

that this becomes a reality our local kindergarten units must be supported by the local school corporation and interested personnel and patronage. This very thing with regard to Miner will be mentioned a bit later.

Miner Pre-school was not the first group of its kind in Fort Wayne, although it was one of the early ones. However, it has enjoyed one of the largest memberships in the State. The group meets the second Tuesday evening of each month of the school year in the homes of the various members. There is an annual membership dues of twenty-five cents. Elected officers serve the group in the managerial positions and the group does promote a number of money-making projects during the year. In the spring the Pre-school joins Study Group and P.T.A. in an annual family picnic to wind up a happy school year. They hold a "Kindergarten Day Breakfast" each year in May and invite all parents to attend who will have children entering Kindergarten during the next year. Coffee and rolls are served in a most pleasing get-acquainted atmosphere and then Miss Mable Holland, Elementary School Supervisor, speaks to us on the kindergarten experiences a child receives, methods and procedures, equipment, reports of progress and the like. Then a demonstration of such activity is given by the kindergarten teacher and the children of the current semester show finger plays, songs, observation testing and other ways of learning.

The reason I mentioned previously with regard to the money-making projects of Pre-school is this: A gift of fifty-dollars is made annually by this group to the kindergarten for equipment or special needs of any kind. Miner mothers have been most interested in the kindergarten for equipment or special needs of any kind, and have contributed many nice things including dolls, clothes, bedding, books, toys and other playthings. Our present kindergarten teacher is most wonderfully cooperative and has such a pleasant manner and know-how ability to make kindergarten an unforgettable experience for the children. For the first time in many, many years we now have both a morning and afternoon kindergarten class. The enrollment for the spring semester was more than fifty and of course too many for just a morning class.

Officers are elected to serve one year and the current officers are: Jane Kessler, President (who will have a message for us in just a moment), Bea Davis, Vice-president, and Deana Horstmeyer, Secretary and Viola France, Treasurer.

Several years ago, during the tenure of Dorellyn Grodrian, our Pre-school group withdrew from the Pre-school council in order to retain its membership dues toward an annual project -- the fifty dollar gift which you just read about. It was sincerely felt that a greater help could be given our local unit in this manner than under the previous set-up when a portion of the per-capita dues was given to the Council.