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PTA Conclave Opens Today [1951]

“Citizen Child” is Convention Theme

Delegates to the district 4 convention of the Montana Congress of Parents and Teachers will Begin a two-day meeting Friday at Lockwood school to discuss the future of the “citizen child,” theme of the convention

Mrs. Anne Crampton of Spokane, Fields consultant for the National Congress, will be a headline speaker during the convention sessions here, having been scheduled for three appearances during the meeting. Mrs. Crampton will discuss “Responsibilities in PTA” at opening sessions Friday morning. During Friday afternoon she will present a film, “Teachers in Print,” and again, Saturday morning and afternoon she will conduct an instruction school for delegates.

Arthur Guthrie, principal at Garfield school and second vice president of the district, will preside at a business meeting opening the convention Friday. Mrs. W.N. Scott, acting president of district 4, will preside during the election of officers Friday afternoon. In charge of meetings Saturday will be Clark Briggs, first vice president of the district. Early in the afternoon the newly elected president will take over. Assisting with the musical presentations during the meetings will be Mrs. William Hopwood, who will direct community singing, and Mrs. Willard Brown, organist.

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Cerebral Palsy Work Described [1951]

Lockwood PTA Selects Delegates

Dr. Amy Baird, in charge of the cerebral palsy center here, presented a film and their treatment at the Monday night meeting of the Lockwood parent-teacher Association in the schoolhouse. Accompanying her was Kenneth Hinkle, president of the Montana chapter of the National Society for crippled children and adults. He gave a statewide view of cerebral palsy treatment and statistics on the subject

The group selected delegates to attend the rural PTA session at Allendale school January 25. They are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Klampe, Mrs. Phyllis Hopwood and Mrs. John Strom. Klampe, the school principal, said the school would hold a PTA conference January 29.

A special study group is to meet January 28th when Dr. A. L. Golding will give a talk and lead a discussion on cancer. Two movies will be shown at the public session. The organization passed three new bylaws which were presented by Margaret Macheledt. Mrs. L. L. McFarland reported

on The delinquency discussion at the junior high school December 13th. The first grade room won the attendance prize.

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PTA Hears Talk on Juvenile Problem [1951]

Billings has only two criminal offenses as high as the nation's average, burglary and car theft, assistant police chief Jack Maness told members of the Lockwood parent-teacher Association Monday night at the school gymnasium. During his talk " Juvenile Delinquents and Delinquent parents," Maness said, " We feel that 75% of juvenile cases are caused by the home environment, lack of supervision, broken homes, the attitude of some parents that their child can do no wrong, and the failure to teach responsibility and respect for the rights of others. Many juveniles regard the home as only a place to eat and sleep," Maness said. "The home should be a place to enjoy--where recreation and useful occupation is taught." Maness stressed that a "traffic" step should be taken by parents to see that public liability insurance is carried on jalopies driven by youngsters.

Dean Sullinger and Mrs. Nick Lorang were named as delegates to the state PTA meeting in Great Falls October 18 and 19. Marvin Klampe reported on the public State Health meeting in Helena October 5, and Sullinger reported on the rural PTA council meeting at the Canyon Creek School. The Lockwood PTA played moving pictures for youngsters Halloween night, and a dance for parents and young people once each month. The attendance prize was won by Mrs. Fred Bechert's 3rd grade room. Mrs. Willard Brown played organ music and Mrs. Bechert played violin selections.

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Lockwood Unit hears Delegates [1951]

Speakers discuss youth conference

Oliver Peterson and Mrs. Chester Jones of Billings, who were delegates to the mid-century White House conference on Children and Youth in Washington, D.C., in December, presented combined reports of the conference in talks at a meeting of the Lockwood Parent-Teacher Association in Lockwood school.

Mrs. A.O. Stephens, representing the Yellowstone County Council of Home demonstration clubs, also appeared before the association, speaking on behalf of a community Lounge in the Billings City Hall for out-of-town shoppers.

Mrs. Carl Bustell, president of the Practical Nurses' Association discussed the introduction of a nurse practice measure in the legislature now convened in Helena.

Mrs. Dawn Strom, Mrs. P.M. Lile, Mrs. Martin John and Mrs. John Pensis were named as delegates to the rural council meeting at eastern Montana College of Education Friday, January 26th.

Mrs. Mary Beckert, teacher for the third grade room, accepted the award for her pupils in having the largest representation of parents at the meeting. During the program, vocal selections were presented by Sandra Caldwell and Clark Streeper, accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Wright.

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Lockwood PTA Hears College Dean [Oct. 1951]

"How Parents and Teachers can help the School" was the subject of a talk by Dr. Richard Henderson at a meeting of a Lockwood Parent-Teacher Association. Dr. Henderson is Dean of education at eastern Montana College of Education.

Mrs. Don Strom and Mrs. Art Eliason were named delegates to the district for PTA convention at Laurel October 21. Mrs. Eliason read a report of the rural council meeting, and Mrs. Phyllis Hopwood program chairman, outlined plans for the year.

Alec Brown sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Roderick Wright. Attendance prize was won by Mrs. Norma Guy, 4th grade teacher, whose class was represented by the largest number of parents.

