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WOMEN'S
CLUB

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COUNCIL

**WHEELING
JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB**

1st YEAR



Regular Meeting Place

**WHEELING COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Third Tuesday, 8:30 P.M.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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JUNIOR PLEDGE

"I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Club Women,
By doing better than ever before what work I have to do;
By being prompt, honest, courteous;
By living each day, trying to accomplish something;
Not merely to exist."

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TO OUR MEMBERS

The Board and I wish to extend a welcome to you at the beginning of the new club year. We look forward to working with you toward the purpose for which the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club was organized: the fulfillment of our obligations to the community, the nation and ourselves.

Betty Grossman, President

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ORGANIZED - 1956

REGULAR MEETING PLACE

Wheeling Community Consolidated Public School
Third Tuesday, 8:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETINGS

Second Wednesday - 8:30

OFFICERS

President Elizabeth Grossman
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WAYS AND MEANS Dorothy Leimetter

SPECIAL DELEGATE TO WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY BOARD OF NORTHWEST
HOSPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
Margaret Shanahan

PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 18 Business Meeting
OCTOBER 16 Mt. Prospect Retarded
Children's School
NOVEMBER 20 Plastics Demonstration
DECEMBER 18 Christmas Party, Grab Bag
JANUARY 15 Cancer Film, H. Levine
FEBRUARY 19 Drama Group
MARCH 19 Landscaping
APRIL 23 Installation and Banquet

YEAR'S EVENTS

Membership Tea September 9th
Please Vote! November 6th

WAYS AND MEANS

Dues \$5.00
Hard Times Dance October 12th
Rummage Sale April 15th & 16th

SEVENTH DISTRICT PHILANTHROPIES

Penny Art Fund
Aid to Exceptional Children
Art School Fund
Conservation School
Forest Planning
Cancer Research
Occupational Therapy
Park Ridge School for Girls
Lutheran Deaconess Day Nursery
Mental Hygiene
Indian Scholarship
Scholarship for Teachers of Exceptional Children
Egyptian Music Scholarship

LOCAL PHILANTHROPIC AND CIVIC PROJECTS

Braille Resource Room
Brain Research
Youth Group
Library
Public Health
School Improvement
Kindergarten Aid

STATE AND DISTRICT DAYS

October 22, 1956 — Northern Regional Conference
at Community Congregational Church, Cornell
and Highland, Villa Park, Illinois, 10:00 A.M.
Workshops, \$1.50 - Reserve by Oct. 12th

November 3, 1956 — District Formal Dance, Elm-
hurst Country Club

November 9, 1956 — Lutheran Deaconess Day
Nursery Tea and Tour, 1:00 P.M., 1802 N. Fair-
field Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

November 16, 1956 — Park Ridge School for Girls
Tea and Jelly Shower, 1:00 P.M.

May 7, 8, 9, 1956 — Illinois State Federation Con-
vention, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Illinois.
Junior Day, Wednesday - Banquet

June 3 thru 7, 1956 — General Federation Conven-
tion, Ashville, North Carolina

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Fall - October 17, 1956
Edison Park Methodist Church, Pratt and
Oliphant, Chicago, Illinois

Winter - January 23, 1957
Mount Prospect Village Hall, Mount Pros-
pect, Illinois

Spring - April 17, 1957
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Margaret
and Thacker, Des Plaines, Illinois

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CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club.

Article II - Objects

The objects of this organization shall be to promote community interest, to render community service, to support those philanthropies selected by the club, to strive for mutual improvement and to give an earnest consideration to the questions and problems of the day.

Article III - Officers

The officers of the club shall consist of a president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

Article IV - Membership

Membership shall be of two classes; active and associate.

Article V - Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held in May.

Article VI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members, a quorum being present, providing such proposed amendment has been submitted to the membership at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I — Membership

Section 1. Application for membership must be submitted to the membership chairman.

Section 2. Any woman between the ages of 21 and 40 is eligible for membership.

