South and the largest Episcopal Church School in the United States, Saint Mary's is renowned for its proud traditions and atmosphere of the "Old South."

One of the traditions at Saint Mary's is that every girl who comes under its influence one day sends her daughter to the old school which so endeared itself to her.

So out of the succeeding generations of the same families who attend Saint Mary's has grown the Granddaughters' Club, whose list of members reads like a roster of the oldest and most prominent families of the South.

The granddaughters love to dress up in the pretty ruffled frocks of their great grandmothers or the called dresses of their grandmothers and be photographed with them.

Miss Katie, a dear little old lady who has spent fifty years at Saint Mary's, first as a pupil, then as a teacher, and finally as special supervisor.

The "great granddaughters" at Saint Mary's are descendants of the "original thirteen" Mary's, included in quaint little bonnets and queer little shawls—made the journey to Saint Mary's by stage coach to enter the School in 1842 when

it was opened by the Rev. Albert Smiles.

Many of the old families of the South have had several representatives in the Saint Mary's Granddaughters' Club. Several of these present granddaughters have been descendants of Governor Manly of North Carolina who sent his five daughters, Cora, Helen, Sophie, Ida and Julia to Saint Mary's. Their daughters and granddaughters have followed them to the famous old school.

The family of Bishop Greer, of Texas, has sent two generations to Saint Mary's and that of Chief Justice Ruffin of North Carolina has sent two generations to the club, one of them, Mary Bagley Ross, being a student this year.

The de Rosset family of Fayetteville, has sent several generations of girls to Saint Mary's, the last representative being Jane MacMillan of Wilmington, who is a great granddaughter of Jane Cannon, one of the first students at the school.

Adelaide Boyston, of Raleigh, also is a great granddaughter of one of the "original thirteen," Mrs. William Boylan, of Raleigh.

Especially distinguished in the club are girls who are great, great granddaughters on both sides. Two of these are Isabel Jones of Raleigh and Edna Jones Nixon of Hertford, both their maternal and paternal great grandmothers having been Saint Mary's girls.

Other great granddaughters who are members of the club are Lucy Kimball of Henderson, and Mary Dale of Jackson, Mississippi.

gave a reading, both of which were greatly enjoyed.

**ORANGE STREET BODY WILL MEET TUESDAY AT 3 P. M.**

Orange Street Parent-Teacher body will hold its monthly meeting, Tuesday afternoon, October 17, 3 o'clock at the school. Much business is to come before the body and a large attendance is expected.

**MRS. TATE, PRESIDENT AT MURRAY SCHOOL THIS YEAR**

At a call meeting of the Murray School Parent-Teacher Association held Monday afternoon, October 9, officers for the ensuing year including Mrs. A. A. Tate, president; while the association discussed the matter of adding books to the library.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Tate, president; Mrs. J. E. Ballinger, vice-president; Mrs. L. H. White, treasurer; Miss Mary Kimberly, secretary.

On nomination by the nominating committee, the names were submitted to the assembly and all officers were elected by acclamation.

Many reports were expressed over the fact that Mrs. J. N. Hoyt, retiring president, had moved into another district, but it was hoped that her interest in Murray school would be sufficiently strong to bring her back to future meetings. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Hoyt for her efficient services and unflagging interest in the work.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arrowood, of Leicester, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson of this place last week end.

Miss Maedell Hardin, of Canton passed through town Friday en route to Asheville.

Miss Beatrice Sams has returned back to Saywood institute at Clyde. After spending a few days with her parents at this place.

Mrs. J. D. Jackson, and daughter, Carrie, are spending a few days at Canton.

Miss Lois Cole has returned to this place after visiting relatives and friends on Pole Creek.

Percy Brooks made a hurried trip to Asheville last Saturday.

Welfare Officer A. W. Bymer, of Asheville was in town last week.

Mr. John Austin, of Leicester, passed through town Saturday.

Mr. Gustin Sams of Asheville visited friends and relatives at this place last week.

Among a party who motored to Waynesville Friday evening was Misses Berle Moody and Madin Eatherford.

Miss Estelle Wright, who is teaching at Morgan Hill, spent last week at this place.

Mrs. Lee, of Acton, passed through Candler Saturday morning.

Mr. Glen Howell, was in town on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Winchester, of this place have returned after a short visit to Bulls Run, Tenn.

