

# Parent-Teacher Association News

The Journal is desirous of publishing in this department the news of all the Parent-Teacher associations in Oregon, and any item reaching this office by Friday noon will be given space in the Sunday paper. Matters intended for the daily issue must reach the office by 3:30 the day of publication. Telephone Main 7173 or A-4061.

**By Vella Winner.**

This important event of the week in parent-teacher circles will be the election of officers for the council, which will be held Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock in the room at Central Library. A business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, at which time the reports not given at the previous meeting will be heard.

At 3:30 o'clock, the hour having been set so that the teachers are to a vote might attend, the annual election of officers will be held. It will be remembered that Mrs. F. S. Mayers was at the last meeting of the council unanimously elected against her own protest, and that she immediately resigned on account of home duties. A nominating committee was then named from the floor and Mrs. W. J. Hawkins was made chairman. This committee has not yet held its meeting, that being announced for tomorrow afternoon. There has been much discussion in a general way, however, concerning the probable new president, and several names have been prominently mentioned for the responsible and honored position. Among those whose names have been suggested as candidates are Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, who has long been prominently identified with the parent teacher work and congress work, and who is also active in the juvenile court work and the activities of the widow's pension committee. Mrs. Wagner has also long been identified with the child welfare work, especially with the activities of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Thomas Carrick Burke, president of the Chapman association, and Mrs. A. L. Kinsey, president of the Richmond association, are being mentioned as are also Mrs. I. M. Walker, chairman of the literature committee of the congress, and Mrs. W. S. Brande, whose interest and activity in the congress and the Parent Teacher association covers a number of years. In all probability other names will come out at the meeting of the committee Monday.

**Portland Babies Show.**

A motion picture film showing some of Portland's finest and most robust babies and the process of examining the "riddles" in the "better babies" contest, has recently been shown throughout the state of Washington by Mrs. La Moine Livingstone. The Oregon Congress of Mothers gave Mrs. Livingstone the honor of presenting the film at the picture show houses in the neighboring state. She returned to Portland with her splendid reports of the way the film had been received. She said it was one of the best of the educational films she had seen and that it was invariably received with enthusiasm.

The film shows some prominent local physicians making the various physical tests and the psychological tests.

**Portland Association Notes.**

The Kennedy Parent Teacher association will meet Wednesday afternoon at which time plans will be exhibited and explained for the proposed fresh air school meeting for the Alsworth association is announced for Friday afternoon, at which time the year's business will be concluded, this being the final meeting for the year. The Oakley Green association will close its season with an evening to be held Thursday. There will be a social time, program and refreshments. A full attendance is desired.

The Sunnyside association is planning a banquet to be given for the principal and teachers some time within the near future, the exact date will be announced later.

The Hudson association will meet Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock, plans for continuing the garden work throughout the summer will be made, the new officers will be installed and a study club for the summer organized.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Stephens association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. Reports will be heard and the business of the year closed.

The Mount Tabor association is planning a picnic for the near future to mark the close of their season. The date will be announced later.

The annual election of officers of the Woodstock association will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Reports will be given and the year's business closed.

The Selwyn association will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. M. O. Evans, the school garden superintendent, will be the speaker. We will explain the plan for the next year's products of the school gardens. On Wednesday this association will give a "get together" social. There will be an exhibition of the work done by the sewing and manual training classes and the academic classes. The program will be furnished by the children. Every father and mother of the neighborhood is invited.

The Lents association will meet Monday afternoon. The results of the "better babies" contest will be given and the business of the year closed.

The Ladd association will meet Tuesday afternoon. It is emotional and humorous and speaks with the clearness of a man of mature years. His knickerbockers and youthful voice and face are the only signs of boyhood about him.

## THE CHILD PROBLEM INVITES SOLUTION

Many Distractions That Tempt Boys and Girls Must Be Coped With.

