

THE PINE LEAF

Vol. I No. 1

Published for the Parents by the Pupils of the Diboll Public Schools November 15, 1927

Partnership of Parents and Teachers

Martha Sprague Mason

First Vice-President, National Congress of Parents and Teachers

Five main principles lie back of the home-and-school movement and give it a reason for being. These are gradually finding expression through a deepening interest in carrying on parent-teacher associations.

First and most basic of all is the principle that education is the chief business of a nation. A successful nation depends on intelligent, productive, conscientious citizenship. Boys and girls trained in the home, in the school, in the church, and in the community to be good citizens are the greatest asset of any nation. The real wealth, the real hope of a nation, lies in its children, and it is to them that the greatest opportunities for development should be opened.

Second--Education carries a universal challenge and is the concern not only of the teacher--the professional educator--but also of parents and churches and the community at large. No class of people can afford to be uninterested in working for children and contributing its share towards the allround education of the oncoming generation. Lack of such education means for citizens a poor start in life, and a poor start is responsible for the inept, untrained, misplaced, poverty-stricken, criminal, imbecile, and insane human beings who are crowding our institutions and increasing the burdens of the normal, the thrifty, and the industrious. It is for the purpose of opening the eyes of people of all types to the constructive and preventive work necessary to reduce misery and poverty and crime that the home-and-school movement is consistently working.

Third--Many factors play a part in developing a normally healthy, clear thinking individual of ethical character. No one influence gives the child his education. He is the product not only of his inherited qualities, but of the food he eats, the air he breathes, his mother's attitude, his father's discipline, the family atmosphere, the teacher's personality and wisdom, the playmates on the street, the teachings of the Sunday school, the movies, the shop windows, and many other influences in his environment.

Fourth--If the child is to be well-rounded, if he is to be not only physically fit and mentally alert, but responsible, selfcontrolled and sincere, his nature and his needs must be studied and understood by all people and agencies and institutions which are educating him.

Fifth--Success in dealing with the problems of education demands an organization capable of uniting and directing the many factors responsible for the care of the child, so that the best results may be brought about. Individual work is fundamental; group work is necessary; but a coordinating agency is necessary if there is to be created a new and better attitude of mind towards child welfare, to meet the new conditions which surround us.

PERSONS TO HAVE CHARGE OF PAPER

The Pine Leaf is to be published every two weeks by the Seniors. The paper is divided into different departments, each department being edited by two or three pupils with the assistance of a faculty advisor. The various departments and editors are as follows:

- Editorials Lola Weisinger
 Tod McWhorter
- Senior High Mildred Hawkins
 Minnie Hazel
 Durham
 Helen Kelley
- Junior High Rhoda Faye
 Chandler
 Geneva Womach
- Elementary Evie Neyland
 Edith Burgess
 Olivette Baird
- Sports Louie Atkinson
 P. H. Strauss
- Art Archie Ferguson
 Doris Green
- Jokes Bill Agee
 Pate Warner
- Ex Students Velma Henry
 Herman Estes
- Society Morelle Moss
 Maurine Jett
- Circulation Johnnie Goodman
 Willie Jones
- Compositors John Lowe Kent
 Thomas Birch
 Wayne Renfro

It is the aim of the Seniors to make The Pine Leaf the best school paper of its size in the state of Texas. As a first step in this, a big subscription drive is being planned. The rates per year are as follows:

- Pupils.....15 cents
- Town People.....25 "
- Out-of-town.....35 "

For pupils the cost figures 83/100 of a cent a copy.

SENIOR HIGH NEWS

The honor of selecting an appropriate name for our paper was given to the Senior Class. Suggestive names were written on slips of paper and handed to Mr. Miller. They were then voted on by the entire class. Great difficulty was found in selecting the best as there was a total of twenty-three excellent names suggested. In the final count, The Pine Leaf, suggested by Helen Kelley, was chosen. As a prize Helen was presented with two tickets, donated by Mr. Binion, to the Pines Theatre.

The first year Spanish class has organized a Spanish Club. The name of it is Poco a Poco and its motto is "La Que Bien Aprende No Se Obvedo," translated--"What Is Well Learned Is Not Easily Forgotten." The officers are as follows

- President Shelton Bateman
- Vice President Vivian Weeks
- Sect.-Treasurer Bertha Weisinger
- Reporter Zada Miles
- Assist. Rept. Macbeth Warner

The duty of each member is to collect old relics and curios of Spanish origin and bring them to the meetings for display.

Poco a Poco Spanish Club meets semi-monthly. The dues are ten cents a month, and in addition a tax of ten cents for absence from meetings is charged. The Club is divided into two groups under Zada Miles and Bobbie Atkinson. It has a total of twenty-six charter members.

