

WHEELING 1958

P.T.A

The Legislation platform

of the Illinois Congress states in its preface: "The Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers promotes and supports legislation designed to protect children and youth, and to meet their educational and other welfare needs, in order that they may be better prepared to assume intelligently the increasing responsibilities of citizenship."

A Local Parent-Teacher Association

is an organization of parents, teachers, and others interested in the welfare of children and youth. It may become a chartered unit of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers if it assumes the responsibility for carrying out the objects and policies of the Illinois Congress and the National Congress and adopts approved bylaws. Annual dues are all-inclusive for local, state, and national membership. The national portion is 5¢ per member, and the state portion is 15¢; the local portion is determined by the local association.

It cooperates with the local school authorities to secure an improved program for the best interests of the children. However, it does not encroach upon the administrative functions of the school; give consideration to personal grievances; or engage in partisan or factional politics.

Each local unit is a self-governing group that plans and promotes a constructive program for better homes, schools, and community. It recognizes that membership in a parent-teacher association, as in a democracy, is a privilege that carries responsibility.



When teachers join a PTA

they have the opportunity to help build the kind of school and community in which they will like to teach. As citizens in a democratic society, they are able to contribute to the community welfare through their understanding of children and education.

They enjoy the good fellowship, respect, and affection of the community when they meet and work with parents in a friendly atmosphere.

When parents join a PTA

they have an opportunity to meet the school administrators, the teachers, and other parents, and to work with them in order to meet the needs of their children more effectively.

They are able to contribute to their community by actively participating and sharing their ideas and special abilities to give their children better opportunities. They find a sense of satisfaction in thus accepting one of the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

Organizing a PTA

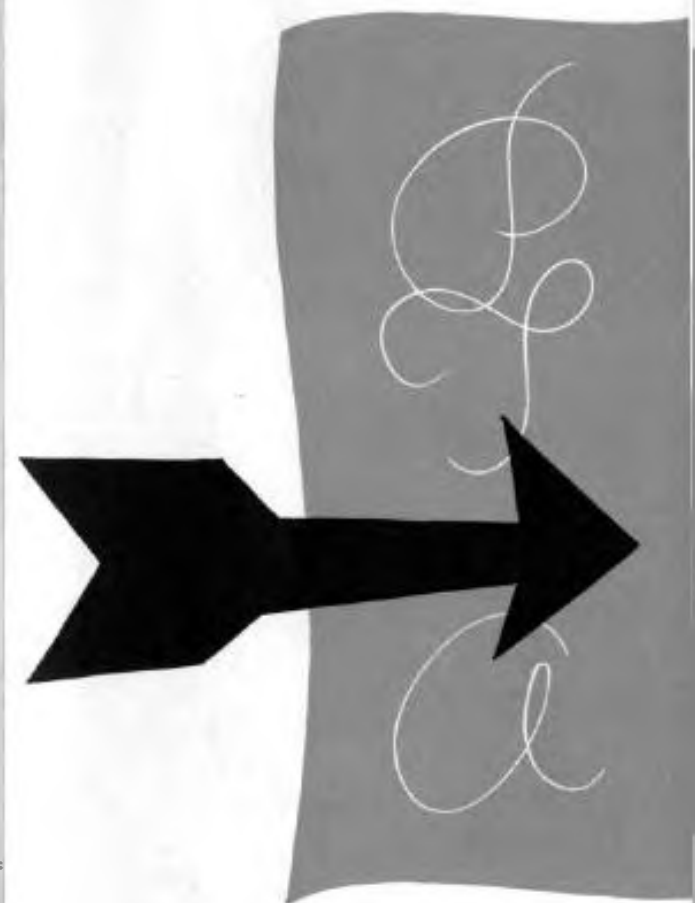
can be initiated by any local group of parents and teachers. You may use the form below to secure further information and help with organization.

ILLINOIS CONGRESS OF PARENTS
AND TEACHERS
311 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Please refer my name to the proper District
Director for further information.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____



THE ILLINOIS CONGRESS OF
PARENTS AND TEACHERS



The Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers

is one of the 50 state and territorial branches of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. The organization is popularly referred to as the PTA. Its objects are:

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

The National Congress was organized in 1897; its membership is now over 9,000,000*. The Illinois Congress was organized in 1900 and has grown to a membership of approximately 600,000*.

The work of the Illinois Congress is carried on through its 33 districts, 134* councils, and 2,148* local units. Annual and special conferences, workshops, and schools of instruction are held in the various districts. Delegates from each local unit and council and the state board members meet in annual convention to conduct business and determine policies of the organization.

State officers, state chairmen, and the district directors promote interest and stimulate activity in all general fields of parent-teacher endeavor as a volunteer service to child welfare.



Better Homes - Better Schools - Better Communities

The Illinois Congress helps local PTA's

by giving them status and strength in the local community because it unites them with other state and national groups.

Services and publications of the Illinois Congress are available to all local units to aid in every phase of parent-teacher work. It provides study materials, program aids and suggestions, speakers, recordings and visual helps, and many published materials. It offers training courses in leadership and sponsors classes in parent-education. The use of these services and materials enables a local unit to provide a continually improved and strengthened program.

It gives the local unit representation at state conventions and on state-wide action committees where welfare programs, school legislation, and other measures affecting children are developed and promoted.

Teacher recruitment

is one of the outstanding projects of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers and is supported by all its units. It supports a scholarship program which annually awards about \$40,000* to students preparing to teach; it maintains student loan funds at six state universities and colleges.

It works to secure and maintain adequate salaries and to improve working conditions for teachers; to acquaint all citizens with the need for securing an adequate number of well-qualified teachers; and to acquaint secondary school students with the challenging and satisfying opportunities in a teaching career.

* Figures as of March 31, 1955.

ILLINOIS
STATE
NORMAL
UNIVERSITY



Northern Illinois State College
1895



ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY
1857-1957

Western Illinois State College
1899



University of Illinois
1867



Eastern Illinois State College
1895



Southern Illinois University
1869

Centennial Year 1957
MARKING THE FOUNDING OF
ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY
AND THE START OF STATE-SUPPORTED
HIGHER EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS

THE PROPERTY TAX *and SCHOOL FINANCE*

OCTOBER

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Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers

Illinois Association of School Boards

Illinois Education Association

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

that an important school election will be held on December 7, 1957 at Wheeling School from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m.

ACTION REQUESTED

Your school board urgently requests that you come and vote . . . and that you vote "yes" on both issues so that School District 21 will secure the necessary funds to operate your school system.

THE PROBLEM IN GENERAL

As always, money is a magic word. Now, more than ever before, your schools look to you for help in getting adequate money-magic to balance their "educational" and "transportation" budgets. Everyone knows that schools are operated on tax money that all property owners pay. But not everyone knows that when expenses exceed tax income [because of overnight subdivision growth, for example] the state has been picking up much of the deficit through state aid payments. However, this year, under a revised state aid formula, your school district will receive about \$21,000 less than expected. To make matters worse, hundreds of pre-school children will be in our school system for the first time next fall. Then too, a new 12 room school must be staffed and maintained upon completion this coming spring. Today the number of children in each classroom continues rising slowly but surely. Yet tax income is not enough to handle current or future expenses.

ISSUE NUMBER 1

The state of Illinois recognizes this problem. School districts have been authorized a new tax rate maximum from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Here's where your vote counts. When you vote "yes" to increase the educational tax rate, your taxes may go up as high as \$11 more each year. If you vote "no" or don't vote, your school district may have to resort to 50 children per classroom and a restricted educational program in order to pay the bills.

ISSUE NUMBER 2

One other issue rests squarely on your shoulders. Wheeling school district has always provided bus transportation to all children in the district. State law requires that transportation be furnished to students who live over 1½ miles from school. It's that old budget problem again. The school board doesn't want to force toddlers to walk the highways or be exposed to zero weather. But busses are costing more than the school district can afford. Here again the state recognizes the problem. School districts now are authorized to raise their transportation tax rate from \$.02 to \$.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation or about \$5 more per home per year. If the increased transportation rate is not approved by the voters, parents of school children may find themselves paying \$5 or more a month to rent transportation. One thing is certain — the school board cannot continue indefinitely to operate school busses on the present deficit basis.

FOR PEACE OF MIND

It all adds up to about \$16 more taxes per year! So vote "yes" and pay that small price for "education" and "highway safety." Vote "yes" twice — for the sake of little children — who might well be yours!

Arthur L. Brown, Secretary, School Dist. 21

Wheeling HERALD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1958

Helping Child Is PTA Subject

A panel discussion, "How You Can Help Your Child At Home," by members of the Wheeling school faculty will highlight the PTA program Monday, Jan. 27, beginning at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

The panel will consist of Miss Mary Louise Owen, E. Lindy Carlberg, James Ervin, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. Catherine Samsel, and Miss Donna Sclarow. Principal Marion Omiatek will moderate.

DISCUSSION TOPICS include homework, report cards, the example set at home, preparation of the pre-school child for learning. A question and answer period will follow.

PTA members also will hear from Police Magistrate Ted Scanlon.

Mrs. Mary Henry will report on the budget and finance program for the year.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1958

Teacher Panel Provides 'Pointers for Parents'

"Early to bed" or children are likely to tire before the school day has ended.

Plan TV viewing and set aside a regular time to study. If children are encouraged to arrange the time themselves, all the better.

HELP CHILDREN to develop their own interests and hobbies and encourage self-discipline and self-direction, but avoid pressure. Family discussions at mealtime, bedtime, etc., is a vital aid.

Help the child to know what his grades mean, whether good or bad. Avoid using the report card as a disciplinary tool. Most important: find out whether or not the child is working up to his ability, and why. Ability is more important than grades.

Recognize and allow for individual differences. Avoid over ambition for the child.

THE ABOVE POINTS were among many discussed by a panel of 5 teachers at the Wheeling PTA program Monday night at the Wheeling school gym. Title of the discussion, "How you (the parent) can help your child in school."

Unfortunately, the turnout was poor.

Panel members also recommended that parents set an example by reading themselves. The importance of a home library was stressed as an aid in helping the child to develop reading appreciation early in life.

Learning how to use source (reference) materials is also important, said panel members, especially as a tool in writing themes and preparing for higher

100% Membership

For the first time in the history of Wheeling's 42 year old P.T.A. a room has reached 100% membership.

Mrs. Evelyn Schuler, teacher at the new Carl Sandburg School, received a \$10 cash prize for her second grade class in reward for this outstanding achievement.

Have you joined the P.T.A. yet? If Not, please do so. The enrollment campaign for 100% membership will continue until Nov. 1. The Membership committee chairman reports that Mrs. Schuler's second grade at the Sandburg School is now leading the race. Won't you please try to help your child's room become eligible for the 100% membership award?

The dues are \$1.50 for the family or \$1.00 for one parent. This may be sent to the school or contact Mrs. G. Peterson at Wheeling, 448-W.

February 20
1958

Today's Children Is Topic for PTA

"Rearing Children for Today's World" is the title of Mrs. Frank D. Kenney's talk for the PTA program Monday, Feb. 24, beginning at 8 p.m. in Wheeling school gym.

MRS. KENNY is an active member of the Human Relations Committee of the First Unitarian church, Barrington, a member of the board of Hyde Park Community conference, and a member of the Block Steering committee for this organization. She has 3 children.

In commemoration of PTA Founder's Day, past presidents of Wheeling PTA will be honored with a candle-lighting ceremony.

An added attraction will be a display of student's hobbies. They will be chosen from each class on the basis of creativeness and craftsmanship to give parents ideas to take home to their own children and encourage the de-

velopment of hobbies by giving recognition to students whose efforts show a special ability.

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THERE IS NO SUCH thing as a perfect driver was the essence of the talk on safety given by Police Magistrate Richard Scanlon for the PTA Northwest Suburban Council's meeting at Wilson school, Arlington Heights Feb. 13.

Each year cars are made more powerful and capable of greater speeds. Human beings remain unchanged, limited by two eyes, two arms and two legs.

The perfect driver, Magistrate Scanlon pointed out, is one with eyes around the head, six arms and four legs, insuring complete control over the automobile, our most popular instrument for human destruction.

The other speaker on the program was Reverend William

Scholl, Director of Migrant Ministry for the National Council of Churches.

The reverend emphasized the fact that in our present agricultural economy we are very dependent on the migratory worker. Therefore, it is necessary to provide the proper educational environment for the children of migratory workers while they are in our communities.

Texas provides special aid to schools who have a large influx of migratory children for the period they are enrolled. In New York state, plans for a summer school for these children are under serious consideration.

The National Council of Churches has been active in improving the all around living and traveling conditions for these workers and their families, said Rev. Scholl.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1958

Wheeling PTA Wins Award For Membership Increase

Wheeling PTA won membership recognition and is entitled to be known as a Gold Leaf association for a 230 per cent increase in membership from March 31, 1957, Mrs. E. Arnold, president, announced Monday evening.

The award was received in the form of a certificate from Mrs. F. Cory, PTA Northwest Suburban Council president.

THE GROUP celebrated PTA Founders Day by honoring past presidents of the Wheeling organization in a candle lighting ceremony. Mrs. C. Balling, Wheeling, first local PTA president in 1915, opened the ceremony.

Mrs. Zollner, Bensenville, Mrs. D. Dobbins, Wheeling, E. Stavros, Wheeling, W. Poling, Mt. Prospect, Mrs. R. Klepper, Prospect Heights, and Mrs. E. Arnold, Wheeling, represented the years for which they were president.

R. Steinman acted as narrator and Mrs. R. Lowden, district chairman, gave a resume of PTA

functions in the past and present. FOR THE first time in Wheeling PTA history the organization has accepted sponsorship of a boy scout troop. The Sea Explorer Scout ship 18 with Don Parcell, Sea Scout advisor, presented the colors at the opening of the meeting.

Donald Paisley will act as institutional representative from the PTA and Wheeling school will be the meeting place for the Explorers. Nine boys, 14 and older, form the present membership. Boys interested in adventures at sea are invited to join. The Explorers boast ownership of 2 boats.

Announcements of important coming events included the following:

April is PTA officer election time. The nominating committee, Mrs. D. Paisley, G. Kiffel, Mrs. E. Schuyler, Seth Butler and Mrs. E. W. Kroman will present the slate at the March meeting.

