

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION NEWS



Left to right—Mrs. M. M. Chittenden, president of the Vernon Parent-Teacher association; Mrs. A. Ruggs, president of the Peninsula Parent-Teacher association.

Announcement. In view of the rapidly growing interest in the Parent-Teacher association movement, the Journal today begins a department which will be devoted to news of the associations of Portland. All matter intended for this department must reach the office by Thursday. Brief items concerning the associations will also be published in the daily Journal. These must reach the office by 9:30 of the day of publication.

PORTLAND now has 51 Parent-Teacher associations, with a total membership of over 4000 mothers, fathers, principals and teachers. A marvelous growth has attended this cooperative movement since the beginning of the school year. At a meeting of the association presidents, who comprise the Portland Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. F. S. Myers, the president, launched a plan, the slogan of which was, "A Parent-Teacher association for every grammar school in Portland."

That the women have meant business from the first is attested by the fact that, when the organization is perfected in the Davis school next Tuesday, the slogan will be realized. Many of the new associations have started out with remarkable membership lists. In the hundreds, meetings are held twice a month in most of the organizations, and much practical work is being accomplished, as cooperation, and harmony are the keynotes of the activity.

Following is the list of schools in which there are associations and the presidents of each: Almsworth, Mrs. D. A. Patallo; Albina Homestead, Mrs. A. T. Boone; Arleta, Mrs. G. M. Burlingame; Buckman, Mrs. C. F. Clarke; Capitol Hill, Mrs. H. E. Reeves; Chapman, Mrs. T. C. Burke; Clinton-Kelley, Mrs. Dora A. Gerardy; Couch, Mrs. A. F. Hinde; Creston, Mrs. George L. Boynton; Elliot, Judge T. W. Vreeland; Falling, Mrs. B. F. Jones; Fernwood, Mrs. H. M. Barr; Fulton Park, Mrs. W. R. Litsenberg; Genee, Mrs. W. A. Laidlaw; Gregory Heights, Mrs. W. Lee Gray; Hawthorne, Mrs. G. L. Buland; Highland, Mrs. Annie D. Frazier; Holladay, Mrs. Orlando Davidson; Holman, Mrs. C. M. McKay; Hudson, Mrs. N. P. Gale; Irvington, W. F. Woodward; Jenessmore, Mrs. J. Jensen; Kennedy, Mrs. Carolyn Crowlin; Kenton, Mrs. C. F. Nichols; Karns, Mrs. A. L. Stephens; LaSalle, Mrs. J. H. Herst; Lents, Mrs. C. L. Gessell; Llewellyn, Mrs. O. C. Riches; Montavilla, Mrs. C. B. Zeebuth; Mount Tabor, Mrs. J. M. Short; Oakley Green, Mrs. Marshall N. Dana; Peninsula, Mrs. Andrew T. Ruggs; Fortmouth, Mrs. Alice White; Richmond, Mrs. E. A. Barnes; Rose City Park, Mrs. Henry Hunt; Sellwood, Mrs. W. H. Beard; Shattuck, Mrs. J. F. Kelly; Shaver, Mrs. Jennie Keellogg; South Mount Tabor, Mrs. Frederick J. Glass; Stephens, Mrs. T. C. Thomson; Sunnyside, Mrs. R. E. Bondurant; Sylvan, Mrs. E. A. Barnes; Thompson, Mrs. James Rogers; Vernon, Mrs. M. M. Chittenden; Willitsburg, Mrs. Sarah Rolfe; Woodlawn, Mrs. H. E. Coleman; Woodmere, Mrs. Frank E. Melvin; Woodstock, Mrs. E. E. Rogers.

Meeting at Creston School. The Parent-Teacher Circle of Creston school had a meeting Tuesday afternoon. The program consisted of a chorus from the school; piano duet by Mrs. Shoemaker and Miss Garaside and two piano solos by Miss Florence Garaside. The usual business of the day was then taken up, after which Mr. Groat, of the school board, gave a very interesting and encouraging talk. Miss Tingle discussed plans for hot lunches.

