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Texas Public Schools To Celebrate Century Of Great Progress

A century of phenomenal progress will be celebrated by the Texas public schools during 1954, their centennial birthday year.

The 100th birthday of the public school system falls on January 31, but the observance is scheduled to last all year because there is so much to celebrate.

Today's Texas public schools are a far cry from their humble beginnings back in 1854, when the per capita payment was 62 cents and the permanent school fund was started with an initial endowment of \$2,000,000. The per capita payment has now grown to \$68 and the permanent school fund to \$249,016, 781.

In the same state where youngsters used to be considered lucky if they were given three or four months of schooling a year, a minimum foundation program now guarantees every child a minimum of nine months of school each year.

Despite these vast improvements, Texans have not yet achieved the goal outlined by their forefathers. The Texas Education Agency, the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers and other participating groups hope the centennial celebration will renew the interest of the general public in its schools and lead to additional improvements.

It was on January 23, 1854, that a group of Texans converged on Austin for a mass meeting. We will not only be the Empire State in point of territory," they solemnly resolved, "but in the number and excellence of our institutions of learning."

It was a bold boast from a young state—one which had been admitted to the Union less than nine years before. But just eight days later, the Common School Law was enacted. It established the free public school system of Texas.

"It was the first mile of a long road—still under construction—that leads to happiness and prosperity." Executive Secretary Charles H. Tennyson of the Texas State Teachers Association said recently. "It is a well-traveled road, with traffic increasing at an astounding rate. There are 72,000



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more children traveling on it now, for instance, than there were a year ago.

Six periods of peak interest in schools have been selected by the State board of Education for statewide observance of the centennial, but local groups will decide for themselves if these are of the greatest interest locally.

The six periods are: January 31, official birthday; March 1-7, Public Schools Week; May-June, end of school year; September, beginning of new school year; October, State Fair time; and December, state-wide Citizens Advisory Conference on Education.

Different communities will observe different dates, significant to the public schools, in different ways during the centennial year. But they will all be trying to accomplish the same purpose: to acquaint the public with school problems and to urge the public to help in working out solutions that will give 1,600,000 youngsters in our public schools a better education.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Donna Sue Merriman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Merriman, was honored on her 7th birthday with a party given by her mother Wednesday afternoon. Valentine games and refreshments were enjoyed by Phyllis Williams, David Steele, Danny Watson, Glenda Bea Smith, Donna Gayle Schoonover, Robert Watson, Jimmy Skinner, Mike Skinner, Rita Kay Battle, Sharon Kay Adams, Chester Fay Miller, Judy Holmes, Mrs. Luther Skinner and Mrs. Ray Watson also were present.

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Ten PTA members attended a procedure course held last Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. D. O. James. Paper sack lunch was served at noon.

The afternoon session was devoted to a parliamentary course, which was attended by 11 Mrs. James, district parliamentarian, taught the courses.

Naomi Baxter to Wed Pennsylvania Man

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baxter are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Naomi Ruth to Peter J. Runco Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Runco sr. of Pittsburgh, Penna.

The informal wedding rites are to be conducted in the Baptist Mission chapel, corner of Wall and Lafayette, Friday evening, Feb. 5, at 7:30, with Rev. H. M. Riek officiating.

Park ESA Members Attend District Meet

18 members of the Epsilon Eta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority attended the District 16 meeting held in Quanah last Saturday.

The meeting was held in the new high school cafeteria, and was opened with a coffee at 10:30. The business meeting was conducted by Miss Simpson of Gainesville, Dist. president. Other dist. officers attending included two from Iowa Park, Mrs. Joe Chandler, Recording Secy. and Mrs. Jack Coleman, treas.

The sorority from Iowa Park received an attendance award.

An invitation was extended and accepted for the ext district meeting to meet in Iowa Park in April. The meeting closed following a luncheon at 10 o'clock.

Members of the Iowa Park chapter taking the chartered bus to this meeting in Quanah were:

Mrs. Leslie Clapp, O. M. Bell, Alan Berry, Joe Chandler, Jack Coleman, I. W. Corder, Johnny Crawfordarterjqsrdueatoomfwry Crawford, John Clapp, Bryan Farn, Wayne House, Jessie McCullough, Malcolm Mills, Harry Mitchell, Ted Overby, Burk Scott, Ray Rutherford and Miss Raydene Brown.

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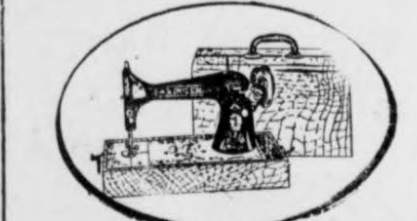
We'll kids, here we are, all ready to let you know some of the dear old gossip.

Say, Delpha is swooning over Don, poor kid. Listen girls if you want a chance at Don Elliott you better ditch Delpha for sure. She is going mad over him. Poor ole kid, he won't even glance at her. She's trying! How about it Don? She's pretty good. Hey Don if you are ever lonely just call 6242. Delpha will surely answer.

Listen boys, Aeta is single and ready to go. If you need a date call 5671. Is that ok with you Oleta?

Well I guess Hersel and Monroe are all right, seems like it. I also hear Linda and Tex are almost broken up. What's up Kid, just plain ole hard luck. Well Nancy K. is still swooning over R. B. You know, I think Scooter, Maggie, and Linda are getting prettier everyday. But just can't catch themselves a boy friend. Too bad girls. Us 7th and 8th grade kids are sure getting into a lot of trouble at school, but sure are having fun!! Well good bye, good folk. Tiny and Penny.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Those from Iowa Park that will attend the All - District Football Banquet at Padueah Monday night will be, Supt. Keith Swim, Prin. James Elms, Coach Ted Averitt, and Coach Ray Corbett, Bubs Fenner, James Williams, Mickey Sewell, Claburne Lindley, Leonard Luckett, Dale Girard, Jimmy Martin.

Those attending the School Masters meeting held in the Wichita Falls high school last week were: Supt. Keith Swim, high school principal James Elms and three school board members, Mr. C. E. Birk, H. B. Klunker and Miles Thompson.

President of the Board of Education of the Iowa Park Independent school district C. E. Birk has announced contracts have been extended to Supt. Keith Swim, high school prin. James Elms and elementary prin. Miss Ethlye Kidwell for the next school year.

Shirley Gay Beck to Wed Kenneth Munden

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Beck of Wichita Falls have announced the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Shirley Gay, to Kenneth J. Munden of Iowa Park.

Kenneth is a son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Munden of Iowa Park.

The couple will wed in services to be conducted at 7 o'clock Feb. 27 at the Ray Memorial Church in Wichita Falls. Rev. Floyd G. Kinser, pastor, is to officiate. Musical selections are to be presented by Mrs. Floyd G. Kinser, organist, and Miss Monte Rea Radford, vocalist.

Miss Beck is a graduate of Wichita Falls is a graduate of the Wichita Falls High School and attended beauty school in this city. She now is associated with her mother in a beauty shop. She has affiliated with Nu Phi Mu Sorority.

The groom-to-be was graduated from high school in Iowa Park where he was co-captain of the football team. He is field salesman for the National Supply Company in Electra.

Rev. Grace Hopper of Winnsboro is visiting her husband, Floyd Hopper, employee of Fish Drilling Co. and resides in the Palm apts. Rev. Hopper has held pastorates in several of the Assembly of God churches in Texas.

Sheppard Men Speak To Methodist Group

Herman Mahler, vice-president of the Methodist Men's Brotherhood, presided at the meeting held Tuesday night at the church. Sgt. Bill Irwin, chairman of the program committee, presented some speakers

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