The second Saturday of April is school board election time. Arthur Aronson, board president, reminded those planning to run for office that their petitions must be signed before March 21.

THE WHEELING school library needs volunteer help for scheduled library hours and labor. Mrs.

Norman Gieske asked for those interested to call her at Wheeling 1958-J. The Spring band concert will be held April 18, 8 p.m., Wheeling school gym. Proceeds will go toward band equipment. The program is under the direction of Henry Reid, music instructor.

Following the business meeting Mrs. Frank Kenny of the Hyde Park Community conference talked on how to develop understanding and respect, between individuals, in rearing a child today. A lack of knowledge of other religions and races perpetuates prejudices. Mrs. Kenny also said you must raise your child to feel at home in a wide variety of environments. Children and adults should increase their adaptability to people and places.

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THE ORGANIZATION which Mrs. Kenny represents sponsors tours in Chicago for teen agers to visit and become acquainted with churches and temples as well as schools and neighborhoods.

The meeting was well attended and enjoyed the added attraction of a student's hobby display which completely circled the gym.

THURSDAY MARCH 6, 1958

PTA Launches Drive For Summer Program

Wheeling PTA recently pledged \$50 to start the ball rolling toward a goal of \$3200 for a minimum summer recreation program for children 7 to 14.

The committee on recreation hopes to open village school playgrounds for the summer and offer supervised activities.

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1958

School Board Candidates to Speak March 24

Candidates for 3 positions open on the board of School District 21 will speak briefly in their own behalf during the PTA meeting at Wheeling school gym March 24.

The public is invited to attend and become acquainted with candidates before the election, April 12.

Candidates who have filed petitions include: Mrs. Donald Paisley, PTA board safety chairman for the past 2 years; Robert E. Steinman, PTA board legislative chairman for the past 2 years; Leonard Abrahamson, Wheeling Community Kindergarten president; Elik Nekimken, chairman of the Wheeling boy scouts; Seth Butler, incumbent member of the board.

A petition is being circulated

for Woerner Ellman, past budget and finance chairman for PTA board.

RUMOR HAS IT that Ernest Stavros is also a candidate. Stavros is president of the Wheeling chamber of commerce and a past president of the school board.

Both Ellman and Stavros have also been invited to speak Monday evening.

All petitions must be filed by March 22. (W)

Sixth Graders To Stage Ballet

E. Cindy Carlberg's 35 6th graders will present an original ballet, using selections from the Nutcracker suite, during the PTA program Monday, March 24, 8 p.m. at Wheeling school gym.

The nominating committee will present the slate for president, 1st and 2nd vice president, recording and corresponding secretaries, and treasurer. The annual PTA election will be held at the April meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

A LARGE PART of the program will be devoted to school board candidates. Three positions are open. To date, the following have filed petitions: Leonard Abrahamson, Mrs. Donald Paisley, Seth Butler, Robert Steinman, Werner Ellman, and Elik Nekimken. Ernest Stavros is circulating a petition.

The public is urged to attend.

Kindergarten Is Topic for Meeting

The importance of kindergarten in general for Wheeling will be stressed at an open meeting Thursday, April 3, at Wheeling school gym 8:30 p.m., according to Leonard Abrahamson, Wheeling Community Kindergarten president.

Members of the association and other interested residents will consider support of a public school kindergarten, or, if need be, the continuation of the private, non-profit association.

March
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Norris Is Feted By Wheeling PTA

Jack Norris, superintendent of schools, district 21, was presented with a life membership scroll and pin by Gerald Kiffel, chairman of the scholarship fund at the PTA meeting Monday, March 24. The PTA contributed \$50 to the state PTA scholarship fund, enabling them to honor Norris with the award for outstanding service to the education of youth.

The PTA has been striving for a membership of 500 for this year. To date the membership count has reached 497. Some 150 attended this week's meeting.

KIFFEL, CHAIRMAN of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the ensuing year: for president, Mrs. Betty Arnold; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Anita Nekimkin; 2nd vice-president, James Ervin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Marybelle Peterson; recording secretary, Ed Shavitz. Nominations from the floor and the election will be held at the April meeting.

The state PTA convention will be held in Springfield, April 17, 18 and 19. Mrs. Arnold said two delegates will be sent to represent the local PTA.

Mrs. E. Stavros, school nurse, requested that parents watch children for signs of chickenpox, measles and mumps and to please call her if there is doubt concerning the period of confinement. She added a reminder for

parents that physical exams are required of 1st and 5th graders for entrance into school.

NORRIS GAVE special recognition to Mrs. Katherine Samsel, science teacher, who has the distinction of being awarded 3 educational scholarships for the summer of which she will choose one.

Registration for summer kindergarten and 1st grade will be held at Wheeling school, Saturday, April 12, from 12 noon to 7 p.m., Norris announced.

Election of school board candidates will also be held at Wheel-

ing school April 12 from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eligible voters must be citizens who have lived in the state one year, in the county 90 days, and in the district 30 days.

AS A SERVICE to the community, the remainder of the program was devoted to the 7 candidates running for 3 positions on the school board. Each gave a short talk in his own behalf. A question and answer period in which the audience participated followed. Questions included split-shift classes, the future of a public kindergarten, and problems of safety. (W)



E. L. CARLBERG'S 6th graders designed their own costumes and colored backdrops with crayon for an original ballet to music from the Nutcracker suite presented for Wheeling PTA Monday evening. Among those participating were: left to right, front

row, Paul Hernandez, Dorothy VonKutzelbon, Robert Fiester; back row, Ernest Mendoza, Kenneth Rozek, Carl Davison, Gregory Moore. Students gave credit to Nancy Cartwright, the piano accompanist, for inspiration and production of the ballet. (W

March 27
1958

Paisley, Stavros Lead School Votes



ERNEST STAVROS



MRS. DONALD PAISLEY



SETH BUTLER

Despite rumors that only a "few hundred" would turn out to elect three candidates to positions on district 21 school board, a total of 677 ballots were cast April 12 at Wheeling school. Such rumors were probably influenced by the "very light" attendance at the round-up rally April 10 sponsored by Paddock Publications.

Biggest majorities were rolled up by Mrs. Donald Paisley (379) Ernest Stavros (353), and incumbent Seth Butler (333).

TRAILING BEHIND the winners were Robert Steinman with 245 votes, Ellic Nekimken with 208 votes, Leonard Abrahamson with 207 votes, and Werner Ellman with 170 votes.

Charles D. Balling received one vote. Balling and Carl Carlson have just retired from school board after serving 3 years.

A canvass of ballots showed 14 were defective and objected.

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Mrs. Paisley, of 567 W. Green dr., Wheeling, has been a member of Wheeling PTA for 9 years. She has served on local, council, and district PTA boards. She helped to organize the Chicago Crossing guard association. She has worked with the Chicago Motor club, board of education, and secretary of state's office to provide "behind the wheel" driver education for high school students on a state-wide basis.

BACK AGAIN is Ernest Stavros, 886 S. Milwaukee ave., who served as president of the school board from 1950 to 1957. Owner of a farm implement business, Stavros is currently president of the Wheeling chamber of commerce and a member of many village organizations.

During his first 3-year term on the school board, Seth Butler served on the transportation, building, and finance committees. Butler owns a landscaping nursery business on N. Arlington Heights State rd. and is a packer at Benjamin Electric co.

Arthur Aronson was reelected president of district 21 school board Monday evening. Stavros was elected secretary. Other members are Mrs. Blanche Klo-

man, Arthur Brown, and Robert Brower. New committees will be set up at the next meeting, Thursday, April 24.

BOARD MEMBERS agreed to meet the second Friday instead of the second Monday of each month. They will continue to meet on the fourth Thursday as well.

School board plans to send a representative to village board meetings in the future.

School Concert Friday

The cadet band, advanced band, seventh and eighth grade chorus, and a third grade skit will be featured at the Spring concert April 18, 8 p.m. at Wheeling school gym, 133 S. Wille.

All proceeds will go towards purchase of uniforms for children in the bands, according to John Reid, band and chorus director.

There will be practical free gifts for adults and free toys for children.

April 24

Independent

PTA OPEN HOUSE

Open House highlights the PTA program, Monday, 8 p.m. at Wheeling School Gym, April 28. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. the teachers will be in their rooms to talk to parents while they examine their children's work. Prior to Open House, the PTA board will serve dinner for the staff.

At the meeting PTA members will elect officers for the coming school year. Nominations will be made from the floor. Mrs. Frank Cory, District PTA president will preside over the installation of officers ceremony.

Following the installation, Mr. Arthur Aronson, president of the school board will introduce the newly elect-

ed members of the board, Mrs. Donald Paisley, Mr. Ernest Stavros and Mr. Seth Butler.

PTA Plans Open House April 28

Open house highlights the PTA program at Wheeling school gym Monday, April 28.

From 7 to 8 p.m. teachers will be in their rooms to talk to parents while they look over their children's work. Prior to the open house the PTA board will serve dinner for the school staff and district 21 school board.

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PTA MEMBERS will elect officers for the coming school year during the business meeting. Mrs. Frank Corp, district PTA president, will preside at installation ceremonies.

Following the installation, Arthur Aronson, school board president, will introduce newly elected members of the board, Mrs. Donald Paisley, Ernest Stavros, Seth Butler. (W)

April 24

Herald

P.T.A. NEWS

At the Wheeling PTA meeting Monday night the following officers were elected for the 1958-59 term: President—Mrs. Edwin Arnold, 1st Vice President—Mrs. Elic Nikimken, 2nd Vice President and faculty representative—James Ervin, Recording Secretary—Mrs. Gerald Peterson, Treasurer—Edward Schavitz. Mrs. Frank Cory, N.W. Suburban Council President conducted the installation ceremonies.

Arthur Aronson, President of the School Board, presented framed certificates of appreciation to members who have given 10 years service on the Board. Carl Carlson, Charles Balling and Ernest Stavros were the persons so honored. Mr. Aronson also introduced the new School Board members, Mrs. Donald Paisley, Seth Butler and Ernest Stavros.

The P.T.A. contributed \$200 to the establishment of a film library for Dist. 21 schools and \$50 for the Music Department.

Keith Vernon, P.E. Director, announced for those interested in the Summer Recreation program for children to call Elic Nikimken, 842, for information.

Mrs. Donald Paisley warned parents to safe-guard all new or used refrigerators and deep-freeze units and power mowers from children, many serious accidents result from careless attention to these items this time of year.

Marion Omiatek, Principal of Wheeling School, and Jack Norris, Superintendent, commended the parents on their fine show of interest in their children by the large turnout for "Open House" which preceded the meeting.

Donald Paisley, P.T.A. representative for the Sea Scouts, made a plea for anyone with "old Navy Blues" to please contact him. The Sea Scouts need uniforms.

PTA membership has reached 502, an announcement made by Mrs. Gerald Peterson, membership Chairman. 160 members enjoyed coffee and cake following the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Edwin Arnold Wins Re-Election to PTA Post

Mrs. Edwin Arnold was re-elected president of Wheeling PTA Monday night.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Elic Nekimken, First vice-president; James Ervin, second vice-president and faculty representative; Mrs. Richard Wilson, recording secretary; Mrs. Gerald Peterson, corresponding secretary; Edward Schavitz, treasurer.

MRS. FRANK CORY, Northwest Suburban PTA Council president, conducted installation ceremonies.

Carl Carlson, Charles Balling, and Ernest Stavros received certificates of appreciation for ten years of service on school district 21 board of education.

Arthur Aronson, school board president, presented the certificates and also introduced new school board members Mrs. Donald Paisley, Seth Butler, and Stavros.

Wheeling PTA recently contributed some \$200 toward the establishment of a film library for

schools in district 21.

PARENTS interested in entering children in the summer recreation program should call Elic Nekimken, WH 842, for information, announced Keith Vernon, director of physical education at Wheeling school.

Mrs. Donald Paisley, safety chairman, warned parents to protect children from new or used refrigerators, deep-freeze units, and power mowers. Many accidents occur through carelessness, she noted.

Marion Omiatek, principal of Wheeling school, and Jack Norris, district 21 school superintendent, commended parents for their fine show of interest and large turnout at "Open House" preceding the meeting.

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Some 160 members enjoyed refreshments at the close of the meeting. (W)

Topic Mon.

A panel discussion of recreation in the home, school, and community will highlight the PTA meeting Monday, May 26, 8 p.m. at Wheeling school gym.

The panel will be composed of a village juvenile officer (either Lt. Arnold Krause or Sgt. Howard Koeppen), Mrs. Robert Brower representing the Wheeling recreation committee, Jack Berry, sixth grade teacher, representing the school athletic program, Donald Paisley, representing the Wheeling Athletic association, inc., and Mrs. Mary Fisher, representing Youth club.

Mrs. Elic Nekimken will moderate the discussion. (W)

Recreation Needs Topic Of PTA Panel Discussion

A panel discussion held during the May 26 PTA meeting at Wheeling school revealed how many facilities, although limited, are available for children's recreation and how great the need is for more volunteer help.

THE DISCUSSION also revealed that less than one third of Wheeling parents are donating time to various organizations interested in providing healthy organizations.

The panel consisted of Mrs. William Ketchner, Mrs. Miriam Miller, Mrs. Robert Brower, Robert Falder, Leonard Swanson, and Donald Paisley. Mrs. Elic Nekimken moderated.

Four of the eight students who attended the Illinois State Junior Academy of Science fair told of their experiences and thanked their chaperones Mrs. Donald Paisley, Mrs. Katherine Samsel, and Marion Omiatek.

Special thanks went to eighth grade science teacher Mrs. Samsel who assisted and inspired the group while it worked on a project which took third place at the fair.

MRS. FRED KLOMAN asked for volunteers to help canvass families in school district 21 for an account of all children who are or will reach school age to determine future school needs. Canvassing is part of a "Look Into the Future" survey planned by school board, which is being assisted by an expert from Northwestern university.

Mrs. Betty Arnold, PTA president, thanked everyone for their co-operation during the past year and introduced new board members and committee chairmen.

Board members are: Anita Nekimken, first vice-president; James Ervin, second vice-president; Edward Schavitz, treasurer; Pat Wilson, recording secretary; Maribel Peterson, corresponding secretary.

