

change of policy in the handling of the P.T.A funds that was instigated during the tenure of Mrs. Goff is largely responsible for this visible difference. During the time Miss Foley was principal P.T.A. funds were used in a little different manner. A teacher always served as treasurer and often money was spent at frequent intervals for little incidental purchases -- not unnecessary ones you understand, but of less perceptible value than the larger projects of today. Many small insignificant items purchased during a fiscal year could add up to quite a sizeable amount at the end of the year and yet the apparent value seen was unimportant, and this is just what happened.

The present policy regarding the P.T.A. funds is this; all of the gain made through the various and numerous money making projects, P.T.A. sponsored, is retained in the treasure of that organization and is solely managed by the treasurer (and/or her assistant) who is a patron member of the group rather than one of the staff personnel. Money for operating expense is budgeted early in the year by the finance committee and presented to the membership attendance for approval. All the executive board allows all bona fide bills. The surplus is accumulated and used to purchase new equipment for the good of the school. Sometimes it is for the direct benefit of the P.T.A. (such as the installation of a modern kitchen, dishes, silverware, coffee urns, etc.) but usually it is for something for which the whole school will reap benefit. As an afterthought I think it would be well to mention that the whole school has access to the kitchen too, but some gifts have a more direct bearing on the children's school experiences. For examples, the public address system offers a direct communication between the office and all the classrooms. All of the rooms can receive a message at the same time or one individual room can be contacted. The tape recorder and the disc recorder, the radio-phonograph combination all are good examples of purchases made for the direct good of the educational program of the school. The latest project -- that of having the playground resurfaced benefits everyone, boys, girls, teachers, janitors, parents, neighbors and others. The crushed stone caused many a headache for everybody.

The principal is asked to make recommendations as to what he would like to see achieved in the interest of the school. Almost without exception the P.T.A. accepts his recommendations and sets out to make the money to purchase the suggested equipment or pay for the completion of the work involved.

Now to mention some of the material possessions we have been able to secure for the school. Books for the library after the specifications of the Foley Will were met: A sustaining fund of \$50.00 per year (henceforth) for purpose of buying materials for library: New velvet stage curtains for the front and new back-drop curtains: Sound motion picture projector; strip film projector; opaque projector; Recorder-Radio - phonograph combination; Modern kitchen equipment, including gas stove, refrigerator, dishes, silverware, coffee