

**PARENT-TEACHERS' COLUMN**

This department is an open Forum for the discussion of problems of the school and the home, and is under the direction of the Ontario Parent-Teachers' association. Your ideas are welcome. Kindly leave written articles at the Argus office before Tuesday of each week.

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Nysaa, Oregon, February 3, 1919. The Argus, Care of P. T. A.

I was very glad indeed to read in the Argus of January 29 an article written by "A Patron", full of good suggestions, the last one being that an educational meeting of some sort, one that would reach a little further and deeper, than the usual ones for the purpose. The organization that will meet all the requirements, "Patron", held in mind, is a County Council of P. T. A. Our county would have had one organized ere this, but the flu interfered. We have many P. T. A. circles in Malheur Co., and three entitles us to a "Council". I talked with your P. T. A. President early last fall. She believes a Council will be very helpful.

This having a column in your paper is an excellent idea and will bring good.

I believe the Vale, Nysaa and Ontario Circles should form a "Council" to meet on Ontario, making it convenient for Vale and Nysaa patrons.

MRS. T. M. LOWE,  
State Vice President, P. T. A.

**CHILDREN BELIEVE THAT GROUNDS NEED IMPROVEMENT**

The following essays on "What we can do to improve the School Yard", were written by Eighth Grade

pupils, and submitted to the Parent-Teachers' association. Others will be printed next week:

**Improvements Needed on the School Ground.**

Unattractive school grounds are like unattractive homes. They cause a nonchalant feeling in the children. That is the reason a great many parents of Ontario have trouble in compelling their children to attend school.

There is nothing to amuse the children during their intermissions. Only one place to play basket ball, and that being the only game provided for, when one grade plays the other must stand aside and look on.

If there were a lawn and trees on the front part of the yard it would give those a chance, who did not want to enter the sports, to be in the shade instead of the boiling sun.

Then, too, there is nothing to develop strength of body, and what good is a big mind if one hasn't a strong body to go with it?

If there were apparatus of fixtures for games that would develop muscle and alertness it would interest the children and make them healthier and stronger.

When a child has nothing to do at recess but walk up and down the sidewalk and wear his shoe softs out, he develops a drowsy, sleepy feeling when he gets back to his work.

I think it is the duty of every person of Ontario to see to it that the school grounds are fixed up and exercises are provided for the children.

ELIZABETH WHITMORE

All school authorities agree and argue that the body should be built up as well as the brain. Any school of this size should and could, easily buy apparatus for the school grounds.

This school has practically nothing in the line of school ground improve-

ments. This school ground is one of the many blotches to the beauty of Ontario.

They could easily make one-half of the school grounds into a lawn and plant a few shade trees there. The other half should be used for the different athletics in season.

When a pupil has a good sound body it's his own fault if he can't learn and be industrious. And if the schools are for the welfare of the pupils' means for educating them both mentally and physically should be established.

It has been tried in many thousands of schools and it hasn't hindered the efficiency of the pupils yet.

**WINS SERVICE CROSS AND BRIDE AS WELL**

**Daughter of Local Contractor Announces Engagement to Young Officer Cited for Bravery in Action.**

Charles H. Helmer, who has maintained offices (and working forces here in Ontario for a year is, and with reason, feeling mighty proud these days.

Mr. Helmer has a copy of an Oakland, California paper which contains the account of the engagement of his youngest daughter, Miss Edith Helmer, a senior at the University of California, to Lieut. Nels Anderson, who was one of the four San Francisco men awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing, for bravery in action.

The Oakland paper has the following account of the romance which had its inception when Miss Helmer and Lieut. Anderson were students at Berkley:

"When Miss Edith Helmer, 2341 Ellsworth street, Berkley, a senior of the University, learned that Lieut. Nels Anderson, who graduated in the class of 1917, had received the Distinguished Service Order she announced their engagement.

"Lieut. Anderson is a member of the 363rd Infantry and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for charging a machine gun nest in the Argonne forest and capturing single-handed several Boche gunners. Anderson entered the first officers' training camp at the Presidio and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He left for France last May with the Ninety-first division.

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