COMMITTEE chairmen are:

Robert Steinman, legislation; Nelda Paisley, safety; Shirley Mueller, magazine; Dorothy Taylor, budget and finance; Marion Miner, flyer chairman; Dolores Kilkenny, citizenship; Nora Couris, room mothers; Joan Duval, membership; Doris Miller, health.

Also, Harriet Geske, library; Aileen Seaholm, music; Ruth Aronson, hospitality; Ruth Wanbach, publicity; Gerald Kiffel, scholarship; Blanche Kooman, school education; Harriet Boyd, kitchen; Helen Haultman, exceptional children.

First and second grade mothers served pies and coffee at the end of the last meeting of the year.

Director Recounts Troubles Of New Drama Workshop

Putting down her worn and much-marked copy of "The Late Christopher Bean," director and stage manager Mrs. Anthony Schell, 188 E. Dennis, last week took a minute to mull over the ups and downs of the young Wheeling dramatic workshop.

Sponsored by Wheeling PTA, "Bean" will be presented at Wheeling school gym June 20 and 21, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Harold Henry, LE 7-0388, Mrs. Edwin J. Arnold, LE 7-1252, or at the door.

"IT TAKES AN awful lot of hard work to start a dramatic club and keep it going," said the indomitable Mrs. Schell.

The first obstacle was to get people interested, commented the blonde housewife, whose own interest fairly bubbles over. Herself a longtime devotee of the stage, she feels a dramatic club offers housewives and others a diverting break in daily routine.

"It's sure a lot more fun than playing cards," is the way she puts it.

Several of the original members of the workshop dropped out when the going got rough and Mrs. Schell's ample supply of energy and optimism helped hold the group together.

"I guess it's all part of the difficulty any young dramatic club runs into," cheerfully observed Mrs. Schell.

OTHER PROBLEMS which mounted as rehearsals got under way included memorizing lines, horseplay, and giggling fits.

The "wholesome laughs" which pepper "Bean," a situation comedy, are there for the benefit of the audience rather than the dis-

traction of the actors, insists Mrs. Schell.

There's a little bit of ham in everybody, the director further observed. Once a person makes that first entrance they can't wait to make the second, she commented with a knowing smile.

Mrs. Schell said the good rehearsals have outweighed the bad and the acting is really good for a group that has never attempted to put on a play before.

AS FOR THE stage business, those little actions that can be an actor's dilemma and a director's delight, it all "comes natural" when the actor "feels the part," she continued. "It's almost like seeing something come alive."

A dramatic soprano who knows her way around a stage, Mrs. Schell said she prefers theatre to the opera.

Her energy momentarily deserting her, Mrs. Schell sighed, "I may be ready to go to Italy with James Ervin when it's all

over."

Ervin, eighth grade teacher at Wheeling school, plays Pa Hagen in "Bean." He is planning to take a trip to Europe this summer. It was erroneously reported in last week's Herald that he will clerk in an Addison Park drugstore this summer.

OTHER MEMBERS OF the cast are: Mrs. Lawrence Edgar as Ma Haggett, Nancy Hoppee as Susan Haggett, Arlene Freels as Ada Haggett, Rae Pedersen as Abby, Ted Bartmann as Warren Kramer, John Nimmer as Tal-lant, Jone Noesen as Rosen, and Norman Coon as Davenport.

Mrs. William W. Warr is assistant director.

Mrs. Henry has gone to bat for the dramatic workshop all the way down the line, Mrs. Schell disclosed. Scotty Cargill is supplying the lights, of which there are a multitude, and Mrs. George Nieweem is furnishing all the props.

Reschedule Mark Twain Open House

The Mark Twain "open house," originally scheduled for Oct. 3, has been re-set for October 10, at 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Dorothy Middaugh, PTA publicity chairman.

The reason for the change, she said, was a conflict in programs. A musical instrument display is slated for Oct. 3, at the Wheeling school.

THERE WILL BE "a short program conducted by Mrs. Tins, Mark Twain principal, and parents will be invited to visit rooms and teachers. Teachers will at this time arrange conference

with parents to take place during the entire month of October and part of November.

These conferences will take the place of the regular report card during these weeks," Mrs. Middaugh said. (W)

THURSDAY, OCT. 2, 1958

PTA to Meet at Wheeling School

SEPT. 22, 1958

PTAers will meet for the first time during the current school year at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at the Wheeling school, PTA officials announced yesterday.

The meeting will be a health program conducted by Mrs. Jean Stavros, school nurse, and Mrs. Doris Miller, health chairman. The will show the various tests by which the health of each child attending school is determined. A new device, the audiometer, will be demonstrated, and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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THE SCHOOL group also announced that the volleyball teams will resume their weekly games, with a game scheduled tonight, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheeling school gym.

The Parent-Teacher association also sent out a call for volunteers. "There is a desperate

need for room mothers this year," they said. Room mothers are needed for all grades, the announcement said. Mothers interested in the program were instructed to call Mrs. Nora Couris, LE 7-0533.

OCT. 2, 1958

P.T.A. NEWS

By Dorothy Middaugh

The first P.T.A. meeting of the school year was very successful with the presence of 160 people. We appreciate the presence of all the teachers at the meeting and Mr. Norris Supt., Mr. Omiatek, Principle of Mark Twain School.

The Health Program presented by Mrs. Stavros and Mrs. Miller was very enlightening and emphasis was placed on the hearing and sight of each child who attends school. A film entitled "See Better- Healthy Eyes" will be shown to all students at some time during the school year.

Mrs. Shumak, the speech teacher, gave a brief talk with the thought in mind that a child's speech can be impaired a great deal if he has been unable to see or hear properly in his early years. Last year Mrs. Shumak found 183 students in need of speech help.

Mr. Norris expressed the views and philosophy of all our teachers in this way. One of the best ways to know your teachers and understand their problems is to visit their schoolrooms during a regular school day. There are chairs placed inside the door of every schoolroom for your use and the doors of each of the three schools are open to you. Our superintendent, principles and tea-

chers firmly believe in giving you, the parent, a chance to know your school and teacher. Take advantage of it and see one of the finest staffs in Cook County at Work in your school giving your child the finest education available.

Since the meeting was held on Sept. 22nd, there has been a change made in the coming month. Because of the Musical Instrument Display being held on October 3rd at the Wheeling School, the Open House at Mark Twain School has been scheduled for the evening of October 10th at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a short program conducted by Mrs. Tins, Principle and the parents will be invited to visit the rooms and teachers. At this time the teachers will arrange conferences with each parent to take place during the entire month of October and part of November. An important thing to remember is that these conferences will take place of the regular Report Card due during these weeks. If you have children attending the Mark Twain School, it is most important for you to attend this special Open House. Each of the other schools will schedule an Open House at a later date.

The P.T.A. Membership drive is on and we're looking for a 100% Membership this year. JOIN YOUR P.T.A.

Oct. 6, 1958

Teacher-Parent Council Resumes

First-quarter report cards for Mark Twain pupils were suspended in favor of parent-teacher conferences when teachers and parents met Friday, Oct. 10, for an open house get-together.

Appointments for the conferences were set during the meeting which was termed a "complete success" by Mrs. Mildred Tins, school principal. The response of the parents was "most gratifying," she said. The meeting gave teachers the opportunity of meeting with parents of their pupils and explaining the philosophy of teaching.

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THE NEXT PTA meeting will be held October 27 at 8 p.m., when the program will be a discussion of The Exceptional Child. The "exceptional" child is a term often misunderstood, according to PTA Spokesman Dorothy M. Middaugh.

He is often a multiple-handicapped child, and it is important to know "what we are doing and what can be done for these children in our community," Mrs. Middaugh said.

She stressed that not only Wheeling itself, but Wheeling township is concerned and should be widely represented at the meeting. (W)

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

"There are still 4 rooms without Room Mothers this year" announced Mrs. Nora Couris, Chairman.

Room Mother. This is a title that seems to frighten away even the most hardy individual. Most mothers feel they have more than enough to handle with their own brood, let alone assuming the responsibility of 25 or 30 more children. But it comes as a pleasant surprise to most of the 'Room Mothers' that the children respond to a stranger. One of the duties of a Room Mother is to accompany the room on field trips and help serve the children refreshments during a party. If there are rooms without a 'Mother' they cannot enjoy these special things that make a school year more enjoyable. At the Wheeling School there are 3 rooms who need help. They are Mrs. Ethel Wagner, 3rd grade, Mrs. Lucille Larson, 5th grade, and Mrs. Mary Wilson, 8th grade. At the Mark Twain school, the room that needs help is Mr. Sol Minkoff, 4th grade.

A prize is awarded to each room that achieves a 100% membership in the P.T.A. Since the deadline is drawing near, it would be greatly appreciated if you would send your membership envelope to school with your child. Those of you who have already joined the P.T.A. will receive your membership card and program for the coming year within 10 days.

Oct. 13, 1958

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

Mrs. Mildred Tins, principle of Mark Twain school announced today that the Open House held at the school last Friday, October 10th was a complete success. The response of parents attending the affair was most gratifying. The teachers had an opportunity to talk with the parents of their pupils and explain their philosophy of teaching. Appointments for conferences with parents were made and these talks will take the place of the first quarterly report cards due during October. The P.T.A. served coffee and cookies during the evening.

The next meeting of the P.T.A. will be held on October 27th at 8 p.m. "The Exceptional Child" is the title of this evening's program and it will be devoted to explaining to you just what an 'exceptional' child is. The multiple handicapped child is an exceptional child and it is important to everyone to know what we are doing and what can be done for these children in our community. This problem concerns not only Wheeling itself but all of Wheeling Township. Please try to attend.

PTA Needs Four Room Mothers

Mrs. Mary Wilson's eighth grade. At the Mark Twain school Sol Minkoffs fourth grade is without a room mother," Mrs. Couris said.

The PTA chairman also reminded parents that the membership deadline is drawing near, and said that a prize is awarded to each room that achieves a 100 per cent enrollment. "We are responsible of 25 or 30 more children," she said.

"Actually," she continued, "it comes as a pleasant surprise to most of the room mothers that the children respond to a stranger." * * *

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Oct. 20, 1958

P.T.A. #573 for Wheeling, Ill.

Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. meeting will be held on Monday, October 27th at 8:00P.M. in the Wheeling School gym. The program is entitled "The Exceptional Child". There will be a panel consisting of Mrs. Dorothy Bryan and Mrs. Ruth Green of the Division for Exceptional Children of the State Office in Springfield, Illinois, and Miss Gleane O'Brien of the Division of Special Education of Proviso High School.

Most of us do not count our blessings until we have reason to see others less fortunate than ourselves. Therefore, we do not concern ourselves with multiple handicapped children. Yet these children, the blind, the deaf, the mentally retarded and the brain damaged have every right to an education in keeping with their capabilities. The panel will explain to you what is being done about this problem and what we can do to help. An interesting evening is planned for you with refreshments served after the meeting.

The Wheeling school is holding their Open House on Wednesday evening, October 22nd at 7:30 P.M. Appointments for conferences with parents will be made and these will take the place of the quarterly report card due during this month. The P.T.A. fund raising event of this year will be a Card Party held at the Wheeling School on November 7th at 8:00P.M. Fun for everyone with door prizes and refreshments. Donation is \$1.00 per person.

Oct. 27, 1958

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

The Carl Sandburg school will hold its Open House on Nov. 5th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. All parents of pupils are urged to attend to arrange for conferences with the teachers.

The P.T.A. Card Party will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 7th, 1958 in the Wheeling School. All types of card games including Bunco, Canasta, Bridge and Rummy will be played and refreshments will be served.

One of the objectives of the P.T.A. is to acquaint the public with the special activities conducted in their schools. The music dept. in Wheeling school is one of these and is ably supervised by Mr. John Reid. His work involves not only the band but also the girls' and boys' chorus as well. There are three advancing stages in the band program. The beginners' band, which includes pupils from 4th through 6th grades, the advanced band from 6th through 8th, and the concert band which requires a pupil to have 3 to 4 years training. The bands perform on an average of twice a year and they conduct Candy Sales to raise money for uniforms. Next year Mr. Reid hopes to start pupils at Sandburg School in a Tonette group and these pupils will then advance directly into the beginners band. Music is a vital part of a pupils education and your school board has brought you one of the finest music instructors in our area. The next time the school band or chorus presents a program, try to attend and become acquainted with one of the special activities of your school. Parents and teachers together are the bond between pupil and school.

P.T.A. membership deadline is October 31st. JOIN YOUR P.T.A.

Sandburg Open House Nov. 5

Carl Sandburg school will hold its open house November 5 from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. All parents of pupils are urged to attend to arrange for conferences with the teachers, a PTA spokesman said.

The PTA card party will be held at 8 p.m. November 7, in Wheeling school. All types of card games including canasta, bridge and rummy will be played and refreshments will be served, Mrs. Dorothy M. Middaugh said.

One of the objectives of the PTA is to acquaint the public with the special activities conducted in their schools. The music department in Wheeling school is one of these and is supervised by John Reid. His work involves not only the band, but the girls' and boys' chorus as well. There are three advancing stages in the band program. The beginners

band, which includes pupils from fourth through sixth grades, the advanced band from sixth through eighth, and the concert band, which requires a pupil to have three to four years' training.

The bands perform an average of twice a year, and they conduct candy sales to raise money for uniforms.

Next year Reid hopes to start pupils at Sandburg school in a tonette group and these pupils will then advance directly into the beginners' band.

Music is a vital part of a pupils' education and the school board has brought one of the finest music instructors to the area, Mrs. Middaugh said.

PTA membership deadline is October 31. Join your PTA, she said. (W)

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P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. would like to remind everyone about the Card Party being held on November 7, 1958 in the Wheeling School at 8:00 p.m.

All kinds of card games will be offered to you and there will be table prizes, door prizes and a raffle for prizes that would do justice to anyone's home. Please try to attend. This is the 'Money-making' project for your P.T.A. this year and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Nov. 10, 1958

P.T.A. News for Wheeling, Ill.

Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. would like to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped make the Card Party the success it was. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the refreshments were particularly enjoyable.

The following letter was drafted by the P.T.A. Board and sent to the following people in regard to the safety problem present at the Mark Twain school.

