

They Founded PTA



Initial Organization Successful

Alice McLellan Birney, in whose mind the idea of a National Congress of Mothers was first conceived, was born October 19, 1859, in Marietta, Georgia, of Scotch-English parentage.

Miss McLellan enjoyed from childhood up the advantages of a home atmosphere of intelligence and culture. Her naturally thoughtful habit of mind was strengthened by broad and skillfully directed reading.

In 1895, at Chautauqua, New York, she revealed her plan, and in the following year she explained it to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which accorded it much interest. In 1897

she met Phoebe Apperson Hearst, who became co-founder with her of the new organization.

The National Congress of Mothers, later to become the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, was successful from the beginning. Mrs. Birney served as its first president. She died in 1907.

Phoebe Apperson Hearst was a daughter of pioneers; her father came from Virginia and her mother from South Carolina. Mrs. Hearst was born December 3, 1842, on a farm near St. James, Missouri, and in her childhood attended the local district school. She became a teacher at the early age of seventeen.

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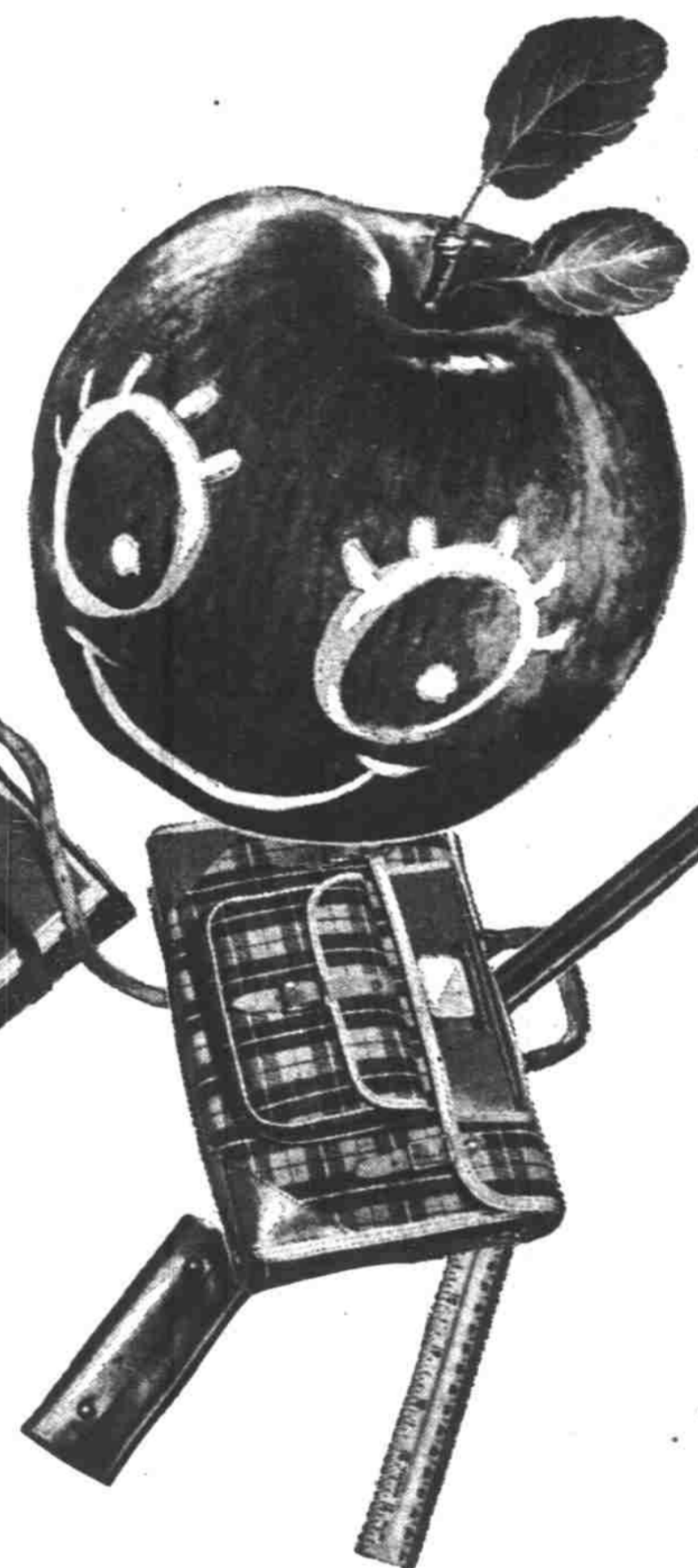
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