The purpose of the paper is not to make money, but to help the school by keeping the parents and the town in general informed as to what the school is accomplishing and enlisting their cooperation in its plans.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The Junior High has organized to raise money for the library. They are to sell subscriptions to "The Saturday Evening Post," "The Ladies Home Journal," and "The Country Gentleman." Thirty cents of each dollar is given to the library.

Mr. Durham visited school Tuesday morning, November 8, and talked to the eighth grade on the subject, "Life After Leaving School." All of them enjoyed the talk very much and wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Durham.

In chapel November 4, the sixth grade entertained with a two act play entitled, Uncle Si and the Sunbeam Club. The play was directed by Miss Meta Strauss. This was one of the best programs of the year and was well attended by the patrons.

Miss Grace Monzingo has returned after an absence of one week due to sickness. We are all glad to welcome her back. During her absence her place was filled by Brother Lee.

Mrs: Weise: Maurice, complete the sentence, , , , and are raised in this country.

Maurice: Corn, cotton, peanuts, and children are raised in this country.

Miss Strauss: Robert, name four kinds of fractions.

Robert: Proper, improper, dependant, and independant.

Brother Lee: Name the forces involved in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Pupil: British, American, and Bunker Hill.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

School Children Examined

Miss Pearl Fulcrod, town nurse, gave each pupil of the primary department a thorough physical examination last Monday and Tuesday. On the whole she found that the children were in good physical condition although a number were found to have bad teeth, tonsils, and eyes, and some were underweight. Each child was given a card to take to his parents showing the results of the examination. Parents should examine the cards carefully and in case a defect is listed, immediate attention should be given it. It is of the utmost importance that physical defects be corrected, for a large percentage of school failures are due to pupils being handicapped in their school work by physical ailments. No parent would expect his child to win a foot race carrying a heavy weight on his back, yet failure to have the child given the proper medical attention places that child under just such a handicap in his school work.

Book Week

From November 7 to November 12 was Children's Book Week. Book Week was originated in 1919 by the American Booksellers' Association, the American Library Association, the Boy Scouts of America, and Associated Publishers. Its purpose is to create a love for good books and a desire to read them. The pupils in the primary and elementary departments observed Book Week by talking, reading, and studying good books. The pupils also dramatized their favorite stories.

"Could we give one gift to every child we should choose the love of books."

School Spirit and Its Value

--B. M. Mcknight

In discussing the value of school spirit the writer wishes to make it clear that he will only deal with that phase of school spirit which has a direct bearing upon athletics.

Realizing the true value of athletics as we do, it should be our aim to do every thing possible to improve the sports indulged in by our school.

School spirit in relation to athletics means whole-hearted support by the entire student body. There isn't a boy in the world but what thrills at the sound of encouragement from some fellow student on the side lines. And if this said encouragement happens to come from a girl--there's no telling what the home team can do. Think it over, pupils; if the boys willing to spend an hour and a half each day in hard practice, don't you owe your school enough loyalty to come out once or twice a week and lend your moral support to the team in order that they might reap a victory now and then to repay them for their hours of hard practice?

Diboll vs Corrigan

The basket-ball team of Diboll High School won from Corrigan High School on Friday, November 4 by a score of twenty-one to two. For the first half of the game it promised to be a tight, evenly matched game, but in the last half the Diboll boys out-played Corrigan. Several substitutions were made on both sides.

This game was the second game of the season.

HONOR ROLL

Class I

Lola Weisinger, Earline Courtney, Dovie Riley, Zada Miles, Mary Smith, Norval Pence, Nona Miles, Vera Smith, Frances Henry, Fay Kelley, Gladys Waller, Williard Pratt, Jack Chandler, Lyncall Carroll, Linwood Moss, Lura Durham, Mildred Griffith, Bob Agee, Leonard Jennings, R. V. Wilkerson, Cletis Wright, Lella Thompson.

Class II

Rhoda Faye Chandler, Velma Ashworth, Dot O'Hara, Franklin Weeks, Lawson Cunningham, Ollie Mae Copes, Marion Curry, Mattie Ruth Weeks, Mildred Wilkenfield, Odell Dial, Rufus Stringer, Jack Tucker, Ralph Fryman, J. B. Jackson, Maurine Nunnellee, Emsley Ashworth, Reba Deaton, Clemmie Oliver, Emma Lee Wilkerson, Marguerite Griffith, Dorothy Donahoe, Arline Grisham, Maurine Hodges, James Willey, David Kinley, Reginald Kelley, Edna Alice Fairchild, Eugene Wright, Eugene Smith, Clayton Wilkerson, Lucielle Leftwich, John Ellison, Ray Fryman.

Class III

Velma Henry, Eula Barnum, Edna Vaughn, Stella Faye Jones, Ora Massingill, Kenneth Nelson, Guy Nunnellee, Collis Ryan, Ruth Massingill, Audie Mae Williams, Wesley Jennings, Joecille, Crenshaw, Wandell Hall, Jack Nunnellee.