Section 3. Active members shall pledge themselves to take an active part in the work of the club and perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Associate members shall be limited to those who cannot remain active in the area. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the club except those of voting and of holding office.

Section 5. An applicant who wishes to become a member by transferring her membership from a federated woman's club shall submit a letter of recommendation from her club to the membership chairman. Her approval shall entitle her to membership. No dues will be required for the current year provided they have been paid to the club issuing the letter.

Section 6. Any member wishing to discontinue membership in the club shall be required to send her resignation in to the membership chairman, and paid dues and obligations to date to remain in good standing.

Article II - Officers and Directors

Section 1. The officers and chairmen of all committees shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Any vacancy in an elective office shall be filled by the Board of Directors, such appointment to be valid only until the next annual election.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the April business meeting.

Section 4. Chairman of Membership, Program and Publicity shall be appointed by the President and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors at the January Board meeting.

Article III - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, three of whom shall be elected by ballot from the club at large at the February meeting. The other two members shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the February board meeting. These two shall be members of that board. This committee shall present the names of the nominees at the meeting preceding the annual election, at which time nominations from the floor may be received. No member of this committee may be eligible for nomination for office without first resigning from the committee.

Section 2. The election of officers shall take place at the April meeting each year.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of the club shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May, or on such other regular meeting days as may hereafter be voted by two-thirds majority of the membership at large. Each meeting shall begin at 8:30 P.M.

Section 2. Board meetings shall be held regularly once a month or at the call of the president, three days notice being given.

Section 3. Special meetings of the club may be called by order of the president.

Article V - Quorums

Section 1. Twenty five percent of the membership of the club shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI - Dues

Section 1. The annual dues of active members shall be five dollars and those of associate members shall be one dollar, payable at the May meeting.

Section 2. A member whose dues remain unpaid after November 1st shall be considered delinquent and shall be so notified in writing by the treasurer.

Section 3. Members accepted after February 1st shall pay one-half the annual dues.

Article VII - Duties of Officers

Section 1. No member shall be eligible to official position who has not been a member of the club for one year.

Section 2. No member shall be eligible to the office of president until she has served one term on the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The president shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors, and she shall appoint the chairmen of all departments of work and standing committees subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating. She shall be the club's delegate to the State and General Federation conventions.

Section 4. The 1st vice-president shall serve as Dean of Chairmen and assist the chairmen of standing committees through her term of office, coordinating their work and their reports. In the absence of the president, she shall preside at the regular club meetings and the Board of Directors meetings.

Section 5. The 2nd vice-president shall be Chairman of the Yearbook committee.

Section 6. The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the regular club meetings and the Board of Directors meetings, and shall read them at the next meeting of the club, or board, as the case may be.

Section 7. The corresponding secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence of the club relative to any business the club shall have. She shall read all communications at business and board meetings. She shall keep a complete list of the club and take charge of writing and mailing all notices.

Section 8. The treasurer shall be the custodian of all money of the club. She shall pay out money on the order of the Board of Directors or by consent of the club membership. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and present a written report at each meeting of the club and board. The account book shall be submitted to the auditor at least one week before the annual meeting.

Section 9. Annual reports shall be required of each officer.

Article VIII - Committees

Section 1. Chairmen of departments of work and standing committees, when notified of their ap-

pointment, shall be invited to appoint their committee members in consultation with the 1st vice-president.

Section 2. Special committees shall be appointed by the president after the organization has voted to have these committees.

Section 3. The Publicity Committee shall attend to all publicity for the club.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall plan all programs for the regular club meetings.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall present all names of prospective members to the Board of Directors for approval and then introduce the new members to the club at large.

Section 6. The Revisions Committee shall consist of three members, the chairman to be one of the Board of Directors.

Article IX - Funds

Section 1. Application for expenditure of money greater than five dollars shall be referred first to the Board for consideration and voted upon at the next regular meeting.

