

there are some who go all out for material and worthwhile improvements. They will spare no effort to see certain gains made. However, all too often too few support such endeavors. Miner, nevertheless, has an exceptional and enviable record of achievements resulting from P.T.A. projects. It is impossible to give any ways near all of the successful projects of this great organization but we shall cite some of them later on to show what we have done.

But first, let me give you a word about organizational function. Anyone interested in the school's program and endeavors can belong by paying a 25¢ registration fee per year. Probably no where else and under no circumstances can you belong to such an active group for so little a fee. And probably no where else could you find so much for so little -- new friends, fellowship, recreation, good informative lectures by qualified speakers, a broader understanding of school policies and school personnel, an opportunity to serve the community by helping children become good citizens and, last but not least (at Miner especially) refreshments!

Our particular P.T.A. meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the afternoon and in the auditorium of the school. On occasion there are joint meetings with other schools and there is a rotation of meetings in annual sequence between the schools participating in this joint program by the schools in a certain area of the city. We usually combine with Washington, Hongland, Hanna and Justin Study. This year the Justin Study School is host to the other schools but as always, all the schools share in the social expense. Twice annually we have evening meetings which enable fathers to attend and share in our fellowship. Not too many of them are able to attend afternoon meetings although those who can are always welcome.

We have a planned program -- well diversified and interesting to attend. The various classes of the school are given the opportunity to appear on a scheduled P.T.A. meeting program sometime during the year. The entire class usually takes part and their playlets are always a joy to watch as much time and effort is spent on them by the teacher and pupils to make them appealing and instructive. Usually there is an invited speaker to address the group on some timely subject, and it is rare indeed that one fails to give a thought-provoking and challenging message. And the coffee pot is always on at Miner -- (tea for non-coffee-drinking-associates) and where can you get in closer touch with your neighbor, teacher, friend, or guest than over a cup of coffee?

The executive board meets previously to the regular meeting to discuss matters that would prolong the business session of the P.T.A. meeting. The unimportant is culled from the important and then these matters of business that are of immediate concern are brought before the attending membership group for discussion and vote. This executive board consists of the elected officers and the appointed committee chairmen. These