Dr. John Morton, G.H. Gloege, Oliver Peterson and E. Lyle Cooper [1951] of the eastern Montana normal School faculty discussed school organization and finance at a meeting of the rural Parent-Teacher Association Council Saturday afternoon at the college. Mrs. P.M. Lile, vice president presided. Following the panel session members discussed rural council sponsorship of a scholarship program.

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1896 Sullivan School built-- teachers wages \$60 month

1913 --4 schools built

Central School

Pine Hill

Bitter Creek

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1929 --2 schools

Central

Pine Hill-- \$16,000 bond issue

1950 Lockwood school --\$195,000 bond issue

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PTA Delegates Elect Officers [1952?]

Talk is Presented on Japanese Units

Mrs. Ross Crowe was elected president of the district four PTA convention in Billings at Lockwood in a Friday afternoon session. Others named were Mrs. B. Bertelsen, first vice president; Mrs. Robert Veatch, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Agnew of Hardin, secretary; Mrs. E.E. Milam of Huntley, treasurer.

A banquet was held at the Commercial Club Friday night with Mrs. Bertelsen serving as toastmistress. Mrs. Devitt lead several children and electric guitar selections, Paul Hartley played piano numbers, and Mrs. George Mitchell presented a reading entitled "Was it murder?"

Mrs. Margaret Scheid, National PTA official, talked on "The art of disagreement" Friday night. During the afternoon as guest speaker, she said parent-teacher groups in occupied Japan are playing a prominent part in teaching democratic processes and ideals. She pointed out the "phenomenal" growth of PTA units in Japan. In this country, she said, where PTA is well-established, there are a total of 7 million units. In Japan, where PTAs were formed only following occupation of the country in 1945, more than 17 million parent teacher units are functioning today. The reason for this, Mrs. Scheid said, is that PTA is, from the highest level of the national congress down through divisions and districts to the local unit, "structurally perfect".

Complete autonomy is vested in the local unit, she continued, making such an organization a "good lesson in democracy." Mrs. Scheid was called to Montana from Chicago Thursday when illness in the family of Mrs. and Crampton, formerly scheduled as headline speaker for the two-day meeting in Billings, forced her to cancel her visit.

Also Friday afternoon, Mrs. Marion Crawford of Laurel, State president, talked on PTA Publications. Oliver Peterson, EMCOE Professor, spoke on PTA scholarships and told what they meant to the advancement of teacher training. He brought with him Jim Phillips of Laurel, this year's recipient at Eastern of a PTA scholarship.

The new officers will be installed Saturday by Mrs. W.S. Hartley and Mrs. Scheid will be a guest speaker.

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PTA Annual Meeting Ends [1952]

Officers Installed at Lockwood School

Sessions of the annual district for PTA convention at Lockwood School were adjourned Saturday afternoon following completion of a school instruction conducted by Mrs Marguerite Shied, National PTA official.

Place of next year's convention was not selected during the Billings meeting which was opened Friday morning. Mrs. Shaw, field service consultant for PTA, was the main speaker at the morning session where Mrs. Ross Crowe was installed as president of the district. Others installed were Mrs. B. Bertelsen, first vice president; Mrs. Robert Veitch, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Egnew of Hardin, secretary; Mrs T. E. Milam of Huntley, treasurer.

At an awards luncheon Saturday noon at the Lockwood Evangelical Brethren Church PTA units of the district were given annual ratings. Mrs W. N. Scott of Billings presided at the noon meeting. A school of instruction, designed to promote leadership in carrying out parent-teacher principles and policies, was conducted Saturday afternoon prior to adjournment of the convention.

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Photo caption [1952?]

Officers of District 4, PTA were installed Saturday at Lockwood school and special ceremonies conducted by Mrs W. S. Hartley before adjournment of the two-day meeting Saturday afternoon. They are, from left to right, Mrs E. E. Milham, treasure; Mrs. Robert Veitch, second vice president; mrs. Ross Crowe, president; Mrs. Charles Egnew, secretary; Mrs. Marion Crawford of Laurel, state president and guest speaker at the meeting, and Mrs. B. Bertelson, first vice president.

Carp's photo

Rural PTA meeting held [1952?]

The rural parent-teacher Association held its first meeting of the year Friday night at Elysian school and discussed plans for the district convention to be held at Lockwood School October 17 and 18. The rural council will serve as host to the convention.

Mrs. William Michael, president, was in charge of the meeting and appointed the following standing committee chairman: Mrs. Jake Kinsfater of Allendale, hospitality; Mrs. Sylvester Schwalter of Elysian, magazine; Mrs. Ernest Zeiler of Elysian, program; Mrs. W. G. Hopwood of Lockwood, publicity; Mrs W. N. Scott of Billings, bylaws; and Mrs. W. S. Hartley of Billings, parliamentarian.

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Mrs. Zeiler was also named as the association's delegate to the district convention . Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Bernie Bertelsen, Melvin Williams, president of the Laurel PTA, and his wife; Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hartley. A string quartet, consisting of Jean Todd and Elsie Spencer on violins, Helen Smith on cello and Beulah Braziel on piano, played and T. H. Alexander County agent, presented a chalk-talk to the group. The Canyon Creek unit served refreshments at the meeting.