Rose City Park Meeting. The Parent-Teacher association of Rose City school held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon, December 16, in the assembly hall of the school. After the usual routine business had been completed a most enjoyable program, admirably presented, was given

by the school children. Each number showed the faithfulness and care which each teacher had personally given each pupil.

The association has and is making rapid strides. Organized less than a year ago with just a handful, now each meeting has an attendance of from 75 to 150. Effectual work is also in progress. The school principal, Mrs. Mary Lemon, and her corps of teachers are heartily in sympathy with the organization and feel the cooperation of the parents and friends are giving the school work.

Kern School Entertainment.

The Kern school Parent-Teacher association gave an entertainment Tuesday evening in the assembly hall of the school. The opening number of the program was a selection by the children's orchestra. The orchestra also played at intervals throughout the social hour. The other numbers on the program were received by the large audience present with enthusiasm.

Following is the program: Selections by the school orchestra. Address of welcome, Mayor H. R. Albee. Dramatic reading, "The Lie" by Miss Eileen Brons. "Miss Alice Loves You Truly" by Mrs. Robert F. Clark. Accompanied by Miss Frieda Keller. Reading, "A Child's Ideal of God" by Miss Jean MacQueen. Address by Mrs. D. A. Groat. Songs (a) "A Perfect Day" by Miss Frieda Keller. Accompanied by Frederick E. Chapman. "The Witches' Scene From Macbeth" by Miss Eileen Brons. Miss Harriet Theyer and Mrs. E. L. Purse. Refreshments were served during the social hour following the program, and great credit is due Mrs. Lee M. Clark, chairman of the entertainment committee, and her assistants, Mrs. W. A. Hillis, Miss Ellis, and other teachers, for the decorations and success of the social hour. Also to Mrs. J. C. English, chairman of the reception committee, and her assistants.

Mayor Albee's presence and appropriate address of welcome were very much appreciated by the circle, as well as the fact that he was among the first of a large number of splendid men of the district who joined the circle and pledged their active cooperation. Mr. Groat's address on the value of a system of education that will develop initiative in the child, as well as to bring him into the realization of personal responsibility for his own acts, was clear and convincing, and of great value to all present.

R. L. Sabin gave a short talk on different phases of education. O. M. Plummer gave unstinted praise and commendation to the Parent-Teacher association for the excellent plan of holding evening meetings of a social and educational nature, and with his own radiating cheerfulness and cooperation contributed much to the pleasure of the evening. Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president of the Kern Parent-Teacher association, and Mrs. Watson, principal of the school, had charge of the arrangement of the program.

Association Notes.

The five cent hot lunch for pupils is meeting with great success at the Montavilla school. On Wednesday of last week, 269 children were served.

At the recent entertainment given by the association at the Irvington school, one of the largest in the district, more than \$200 was netted. This money will be used in purchasing playground apparatus, library books and a Victrola.

An association was organized at Multnomah school Friday, December 6, with a charter membership of 300, although the school is not one of the largest in the district. The association starts off with much enthusiasm and plans for practical work. Superintendent L. R. Alderman last week addressed the Federated Teachers

COMMUNITY HOUSE IS PLANNED FOR VERNON

Comprehensive Plan for Practical Work Already Well Under Way.

The Vernon Parent-Teacher association which was organized four years ago with a comparatively small membership, has grown steadily and each year has added to its list of splendid achievements for the betterment of the school in particular and the neighborhood in general. The association now numbers nearly 200 members and Mrs. Myrtle M. Chittenden is the present president of the organization.

This year the association is centering its interests and energies in a community house. The school board has provided a modern six room house and garden directly opposite the school house and this is being fitted up as a model home by the pupils accompanied by the teachers. The house is being set which is of beautiful wood and made in artistic design. Also a very handsome library table.

The girls are making use of their lessons in sewing in making up the linens and hangings. As a lesson in thrift shopping the pupils accompanied the teachers on a tour of the shops when the bed and table linen and curtains were purchased. These are now being hemmed. The girls are also sewing rags for rugs and one of the women of the association, who understands weaving, is going to teach the girls to weave the rugs themselves.