Section 2. Standing rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

Article X - Parliamentary Authority ..

Section 1. Roberts' Rules of Order (Revised) shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in the constitution and by-laws.

CLUB HISTORY

Since our Club was first organized in the Spring of '56 there is little history to record. Our first membership tea was held in March and had a very gratifying attendance due mainly to the efforts of the few who instituted the formation of our Club. Election and installation of officers comprised the next two meetings and we adjourned officially for the summer.

However, opportunity came along in the form of Wheeling Days. The Club sponsored a Hi-Fi Phonograph and Radio Booth and every member, who possibly could, took a stint behind the counter selling chances. This, our first fund raising venture, was highly successful, netting a profit of \$334.12, an inspiration to all of us. There is every possibility that this will become a yearly event. Ways and Means, and in particular, Dorothy Welter, who has since retired as chairman for reasons of health, is to be congratulated for an outstanding job.

Board meetings and committee meetings continued throughout the summer, which was felt advisable for a newly established club with many issues to be decided.

Altogether, based on what we have accomplished in just a fraction of a club year and the enthusiasm and cooperation shown thus far, we can look forward to an interesting and profitable season.

MEMBERS

- Bjertnes, Mrs. Kenneth (Marie)
1800 Park Place Wheeling 1331J
- Bobalko, Mrs. George (Wilma)
706 N. Wayne Place Wheeling 519R
- Chindblom, Mrs. Martin (Myra)
99 W. Wayne Place Wheeling 734J
- Davero, Mrs. Joseph (Dorothy)
274 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 623
- Farr, Mrs. William (Barbara)
60 Jeffery Lane Wheeling 903J
- Frank, Mrs. Albert (Patricia)
1812 Park Place
- Grossman, Mrs. John (Elizabeth)
312 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 672J
- Hathaway, Mrs. William (Maxine)
200 W. Wayne Place Wheeling 454
- Hughes, Mrs. Elwood (Susan)
203 W. Wayne Place Wheeling 559R
- Krawczak, Mrs. Frank (Janet)
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- Leimetter, Mrs. Arthur (Dorothy)
282 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 638
- Leonteos, Mrs. Ted (Hazel)
117 W. Wayne Place Wheeling 556J
- Lischett, Mrs. Wallace (Muriel)
199 N. Milwaukee Avenue Wheeling 477

MEMBERS

- Lynott, Mrs. Norman F. (Ruth)
744 N. Wayne Place Wheeling 573R
- Lange, Mrs. Melvin (Mila)
100 S. Wille Street Wheeling 266
- Olson, Mrs. Wallace (Martha)
266 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 933J
- Rausch, Mrs. Richard (Shirley)
277 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 637
- Schleiffer, Mrs. Richard (Ethel)
275 George Road Wheeling 925
- Shanahan, Mrs. Robert E. (Margaret)
326 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 624J
- Vogel, Mrs. Mark (Patricia)
305 Edgewood Drive Wheeling 429
- Wieder, Mrs. James (Ruth)
248 N. Milwaukee Wheeling 286
- Wilson, Mrs. Richard (Patricia)
124 Laurel Court Wheeling 298R



CHRIS' DRAWINGS are colorful and imaginative. This picture shows one of the incidents she remembers when about to

have her tonsils out. Notice the detail in the curtains and the perspective in the drawing. (B8)

Herald
January 28, 1960

(Last of a Series)

by NATALIE MEYER

Five months have passed since Miss Katherine Le-May first held class in the Mark Twain school teachers' lounge, Wheeling. In that time parents, of the perceptually handicapped children she teaches have marveled at the progress they can see.

Chris Bobalko had been in an institution in Chicago. She was completely frustrated. Her parents didn't know what was going to become of her. Doctors offered no help. Her sister, Kathy, was getting along in school, but not doing well in reading. Bill Bobalko was just reaching school age. He was interested in nothing.

