

Wakelon P-TA Hears Discussion of Child Delinquency Problem

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ed, do not realize the principal of cause and effect in raising boys and that the thing do do is to stimulate them; don't leave them to nature.

"There is no such thing as a delinquent boy or girl," said Chief of Police Willie B. Hopkins, the third speaker. "There are just delinquent parents." In his speech and his talk during the open forum Willie B. emphasized that in all his experience with children afoul the law, the trouble could be traced to parent's carelessness with their children.

"Parents," he said, "can not send their children off to the movies to get them out of the way without undesirable results. The small number of parents present at the Parent-Teacher meetings indicated that parents themselves do not realize the responsibility of having children." He concluded by observing that many parents mean to leave it all up to school authorities to raise their children.

In the devotional service, Rev. Paul Carruth of th Zebulon Methodist Church brought out the fact that Jesus' parents had to take time to see about Him on occasion.

Principal Fred Smith of Wakelon School spoke first in the open forum period. He told of the appalling sex consciousness of even very young children at Wakelon, the worst problem of the sort he has encountered in any school. He and his teachers are handicapped, he continued, by their reluctance to approach parents in individual cases, since parents in such cases could not accept the facts that their own children can be guilty of these things.

He spoke of the evils of the theatres, telling how boys and girls take advantage of the theatres to carry on promiscuously. He wondered if parents knew about this.

Mrs. Maylon Temple responded

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to Mr. Smith, saying that she for one would always welcome an opportunity to confer with the school people in such matters regarding her children. She substantiated the statement regarding the deplorable conduct in the motion picture theatres.

Mr. Carruth rose to say that he hoped that a clinic or conference might be arranged by local people without outside trained consultants. This could be sponsored by the churches or the P.-T. A.

The spirited discussion which took place indicated a sincere desire on the part of members of the P.-T. A. to remedy the touchy situation in the community. The increasing interest in the meetings contrasts with the meager attendance and lack of participation in past years.

Mrs. Jack Mitchell, president of the group, stated that the March meeting of the group would be a study course on the subject of parent-children relationship led by trained speakers of that field. The meeting for March will include both an afternoon and evening session.

The attendance awards were won by Mrs. Page's primary grade, Mrs. Martin's grammar grade, and Mrs. Frank's class in the high school.

Mrs. A. S. Draughan, chairman of the finance committee, reported that \$350.00 had been turned over to Mr. Smith to purchase labora-

tory supplies for the school. An amateur program is planned to raise additional funds for P.-T. A. projects. It will be presented in February.

Hostess at Bridge

Mrs. Armstrong Cannady was a recent hostess when she entertained members of the Friendly Nine bridge club and other guests at her home in Zebulon. Early Spring flowers were used throughout the home.

When scores were tallied, awards for high and low were presented to Mrs. Wallace Chamblee and Mrs. Wilson Braswell. Mrs. Ralph House of Selma, Ala. was presented a gift.

The hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. F. E. Bunn, served a dessert course with coffee.

Guests included: Mesdames Ralph House, Wilson Braswell, Wallace Chamblee, Norman Screws, Wallace Temple, Raleigh Alford, H. C. Wade and Misses Jocelyn House and Ruby Dawson.

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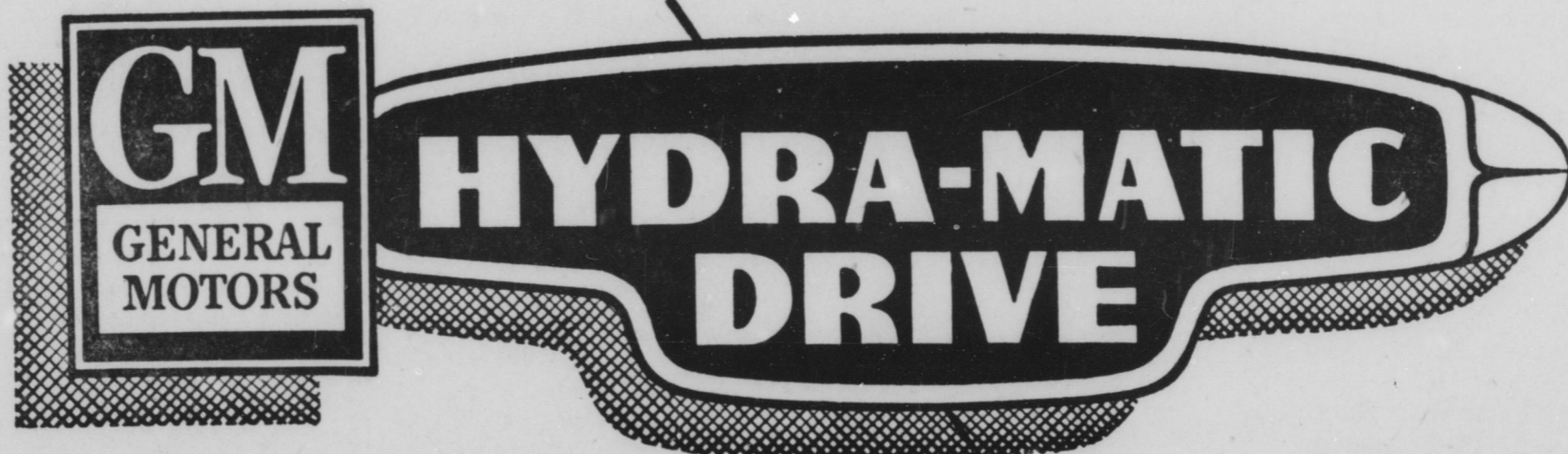
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