

# P.-T. Groups Study Children's Charter

Parent-Teacher associations the country over have been studying and applying the rules and suggestions of the children's charter which grew out of the third White House conference called by President Hoover in July, 1929. The first conference was called by President Roosevelt in 1909. Invitations were sent out to 200 child welfare workers in all parts of the United States, inviting them to attend a conference on dependent children in Washington. With the invitation went a memorandum stating nine specific questions suggested for consideration.

The general trend of this conference was to emphasize the importance of ascertaining the particular individual needs of each child requiring aid and of a sufficient degree of elasticity and variety in the methods and operations of child caring agencies to provide for each child the particular types and forms of assistance indicated by the special needs.

Outstanding among these recommendations were: Children should not be removed from their own homes by reasons of poverty; causes of dependency should be studied; children who must be removed from families to be placed in foster families; institutions for children should preferably be on cottage plan; child-caring agencies should be incorporated.

Three years after this conference, 1912, the Children's Bureau in the department of labor was organized. This was a new department designated by the government to investigate and report upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life among all classes of people.

The second conference was called at the request of President Wilson in 1919. This conference was divided into economic and social basis for child welfare standards; child labor; health of children and mothers; children in need of special care; and standardization of child welfare laws.

Especially invited guests from Belgium, France, Great Britain, Japan, and Serbia were present to report what their nations had learned concerning the protection of children as a result of their

war experience. In 1929 President Hoover called the third conference. This conference appointed committees, the work of which was to produce surveys to determine present progress and future needs of child welfare work. These committees are still busy at work compiling plans, suggestions, and results of child welfare work.

## Hastings to be Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for the conference will be George A. Hastings, extension director of the White House conference. Mr. Hastings, accompanied by his wife, have been in Portland the past few days meeting Oregon people and carrying the message of the conference to Oregon citizens.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. Hastings will give a public address on "The Challenge of the

Children's Charter" which brings the message of the conference home to the general public. Mr. Hastings is known as an able publicist and was drafted into this work by President Hoover. Dr. Harold Leonard Bowman will give the invocation and Gov. Meier the address of welcome.

## Nurses Will be Tea Hostesses

Nurses who are members of district No. 5, Oregon graduate nurses' association, will be hostesses at a tea at the Unitarian church to all registered delegates attending the child conference. The tea will be at 4:30 o'clock.

## Governor Backs Conference Idea

The conference on Child Health and Protection was organized in this state under the authority of Gov. Meier. The following constitute the personnel of the organization, embracing the names of many who are prominent in child training and child health.

Chairman, Governor Julius L. Meier; Vice Chairman, Mrs. Sadie

Orr Dunbar; Executive Committee: Dr. John F. Boyard, Eugene; Mrs. W. T. Bries, Portland; Dr. Norman F. Coleman, Portland; Miss Louise Cottrell, Portland; Dr. Richard B. Dillehune, Portland; Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, Portland; Supt. C. A. Howard, Salem; Governor Julius L. Meier, Salem; Miss Claribelle Nye, Corvallis; Dr. H. N. Sisco, Chemawa; Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, Portland.

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