When all is completed the opening of the house will be marked with fitting exercises. A teacher will take up her residence at the house and the entire place will be cared for by the pupils.

The Portland Parent-Teacher association is making extensive plans for an entertainment to be given early in January by talent from the various schools, only one number being furnished by any school. The entertainment will be presented one evening at the Lincoln high school and one evening at the Jefferson high school. Mrs. C. S. Nichols is chairman of the general committee and the other committees chairmen are: Program, Mrs. C. S. Burk; publicity, Mrs. Marshall N. Dana; tickets, Mrs. M. A. Zollinger.

The newly organized association of the Sylvan school is planning an old fashioned Christmas entertainment and tree for Tuesday evening at the school house. More than \$33 has been raised to buy gifts and candy for the children of the school and a general good time is anticipated.

"Get Together" Luncheon.

A great "get together" luncheon is being planned by the educational forces of Portland for Saturday, January 13, at the Hotel Oregon. The Portland Parent-Teacher association is the moving spirit in the affair and is arranging a pleasing program which will include a number of noted out of town speakers.

CARE OF CROOKED TEETH

Children's crooked teeth should be seriously considered in our every day life, says Theora Carter, president of the Society of Good Cheer. Wise, careful mothers are not waiting until temporary teeth disappear and permanent ones come in, for the time to begin on crooked teeth is as soon as they show themselves.

Crooked teeth are going to get the attention of all classes of people who do good cheer work, because it is true that irregular rows of protruding teeth not only make the youngster backward, but morbid as well. People who are trying to aid children realize that you can get sympathy for a club foot quicker than for a facial deformity and yet crooked teeth are certain to retard the growth, the effort, the development, mentally and physically, of youth. Notice the little girl with bold tusks protruding, and you will see her always in the back of the group; after a time, if her parents are poor, she plays no more in groups—further and further she gets apart from her kind, and then the brain and body goes slowly in the development.

The department of health of Cincinnati is making an effort to organize a Little Mothers' club among the school girls of the city, they to be instructed on the proper care and feeding of babies and in turn to assist in this most necessary thing in their homes and neighborhoods.

Advertisement for Lennon's Gift Shop. Text: "In Holly Gift Boxes Visit Lennon's The Gift Shop Morrison St. C. F. BERG, Opp. Postoffice Manager".

Advertisement for G. P. Rummelin & Sons. Text: "FINE FURS FOR XMAS GIFTS SPECIAL REDUCTIONS ON ALL STOCK Fur Coats, Fur Sets Fur Rugs, Fur Robes SEND FOR CATALOGUE G. P. Rummelin & Sons Established 1870 124 SECOND STREET Phone: Main 491 A-7318 Between Washington and Alder".

FIVE CENT LUNCH FOR PENINSULA SCHOOL

January Fifth Is Date Set for Interesting Departure to Be Tried Out.

January 5 will mark a new era in the Peninsula school, that being the date set for the opening of the new five cent hot lunch for children of the school.

With the Parent Teacher association of the Peninsula school as the moving spirit, the parents, pupils, teachers and other residents of the community have united their efforts toward the practical end of providing a palatable, nourishing luncheon for the children at the very low cost of 5 cents.

A house 18x30 feet, all in one room, and situated one block from the schoolhouse, has been secured, the owner, Mr. Henning, having given the rent for the first four months free of charge. Mr. Petteys, the principal of the school, and Mr. Rugg, the manual training teacher, together with the boys of the manual training department, have been busy for some time cleaning, painting, papering, upholstering, glass, building cupboards and tables, etc. The lumber was donated by the Acme Lumber company; Mr. Petteys donated the paint, and Mrs. H. W. Gerke has loaned a stove, and Dr. Strohaber has given \$5. All supplies will be purchased in the Peninsula district.