To: President of the School Board and its members
President of the Village Board and its members
Chief of Police of the Village of Wheeling

Gentlemen:

At our October 20th P.T.A. Board meeting the problems present at the East Merle approach to the Mark Twain school were considered.

These problems have apparently been present since the school opened. It is the considered opinion of the P.T.A. Board that there is an urgent need for a crossing guard to protect the children at this location. Incidents approaching serious accidents are reported to us almost daily.

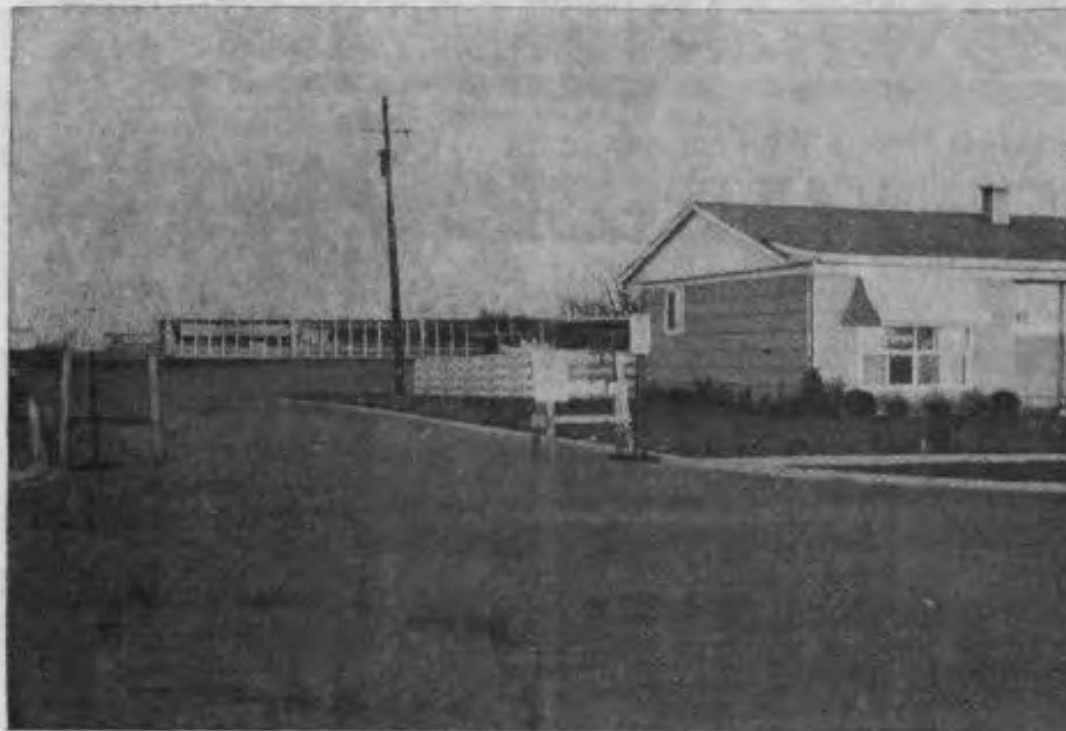
Since we recognize this as a joint responsibility of the village, the school board and the parents, we are approaching both boards with this request. As for the parents' responsibility, we as a P.T.A. group will make every effort to enlighten our parent membership.

May we request that jointly, the village and school boards provide for a crossing guard just as soon as possible. Your replies will be read and considered at our next board meeting.

Very truly yours

Mrs. Betty Arnold, Pres.
P.T.A. Wheeling, Dist 21

Crossing Guard Is Requested by PTA



CONTROVERSIAL entrance to Mark Twain school in East Dunhurst discussed in Village Safety commission meeting Monday night. The

PTA has requested a crossing guard for the area.

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. meeting on Monday night, December 5th was a big success especially for the children who attended. Santa Claus paid a surprise visit during the musical program conducted by Mr. John Reid and gave candy canes to the youngsters.

The Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Reid, sang several selections and the Band accompanied the audience during the rendering of Christmas carols.

There will be Christmas parties in all the lower grade rooms this Friday and then the children will be home for two weeks during the holidays. Have fun parents, and a Merry Merry Christmas to you from your P.T.A.

The Wheeling PTA sent a letter this week to the village board and the police chief requesting a street crossing guard for the Mark Twain school in East Dunhurst Heights.

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ACCORDING TO THE letter, signed by Mrs. Betty Arnold, president of the PTA, "Incidents approaching serious accidents are reported to us almost daily."

The letter was discussed at the Monday night meeting of the village Safety commission. The crossing in question is at the main entrance to the school on E. Wayne pl., between Bridget pl. and E. Merle ln.

Police Chief Horcher, chairman of the Safety commission, said he did not think a crossing guard would solve the problem.

"There are too many crossings for a guard to do any good," he said.

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THERE IS A DRIVEWAY opposite the school entrance which could be used as one side of the crossing, Horcher said. But then the children would have to be routed north and south from there to

their homes.

The chief said that he had observed the situation on the street during the day. He said the children poured out of the school entrance on foot and on bikes, and that cars and buses waiting to pick up the youngsters further added to the confusion.

Teachers are the only ones permitted to drive cars onto the school grounds, Horcher said. But he said he has received reports of parents using the drive also.

"This is a serious problem," he said. "We are up against a wall to solve it with the streets laid out as they are."

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HORCHER SAID he plans to visit the school again and take moving pictures of the exodus to assist in studying the problem.

Mrs. Arnold, in her letter, said the PTA would do everything possible to instruct the parents on their responsibility for their children's safety.

Plans Hit Snag

The proposed incorporation of the village of Bonnie Brook in an unincorporated section of Wheeling township has been challenged in County court.

A bill asking that the incorporation petition be dismissed was filed by the Rob Roy Home Owners Association, Martin F. and Dorothy M. Kolenko, and Gino and Shirley Gobbl.

It contends the petition was not signed by 35 qualified electors as required by law, but that no more than 21 of the 35 signers are registered voters.

A HEARING IN the case has been set for December 17 by County Judge Otto Kerner.

The proposed village is about three-quarters of a square mile lying east and west of Wolf road between Palatine and Camp McDonald roads.

There is a subdivision within the area not included in the proposed village, along the east side of Wolf rd. and north from Camp McDonald road. If incorporated, Bonnie Brook will adjoin the subdivision on three sides.

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the following people for their contributions to the Card Party on Nov. 7, 1958. Wheeling Furniture Co. - \$10 Certificate; Schaefer's Fashions, Black Handbag; Mark Drugs, Solid Cologne; Kutza Drugs, Fry Pan; Palette Gift Shop, Christmas Cards; Foor's Hardware, Set Knit Coasters; Young Mode's, Printed Crib Sheet; Wellfin's Silk Head Scarf.

The members of the new Safety Committee were announced at the last P.T.A. meeting and they are as follows: Mr. Robert Steinman, Mrs. Wm. Kilkenny, Mrs. Earl Seaholm and Mrs. Richard Wilson. If anyone is interested in joining the new committee and work in conjunction with the Wheeling Safety Commission, please contact one of the members.

Mrs. Joan Duval announced a 100% P.T.A. Membership in Mrs. Evelyn Schuler and Mrs. Joan Wilhelm's rooms. You may still give your room a 100% membership award by joining the P.T.A. before the end of December. We now have 534 members in the P.T.A. and the goal for the year is 600. Join Your P.T.A.

Mr. Carlberg's room won the room award of \$55.00 for parent attendance at the last P.T.A. meeting.

There will be a small Christmas Bazaar at the next P.T.A. meeting on December 15th. Homemade cookies and candies for your Holiday entertaining will be sold among other small items. Please note the date for the December meeting is Dec. 15, 1958, and will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

Mr. Noble J. Puffer, Cook County Superintendent of Schools has been requested to speak at the P.T.A. meeting on January 26th at 8:00 p.m. The P.T.A. feels that Mr. Puffer has earned a fine reputation in the field of school administration and can give all of us an insight into the workings of our schools.

The P.T.A. wishes to announce the names of two new board members recently appointed to the P.T.A. board. They are Mr. Kenneth Bjertnes, Legislation Chairman and Mrs. Barbara Alt, Room Mother Chairman. A safety chairman is still needed and if you are interested in this position please contact Mrs. Edward Arnold at LEhigh 7-1252.

There will be a P.T.A. Board meeting on January 19th at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Benedict Mayers, who was to be our guest speaker for the Nov. 24th meeting, was unable to attend, but he sent his right hand man, Sgt. John Frega to act in his place. Mr. Frega is a Field Supervisor for the Juvenile Bureau of the Sheriff's Office of Cook County and had a great many interesting, enlightening, and entertaining things to say. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to say that we not only enjoyed his talk but understood it as well. The problem of Juvenile delinquency has been kicked around a great deal, but has remained a mystery to most of us, due to the confusing double-talk employed by most of the 'experts'.

There are three types of delinquents, according to Sgt. Frega. They are the Situational delinquent who has a history of minor offenses and can be saved. The Habitual delinquent who is sophisticated and an experienced leader. This type is an habitual criminal and jail is the only solution for him. The third type is the Compulsive delinquent who is mentally ill and desperately needs help. Here is the most dangerous type and the one who will eventually be a killer and a hopeless criminal. A delinquent who doesn't know why he's compelled to do acts of lawlessness and no jail will solve his problem. This is the Juvenile delinquent who needs psychiatric help and must get it immediately.

One could go on indefinitely about this problem. Suffice it to say this. Talk to your child and know him, and his thoughts. Keep close to him and watch him. The companionship and understanding you give this precious life you hold is more important than all the TV programs and parties in the world. Most of all, Love him and tell him you love him for word of mouth is better understood than word of deed. Keep your child from becoming a Juvenile Delinquent.

Supt. Puffer Is Speaker for PTA

Noble J. Puffer, Cook County superintendent of schools has been requested to speak at the PTA meeting January 26 at 8:00 p.m. The PTA feels that Puffer has earned a fine reputation in the field of school administration and can give an insight into the workings of our schools.

The PTA announced the names of two new board members recently appointed. They are Kenneth Bjertnes, legislation chairman and Mrs. Barbara Alt, room mother chairman. A safety chairman is still needed. Anyone interested in this position should contact Mrs. Edward Arnold at LEhigh 7-1252.

There will be a PTA board meeting January 19 at 8 p.m.

PTA Safety Committee Is Formed

The members of the newly-formed Wheeling PTA Safety committee are Robert Steinman, Mrs. William Kilkenny, Mrs. Earl Seaholm, and Mrs. Richard Wilson.

The committee will work in conjunction with the village safety commission to help keep the schools safe.

PTA Publicity Director Dorothy M. Middaugh, announced this week that there would be a small Christmas bazaar at the next meeting, Dec. 15. Homemade cookies and candies will be sold, along with other items. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

PTA MOVIE

The Wheeling PTA will sponsor a movie

"Knights of the Round Table" on Saturday, January 30th at the Mark Twain School. The movie will begin at 1:30 p.m. and donation will be 25 cents.

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MEET SCHOOL

BOARD CANDIDATES

It has been the practice the past few years for the P.T.A. to invite all school board candidates to the March meeting. This is done as a public service to the community, and everyone is invited to attend.

All school board candidates are scheduled to speak at 8:30 p.m. March 23rd at the Wheeling School.

Meet, hear and know your school board candidates. Then vote on April 11th.

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P.T.A. NEWS for WHEELING, ILL.

Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the Senior Secut group under the direction of Mrs. Kay for their assistance during the October P.T.A. meeting.

Since the beginning of the current school year the P.T.A. board has lost four of its members and we would like to thank them for their voluntary services with the board. They are Mrs. Nora Ocuris, Room Mother Chairman, Mrs. Doris Miller, Health Chairman, Mrs. Donald Paisley, Safety Chairman and Mr. Robert Steinman, Legislation Chairman. These positions are available at this time and if anyone is interested in working in close touch with their school P.T.A. please contact Mrs/ E. Arnold at Lehigh 7, 1252.

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P.T.A. News for Wheeling, Ill.

Dorothy M. Middaugh

A small Christmas Bazaar will be held at the P.T.A. meeting on Dec. 15, 1958 at 8:00 P.M. Please be prompt as there will be a special Christmas Music program presented under the direction of Mr. John Reid.

The P.T.A. extends an invitation to everyone to come and hear the children of Wheeling participate in their offering to the Christmas Spirit.

P.T.A. NEWS

The PTA Board was called to a special meeting March 9th at

the Wheeling School to discuss important upcoming events. On the agenda was discussion of the 1959 PTA Convention which will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago on April 16, 17, and 18th. The Wheeling PTA with a membership of five hundred is allowed to send three delegates.

The coming school election, which is so very important to us all, will be the chief topic of the March 23rd meeting. The March meeting is annually de-

voted to speeches by the School Board candidates and the public is invited to come and hear them. Letters of invitation have been sent to the present School Board members, the school principals and to the candidates. We hope to see a big crowd out for this meeting.

Also on the agenda for the March 23rd meeting is the slate of officers which will be presented to the membership by the nominating committee. The election and installation of PTA

officers will be held at the April Meeting.

Plans are proceeding nicely for the Book Fair which this year will be held in each of the schools at different times so that no one will miss this important event. The Book Fair is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norman Geske. Flyers will be sent home with the children to remind the parents of the 1959 Book Fair.

P.T.A. BOOK FAIR TO BE HELD MAR. 19 & 20

Parents, teachers, and children are being invited to attend the Wheeling P.T.A. Book Fair which is being held March 19th and 20th. At the Carl Sandburg and Mark Twain schools, books will be sold on Thursday, March 19 only from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At Wheeling School, the Fair will be open Thursday, Mar. 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, March 20th, 9:00 a.m. to

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4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Books ranging from kindergarten through the junior high school level will be available and prices will range from \$1.00 through \$5.00.

The committee, in co-operation with Chandlers Book Store, will have available an ample number of copies of all books for immediate sale. Orders will be accepted for books not in stock.

