

STUDY GROUP

The Study Group of Minor meets the third Thursday afternoon of the month in the school library. There is no dues as a paid membership in the P.T.A. entitles one to participate in this parent education group. It is not primarily a money making organization. However, on occasion, certain projects are undertaken that require funds to complete the endeavor. (Be sure to read our present chairman's message at the close of this portion of the history) White elephant sales, galloping breakfasts, etc. are promoted to raise the necessary funds. Each year, for several years past the Study Group has presented an annual gift to the school. Copper coffee servers, a utility table for the coffee urns in the kitchen and a light for the piano in the auditorium are some of the recent ones. This year a completely new floor covering in the lunch room.

As indicated, it is a study group and we follow a planned program, one that is outlined by state chairman which is of course in accord with the program recommended by the National Congress through its magazine the "National Parent - Teacher". If our group completes an eight hour course of study (one hour per month for eight months of the school year) we receive a certificate of award from the State Chairman. One year individual certificates were awarded to each member completing an eight hour course, but recently the award has been presented to the group rather than to individual members.

Qualified speakers -- doctors, nurses, ministers, business men, bankers, merchandising experts, etc. are asked to bring timely messages usually pertaining to their own particular vocation. We have received wonderful response to our requests for them to share their knowledge and experiences with us. It seems difficult to evaluate the real worth of their messages -- whatever is said will seem inadequate to describe the thought-provoking, inspirational and educational messages which they bring us. A vote of thanks, made public in this manner, would certainly not be amiss though for all the excellent leadership we have secured for guidance.

Light refreshments are served and this is done by several members of the group, (a chairman and three assistants) acting as hostesses and dividing the cost between themselves. Ordinarily no member serves more than once during the school year.

Study Group has for several years been interested in doing special things for the Hanna Homestead School which is the public school for the physical handicapped children of our city. In the spring of 1951 they sponsored a "day at a regular school" for twelve of the boys and girls who are crippled and attend the Hanna Homestead regularly. It was their first experience in a regular school and their reactions were such as to bring a tidal wave of mixed emotions to the committee who served on the project. Transportation for them was furnished