The luncheon will consist of one hot dish, such as soup, macaroni, baked beans, rice pudding, or baked potato, a sandwich and a cookie or piece of ginger-bread. Single luncheons will cost 5 cents. There will also be issued 22 tickets for \$1. There are in the school 450 pupils, and on written information from the parents it has been found that 170 will take their lunch at the school as soon as it is opened.

Mrs. A. Rugg is the very efficient president of the association, and the committee which has done such excellent work in arranging for the luncheon consists of Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. Frank Cannon, Mrs. E. Montgomery and Mrs. Barrett.

This association was organized last March with 59 members; it now numbers 75. Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30. The principal and teachers show themselves much interested in the organization, and assist in the miscellaneous programs. The Glee club, consisting of 18 boys and 31 girls, has been heard several times at the meetings. The association is making an effort to have a night school opened at Peninsula, there having been 43 applications already for such a school.

Transient Killed by Fall.

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 20.—E. M. Whitaker, a transient miner, met a tragic death Thursday night at Umatilla when he fell from the top of a boxcar upon which he was stealing a ride. The accident happened just as the train was crossing the bridge near Umatilla and the body of the man was precipitated through the bridge to the bank of the river only a few feet from the spot where two tramps were cooking.

THOMAS SHARTLE WAS PORTLAND BUSINESS MAN

Harbor, Or., Dec. 20.—Thomas Corwin Shartle was born at McConnellville, Ohio, July 31, 1840. He served as a volunteer soldier in the Civil war, taking part in five different engagements. Crossing the plains with a party using ox teams, for seven years he followed mining in the mountains of Idaho. He was married to Angelina Waldron in Portland, Or., in 1869, where he remained in business until July 30, 1882, when he took up farming near New Era.

MARRIES BROTHER OF MAN WHO COURTED

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 20.—After traveling thousands of miles over land and water, Elisa Fuscaldo arrived in Pendleton yesterday and today became the bride of Frank Nudo, a young Italian gardener of Starbuck whom she had never seen until yesterday. Nudo has been in Umatilla county for several years, starting his career in Pendleton as a bootblack, and finally becoming a truck gardener on the Furish project. His courtship was carried on through his brother-in-law, Tom Rizuto, and that agent of Cupid accomplished the girl on her long journey from southern Italy. Nudo's bride cannot speak a word of English. Her dress excited much interest when she arrived here.

DIRECTORY OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Table listing various women's clubs and their details, including Portland Parent Teacher Association, First Thursday of each month, lecture room of Central library, etc.

Advertisement for Eppo. Text: "The Ideal Christmas Gift EVERY woman will appreciate an Eppo Petticoat because the distinctive Eppo features—the invisible elastic waistband and the side opening at the front—insure that perfect 'glove-fit' so necessary for modish gowns. Look for this label in the waistband. Now offered in a Special Holly Box, handsomely finished in colors, for gift purposes. FOR SALE BY MEIER & FRANK COMPANY".

Large advertisement for Christmas Gift Suggestions. Text: "Christmas Gift Suggestions We have anticipated your every possible wish in Jewelry and Silverware. Our stock is so comprehensive that the most modest desire can be gratified as well as the most expensive taste. This list, taken at random from hundreds of articles on display, will help you in your Christmas choosing. FOR FATHER, HUSBAND, BROTHER, SWEETHEART Diamond Rings, Diamond Scarf Pins, Cigar Cutters, Match Boxes, Knives, Pencils, Cigarette Cases, Wallets, Watches, Links, Lockets, Smoking Sets, Shaving Mugs, Fobs, Cigar Holders. FOR MOTHER, WIFE, SISTER, SWEETHEART Diamond Rings, Brooches, Necklaces, Lavallieres, Earrings, Bracelets, Watches, Toilet Sets, Vanity Cases, Mesh Bags, Lorgnettes, Fobs, Card Cases, Slipper Buckles, Combs. We are Diamond Importers — we offer Diamonds at lower prices for equal quality than any house on the Pacific Coast. ARONSON'S Portland's Best Jewelry Store At the Corner of Washington and Broadway".