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. McKdaugh

Mr. Noble J. Puffer, Cook County Superintendent of Schools will be the guest speaker at the next P.T.A. meeting on January 26, 1959. The meeting will begin promptly at 8 p.m. in the Wheeling School Gymnasium and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Mr. Puffer's experience on School Administration will provide an interesting meeting and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Leadership Topic For Northwest PTA

The Northwest Suburban Council of the PTA will meet February 5, at the De Ville Motor hotel, 1275 Lee st., Des Plaines. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m., with luncheon at noon, and adjournment at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. R. W. Lowden, district 21 director of the PTA will speak on Leadership.

Mrs. Marguerite Westphal reported, via the PTA, that "the Town and Country Mixed chorus of Arlington Heights is looking for people interested in raising their voices in song." Mrs. Westphal, who is director of the chorus, can be reached at CL 3-9026. (W)

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School Board Approves Program For Special Educ.

During the School Board meeting held last Monday night the Educational Committees report on special education was approved unanimously by the members of the board. This question was the main topic of the meeting held last week.

After the payroll and disbursements were passed upon the board turned to reports and unfinished business.

A report of the building committee had to be bypassed due to the absense of the committee chairman, Mr. Stavros.

[Editors note: Since so many questions have arisen as to what the money on the school bond is actually ear marked for we are herewith giving the readers the proposed improvements and the estimated costs per bids. The figures could be higher or lower, however the total \$300,00 is ex-

pected to cover all the proposals.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

AMOUNT — \$300,000

They will construct 3 class rooms, stairway, new entrance in the Wheeling School \$67,000

Paint inside of gym and paint class rooms which were unpainted since they were built [new addition] in the Wheeling school. \$10,000

Blacktop play area at Wheeling and Mark Twain School . . . \$15,000

Blacktop one way road at Mark Twain [sub-surfacing]... \$7,100

Mark Twain property brought to grade \$10,000

Architect fees \$5,000

Will construct 6 rooms plus double class room, offices, storage, nurses room and landscaping at the Carl Sandburg school. \$166,000

Garage for trucks, lawnmowers etc., a separate building at the Sandburg school \$4,000

The back entrance at the Wheeling school addition has to be changed and a fire shield placed in the stairway plus a sprinkler system \$10,000

The meeting moved into the special education portion at which time the board approved the committees proposal for establishing a special class for the multiple handicapped. Note: In next weeks issue this report will be printed for our readers study.

Mrs. Paisley and Mr. Brower teamed in the motion to approve the proposal and the board passed on the request with all in favor.

The report by Mr. Brower disclosed that many applications have been received by the board for the position of hiring a new superintendent. It was estimated that there about 50 applicants who have already submitted their applications. These applications will be turned over to Dr. Childress of Northwestern University for study.

Mr. Brower also made a report on the meeting held to create a joint agreement for special education of the district in the Northwest area. After discussion the subject was tabled pending further investigation.

Report on salary schedules was tabled and also the report by the maintenance department was by passed due to the absence of Mr. Brown and Mr. Rectenwald.

Mr. Bjertnes requested per-

mission to speak to the board. He requested permission to turn in his application for school board candidate. His reason for not turning in the petition before the Saturday deadline was that he was hospitalized and unable to do so. The board stated that they could not accept the application however they would check with the attorney to see if it was possible to accept legally. They also pointed out that even if he did not receive permission, he could always enter as a write-in candidate. The board brought their meeting to an early close since it was the night to hear the school board candidates speak.

[Ed. Note: It has been disclosed that the request by Mr. Bjertnes to his petition after the deadline is not legal and that the only way he can enter the race is by write-in on the ballot.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Citizen of Wheeling:

The Wheeling Recreation Committee is offering an 8 week summer recreation program for children 6 through 16 years old, beginning June 30th and ending August 22nd. The activities planned will provide a healthy, supervised program from Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 6 to 11 year olds, and from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for teen-agers. The program will include the following activities:

Sports	Nature Lore	Cook-outs
Creative Dramatics	Arts and Crafts	Special Events Days
Storytelling	Creative Dancing	

This is a nonprofit, cooperative, community venture. If you register your child for the program you will be required to participate in one or more of the activities listed below. Fees will be \$1.00 per week per child, or \$2.00 per week for a family. This fee is for all activities with the exception of swimming. In addition to the other activities listed above we plan to introduce swimming once a week.

The entire program will be under the supervision of a professional director. We have the endorsement of the following organizations:

Wheeling School Board Dist. 21	Wheeling Jr. Chamber of Commerce
Wheeling Jr. Women's Club	Wheeling Cub Scouts Pack 218 and 140
Wheeling Girl Scout Troop	Meadowbrook Home Owners Assoc.
Wheeling Boy Scouts Troop 140 and Troop 18	Dunhurst Home Owners Assoc.
Wheeling P.T.A.	Wheeling Athletic Assoc.

Our intention is for Wheeling to have a year-round recreation program for its children and adults, develop from this summer venture. For further information call Wheeling 780.

Sincerely,
Wheeling Recreation Committee

REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

Date _____

I wish to register _____ in the
Wheeling Summer Recreation Program.

AGE _____ SEX _____

AGE _____ SEX _____

Father's Name _____ Amt. Due _____

Address _____ Deposit _____

Phone _____ Balance _____

due July 15th

I will participate in one or more of the following activities with the understanding that this is a requisite for registering my child.

Group Supervision _____ Construction _____

Transportation _____ Clerical _____

Maintenance _____ Donation (Amt.) _____

Received of _____
_____ Dollars for the registration
of _____
in the Wheeling Recreation Program.

Signature of Canvasser

Amt. Due _____

Deposit _____

Balance due July 15 _____

Signature of Parent _____

First PTA Meeting Scheduled Monday

by DOLORES LORD

PTA moms and dads will meet for the first time during the current school year at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Wheeling school.

All parents are invited to come and meet the new PTA board of 1959-60 to meet new neighbors and make new friends. We and our children can share in the profits of making this the best and biggest PTA year our schools have ever had.

The program will be in five parts: introduction of teachers, introduction of the new PTA board, a speaker from the high school district to speak on the high school bond issue, a music program by students from our three

Wheeling schools, and a get-acquainted coffee and refreshment hour.

THE WAYS AND MEANS committee has scheduled several projects for the coming year, two of which are movies to begin October 10 at Mark Twain school and a School Daze Day in November.

More adults are needed to supervise at the movies which will run bi-weekly through to March. Ways and Means Chairman Lori McCourt asked that volunteers call her at LE 7-4527.

Room awards to each school are to be given the room which has the most parents present.

PTA Lures 200 To First Parley

PTA lures 200—2-36 bold

Despite slashing rains and high winds, some 200 parents sloshed through the doors of the Wheeling school gym Monday to attend the first meeting of the PTA for the 1959-60 season.

In another sense, the get-together was an introductory meeting—parents met teachers, mingled, ate cake and drank coffee. Supt. Kenneth E. Gill was introduced, and he in turn introduced members of the faculty.

Harold L. Slichenmyer, superintendent of high school district 214, discussed the district's bond issue slated for a November referendum. Rising enrollments, he said, will force an expansion of high school facilities over the coming years. The \$3,900,000 bond issue will help meet these needs, he emphasized.

A JUNIOR HIGH tea—for parents, that is—was announced for 3 p. m. at Wheeling school October 6. Refreshments will be served by the student council.

A music program, under the direction of John Reid, got underway with parents joining in a community sing. Reid explained the theme, "Music for every child and every child for music," and outlined band membership requirements. Willingness to work was stressed over the other essentials of rhythm, tempo, and pitch.

On the business side, the budget for the school year of \$1,500 was read, accepted, and approved.

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PUBLICITY

"HOW can she STAND such publicity?"
Remarks Mrs. P of her friend.
But just get HER name in the paper,
And WATCH the lady unbend!



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P.T.A. NEWS

by Dolores E. Lord

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1. Introduction of teachers.
2. Introduction of the new P.T.A. Board.
3. Speaker from school District 214, High School, to speak on the High School Bond Issue.
4. Music program by the Musical Education program of our 3 Wheeling schools. The program is to explain to all parents how music is taught in our schools and how our children can accept and appreciate music in the school and at home.
5. A "Get Acquainted" coffee and refreshment hour will follow to welcome both old and new members of the P.T.A.

The Ways & Means Committee has scheduled several projects for the coming year. Two of which are bi-weekly movies to begin on Oct. 10th and to continue through March at the Mark Twain School; and another to be a "SCHOOL DAZE" day in Nov. for the family.

More adult supervision is needed for the movies and if you feel you would like to help—and also have a very good excuse to view the movies, please phone Ways and Means Chairman, Lorie McCourt, LEhigh 7-4527—it would be greatly appreciated.

Room awards to each school are given out to the rooms who have the most parents present at the meetings—Come on Mom & Dad, join the P.T.A.

School Daze Program Set

Anyone interested in a white elephant will have to wait until they go on sale November 7, according to a spokesman for the Wheeling PTA.

In addition to the pallid pachyderms, the 10 a.m. "School Daze" program will feature a boot exchange counter, a postage-paid grab bag for the children, a favorite recipe counter where homemade pies, cakes, and candies can be purchased, an apple taffy booth, and a refreshment stand serving hotdogs and soft drinks.

It promises to be an exciting day, the spokesman said with considerable understatement.

The first P.T.A. meeting of 1959-60 was held Mon. evening September 29, 1959 at 8 P.M. at the Wheeling School Gym.

In spite of rain, thunder and lightning P.T.A. Mom and Dads were welcomed at the door of the meeting and given name tags, two hundred parents in all. Two hundred interested parents were willing to leave their warm homes to meet the teachers and principals of our schools. The 1959-60 Budget of \$1,500.00 was read, accepted and approved.

Pres. Klocke introduced Mr. Gill and he in turn introduced the faculty. Forty teachers were introduced and later met with the parents downstairs, answering questions.

Mr. Slickameier from School District #214 spoke on the Bond issue of the High Schools and what will be needed in the next few years. A maximum of 2500 students can now be educated in the two high schools and since the enrollment will be much greater in the next few years two more high schools will be greatly needed at a cost of \$3,000,000.00.

It was announced that on October 6th there will be a Junior High Tea at the Wheeling School at 3 P.M. for the parents and there will be refreshments served by the Student council.

The Music program was by Mr. Shaw, Mr. Reed and Miss Wells. It was as entertaining as it was interesting and so cleverly done. The theme was "Music for every child and every child for Music." The program began by the parents co-operating by singing in unison, which gave the program a very warm friendly start. The test that is given students before they can join the Band was explained, which consisted of Rhythm, Tempo and Pitch. Although a child should have these three to be able to play in the band, he should also have the willingness to work and drive.

Before adjournment a question from the floor about the children walking to school from West Meadowbrook and a special meeting was held for all those interested after the regular P.T.A. meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and cake and coffee was served downstairs where the teachers were met individually.

The first P.T.A. meeting over; it can safely be said it was a huge success. How nice to be able to report this about every meeting—it certainly can be with your co-operation. See you next month at P.T.A. meeting.

Have A Day At The School Daze

by Dolores Lord

Nov. 7th will be SCHOOL DAZE at the Wheeling School gym. The P.T.A. Ways and Means Committee guarantees a fun day for all. The doors will be open from 10 A.M. until bedtime and everyone

is welcome to spend the entire day browsing through the Booths, Kountry Kitchen and many eye-catching offers to be had for the entire family.

If anyone would like to donate goodies for the Kountry Kitchen they can do so by calling Mila Lange at LE 7-0266.

P.T.A. Movie

On the 25th of January the P.T.A. will again have a "Saturday Matinee" for the children of Wheeling. "All the Brothers were Valliant" in color, will be shown at the Mark Twain School at 1:00 p.m., candy bars will be sold.

P.T.A. NEWS

by DOLORES LORD

The Wheeling P.T.A. held their monthly meeting at the Mark Twain School Monday evening at 8 p.m. About 125 parents were present for the meeting of which the program was to be the "Safety of Our Children".

Principal Mildren Tins welcomed the parents and Mr. K. Gill, Supt. explained the folder

P.T.A. NEWS

by DOLORES LORD

The "Flying Disk Men from Mars" will be coming to Wheeling (in Serial form) at the P.T.A. movies being shown at the Mark Twain School Oct. 24, 1959. With this; Pony Soldiers and a cartoon will also be shown. Anyone interested in helping out at Matinee Movie time for the young fry can call Lorie McCourt at LE 7-4527.

Our "Kountry Kitchen" is in need of more homemade goodies as donations to the P.T.A.'s "School Daze" to be held on Nov. 7th. Any homemade goodie will be accepted and pickup can be arranged. If interested please call Mila Lange LE 7-0266.

Feature Brotherhood Week At February PTA Meeting

In connection with Brotherhood Week, the February monthly meeting of the Wheeling Parent-Teachers Association will feature three speakers, each of a different faith. The speakers will be Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, the Rev. Her-

bert J. Armstrong, and Father George Mulcahey.

The public is invited to attend this meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 22nd at the Wall Whitman School.

PTA Lists Saturday's Film Fare

Pony Soldiers, a film featuring Tyrone Power, and Flying Disc Men from Mars, a serial, will be shown at Mark Twain school, Wheeling, Saturday at 1:30 p.m., the PTA announced.

A fund raising program of

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the parent-teacher groups the Saturday afternoon films were inaugurated October 3 with the showing of The Boy with Green Hair, which netted the organization \$110.

The PTA called for volunteer workers to "help out at the movies Saturday." Those interested were asked to call Lorie McCourt, LE 7-4527.

Three Schools May Expand PTA

Three organizations are expected to spring up where one now exists as the Wheeling PTA, which has leaped in membership to a total of 544 persons. PTA members report their belief that in 1960, a development of an organization for each of the three schools will lead to more activity and interest on the part of parents in the schools in which their child is a student.

A MONTHLY meeting of the PTA was held Tuesday at the Mark Twain school, where "Safety of Our Children" was the theme. W. McCormack, of

the Safety Council of Chicago, presented two films.

One was "Safety of Our Children and Bicycles" and the other was "Motor Mania," by Walt Disney.

"School Daze," the program to be presented by members on November 7, will lean heavily to the "sweet side," as a drive is being carried on for more homemade goodies for the "Kountry Kitchen."

Goodies will be picked up. Housewives are urged to call Mila Lange, LE 7-0266.

