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Pierce School Parents Learn How to Aid Teachers Set Up Correct Reading Habits

"Good health is of prime importance for a good start in reading," said Principal Malcolm Ferguson as he opened the novel discussion at the Pierce School PTA meeting last Thursday evening. "The child must have good eyes and good digestion. He must be emotionally stable. Discussion and tension at home will hold him back. He must have reached a degree of social development, wanting to play with other children. He must be ready mentally to learn to read. Boys are often not ready to read as early as girls."

More than a hundred Pierce School parents and teachers braved the cold night of the year to hear Ferguson, Miss Helen Miller, special reading supervisor, and the regular teaching staff carry out an stimulating and enlightening program on methods and problems of teaching reading.

List of Questions
Ferguson, armed with a list of questions most frequently asked by parents, sparked the discussion by "tossing them" to the panel for spontaneous answers which covered situations at all levels from kindergarten through the sixth grade.

Teachers participating were Miss Lydia Terrill, Miss Harriet Aiken, Miss Jan Javorak, Miss Josephine Beck, Miss Zena Ollison, Mrs. Maxine Pheasant, Miss Frances Brown, Miss Elizabeth Long, Miss Annabelle Cripps and Miss Alfrida Parham.

Miss Cripps suggested several ways parents can help to promote reading readiness.

One Part of Program
"Reading is just one part of a broad child development program," said Miss Cripps. "Parents should make an effort to familiarize their children with everyday surroundings, giving them varied experiences in stores, on short trips; teaching them to notice small things and understand them. Reading, singing, and talking with the child will enable him to learn. Treating him as an individual, giving him a proper degree of independence, inspired by a sense of loving security—all these are important."

Miss Miller explained why it is not advisable to teach a child to read before he is in school. Her chief interest is in fostering reading difficulties and preventing them before they become real problems.

"The pre-school child's eyes are not generally developed enough for reading. You may teach him to read words, but you will be setting up a mental block which will be hard to overcome later."

Don't Be Too Concerned
In answer to many parents' feeling that children will never learn to sound out words, both Miss Cripps and Miss Miller explained that they do teach rhymics, but

they also teach the child to figure out a new word from the context. "A child who can sound out words cannot always read," said Miss Miller.

When parents asked "What if my child is slow in learning to read?" Miss Miller said "Don't be too concerned. Let the teacher decide when he is ready. Above all, don't talk about his slowness to him. Praise him for other accomplishments and encourage him with materials that he can handle. If you were a late starter, your child may be slow. Help him choose books that will be easy for him. Read to your children, but not so much that you take away their initiative at an age when they should be reading to them selves. A child should enjoy reading to himself a good deal from the third grade on."

Informality is Keynote
Miss Javorak added some interesting highlights on classroom procedure, explaining that a classroom is not necessarily a quiet room. Informality is the keynote. Discipline is not a matter of strict obedience to the teacher. "A well disciplined person disciplines himself."

Members of the audience, who were questioned after the meeting expressed great admiration for the teachers and the hope that more programs would be planned along the same lines.

Pierce School is now expecting delivery on March 15th of three special FM radios, planned some time ago to extend the school's audio-visual equipment, and bought with money earned by the 1946 PTA fair.

On Monday, Feb. 16, the PTA Council will hold its general meeting at Baldwin High School. The next regular meeting of the PTA will be held March 11 to elect officers for next year. The executive board will present a slate of nominees and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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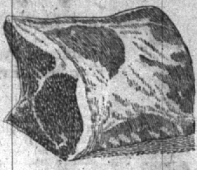
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Highland Park Branch YWCA serves the entire northern area of greater Detroit and not just residents of Highland Park. Of the 4,028 persons taking part in YWCA activities at that branch during the past year, only one-fourth were residents of Highland Park.

These figures were pointed out by Mrs. Roy E. Robinson, chairman of Highland Park YW, at the 25th annual meeting on Jan. 27. While the largest group registering for gym, pool, dances, club and classes came from Detroit there were 428 persons from Oakland County.

From Birmingham 29 persons were enrolled in some YWCA activity, Mrs. Robinson stated.

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