In speaking of the International Conference on Child Welfare held in Washington, D. C., in April, Mrs. Aristide N. Felts, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, who attended the conference, says: "The talks in the convention upon educational subjects appealed to me most. All these talks in one way or another expressed the thought that modern education must reach the child on the side of his own interests and from the standpoint of the child's own initiative. The only expression contrary to this ideal of real education came in the address of Professor M. V. O'Shea, of the University of Wisconsin.

"Professor O'Shea upheld the doctrine of docility as the ideal of education. In vivid terms he compared the French and German schools; the French with the motto on the wall 'no corporal punishment here' and the German of expression; the German school with its respect for the authority of parents and teachers. He extolled the German method and depicted in striking terms the life of the American child. The telephone which makes solitude impossible, the moving picture, the craze for excitement, the tango, make school unattractive to the average American boy or girl. Professor O'Shea was asked if this ideal of docility should be in his opinion, be obtained by appealing to the child's own interests and desires or by the repression of the child by authority, and he answered in the affirmative, saying that it could be obtained only by outside authority—the German method.

**Distractions Are Deplored.**

"Professor O'Shea was asked what percentage of the graduates of the University of Wisconsin made 'good' in the best sense of the word. He thought about five per cent, due to the distracting life he had described. There was no opportunity for further discussion and the audience left with the protest of the audience to the remedy proposed, by saying that there were more suicides of women and children in Germany than in any other country in the world.

"Professor O'Shea has, I think, stated most vividly, the problem which confronts the American parent, and we are going to do about it? Every other address before the convention on educational subjects expressed in some way the greatest improvement which the problem must be solved; that the child's own interests, desires, initiative must be expressed and organized—that real education means not repression, but organization. The keynote of the Montessori system is that this, Miss Anna George, of Washington, D. C., ably presented, is thought before the convention. James W. Connell, chief scout executive of New York in his address upon the training for good citizenship, told of the work of the boy scouts and showed the work based upon play in the outdoor developed resourcefulness in the boy, courage, loyalty, obedience and self control. Connell, with the boy in the things he likes and desires is the soil from which will grow better and higher ideals of his own making. Prevention of wrong ideas is better and less expensive than cure.

**Schools Play Small Part.**

"According to Professor O'Shea's own statement, if only five per cent of college graduates make good, schools and colleges have not solved the problems of education. Dr. P. F. Claxton, commissioner of education, reminded us in his address before the convention that our children were spending only 900 out of \$750 hours in the year in school; yet the great work of the school is to make these 900 hours and unconsciously every hour of our lives and parents and social agencies outside of the school must realize the large amount of time children spend in school and recognize their responsibility in moulding character and in helping the child to find his own."



Top, left to right—Mrs. E. G. Titus, president of Irvington Parent-Teacher association; Mrs. M. H. Deerevel, president Woodmere Parent-Teacher association. Bottom—Mrs. Maude Van Deusen, president of Terwilliger Parent-Teacher association, and her children.

## MOTHERS' CONGRESS KEEPS OPEN HOUSE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Many Festival Visitors Welcomed at Parents' Educational Bureau.

The Parents' Educational bureau and headquarters of the Congress of Mothers have been the center of much interesting activity during the past week. The congress kept open house through the Rose Festival and many mothers from neighboring towns and their babies were entertained. Mrs. Connell, who is in charge of the bureau, was assisted by the various officers and members of the congress.

The second "better babies" contest under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association of the Lents school was recently held at the bureau with a large number of babies entered. The same babies were tested several months ago and the baby who has made the greatest improvement will be awarded a prize by Mrs. C. L. Gessell, the retiring president of the association. The results of the final test will be announced at the meeting of the association to be held next week.

The baby tests are constantly increasing in popularity and additional days have been set aside for testing. Heretofore tests were held only on Wednesdays between 1 and 2:30. The second and fourth Thursdays are now being held by special appointment and babies may be brought for testing on the first and third Thursdays, these are expected to be in groups of half a dozen or more.

