

News PTA Notes

Woman Dean Tells Parents, Patrons Manners Important

Parents who didn't get to KUHS for the October meeting of Parents and Patrons on Wednesday missed a stimulating afternoon's program and discussion based on "How Much Do Manners Mean?" But opportunities to attend should be greater for the remainder of the year, as it was voted to change all the scheduled afternoon meetings to evening get-togethers. This will allow working parents to attend, who otherwise cannot.

Mrs. Frank Howard, dean of girls, was in charge of Wednesday's meeting, and was introduced by Mrs. Neal Stewart, program chairman. Mrs. Howard did not deal in generalities, but discussed frankly the importance of teen-age conduct, and some of the most important points of her talk are quoted below:

One Hope

"There is probably one hope that all parents have concerning the future of a son or daughter—the hope that he will develop into a well-adjusted personality, able to work successfully with others and accepted socially by his fellow students.

"We as adults know only too well how much good manners and proper standards of conduct mean in achieving this kind of personality. But how can we pass on this knowledge to our young people and be sure it will be used? Certainly it takes the combined efforts of home and school, and even with our very best efforts we cannot protect them from unpleasant and regrettable situations.

Penalties

"Our boys and girls must learn that conventions cannot be disregarded without penalty. They must learn that to associate with others they must acquire a proper, courteous, likeable approach.

"By manners, I mean the practicing of conduct which is acceptable in good society—conduct which is not offensive to others. Although the term 'manners' is usually applied to performance, we are more interested in good conduct which is motivated by the finest instincts. Some of us believe that good manners and proper conduct, even if practiced mechanically, will eventually lead to right attitudes.

First Requisite

"The first requisite of good manners is decency of speech and conduct. . . . As teachers, we hope that the boys and girls that come to us have been properly conditioned for school life—that they have been taught right from wrong—but we know that we cannot expect it. Often we have to correct students for actions that they do not realize are wrong or in bad taste.

"I would like to make it clear that we have in our high school some of the best boys and girls in the world. Most of them behave themselves, lead a happy high school life, and we are sorry to have them leave on graduation. . . . Some of our strongest school leaders come from families of limited means, while other boys and girls who have had everything they needed to make school enjoyable behave disgracefully.

Bad Manners

"Bad manners are evidenced in so many ways. There is rudeness in speech and action, vulgar personal habits, familiarity between boys and girls—the boys fondling and pawing the girls, or, very often, the girl pursuing the boy—and lack of appreciation for kindnesses performed.

"How do you parents feel about the custom of hand holding? I feel that there is nothing wrong with a friendly handclasp, and I don't object to boys and girls walking along in a casual and friendly way, but I do strenuously object to the more amorous handclasp—the kind that begins at the hand and ends at the shoulder.

Conduct

"There are many ways in which we try to improve the conduct of our students. There is always the direct approach—counsel or admonishment from a teacher; through activities, and some of our clubs have exacting entrance requirements as to school citizenship. The action of our coaching staff last spring when it adopted a stiff but reasonable set of rules governing the conduct of all KUHS athletes, should be commended by all parents. We feel that the school has benefited greatly by enforcement of these rules. Also the work in home economics improves the standards of many girls.

"The guidance committee has introduced a home room guidance program this fall which should eventually be felt in our school life, but I sincerely believe that it is desirable for our school to supple-

ment the work now being done on character guidance by offering to our freshmen direct information instruction on what they need to know about good manners and related subjects. They are at an age when they can still be told and as a rule quite receptive to information which they can apply to themselves."

Mrs. Howard interrupted her talk to introduce Charles McLin, KUHS instructor, who gave an example of how guidance program works in his home room and of problems discussed. And at the conclusion of her talk introduced three student speakers who told parents of the problems they meet in their own lines of activities.

Wayne Carothers, student body president, advocated the formation of student councilors to interest and assist other students in taking part in activities so that the load would not always be falling on a minority. A number of parents present expressed a great deal of interest in this proposal.

Rosemary Murray, president of the Pep Peppers, outlined the purpose and functions of this organization composed of 50 junior and senior girls. She pointed out that Pep Peppers set an example of school spirit and advised all freshmen girls to conduct themselves in a ladylike manner at all times.

Jean Mahan, president of the Girls League which is an organization of all KU girls, stated that the purpose of this organization is to promote friendship, scholarship, leadership and service. It is divided into five groups—Big and Little Sisters, Li-Lo, Tea Toppers, Dance-A-Lot and S.O.S. This latter club is a money-making group that obtains the funds used to aid students in need of school supplies or glasses.