ABOUT A month after the class had been in session, Chris and Bill were home alone for a short time one afternoon. When the doorbell rang Chris answered. She had seen the person once at her school, although at the time she seemed to notice nothing but a piece of blue paper on her desk.

"May I come in?"

"Yes." The two went in and sat on the couch.

"Do you remember me? I was at your school."

Chris nodded. She was attracted immediately by the woman's purse. Together they opened it and began examining its contents.

Interested to hear Chris' responses, the visitor named each item she took out.

"Lipstick."

"Lipstick," Chris repeated.

"Do you ever put lipstick on?"

"No, that's for mama," Chris said. The only way to describe how she talks is that her voice is quite low, and some of her words are fuzzy and hesitant.

"Pencil," we continued.

"Pencil."

"Red pencil."

"Red pencil."

CHRIS NOTICED some gum and grabbed it, then she lost interest in the purse and its contents. Bill remained silent.

Both Chris and Bill have gained a sense of belonging to something since they started school," their mother, Mrs. George Bobalko said.

"The change in Bill is most amazing. Suddenly he is alert and interested in things."

While his mother sat talking, he played quietly with a book on the couch. ("One of his quiet times," Mrs. Bobalko said gratefully.)

"Does he know we are talking about him?"

"No, he doesn't realize a thing we are saying. He is in a world of his own."

SUDDENLY BILL came to life. He moved to sit on the floor next to the window. He pointed to objects and repeated their names after his mother. Then he was off, scurrying behind the draperies.

Suddenly he was quiet again. Almost reverently he ran his fingers over and over tiles on a coffee table. He would say table occasionally. One had the feeling he was getting to know the table by feeling the tiles.

The sense of touch is important to perceptually handicapped children. One child can only draw an object when it is first drawn on his back. Another girl can only draw when someone traces the object's outline with her fingers.

All Bobalko children express themselves through art. Chris' cartoons are extraordinarily detailed. She uses colors well and neatly. She has recently completed a cartoon series which were photographed on colored slides for her school to show.

Bill's favorite subject is airplanes. He draws them, makes them out of construction paper, and build them from wood.

KATHY'S DRAWINGS are intricately and neatly done. Art is these children's means of expression. Art is also evidence that the Bobalko and other perceptually handicapped children are not mentally retarded, but alert and intelligent.

So intelligent that they devise devilish ways of making their feelings known, two mothers have reported. When Bill Bobalko doesn't want his mother to go out, he is unable to explain this to her. Thus, she often doesn't know when he is unhappy about something. When she returns, she knows fast enough, though. Either he hides parts of her coffee pot, because he knows she loves coffee or else he has torn all the pages out of a book.

Another mother said her little boy, now 4, shows his

displeasure by stuffing toilet paper down the drains.

Chris came back into the living room as the visitor was leaving. "Do you remember her name?" Mrs. Bobalko asked.

"Miss Oscar," Chris said.

"Miss Meyer," her mother corrected.

"You see," Mrs. Bobalko explained, "your name reminded her of Oscar Mayer on television."

This is one small example of the perceptually handicapped child's ability to learn, but difficulty in translating and expressing verbal symbols.

MRS. BOBALKO feels that school has given her children a sense of belonging and an awareness and alertness they didn't have before.

School for other children in the state has meant they have been able to return after several years to the normal classroom. The lack of school for Denny Kardon in Rolling Meadows has meant a frustration that grows every day he is alive.

He recently took another set of state tests. The psychologist said he had never seen such a hyper active child. "He runs around until he has his questions answered," his mother said.

When a stranger comes into his house, he acts as if he resents it. He spits and jumps on the couch. Next he is climbing up to reach into the cookie jar, then he takes a round of spins on the kitchen floor. Back he goes to the couch, and woe be unto anyone who blocks his view of a television program.

HE, TOO, WAS attracted by the visitor's purse and ultimately a package of gum. Because his mother said, "No," he cried. When he was offered one piece, he cried until he got two. But he was willing to trade some of his gum for that in the purse.