Mr. Luther Barbers is erecting a

### Registration Books Will Remain Open Two More Saturdays

All who did not register for the Spring primaries must register again. The books will be open for two more Saturdays. Many who registered to vote in the bond election are under the impression that they are registered for the Fall elections. That registration does not count. Those who have not registered for either time must get their names on the books if they wish to vote. This is most important. Let all voters take heed.

### D'ANNUNZIO FORCES FIGHT ZANELLA MEN

LONDON, Oct. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—Fighting has broken out between the d'annunzio legionnaires and the Zanella forces in Fiume, says a Rome message to the Central News today. An Ancona message states that Italian destroyers have been dispatched to prevent the departure of fascist forces from Zara for Fiume.

### RECEPTION AT MONTFORD IS ARRANGED FOR TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the Montford Avenue School a reception will be tendered by the Parent-Teacher Association to the parents and faculty of the school. This is the feature of a get-together meeting, and the fathers of the school are especially invited to attend.

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### WEST ASHEVILLE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS THURSDAY

The regular monthly meeting of West Asheville School will be held Thursday afternoon, October 19, at 3 o'clock. This will be a business meeting and it is asked that all mothers who can attend do so. The new officers installed for the coming year are: Mrs. W. E. Logan, president; Mrs. W. C. Brownson, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Anderson, secretary; Mrs. J. R. Law, treasurer.

### RECEPTION IS TENDERED WEST ASHEVILLE PATRONS

On Thursday evening, October 12, the Parent-Teacher Association of West Asheville School tendered a reception to the teachers and patrons of the school. The occasion for the school was decorated in cut flowers, potted plants and Autumn leaves in profusion. Music was furnished throughout the entire evening by Misses Mattie Bell and Willie Jones, who tendered duets, while Misses Annie Merrill and Irene Logan sang "Dawn of the Morning," with "Columbus" for an encore.

Dr. John B. Caffee, of the Presbyterian Normal, was the speaker for the evening. He spoke largely to the parents, stating that the education of the child consisted not merely in learning out of the books, but in arousing the child's imagination and in this way, teach his ambition. Dr. Caffee stated that every boy wants to be a man, and if parents and teachers will only give him the right conception of manhood and show him the upward road and climb in spite of obstacles. "I have seen boys who are not today, but because of the deep faith and being prayers of a previous mother, Dr. Caffee's address will not be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to hear him, and those who know him best say that he never made a better speech."

W. H. Anderson, the new principal of the school, was introduced to the audience and in a few words, expressed his view of the task which confronts those who would train the youth of today. He stated that if parents and teachers would interest themselves in worthwhile results, they must join hands and control the influence of the street as well as those of the home and school.

At the close of the evening, the gathering adjourned to the lunch room, which was artistically decorated with beautiful flowers and here with beautiful music and show the school mirrored in an informal way, glad to have the community of parents, teachers and friends. The meeting was more than a mere courtesy, it was a most interesting and pleasant occasion when the fathers and friends forgot the stern tasks of life and caught a vision of something bigger and richer and infinitely better than the more material things of life.

Among the guests present numbered Mrs. D. T. Shelton, president Montford School; Mrs. J. H. Rogers, president of the Piedmont Bureau; Mrs. C. T. Hodges, Mrs. Bateman and Mrs. Curtis Bynum of the city council; Messrs. Claude Hill, Anderson, Orr, Rickman, Bell and Morgan were on the receiving committee; Messrs. Van Valkenberg, L. E. Atkins, W. R. Reynolds and J. E. Atkins presided at the punch bowls, while the decorations were in charge of Messrs. G. C. Green and G. C. Morgan.

### PARENTS AND TEACHERS ARE URGED TO CO-OPERATE

Asheville High Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, October 10. F. H. Bryan, general manager of the Piedmont Bureau gave a most interesting talk on the program course which is being given here under the auspices of this association. Mrs. J. E. Ashcraft, vice-president, urged that the parents co-operate with the teachers and pointed out that with this co-operation between the home and school much good could be accomplished. Plans for increasing the membership were discussed.

Mrs. W. R. Harris added that all members of this body attend the State convention of parent teachers 8-9-10.

Miss Nell Hampton tendered two piano solos, while Miss Bertie

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