Mrs. E. A. Geary, Parents and Patrons president, announced the appointment of Mrs. Don Kenyon as finance chairman and of Mrs. Harvey Borgman as welfare chairman. She also announced that a question box is being started for constructive and objective problems about the school. Members of the faculty will endeavor to answer the questions presented at each meeting.

In behalf of Mrs. Gerald Gwyn, past president who could not be present, Mrs. Harold VanHoosen presented Mrs. Geary with a new myrtlewood gavel which will be put into use at the November evening meeting when Paul Angstadt, assistant principal, will be in charge of a program of special interest to fathers.

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Mills

The regular meeting of Mills PTA was held Wednesday, October 12, with the speaker Winston Purvine, director of OTI who addressed the group on "Visual Education and Democracy."

Mr. Purvine said that guidance is the keystone to all education and to put the information before the student. Actual information on any vocation in which the student appears interested is vital.

Mr. Loftgaard led in group singing and also presented two vocal numbers. In the room count, Mrs. Simpson's lower grade room and Mrs. Walker's upper grade room, won membership awards.

There was a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. McCormack, the president, and committee reports were read. It was announced that the study group would be held at the home of Mrs. Leo Heath, 2432 Orchard, on Wednesday, October 12 at 1 p. m. Room mothers are to meet in the school cafeteria on Friday.

By-laws were read by Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Southwell's lower grade room won the room prize for the most parents there, and Mrs. Hunsaker's upper grade also won an award.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gallagher, tea chairman, assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Hill and Mrs. Sam Herzman, first grade mothers. Appreciation was expressed to those who assisted in the play supervision. Room mothers who have volunteered their services for the year are: grades one, Mrs. William McDonnell, Mrs. Howie, Mrs. George Gallagher, Mrs. Earl Reinhart, Mrs. Brisbane, Mrs. Andrew Silane.

Grades two, Mrs. Ed Alexander, Mrs. Ralph Brisbane, Mrs. George Edwards, Mrs. Flannery, Mrs. William Bennett, Mrs. Eugene Bailey, Mrs. James Pyles, Mrs. Wickersham, Mrs. Jackie Bedford.

Grades three, Mrs. Harold Ovington, Mrs. Fern Gallagher, Mrs. M. Riedal, Mrs. Chenoweth, Mrs. Alvin Breneman, Mrs. Lewis Carey.

Grades 4, Mrs. Corrine Fields, Mrs. Horace Day, Mrs. Ted Blanchard, Mrs. B. E. Collier, Mrs. Raymond Brown, Mrs. R. Teater.

Grades 5, Mrs. Kempton, Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Alvin Nelson, Mrs. John Dalley, Mrs. Vern Clifford, Mrs. Cecil Wilbur.

Grades 6, Mrs. Keith Henry, Mrs. Leo Heath, Mrs. C. O. Murphy, Mrs. LaMar Jensen, Mrs. Gladys Barke, Mrs. Amy Elsemore.

Grades 7, Mrs. Raymond Brown, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. George Matthews, Mr. William Turner.

The following committee chairmen were appointed: music, Ruth Lobough; program, Mrs. A. O. Roenicke; congressional and school legislation, Mrs. G. E. Matthews; budget and finance, Mrs. H. O. Day; procedure and by-laws, Mrs. Harry Todd; Fo ders Day tea, Mrs. T. J. O'Hara; publicity, Mrs. Leo Heath; National PTA magazine, Mrs. E. L. Barke; study group, Mrs. L. A. Walkley; refreshments, Mrs. George Gallagher; hospitality, Mrs. A. B. Hunsicker; room representation, Mrs. N. A. Weiman; summer round-up, Mrs. Gino Carnini.

Shasta

A reception for teachers was the highlight of the first meeting of the fall season for the Shasta PTA. Elton Fishback, principal, introduced the teachers and the workers in the cafeteria. Mrs. S. R. Balsiger, program chairman, presented a handkerchief corsage to each teacher, who, in turn, responded with a short talk. Community singing was led by Mrs. Clifford Strom, music chairman.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Dale Baxter. The salute to the flag was led by Patty Duncan. Mrs. Baxter explained the plans formulated by the executive committee for the operation of the nursery for pre-school children. Mrs. Houser, library chairman, reported that a total of 1374 books were checked out by the children during the summer. Volunteer workers from the PTA assisted the county librarian in this project.

It was decided by a vote of the association that a storage cupboard should be provided for PTA supplies, and those of youth groups which are under its sponsorship. The music chairman, Mrs. Strom, reported plans for forming a "Mothersinger" group, to meet for rehearsal during the winter.

