



With Our School Children, Teachers, Parents

Kelly PTA to See Play; Tribute Paid Mrs. Green

A MUSICAL PLAY telling "The Story of the Christmas Carol" to be presented by the student chorus will feature next Thursday's (Dec. 17) monthly meeting of the Matt Kelly Elementary School PTA. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the school. A member of the Clark County School Board will be invited to attend.

Mrs. E. C. Green, immediate past president of the Matt Kelly PTA, was presented a pair of African ceramic wall plaques at last month's meeting in recognition of her "tireless and fruitful service" to the organization. The plaques were made by students of the Fifth St. Special Services Dept.

A film on "Modern Mathematics" was shown, with commentary by teachers Mrs. June Erfert and Mrs. Charlotte Cook. Mrs. Erfert said the new terminology has proved challenging to first through third grade children but is being enthusiastically received. Mrs. Cook admitted that she was still "learning" the new method being used on the upper elementary level and advised parents unfamiliar with the modern approach to let their children work out problems by themselves. "Let them bring in their mistakes and we will straighten them out in class," she said.

Bulletin board displays on American Education Week themes were presented by Mrs. Annie Norwood, Mrs. Carol Bowman, Mrs. Lillie Scott, Mrs. Ida Perkins-Grier, Mrs. Ruth Stringer, Mrs. Katherine Redish, Margaret York and Frank Atkinson, while essays written by sixth grade pupils of Earl Carter, Elvin Taylor and Mr. Atkinson were read.

Marvin Taylor and Herbert Kelly's Patrol Boys again contributed "pomp and circumstance" to the interesting program while the Matt Kelly Chorus received a tremendous ovation for its rendition of several songs under the direction of Mrs. Grace McGlothen, PTA program chairman. Principal John Walker congratulated those taking part for "a job well done."

Dr. Newcomer Speaks At Carson PTA Meeting

DR. LELAND NEWCOMER, Clark County Superintendent of Schools, will be the featured speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Kit Carson Elementary School PTA next Wednesday (Dec. 16) at 7:30 p.m. according to Principal H.P. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Reba Dolan, Las Vegas Area Council

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READING CHAMPS--These third grade students of Mrs. Delores Musgrave at Matt Kelly School display awards they earned for reading achievement. From left: Anthony Johnson, Larry Blackwell, Carolyn Armstrong, James Wilson and Debra Rambo. Awards are given for reading 10, 25 and 50 books. Carolyn received all three awards after reading 85 books. Others pictured read 25 or more. (See story.)

president, discussed PTA objectives at the November meeting and representatives of the Central Telephone Co. explained direct long-distance dialing.

Other highlights of a program that climaxed celebration of American Education Week included a concert by Joseph Zaletal's student instrumental band, numbers by Mrs. Joanne Pughsley's flutophone band and Wayne Lytle's string ensemble, and a piano solo by Pamela Armstrong.

Mrs. Arnett Perkins, Kit Carson PTA president, reported on the progress of the "Looking in on Our Schools" committee, assisted by chairman Rev. Donald Clark.

Mrs. Arnett also reports that the unit-sponsored after school recreation program is progressing nicely; the school's second quarterly newspaper will be issued in January; school photos will be taken in February; unit legislative chairman Curtis Hall and his group were largely responsible for the large turnout in Kit Carson-based precincts for the November election, and that the unit's John F. Kennedy Memorial Library Fund committee composed of Mrs. Gwendolyn Bennett, Mrs. Lacyrney Simmons and Miss Claudia Jackson realized \$25 through a cup cake sale at the school.

The unit-supported 4-H group presented leader pins to Mrs. Eloise Winn and Mrs. Andrew Jackson II, and alumni pin to Principal Fitzgerald and first year pins to student members.

CARSON SETS DEBATES

IN AN ATTEMPT to arouse interest in the art of public speaking, sixth grade pupils of Hershel Williams at Kit Carson Elementary School will engage in a series of debates on Monday (Dec. 14) in the school cafeteria. The public is invited.

Topics to be debated include: Are Laws Really Necessary?; Is Learning to Read Important?; Does Your Environment Affect Your Life?; Are School Safety Patrols Important?; Do Young People Want To Be Grownup Before Their Time?; Is a College Education Necessary?; and Are School Dropouts a Real Problem?

Participants will include Linda Lane, Vickie Porter, Charles Cross, Delois Walton, Ernestine Tubbs, Lafayette McMorris, Joy Lee Robertson, Veomia Hopkins, James Robinson, Carlotta Lee, Bernard Walker, Elvin Wesson, Velton Queen, George Washington, Glenda Poole, Connie Taylor, Darryl Taylor and Joan Qualls.

Book Club Pins Awarded Almost 100 Kelly Pupils

ALMOST ONE HUNDRED Matt Kelly Elementary School students received reading awards at a special school assembly recently. Students who have read 10 or more books are officially admitted to the Matt Kelly "10 Book Club."

Faculty members presented the awards to students in grades one through six. Special awards go to those reading 25 and 50 books. Parents are required to sign a note to the effect that a student has read a particular book. A number of outstanding book reports have been given in class as a result of the program according to teachers.

The program is designed to encourage students to use their leisure time to good advantage by cultivating a taste for good books which will improve their reading interest.

"We have learned that extra reading improves a student's overall academic level," Principal John Walker said. "We hope all students qualify for membership in the 10 Book Club before the end of the year."

MADISON FACULTY BUSY

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE will benefit from a Christmas Fund drive underwritten by Madison Elementary School faculty members headed by co-chairmen Mrs. Naomi Goynes, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson and Mrs. Bernadine Anderson.

It was announced that \$42 was raised through the sale of popcorn and ice cream during the student lunch period.

Aid to civic organizations attempting to solve community social and economic problems was emphasized at the weekly school assembly.

Named by AID

Martin A. Goins Jr. of Baltimore has been appointed chief of the support services division of the Agency for International Development. A former AID executive in Africa, Goins will handle budget, fiscal and general administrative matters.



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