A new score card for testing babies has recently been received at the bureau from the Woman's Home Companion. A number of minor changes have been made in the card, compared with the one formerly used and there is one quite important change. The new card provides that the child must be examined according to the former schedule the examination of the teeth was made by an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. The new card also provides for keeping the score of the baby from six months to 60 months. The test is divided into five departments: mental, physical, social, moral and dental. Physical examination, oral and dental examination, eye, ear, nose and throat. Forty-two Portland physicians are now giving their time to making these tests at the bureau, six physicians being required for each test. The parents seem eminently satisfied with the tests, criticism over the final score being almost never made.

## SYSTEM PREVAILS AT PISGAH HOME

Each Inmate Has His Allotted Task Which He Performs as He Is Able.

**By H. L.**

A visitor to Pisgah home is at once attracted by the neatness and order that prevails in the home, where a number of men congregate and each one has his own appointed task. The manager, Mother Lawrence, arrives at the home at 6 a. m. from her cottage home near by. Her kindly greeting, "Peace be unto you brothers," receives their hearty response, "Peace and love be multiplied."

Passing into the office, the superintendent and his map to the day's work. A plat on the desk shows the work of each man on the previous day, and a guide for the day.

At 6:30 o'clock the bell rings for breakfast; the men stand and are combed and look about as other respectable working men, except here and there a newcomer, who is conspicuous for his drawn, wrinkled, unshaven visage, talling the old story of debauchery, the effects of which the workers have not had a chance yet to efface.

Following breakfast comes a short service of song and prayer.

Then comes the day's work. Each man has his own task. Some one or two go away to seek employment. The remaining ones, about 30 at this season, are appointed to their different tasks. Two men in kitchen; two in dormitory; two in laundry; two in woodyard; two with the big team, one for driver who may be crippled, another to go along and assist in the loading. In much of this work it takes two men to fill one man's place, as one man cannot walk, but can use his arms and hands; another can walk, but perhaps has but one arm.

The one-horse wagon has already a history. Its faithful driver, "Pat," is so devoted to his task and the old horse, "Ben," that there is very little interference in their line of work. You can see the aged man and horse every Saturday on Front street, following Mother Lawrence as she solicits contributions from the commission houses, which they kindly donate. One man is reserved to go on errands or to answer any calls for the day. Five men go to the woods to cut and split wood for the work. Four men are detailed to gardens and lawns in the neighborhood and home. Four men are now cutting and raking hay, that they hope to have in store for future use. Four men go to Woodmere to work on the Old Folks' home, which is near its completion.

There are some tasks which cannot enter into the activities; those who, because of infirmities, must sit quietly and do the little things that come to their hands, such as preparing, fruit and vegetables, etc.

Adjoining the home is a little shack surrounded by a trellis of roses, amidst a beautiful garden of flowers. As you go in you meet an aged German woman, "Grandma," queen of all she surveys. She is the first woman to have ever appealed to Pisgah home for help; came in with a little bundle, in her hand two years ago, and has found a haven of peace as homemaker for Sister Stewart, who lives in this little shack. Just four blocks east is Mother's cottage, white and old-fashioned, in a well kept lawn filled with peonies and roses.

I went through into the kitchen. There an aged man presided, one of the "boys," who is manager of the culinary department. He is a Frenchman and a good cook. Mother says, "It takes a long time to cook at Pisgah. Anyone can cook where you have a plenty."

The immediate household includes also a young man, Dr. Ada Deane of Sheffield, Iowa, retired from his profession, who gives her time to this work. Another elderly woman presides in the sewing room, mending the clothing and garments sent in, giving her time wholly to the cause. Then I saw Sister Nell, a thin faced little woman. She was in Bethany home a month ago and now helps as she is able.

The one great desire uppermost in the manager's mind is that they have land for the Pisgah home, give employment to the gathering force of indigent men.

## SOCIAL SERVICE



**Social Service News.**

News of social service agencies of Portland is welcome in these columns.

The cooperation of all who are connected with or interested in any of Portland's social service organizations, institutions, bureaus, leagues, homes, refuges, etc., where social service is rendered, is requested.

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**By Vella Winner.**

The Episcopal Social Service League met Monday morning at St. Mark's parish house with a good attendance of members.

The speaker of the morning was Rev. R. Manning, general secretary of the Associated Charities, who spoke on "The Abatement of Poverty." He maintained that poverty is a disease that may be cured and a necessary menace as it is apt to be regarded.

The league is unique in its scope and purposes, and was organized to carry the ministrations of relief to the city and county institutions; the establishment of a convalescent home for poor people, welcoming strangers who are suffering from the sick, especially the inmates of Good Samaritan Hospital, and maintaining a popular resort and reading room for the poor.

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Top, left to right—Mrs. Robert G. Dieck, president of Visiting Nurse association, which is opening a modified milk station this week (Photo by Grove); Rev. F. K. Howard, superintendent of Episcopal Social Service League (Photo by Bushnell). Bottom—Miss Grace Maxwell, traveling city secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for the Pacific northwest, who recently organized an association in Salem.

## MODIFIED MILK STATION WILL BE OPENED FOR SERVICE TOMORROW

Visiting Nurse Association Cooperates With Other Agencies in Innovation of Interest to Mothers and Babies.

A modified milk station for Portland is no longer a dream, but a reality. The new station, which will open its doors for service tomorrow morning at 270 Fourth street, has been brought about through the initiative of the Visiting Nurse association with the cooperation of the city, several physicians, the dairymen and others interested in humanitarian movements.

The purpose of the station is to supply the purest milk and to modify it according to the latest and most advanced formulas for proper nourishment of babies. A nominal charge for the milk will be made, there will be no effort to make any money, the charges simply being sufficient to purchase the milk and to defray the running expenses of the station. In line with the general policy of the association the station will be maintained for the benefit of any and all who can be benefited by its services and the advice given.

The boys of the Central Institute held an ice cream social yesterday afternoon, selling ice cream cones to a large number of visitors. The money raised will be used in purchasing baseball suits for the club.

**Salem Has a Y. W. C. A.**

Salem has a brand new Young Women's Christian Association with a total of 800 members.

Miss Grace Maxwell of Seattle, traveling city secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for the northwest, recently spent several days in Portland and Salem and while in the latter city she organized a flourishing association. Enthusiasm marked the meetings and at one of the organization meetings 100 members were received.

The organization is now perfected with a full board of directors, officers, committee chairman, etc., and is doing excellent work. A rest and reading room has been established and there is also a cafeteria which has become very popular with the employed women of the city.

**And Smacked His Lips.**

Talking about a shortage of food at one period during his last expedition, Sir Ernest Shackleton tells an amusing story of one of his companions. On his return to England his bootmaker met him and asked, "How did you find those boots I made for you?" "Best I ever tasted!" was the prompt reply.

In the United States there are more than 200,000,000 apple trees of bearing age, about 20,000,000 pear trees and more than 14,000,000 cherry trees.

## Crowds in London Hear Boy Preacher

Forbes, the Fourteen-Year-Old American Revivalist, Attracting Large Congregations at Stratford Tabernacle.

London, June 13.—Forbes, the 14-year-old American revivalist, is attracting large congregations at the Stratford Tabernacle, where he and his father, Dr. Charles Forbes, are conducting the mission.

He keeps everyone interested with his fund of stories. He is emotional and humorous and speaks with the clearness of a man of mature years. His knickerbockers and youthful voice and face are the only signs of boyhood about him.

## White House Gets a Historic Plate

Washington, June 13.—A handsome Sevres dinner plate from a set that belonged to President Buchanan has been added to the White House collection of presidential ware.

The gift has just been received by Mrs. Wilson from James Buchanan Henry of Annapolis, Md., a nephew and ward of President Buchanan. The plate belonged to an exquisite set of pink-banded Sevres, which Mr. Buchanan purchased at the sale of household belongings of the French minister at Washington while James Buchanan was secretary of state under President Polk.