Following the meeting, a social

hour was enjoyed in the cafeteria. Each teacher was seated with the parents of children in her room in order to give a better opportunity to become acquainted. The refreshments were served by members of the executive board.

for having the highest room count. Mrs. Delmer Neal was in charge of refreshments which were served by Mrs. Charles Fairall, Mrs. Ray Siedlhorn, room representative, Mrs. Joe Meador and Mrs. Edward Burke.

Mrs. Louis French and Mrs. H. Faulkner entertained and served treats to the children.

Altamont

Altamont PTA enjoyed an interesting meeting last Tuesday with Mrs. A. Ivan Thompson presenting a discussion on hobbies and children's recreation during the study period.

Members wish to thank all who contributed to the recent food sale. After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Karl Kujac presented Mr. Halbert Wilson of Malin who entertained with an original skit, "How Western Women Get Their Men."

Hobbies

Mrs. I. White spoke briefly on hobbies and the meeting was adjourned so that all could enjoy a hobby display, presented by the following: Mrs. Lola Burnett, Mrs. Kenneth McLeod, Mrs. H. S. Stone, Mrs. Jim Clark, Mrs. Pfeiffer, Mrs. George Grizzle, Ted Reams and Neal Kujac, Mrs. Bert Thomas, Mrs. Joe Thomas, Kyla Ann Thomas, Mrs. Ed Livingstone, Lance Davis, Mrs. Willie King, Mrs. Clark Kendall, the Klamath Camera club, the Evergreen Garden club, and The Art Center.

Tea was served in the home economics room at a table festive with Halloween decorations, arranged by Mrs. Kit Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Orle Peugh, Mrs. E. Parkhurst and Mrs. H. E. Evans.

Thanks are extended to all who contributed the fine hobby displays.

Summers

"How to Curb Contagious Disease" was the topic discussed when Dr. Seth M. Kerron, Klamath county health officer, met with members of the Summers PTA October 11. Many members took part in the discussion and appreciated the information so ably given them by Dr. Kerron.

First grade students in Mrs. W. J. Stevenson's room entertained with two choral numbers.

Mrs. Charles Fairall's third grade room won the traveling fish bowl



SWORN IN—M/Sgt. William Loahs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Loahs of 111 Pine, is being sworn in as a first grade non-commissioned officer of the 19th bombardment wing on Guam. Base recruiting officer, Lt. George Bowers, of Huntington, W. Va., is at the extreme left administering the oath.

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Malin

The parents and friends and teachers of Malin will gather in the Malin grade school music room on Tuesday, October 18, at 8 p. m. to hear an interesting talk by Dr. Wayne Wilber Wells.

Dr. Wells has just recently returned from a trip to South America and will center his speech on those countries. Mrs. Clark, music instructor, is making plans for an interesting musical program pertaining to South America.

Mrs. T. A. DeMerritt, chairman for the club this year, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend this meeting.

Fremont

Mrs. J. W. Elliott, president of the Fremont PTA, wishes to thank the following for the successful rummage sale held October 8 and 9: Carol Michel, Mrs. O. E. Moe, Mrs. V. D. Karnes, Mrs. T. James Riley, Mrs. Lowell Collins, Mrs. Loren Campbell, Mrs. A. R. Feoco, Mrs. J. E. Swansen, Mrs. J. R. Hall, Mrs. Glenn Inman, Mrs. Jack Elliott, Mrs. W. M. Hector, Mrs. H. P. Pat-

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Two persons were slain and five others were injured by police fire. Tension throughout Bombay was high as shops began closing their doors in some thickly populated areas. Rifle-bearing police in large numbers were moved to important street crossings.

Thousands of jittery residents of the city lined up for the reportedly scarce commodities.

The government denied there was a scarcity of salt, but the denial apparently had little effect.

Pelican

The Pelican PTA will hold a regular October meeting Wednesday of next week at the school auditorium at 2:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served by the seventh grade.

All mothers are urged to attend and plan a cast for a play which will be presented for the entertainment of fathers at the November night meeting.

Program books will be presented at this next meeting. There will also be discussion of a big Halloween party for the children of Pelican school. All parents are urged to participate in the PTA program.

Roosevelt

The regular meeting of the Roosevelt PTA will be held at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, October 18, in the school auditorium.

The afternoon's program will include musical numbers by the second grade under the direction of Mary Lou Monroe and a talk by Joe LaClair on "The New Look."

First grade mothers will be in charge of the tea, and children will be cared for in the gymnasium.

The executive board will meet in the teachers' room at 1 p. m. preceding the meeting.

Mrs. Robert Thompson, president, urges all parents to attend.

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