

The cooperation in this group is not to be excelled, add. with one purpose in mind the possibilities of our group is unlimited. I am proud and honored to serve as elected president this year.

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#### Part 4 -- Mother's Chorus

October of 1951 saw the reactivation of the Mother's Chorus at Miner School. There has been at various times, choral work of this kind but in recent years there was none, Elizabeth Thayer, one of our P.T.A. mothers, who is well trained and has exceptional ability in directing voice harmony, is the director of the choir.

They enjoy an active membership of twenty-two mothers, meet in the various homes of members on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month and enjoy a social hour after the chorus work is done. They do all types of singing, religious songs; semi classics; folk-tunes, rounds and the like and sing in three part harmony. Mrs. Lillian Arnold is accompaniest for the group.

The eligibility for membership is quite unrestraining -- any woman in the vicinity who is interested in choral work is invited to belong. In other words -- one does not have to be a patron of the school to enjoy the fellowship of singing with this group.

They sang for the Christmas parties of the Pre-school and Study Groups this past year and have been discussing plans to sing with the Mass Mother's Chorus (Mother's Choruses from all representative schools) at the State Convention in April. I understand this is an annual project of the Mother's Choruses and one that is most impressive and inspiring.

If you like to sing, I am sure Mrs. Thayer would be happy to welcome you to come and take part in the choir.

This, then acquaints you briefly with the total program of the school wherein parents enjoy active participation. Nothing could be more fitting to close this chapter on parent participation in the school program than to print here "A Mother's and Father's Litany", which was used by the P.T.A. at one time during the tenure of Mr. Harley Lautenschlager as Principal. Many of us found real inspiration and encouragement from the prayerful thoughts then, and now to be refreshed by its meaningful intent of purpose, I should like to offer this as food for thought: