

# Local Schools Serve Community In Many Ways

There are many ways our schools serve the community. Some of the many services rendered are:

1. Protect the general health of the community by observing the rules of sanitation and keeping drinking fountains and toilets in sanitary condition, making careful disposal of garbage, seeing that children keep themselves clean.
2. Having all children examined for health defects and advising parents concerning the health needs of their children.
3. Teach health practice through teaching children what to eat. The school cafeteria provides good food and the teachers see that the children select well balanced lunches.
4. Cooperates with local organizations of young children.
5. Protect children by keeping them in school and preventing truancy which leads to crime.
6. Cooperate with the civic and other organizations such as Parent-Teacher Association, Red Cross, Welfare Department, Churches, Boy Scout Movement, City, County, and State Government.
7. Protects parents from undue expense by supplying supplementary books and supplies through a rental system at low cost which, if bought outright for each child, would be many times the fee charged; provide wholesome, hot lunches for less than lunches prepared at home.
8. Furnish music for the community on important occasions.
9. Furnish entertainment at Civic meetings.
10. Render very important advertising for the town.
11. Take care of large amount of charity work.
12. Offer employment to many through the WPA, NYA, and other Government supported programs.
13. Furnish many trained office workers. (Many of the office workers in the community have received all their business training in the high school Commercial Department.)
14. Offer program of adult education through the George Dean Home Economics teacher who not only works with the girls and boys in class, but with them in their homes as well.
15. Help build community morale.

16. Offer rooms for the program of adult education.
17. Furnish meeting place for community activities.

## East School P. T. A.

The P. T. A. of the East School is an organization that the whole town should be proud of. It has always stood for the progress and advancement of the school, cooperating with the school in every way possible. Since its organization this year the P. T. A. has chosen a definite project for each school year. At the beginning of its history, it equipped the East School Auditorium with a piano and with one of the most

Other outstanding things it has done is to beautify the school ground by planting shrubbery, to give playground equipment, and to help supplement the school library. For the past few years, it has centered its interest on supporting a lunch room so that the children have been able to have hot lunches and the undernourished children could be given free lunches. This year, the P. T. A. has chosen for its special project the improvement of the East School playground. This is a most needy and worthy cause. The P. T. A. is working hard toward its goal, but is unable to go forward until the town has completed its work of paving the streets approaching the grounds. The P. T. A. is to be commended upon its good motives and its excellent work.

At the beginning of this school year, the P. T. A. delightfully entertained the East School faculty and the school board at an informal tea.

This organization is ably headed by Mrs. Boyd Putnam, as president, and Mrs. H. C. Wilson, as vice president. The parents and teachers cooperate and the attendance at the meetings is good. The P. T. A. of East School is ever going forward.

John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States, who was elected to office by the House of Representatives, served in the House of Representatives for 17 years after completing his term in the White House.

## History Of West School P. T. A.

West School P. T. A. was organized in the fall of 1932 under the leadership of Mrs. E. W. Griffin. During her term of presidency the school grounds were beautified with shrubbery and grass.

Mrs. P. G. Ratterree was the next president. During the two years she was president the stage to the auditorium was widened and a temporary curtain hung.

The next president was Mrs. N. F. McGill. Under her leadership a lunch room was opened, and equipped by the organization.

In 1937 our organization affiliated with the State and National P. T. A.

The president for the past year was Mrs. C. T. Carpenter.

During the year we cooperated with East School in sponsoring a W. P. A. Garden, the food to be divided between the two schools, to be used in the lunch room.

The present president is Mrs. I. Hatterree.

Our plans for the year are to complete the stage equipment.

We have cooperated with the Welfare Department in keeping children clothed.

Much interest has been shown in our meetings, our attendance has been average, and our programs interesting. —Reported.

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