The second P.T.A. Meeting will be on Oct. 26th at the Wheeling School at 8:00 p.m. The program will be on Our Childrens Safety; and the speaker will be Mr. John McCormack of Cook County Traffic Safety Commission. Two short Walt Disney films on "Motor Mania" and "Anyburg U.S.A." will be shown. The purchasing of Rain coats by the P.T.A. for the Patrol Boys will be voted upon. Coffee, refreshments and conversation hour will follow.

Mrs. Klocke Honored

Mrs. Edward Klocke, 1959-60 president of the Wheeling Parent-Teachers Association, was honored at a luncheon Wednesday at Behm's Restaurant by the PTA board members.

Representing the school administration was Kenneth Gill, Supt. of Wheeling Schools, and Marion O'Miatek, Principal of the Whitman School. Gill addressed the group and told of the role the PTA has played in the Wheeling school system.

Mrs. Donald Paisley, Secretary of the Wheeling Board of Education, conveyed the wishes of the school trustees at the luncheon.

Mrs. Klocke was presented with flowers and a gift by her fellow board members.

attending the luncheon were Mrs. Kathy Anderson, Mrs. Dolores Harris, Mrs. Mary Lou Sanders, Mrs. Pat Rogers, Mrs. Lori McCourt, Mrs. Irene Schumak, Mrs. Marion Miner, Mrs. Delores Lord, Mrs. Harriet Geske, Mrs. Roz Bernstein, Mrs. Kathy Stephenson, and Mrs. Marybelle Peterson.

Consider Split PTA Units Here; Vote Monday

11/14/54 - 16th
A proposed separation of Wheeling's Parent and Teacher's association into four groups was the main topic of discussion at the monthly PTA board meeting Nov. 16 at Mark Twain school.

Each of the PTA's will represent a separate school, including the one to be built in 1960. Ballots for this proposal will be handed out at the November 23 PTA meeting in Wheeling school at 8 p.m.

The meeting has been changed from Carl Sandburg school to the larger Wheeling school because of the anticipated attendance.

P.T.A. BOARD MEETING

By Dolores Lord

The monthly P.T.A. Board Meeting was held Mon. Nov. 16, at the Mark Twain School.

The separation of the P.T.A. into three groups were voted upon and discussed and it was the opinion of the Board to be best if there were four P.T.A.'s, one for each school including the new school to be built next year. There would probably be more closeness of thought with the P.T.A., the schools and principals. The pros and cons of dividing will also be discussed. The new school will hold from 1st to 4th grades. Ballots for the voting of the separation of the groups will be given out at the Nov. P.T.A. meeting to be held Nov. 23rd at the Wheeling School at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting has been changed from Carl Sandburg School to the Wheeling School because the anticipated crowd would not be able to be placed comfortably at the Sandburg School because of limited space, being that the membership now stands at 715 parents.

P. T. A. to Vote on Split

At the January meeting of the Parent Teachers Association the membership will determine by vote whether or not the Wheeling association is to divide into separate school units. Members are urged to attend this meeting and bring their membership cards as only paid members will be eligible to vote.

The PTA executive board, Mr. Gill, and the school principals have felt that this is best for our school district. The split has also been recommended by the district officers of the PTA.

Wheeling's great growth has, of course, been effective in increasing PTA members. There is no longer space to provide for the total membership at the regular meetings. It is felt that parents and teachers will find greater personal contact within their own school groups.

In this manner programs can be directed toward specific age levels and separate school problems dealt with to a greater extent.

A coordinating council will be selected to unify the community PTA. This council will be composed of faculty and parent representatives from each school.

Parents with children in more than one school will be encouraged to learn that general meetings will probably not be held each month.

Board of Education Gives Report to Wheeling PTA

Wheeling PTA members listened to reports by Board of Education members at the November meeting at Wheeling school. Board members are Mr. Brown, R. Brower, Mrs. Paisley, Mrs. Gazel, and W. Lasley.

Lasley was recently chosen to join the board as a replacement for Mr. Stavros, whose resignation was read at the meeting. Stavros, who had been on the school board for 14 years, has moved out of the Wheeling school district.

MRS. PAISLEY spoke on the teachers of Wheeling schools, noting that "faith and trust" must exist between parent and teacher.

A report on finances was given by Brower, who emphasized that the large school budget makes it necessary that industry be welcomed in to the area.

Lasley spoke on the public kindergarten schedule to begin in February, 1960. 300 children have registered for the kindergarten, with a transportation charge of \$5 per child if their parents cannot provide transportation.

The responsibilities of a board member was the subject of a talk by Mrs. Gazel.

MRS. G. DUKE, a PTA member gave a summary of the duties of members of the caucus committee, a group of

citizens who will screen candidates for the school board. One member will be chosen from each active group in Wheeling and three have been chosen from each PTA.

Representing Wheeling school on the caucus committee will be Mr. Frazer, Mr. Klocke, and Mr. Nikimkin; from Mark Twain school, Betty Arnold, R. Rank, and Mrs. Babelko; and from Carl Sandburg school, Mrs. Armstrong, G. Olson, and J. Har-

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P.T.A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Wheeling will sponsor a children's movie, Saturday, February 13th at Mark Twain School at 1:30. The feature is "Gypsy Colt," in technicolor and short subjects.

Wheeling PTA Elects New Officers

New officers for the Parent-Teachers Association for 1960-61 at the individual Wheeling schools have been elected during the past week, and will be installed at a joint ceremony in May.

Although the Parent-Teachers Association voted to form separate units at the January meeting, the individual meetings will not be in effect until September, 1960. The Association will continue to have combined meetings for the balance of the school year.

The officers for each school are as follows:

Walt Whitman Junior high school: Mrs. Gerald Peterson, president; Mrs. Alvin Bernstein, 1st vice-president; Richard Winn, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Berkeley Stephenson, secretary; and Mrs. Elroy Koeppen, treasurer.

Eugene Field school: Mrs. William Gorey, president; Mrs. Berney Magnuson, 1st vice-president; Miss Sheila Sullivan, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. James Wieder, secretary; and Mrs. Richard Ault, treasurer.

Carl Sandburg school: Mrs. Roland Sorgatz, president; Raymond Haznedle, 1st vice president; Mrs. Elaine Sharringhouse, secretary, and Mrs. Albert Frank, treasurer.

Mark Twain school: Mrs. Edward Klocke, president; Mrs. Ronald Rank, 1st vice president; Mrs. Vernon Schuler, 2nd vice president; Mrs. William Moore, secretary; and Anthony Incono, treasurer.

In addition to electing officers, by-law committees for each school have met and reports turned in.

Grade School Graduation Party Slated June 9

The P.T.A. will be sponsoring their last graduating party on June 9th at 7 p.m. Because of the Wheeling curfew, it was advised to have the party from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The party will be at the

P.T.A. NEWS

3-19-59

The Wheeling PTA would like to remind you of their March 23rd meeting. The meeting will be open to the public and of definite importance to all citizens of Wheeling. The March meeting for the last few years has been given over to speeches by School Board candidates. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk to your candidates.

From the looks of last weekend, you may not believe this, but Spring is coming and many children are already riding their bikes to school. The Wheeling Safety Commission and the local schools are sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Program which will be brought here by the Cook County Safety Committee. We hope all the parents will co-operate in helping their children learn bicycle safety. Under this program the children will be taught the rules of the road by driving a course which is set up for them. More will be said about this in future columns.

Don't forget the PTA Book Fair to be held this week. At Mark Twain and Carl Sandburg Schools, the Book Fair will be held March 19th only from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Wheeling School it will be held March 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday March 20th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Books will range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and will be for ages from Kindergarten to Junior High school. Come on to the Book Fair and get your gift buying for the year done. Buy now for your birthday

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First of all, Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Book Fair a huge success. There was a vast selection of books available and of the best quality. Thank you also to all the members who worked so hard as cashiers, packers and everyone. The whole thing was ably supervised by Mrs. Harriet Geske.

The March 23rd meeting was devoted to speeches by our School Board candidates and also very important at this meeting was the presentation of the slate of officers for the coming year by the chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. Jean Stavros. The Slate consists of one person chosen for each office. At the April meeting there will be nominations from the floor. The only requirement for that is that the person nominating have the consent of the person he will nominate. Then when nominations are completed the election will be held and the elected will be installed in office by Mrs. Cory. Presented for office were: President, Mrs. Alberta Klocke; First Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Sorgatz; Second Vice-President, Irene Schumak; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Steffenson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Annette Harris; Treasurer, Mr. Ed Schavitz.

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

The P.T.A. wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the Senior Scout group under the direction of Mrs. Kay for their assistance during the October P.T.A. meeting.

Since the beginning of the current school year the P.T.A. board has lost four of its members and we would like to thank them for their voluntary services with the board. They are Mrs. Nora Couris, room mother chairman; Mrs. Doris Miller, health chairman; Mrs. Donald Paisley, safety chairman and Mr. Robert Steinman, legislation chairman. These positions are available at this time and if anyone is interested in working in close touch with their school P.T.A. please contact Mrs. E. Arnold at LEhigh 7-1252.

Three School Board Candidates Enter Race

As the deadline for filing of petitions passed Saturday night the race for two posts on the School Board of District 21 is being sought by a trio of gentlemen.

Mr. William Lasley, Mr. William Harper and Mr. Arthur Brown are all striving to win the voters approval.

As in the past, the PTA has always held a meeting at which the candidates for the board are given the opportunity to meet the public and also to voice their platforms. This was the case at Monday nights meeting of the PTA held in the Wheeling school.

Prior to going into the candidates remarks there are a few points of business that were discussed of significant public interest.

Mrs. Stavros, chairman of the PTA's nominating committee read the proposed list of officers for the coming year. They were as follows; President, Mrs. Alberta Klocke; 1st Vice President, Helen Sigatz; 2nd Vice President, Irene Shumak; recording secretary, Katherine Stevenson; Cor. Secretary, Annette Harris and Treasurer, Mr. Ed. Schanetz. Since there were no other nominations from the floor, it will only be a formality at the PTA election since the candidates are unopposed.

Mr. Schanetz reminded the au-

dience that the applications for little league and the girl's softball team are being accepted at the Wheeling School on April 4th and April 11th. A \$2 entrance fee is required.

The three candidates for the board were invited to the speakers table and in Mr. Brown's absence, Mr. Brower read a letter from Mr. Brown containing his platform. Mr. Harper and Mr. Lasley were each given five minutes to state their platforms. [Next week's issue will cover the candidates platform for our readers benefit.]

Questions from the audience were submitted to the candidates. Relative to the first question, "Do you think the bond is to the best interest of the people?" both were in agreements that it is.

Mr. Harper was asked his proposed method of getting information to the public. His reply was that his home would be open at any time for calls and that he would try to get news paper coverage or any other means of communication.

Mr. Lasley was asked what should be the responsibility of the PTA to the school board and administration. His reply that the PTA should be working in connection with the superintendent, whoever he may be.

When the candidates were asked if they had any concrete plan towards public kindergarten, Mr. Harper replied that he didn't have one, however the board no doubt is considering the problem.

Mr. Lasley also thought that a plan was in mind however that room availability was the biggest problem.

In reply to the question of their feeling towards closed meeting Mr. Harper gave a negative reply while Lasley innumrated that once in a while a situation occurs of a nature that it may well be required.

Both candidates spoke of their ideas of proposed plans however we will forgo at this time going into them. Next week you can read in the candidates own words his views.

WHEELING SCHOOL BAND TAKES THIRD PLACE

Last Saturday, March 14th, at North Chicago the Wheeling School band won 3rd place in competition against 16 bands in Class "C" classification [classified according to the size of the school.] While all other bands had mostly 7th and 8th graders, our band had three 8th graders, two 7th graders and the rest 5th and 6th graders, a total of 28 in all. This contest, held by the Illinois Grade School Band Assn., started at 8 a.m. necessitating the band member to leave Wheeling at 7 o'clock in the morning. Mr. John Reid, conductor of this fine organization is to be congratulated as well as the members of his band who are: [flute] Alonda Belpusi, Kay Davis, Sue Dickey, Carlyn Freeman, Phyllis Ohman; Martha Sorgatz, Skirley and Parrish.

[Clarinet] Robert Ashton, I Barrie, Elvera Belpusi, Faith dacek, Sharon Killkenny, Nokell, Karen Parrish, Greg lendorf, Tom Stavros and C Nekimken. [Saxophone] J. Bodie and Ernest Men

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A little more information about the PTA Convention to be held in Chicago this year at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The convention will be held for three days, April 16, 17 and 18th. The PTA has decided not to send their three delegates for the whole three days, instead we will send alternate delegates down for each day. That way they will get to the most important meetings and will bring back to the meeting the reports of the various committees.

Due to an error in the reading of the by-laws, the nominations for office were closed at the last meeting. That will be remedied at the April meeting and as was stated in the last column, nominations from the floor will be accepted. The slate of officers chosen by the nominating committee was read at the March 23rd meeting. The only requirement for nominating a person from the floor is that you have the consent of the nominee. Let's all try to be there too. The April meeting is set for April 27th and will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. After the nominations are closed, the election will be held and installation of officers will follow.

Mr. Art Aronson spoke to the members at the last meeting and urged the passage of the proposed Bond Issue. The Bond Issue is very important to the school system. The money is desperately needed for repairs on the Wheeling School, for additions both to Mark Twain and to Carl Sandburg Schools. The passage of the Bond Issue will not raise your tax bill. The tax bills are as high now as they are allowed to be. The whole school system that has been established here in Wheeling will suffer and most of all, our children will suffer. Second shifts would probably be the result of the defeat of this Bond Issue. More dire still is the possibility of closure of the Wheeling School if safety standards are not met. It is very important that everyone in the school district come out to vote and vote "YES" on this Bond Issue.

P.T.A. NEWS

by Dorothy M. Middaugh

At the P.T.A. meeting of January 26th, Mr. Art Aronson, President of the School Board announced the School Board election date is the second Saturday of April. Those who wish to run for the school board should have their petitions in by the first of March.

Mrs. Wolf's room won the room award for parent attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Marion Omiatek, Principle of Wheeling School, announced the meeting of the 8th grade parents will take place on March 10th and a notice will be sent home as a reminder.

The topic of the P.T.A. meeting of January 26th was "An Adequate Base for Public Schools". Cook County Superintendent of Schools, Noble J. Puffer was the guest speaker and provided those present with a few facts, which we shall try to present to you here.

Since the people are the moving force behind all elections, it's only fair to remind you that you and only you support your schools. Your state legislature provides only a scant 16% of your school education expenses. The balance of 84% is paid by you through your Real Estate and Personal Property taxes. The State of Illinois is still operating on the original Illinois Constitution that was drawn up in the year 1870. At that time and for quite a few years later, it was adequate since education was not the precise and exacting thing it is now. There were fewer to be educated and so 16% of your taxes were more than enough. Needless to say, this is not the case now. In the United States, the average state support of schools is 40% and the public support is 60%. Looking at these figures, Illinois seems to be a little behind the times. A fact to bear that Illinois is the 7th most wealthy state in the Union, yet ours is one of the lowest in state support of education needs. The P.T.A. feels a drastic change is needed in the State Revenue Provision, don't you?

EDITORIAL

Before you know it, you, the voters of the Wheeling School District 21 will have to go to the polls and decide some very important issues.

What is involved? First of all there are two school board posts to be filled. The people who take these positions will have to handle some very important matters of great importance to all of us. It's no wonder there are only two candidates now in the race. Not many would want the responsibility. It is hoped however that there will still be other candidates turning in petitions so it will actually give the voters a choice.

The second thing involved is the \$300,000 bond issue. Why do we need it? No one wants to see us go into double sessions and without additions of the class rooms that are proposed it would almost be a certainty. What else is the money going to be used for? Many things were left incomplete at the Mark Twain school and also at the Sandburg school. Drives, walks, landscaping as well as playground area is needed.

The Wheeling School needs quite a bit of face lifting and remodeling in the interior and there are several things that the Fire Marshal insist will be installed.

In this day and age it doesn't take long to spend money. The addition at the Sandburg school runs around \$176,000.

You can hardly say this expenditure isn't necessary.

In the not so distant past the school board was under the gun by many of the citizens in the area and many still hold resentment, however, that should not poison the minds relative to the issues at stake. Even this writer feels certain misgivings towards the board with respect to some of the methods used. I have never been one to go for closed, secret meetings. If it can't be said in public no doubt it wouldn't be worth much anyway. ...

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EDITORIAL

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making the needed repairs the building condition would only lessen and then at a later time we would be faced with a much greater cost of repairing.

The other expenditure planned all fit into place just like the above, therefore we as citizens and voters must make sure the bond is passed and guarantee our children the best possible education we can give them.

Many will no doubt ask if this bond will raise our taxes still higher. It is my understanding that the taxes will not be effected by this bond since last year we were already taxed to the maximum as far as education goes. If the taxes are higher it will not be because of higher school taxes, but because of other taxing bodies, however even though our taxes would go up a few dollars because of this would we be able to afford not to accept the increase? Would we want to jeopardize the education of our children?

I feel that we must do what ever possible in insuring our kids the best possible education we can give them. This bond issue

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looks like it is a step in the right direction. It is my only hope that you voters agree, and that you will exercise your right to vote.

P.S. Make sure you read the statements of the school board candidates also published in this issue . . .

EDITORIAL

Bonds And

Board Members

One week from Saturday, Apr. 11, the voters will be called to the polls to not only select two candidates for the School Board of District 21 but will also decide on the passage of the \$300,000 Bond Issue . . .

To the majority of us \$300,000 is an awful lot of money when we consider its buying power for our every day needs, however when you study the problem at hand and see just what this money will be spent for, it becomes evident that it takes a tremendous amount of capital to enlarge a building or to make major repairs on another.

We all frown when a repair man says that it'll cost \$25 to fix something in our house. The same holds true when you talk about million dollars and a billion dollars. The difference between the two is compared to a penny and a ten dollar bill, however, we have become accustomed to referring to terms as this lightly.

The entire point I'm trying to make is that the amount of money that is needed and that the Bond calls for is not such an exorbitant figure when you consider just how much good it will do and how badly these additions and improvements are

Voters, Get To Know Your School Board Candidates

In the recent weeks the Independent has often spoke of the school board and the problems its members are faced with solving. You the voter will have to decide who you feel are the best candidates to fill the two school board posts being vacated.

A few weeks ago we told all candidates through the publication that although the Independent would not indorse any particular candidates we would give them an opportunity to relate to the readers their reasons for seeking positions on the board. We also requested that they tell something about themselves and their plans, if elected.

When the nominations closed there were three candidates who had filed their petitions, namely, Art Brown, William Harper and William Lasley. All three candidates have submitted their replies to the Independent and we are printing these replies as written. The information the candidates submitted can be found on page 10 of this issue. We are sorry for the absence of Mr. Brown's picture this week, however, a misunderstanding occurred and the picture was not available at this time. In order to compensate for this we will publish the pictures of all three candidates in next weeks addition which comes out two days before the election.

We all should read each candidates statements very carefully so that when we make our decisions we will have the views and aims as well as the background of the candidates thoroughly in our minds. These three candidates will be the only ones listed on the ballot. Two are to be elected and the only way any other party could be elected would be on a write in.

needed.

Without passage of the bond issue, there is little hope that the schools could avoid going to double shifts for without the addition of rooms at the Sandburg school there just wouldn't be any place to put the students.

What would we do if the Wheeling school were shut down? Without the use of the school we would be faced with possibly triple shifts and any building if never repaired can be condemned and forced to close. Please don't misunderstand. The Wheeling school is not ready to collapse however if we were to neglect

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ILLINOIS SCHOOL PROBLEMS

Preliminary
Report of the
School Problems Commission No. 4

March, 1957

The 70th General Assembly established higher minimum salary levels, improved retirement and sick leave provisions, increased state aid to higher education, and passed numerous other bills affecting the schools.

Digest of New School Laws

By LESTER R. GRIMM, IEA Research Director

ACTION of Governor Stratton on bills enacted by the 70th General Assembly has resulted in a very large number of new laws relating to public education. A few bills favored by school groups failed of enactment; a few bills passed by the legislature were vetoed.

In making up the state budget and in planning the scope of legislative action it was apparent that state administrative and legislative leaders decided on "no new taxes" for the state treasury in 1957. Many friends of public education would have been better pleased if the present \$200 level of equalization per attendance pupil had been raised to a more realistic level. It seems clear that the appropriation for the distributive fund for the biennium will run short in carrying out the \$200 formula, and that a deficiency sum will need to be appropriated in the session of 1959.

The 70th General Assembly did very little in laying out a program of real revenue reform or in initiating study along that line. The weakest of three bills for a commission to study tax improvement became a law. It is doubtful whether much good will be accomplished by the new laws relating to local board of review action on equalization of property assessments among assessing units, such as townships; it seems that the bills requiring the state department of revenue directly to provide multipliers for equalizing among local assessment units would have been much better.

The veto of bills to provide a survivor benefit program in the downstate teachers retirement plan and in the system relating to the higher educational institutions proved very disappointing to many workers in education. These educators likewise observe with regret that no real progress was made in facing up to the growing actuarial deficits in most of the public employee retirement funds.

Many Forward Steps

On the other hand, the new laws reveal many progressive achievements. All school districts in the state have been given more local taxing power, either without referendum or subject to referendum of the voters. Retirement laws were improved, both for Chicago and downstate teachers. More liberal sick leave laws were enacted. Higher minimum salary levels were established.

For higher education the 1957 session resulted in commendable increases in the appropriations for current operating expenses. Possibly the referendum in November, 1958, to provide for capital outlay improvements at all state higher educational institutions will be successful. The annual state grant per junior college pupil was increased from \$100 to \$200.

More modern plans were set up for distributing state reimbursements for transportation and special education. Effective at a future date (in 1959) will be the new program of a more businesslike arrangement for the work of the school treasurers and the financial accounting and auditing requirements for school districts. The new state aid building fund program under House Bills 881-882 should prove of value in some of the districts that are financially handicapped. Other helpful laws will be noted in the outlines of new legislation which follow.

Pupils and School Employees

S313—Authorizes for holder of bachelor's degree with 120 or more semester hours and a major and minor from separate subject fields, a special certificate for teaching elective subjects not more than 10 hours weekly in grades 11 and 12 upon certification by county superintendent that no regularly certificated teacher is available.

S315—Authorizes a teacher retired under downstate retirement system to take temporary employment by a school board up to a total of 60 days in any school year without reduction in retirement allowance.

S343—Establishes minimum salary for teachers as follows: Less than a bachelor's degree, \$3200; with 120 semester hours or more and a bachelor's degree, \$3400; 150 or more semester hours and a master's degree, \$3600.

S384—For teachers holding bachelor's degree, with 120 or more semester hours and 16 or more hours in professional education and with two years of successful experience under competent supervision, the student teaching requirement may be waived.

S386—Extends to July 1, 1959, the issue or re-issue of a temporary provisional certificate.

S428—Extends sick leave privilege for school employees to 10 days at full pay each year, accumulative to total of 30 days; repeals former half-pay provisions.

S800—Public assistance funds may be used for transportation or clothing of child attending public residential educational facility for blind or deaf.

S846—Applicant for downstate teaching certificate to pay filing fee of \$2; also provides \$2 fee for issue of duplicate certificate.

H138—Truancy complaints may be made also before peace justices or police magistrates.

H259—Special certificate for part-time teachers in junior

colleges and adult education for teaching not more than eight clock hours weekly in special subjects. Authorizes junior college certificate to person holding master's degree with major in each teaching field.

H468—In school of two or more teachers a duty-free lunch period of 30 or more minutes to be allowed.

H476—\$1000 per year as a maximum annual aid (now \$750) for higher education of needy blind and deaf.

H647—Amends Chicago teachers pension law to increase tax levy by \$568,000 per year to clarify and expand investment field, to authorize pensioner to be employed as substitute teacher in Chicago up to 60 days (now 40) in a school year, to raise contribution salary base from \$6000 to \$7500 if provided for Lane One, to authorize death benefit provision for male teacher whose wife qualifies for widow's pension; etc.

H905—Amends downstate teachers retirement law to require any teacher to contribute to end of school year following attainment of age 70.

H963—Amends downstate retirement law to authorize teaching in other states while drawing retirement benefit.

H1022—Downstate teachers retirement law amended to regulate contributions and credit for substitute teaching, to authorize credit for teachers employed in schools under auspices of the United States, to clarify credit transferred from the University system, to provide that retired teachers after re-entry must teach at least a year to have recomputation for retirement allowance and to raise salary base to \$8000 for the regular 6-percent contribution rate.

H1032—Amends several sections of Illinois Municipal Employees Retirement Law to provide combined services to districts by school treasurers, to permit seasonal employees to be included, to reduce extreme fluctuations in normal contribution rates by municipalities, to provide annuity plan for orphans, etc.

H1119—Requires physical examination of pupils on entering kindergarten.

H1178-1179—Amends Illinois Municipal Retirement Act to provide that upon favorable referendum social security benefits will be available with service credit from Jan. 1, 1956, and adjustments made in contributions and in formula for computing age retirement allowance.

Administration; Code

S243—Upon referendum, school districts, subject to approval standards, may jointly establish and maintain a junior college if combined population of districts is 10,000 or more.

S275—Authorizes county superintendents to provide superintendent of public instruction with annual alterations of list of all text materials used in schools of county.

S311—Reduces from 200 to 50 the number of signatures for nominating candidate for county board of school trustees.

S314—School boards authorized to select suitable school site; board of education may purchase school house sites without referendum (see Senate Bill 886).

S570—Validates district divided by street or roadway running through such district but annexed to a city and automatically made a part of such city school district.

S578—Withdrawal of candidacy for board of education membership to be 18 (now 15) days before election.

S647—School district may lease from Public Building Commission for administrative or educational functions up to 20 years.

S652—\$93,500 appropriated for division of conservation education in Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

S658—Annual examination for U. of I. scholarships, conducted by county superintendent, may be on last Friday or Saturday in April.

S760—New provisions for school accounts and treasurer's reports: person falsifying any sworn statement under school code may be guilty of perjury. In Class I county school units (all counties but Cook, St. Clair, and Madison) finance reports to be signed by teacher, principal, or superintendent; clarification of authority of superintendent of public instruction regarding rules and regulations and itemization of district accounts and budget forms; school district liable for expense where county superintendent must prepare any required district reports not submitted; each school district shall have an annual audit by a licensed accountant and a copy of audit shall be transmitted through county superintendent to superintendent of public instruction;

districts may set up accrual or cash basis of accounting; records of treasurers open to public inspection; term of treasurers to be two years and treasurer may not be employed in any other capacity by school board; treasurers in district in Class I counties to have custody of funds and not to keep detailed accounts; annual publication shall show meaningful summary of assets, receipts, liabilities, fund balances, bonds, and warrants for each fund; all districts to publish names of individuals or firms receiving in salaries or payments \$100 or more annually; repeals House Bill 924 (Sec. 5-14) of 1955 session. Effective July 1, 1959.

S775—Districts may sell properties (without referendum) rendered unnecessary by consolidation and the like.

S886—Clarifies S314 enacted this session and approved by the governor; all school boards authorized to select and purchase school sites without the question of referendum.

H32—Federal forestry income distribution by county superintendent on basis of forested acres within school districts.

H33—School treasurers' bonds filed with county superintendent who files with superintendent of public instruction affidavit as to such bonds.

H34—Regular school treasurers' bonds and any additional bonds because of borrowed money by school districts to be approved by school boards in Class I county units and by township trustees in Class II county units.

H35—Trustees of school township to be elected on the second Saturday of April with petitions filed 21 days in advance.

H36—County institute to be minimum of two days with three more optional days; one day may be teachers workshop on the first day of school term for which teachers receive salary.

H168—Authorizes assistant secretary to Chicago board; clarifies daily employment of substitutes; provides for annual health examination for teachers retained beyond regular retirement age.

H287-342—School bus signal lamps to be connected by toggle switch to brakes, when pupils are in bus, and be actuated when brakes applied.

H313—Allows inter-district junior college in territory where combined districts in one county have population of 10,000 or more.

H423—Authorizes districts jointly to sponsor special education programs and employ personnel.

H432—School district funds deposited in banks must be in banks located in Illinois.

H480—Amends many sections of School Code to provide in each election precinct three or more judges; eliminates clerks.

H531—School boards authorized to make tuition charge for persons more than 21 years of age.

H598—In eminent domain procedure school board may sue in name of county board of school trustees and bear expenses.

H699—Requires meetings of all public bodies, exclusive of limited executive sessions, to be open to the public; penalty provided.

H835—\$40,800 appropriated to superintendent of public instruction for expenses of county boards of school trustees.

H836—Limits time when legal action may be taken to question annexation of territory made to school districts or the creation of any new school district. Validates certain annexations made prior to Jan. 1, 1955.

H843—Extends powers of school board in leasing school property to cover "body politic and corporate."

H884—Sec. 29-12 amended to have school bus signals actuated when bus stops to receive or discharge children, when children are unloading to cross roadway, and when bus is loading children coming across roadway.

H909—Amends Sec. 6-54 to authorize employment of registered, professional nurse and to define her duties.

H912—Amends Sec. 25-6 to require daily period of physical education and health instruction for period related to growth and needs of pupils at various age levels.

H967—Extends elimination date to July 1, 1960, for non-high-school district in county of 500,000 population or more.

H968—Modifies levy procedure for non-high-school district so that authorized regular levy need not be reduced by unobligated balances.

H1042—Provides that in all school elections not conducted by election commissioners in cities the voters shall sign affidavits showing name, address, district of residence, and voter qualifications.

H1059—Amends Sec. 8-9 to permit community unit to be

formed with population as low as 1500 if assessed valuation is at least 10 million dollars and survey by superintendent of public instruction shows proposed district able to maintain 12-grade recognized program; does not remove alternate provision of 2000 population and only six million valuation for forming community unit.

H1066—Restricts boundary change petitions filed pending first bond election in any calendar year; when territories are shifted by boundary change, time of operation of schools may be modified by board agreement; bonded debt and school property in territory shifted from unit district to dual system area to be assigned to dual districts by specified plan. Appraisal costs on tangible school property in annexation programs to be shared in proportion to assets shared.

H1105—Authorizes school boards to lease building and facilities up to 20-year period and to have extra tax levy power therefor.

H1106—New community consolidated district to meet minimum population of 1500 and valuation of \$5,000,000 except that lower standards may be approved by superintendent of public instruction and county superintendent of schools. Petition for such district organization to have hearing and decision by county board of school trustees.

H1257—Any public body awarding contract for public work involving workman or mechanic must ascertain and pay prevailing wage rate; may request department of labor to determine such wage rate.

H1292—Adds Sec. 4B-5.1 to prevent any territory involved in boundary change proceeding again to be so involved for one year after final determination of such first proceeding.

H1314—In district having only one school building, petition to detach area containing building must be filed by two thirds of the voters of the district.

State School Finance

S655—Omnibus bill, including \$4,700,000 for vocational education reimbursements and \$3,008,209 of federal money reapportioned for such purpose.

H86—Allows former tax rate use in supplemental distributive fund claim when 1955 tax rate was too low to equalize in claim filed in November, 1956.

H254—May not file distributive fund claim unless statement is attached to certify no discrimination in employing teachers on account of color, creed, race, or nationality.

H332—Non-high district ceasing to exist during 1956 prior to Nov. 1 may file distributive fund claim for year ending June 30, 1956, prior to Aug. 1, 1957, in amount not to exceed its debt.

H345—Provides tax for pupil transportation at two cents without referendum and up to 10 cents with referendum; district may charge pupils transported less than one and one-half miles. State reimburses up to 50 percent of cost including depreciation, but not to exceed a sparsity factor formula based on square miles in district per pupil transported and maximum payments per pupil. Effective Sept. 1, 1957.

Square miles of district per pupil transported	Maximum payment by state per pupil transported
less than .10	\$16
.10 - .19	20
.20 - .29	24
.30 - .49	28
.50 and over	32

H422—Major changes for special education programs, including annual census of handicapped pupils to be made by county superintendent of schools through school districts and follow-up conferences on census findings; specification of speech correction and multiply handicapped types; clarification of administrative authority of superintendent of public instruction; tuitioning district to pay proper per capita cost computed on specific formula; state reimbursement at \$3000 per professional worker (teacher, psychologist, therapist) dealing directly with children; half payment of special transportation costs; part payment for homebound pupil programs. Effective Jan. 1, 1958.

H622-623—\$10,000,000 appropriated for school districts maintaining high-school driver education, with state aid up to \$30 per pupil; \$65,600 for administration. Restricted driver's permit for persons above 15 years of age. Fee for original and renewal of operator's license raised from \$1 to \$3.

H655—Amends Sec. 18-5.1 to pay from distributive fund any tuition of pupils housed in property owned by the state on which are welfare, penal, and educational institutions.

H658—Deficiency appropriation of \$1,500,000 for pupil transportation claims.

H860—Increases junior college pupil grant to \$200 (now \$100) and appropriates for biennium \$4,300,000.

H881—Creates state school building commission to administer a building construction and lease program for needy districts maintaining grades one to eight that have exhausted bonding power. Regulations to determine need of building facilities, etc. Appropriates \$10,000,000 and \$40,000 for administration.

H911—Amends Sec. 18-9 to require for day of attendance five hours under supervision of teachers with exception for multiple sessions, first grade, and kindergarten pupils and to count fractional attendance for hospitalized or homebound pupils.

H944—Postpones until June 30, 1959, requirement of 60 ADA pupils in high school as qualification for filing distributive fund claim.

H1108—Appropriates for biennium \$227,000,000 for common school fund, with annual allotment to downstate teacher retirement system fixed at \$8,200,000.

H1147—Biennial appropriation of \$2,256,630 for Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

H1172—Appropriates to superintendent of public instruction \$7,300,000 for special education reimbursement for school year ended June 30, 1958, and biennial sum of \$538,000 for state administrative expenses for special education.

H1345—Appropriates for downstate teachers retirement system \$15,000 as state contribution on account of certain members employed by the state.

H1347—Appropriates to superintendent of public instruction \$6,000,000 for pupil transportation reimbursements for year ended June 30, 1958, and appropriates \$3,956,241 for tuition reimbursements for pupils in normal school maintained by local district; also appropriates for school lunch program \$4,400,000 from federal funds as received.

Local School Finance

S22—Authorizes Chicago school board to issue 50 million dollars in bonds for building purposes, subject to referendum.

S109—Removes statutory 2½-percent debt limit (permitting constitutional limit) on site improvement, building construction, and working cash fund.

S177—Raises Chicago free textbook rate from 2½ cents to 3½ cents without referendum.

S189—Liquidated school township funds may be assigned to educational or building funds.

S263—Adds Sec. 17-5.4 to authorize referendum prior to Sept. 15, 1957, to establish former authorized educational tax rate limits now questioned by court decision.

S383—For Chicago district authorizes building tax rate of 19 cents for 1958, 21 cents for 1959, 23 cents for 1960, and 25 cents thereafter. For educational rate authorizes \$1.20 for 1957, \$1.30 for 1958, and \$1.35 thereafter.

S825—Amends Sec. 18-9 to provide that qualifying educational rates be determined from levy and assessed valuation at time of levy.

S840—New Sec. 17-5.4 to authorize at election before July 1, 1958, any unit district to vote on validating educational rate formerly voted up to \$2 and any elementary district to validate educational rate to \$1.25.

H816—Authorizes Chicago district to levy for public school playground and recreational purposes up to 4½ cents (now 2½ cents) without referendum.

H706—Revises tax rates for downstate districts; 65-cent educational rate for elementary districts without referendum; each dual system district may vote to \$1.40 maximum educational rate; unit districts may vote maximum educational rate to \$2.50; unit district, subject to referendum on petition from people, may have 25-cent rate for building fund and \$1.25 for educational fund.

H882—Authorizes school districts by referendum to levy a tax to pay rental for use and occupancy of school buildings provided under H881.

H1360—Authorizes in 1957 a supplemental budget by Chicago board of education.

H1400—Amends Sec. 17-5.3 to provide that unit district may

without referendum levy 1 percent even though its formula rate (under Butler-Hodge formula) is lower.

Higher Education

S6—\$400,000 deficiency for SIU for personal services and commodities.

S8-16; 18 and 447—Name of Northern Illinois State College changed to Northern Illinois University; and related acts.

S84—\$120,280 to U. of I. for institution for tuberculosis research.

S124-125—SIU may use tuition and certain fees for bond program needs for revenue-income buildings.

S199-200—Authorizes referendum on issue of state of Illinois bonds for \$248,000,000 to provide welfare and state higher education building facilities.

S272—\$492,000 appropriation for ISNU for boilers and heater equipment.

S413—Conveys certain state land in Jackson county to SIU.

S439—Right of tuition in state-supported school granted to emancipated, self-supporting minor who has resided in Illinois one year or more.

S443—Excludes employees of U. of I., SIU, and the Teachers College Board institutions from act regulating political activities of merit employees.

S502—Appropriates to SIU \$21,477,426 from general revenue fund and \$1,424,713 from SIU income fund to provide ordinary and contingent expenses.

S525—Appropriates \$91,457,000 from general revenue fund and \$12,000,000 from university income fund for U. of I. ordinary and contingent expenses.

S526—Appropriates \$17,975,000 to University of Illinois for improvement and capital outlay purposes, many items being re-appropriations.

S547—\$90,000 for commission to study problems of higher education and to report to the next General Assembly and to the governor.

S581-591—Name of Eastern Illinois State College changed to Eastern Illinois University, and related acts.

S592-601—Name of Western Illinois State College changed to Western Illinois University, and related acts.

S712—Omnibus appropriations, including capital outlay and improvements for Teachers College Board of \$7,954,500 (EISC, \$1,979,000; ISNU, \$2,375,500; NISC, \$2,122,500; WISC, \$1,457,500).

S713—Omnibus appropriations, including reappropriations to Teachers College Board of \$490,000 for laboratory school at EISC and \$1,650,000 for laboratory school at NISC.

S726—Capital outlay appropriations of \$7,861,000 to SIU.

S803—\$258,000 appropriated to Teachers College Board (\$240,000 for sewer improvements relating to EISC and \$18,000 relating to sewer and bridge at NISC).

H380—Establishes state scholarship commission with \$130,000 for administrative expense and \$600,000 for first-year scholarships in higher educational institutions on the basis of merit and need and with annual awards of two scholarships within each senatorial district and two within each representative district in the General Assembly.

H467—Teacher-training scholarships may cover cost of graduation fees, tuition charges, and the like (excluding book fees) and apply through four calendar years in *teacher education*; unassigned scholarships in a county may be placed in a statewide pool.

H839—Amends U. of I. act on revenue-income building programs to include union buildings, auditoriums, and gymnasiums.

H840—Amends state finance act so U. of I. may retain in its treasury fees (as well as rentals and service charges) to be available to meet bonds issued for revenue-income building programs.

H841—U. of I. designated as agency responsible for receipt and use of federal and state funds available for work of division of services for crippled children.

H957—Appropriates to Teachers College Board for general operation of EISC, ISNU, NISC, WISC, total of \$25,876,930; \$210,200 for college board office; for scholarship reimbursements, \$361,100; from income funds of such institutions, \$1,724,030.

H958—\$1,075,000 appropriated for U. of I. cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics.

H1121—Authorizes U. of I. to withhold a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 (now \$100,000) as stores and services fund.

H1253—Authorizes SIU to appoint members of the SIU police department.

Miscellaneous

S114—Creates commission to study pension, annuity, and benefit laws relating to governmental service in Illinois; \$15,000 appropriated.

S355—Copy of building permit and plans to be filed by municipality with township assessor and county assessor in counties of 500,000 or more population.

S446—Authorizes county board of review to equalize assessments by use of assessment ratio prepared for each assessment district; department of revenue may correct equalization among assessment districts.

S545—Chief county assessment office to prepare and maintain tax maps, property record cards, and lists of property owners' names in up-to-date manner; authorizes appointed supervisor of assessments in counties with less than 500,000 population and not having elected board of assessors. State to pay half of salary of such appointed assessor.

S882-883—Amends use-sales tax to cover repair of tangible, personal property.

H64—Tax objectors to realty taxes to pay 100 percent (now 75 percent) when filing objection.

H470-471—\$50,000 to superintendent of public instruction for research department.

H545—Municipalities may use state motor fuel tax allotments for construction and maintenance of approved school crossing signals.

H573—Sec. 19 of Revenue Act amended to clarify tax exemption of properties used for educational and religious purposes in line with customary court decisions.

H641—In school boundary change, county superintendent shall not file map during court review or until final disposition of case.

H744—Adds auditing department of Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Appropriates \$85,000.

H927—Amends pension reciprocity act to make reciprocity optional with public employee; to require at least two years of service in one system for combining such credit; to remove date of July 1, 1957, as final date for restoring credit canceled by refund; etc.

H1020—Gives certain charter districts authority to borrow money for capital outlay and to issue revenue bonds therefor, payable solely from income from leasing school property.

H1064—Amends Sec. 33-2 to permit petitions for nominating board of education members in Peoria district to be signed by only 200 voters.

H1111—Creates on continuing basis a School Problems Commission of five senators, five representatives, five citizens appointed by the governor and the superintendent of public instruction and director of finance; term of members runs only for two years; \$50,000 appropriated.

H1141—Merges municipal public utility employees retirement system with the downstate municipal employees system.

H1183—Authorizes continuing members of non-high-school district board, regardless of their residence, where non-high-school district continued operation after July 1, 1956, pending annexation procedures, and validates actions of such board.

H1184—Amends Sec. 11-18.1 to continue non-high district and its legal powers after annexation procedures since July 1, 1956, pending final administrative or judicial determinations.

H1192—Condenses Sec. 12-13 on referendum for educational and building tax rates for junior college purposes. Eliminates most of Sec. 12-14, validating establishment of junior college program where proposition to establish did not include specific authority to levy taxes.

H1193—Validates the annexation of certain non-high territory to high-school districts made after June 30, 1953, and before July 13, 1953.

H1252—County truant officers and district truant officers within their respective districts are made conservators of the peace; each district truant officer required to be bonded.

H1311—\$10,000 for commission to study and report on personal property tax.

H1354—Validates certain school elections for buildings and tax rate increases where election notices were not published in newspapers as legally required.

H1366—Validates organization of certain community units, the election of the board and board proceedings.