A flash bulb terrified him, and again there were tears. His mother has taught him some letters and numbers, but according to Richard S. Lewis, author of "The Other Child," "Teaching the perceptually handicapped child is not a job for the mother. Help should come from outside the home. Nursery school for even an hour a day is helpful."

A special class, even for half a day every day, for Robin in Mt. Prospect might mean he wouldn't have had to be retained in second grade. It might mean he would speak more clearly and read better.

A SPECIAL CLASS for Denny would mean he would be getting the public education required by law. His school district is failing Denny all the way around. If a child must be excluded from the normal classroom under Illinois law, the district must provide one hour a day of home instruction. Denny gets nothing.

More and more districts in the state are doing something about their perceptually handicapped children. Besides the Wheeling class, one in Northbrook is half-way through its first year. Joliet has two classes - one for the child of normal I.Q.; one for the educable mentally handicapped.

Joliet's first perceptually handicapped class was ex-

perimental. After three years, 82 per cent of the children had returned to the normal classroom.

Perceptually handicapped children of normal intelligence may go to college just as normal children may. They may not progress beyond the eighth grade. Neither may many normal children.

THOUGH perceptually handicapped children often are able to return to the normal classroom, this does not mean they have lost their handicap. Damaged brain cells can never be replaced. But children have learned to live successfully with the handicap. They learn to use what abilities they have.

Another argument in favor of such a class is this. When a perceptually handicapped child is removed from the competitive climate of the normal classroom, his frustrations are gradually lifted. He can begin to learn.

What is needed most for these children according to the Fund for Perceptually Handicapped children, is understanding. "Superintendents, parents, and the public must understand the problem, accept the child. Only then will schools be ready and willing to do something for the perceptually handicapped." (B8)

Herald January 28, 1960

Handicapped Children Talk

Set for 7th District Juniors

handicapped children 3 bold
January 28 marks the date of the second meeting of the year for seventh district juniors of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs. At that time the junior club women will hear Mrs. Gordon Hallstrom, president of the fund for Perceptually Handicapped Children. The meeting will take place at 8:30 p.m. in Mt. Prospect village hall.

Mrs. Hallstrom is a resident of Evanston and is an active member in the North Shore Junior Woman's club. In addition to her work with the Perceptually Handicapped fund, she is currently the 10th district philanthropy chairman, a caucus delegate for the Haven Junior high PTA in Evanston and a girl scout leader.

She has had experience in scout work including being a former delegate to the National Girl Scout convention. She became interested in the Perceptually Handicapped problem while serving as philanthropy chairman for the North Shore Junior Woman's club.

A PERCEPTUALLY handicapped child may have normal eyesight and hearing, but is one who does not interpret the world around him in the same way that a normal child responds. He sees part of the picture, not the whole. Through a scattered survey of only 30 junior women's clubs in Illinois, there are 2,000 children who are perceptually handicapped in the elementary schools alone.

It has been estimated by professional personnel in this field that five per cent of the school population is perceptually handicapped to some degree. This situation is becoming so apparent that this year for the first time in history, Illinois State Normal

will start a special education department to train teachers to teach these children. Wheeling school System has recognized the need, and this year started with one room for these children.

ALL JUNIOR club women in the district are invited to

hear Mrs. Hallstrom and also Miss Katherine LaMay, a teacher at the Mark Twain school in Wheeling. Miss LaMay will tell of her experiences working with these children and the progress they have made. Many educators in the area have also been invited.

Independent-January 28, 1960 Miss Lamay to Speak Before 7th Dist. Juniors

Miss Katherine LaMay, teacher of the class for the perceptually handicapped children at the Mark Twain School in Wheeling, will speak before members of the 7th District Juniors of the Illinois Federation of Women's Club tonight at the Mt. Prospect Village Hall.

Miss LaMay became instructor for the Wheeling class when it began operation in September, 1959. Miss LaMay will tell of her experiences in working with these children as well as indicating the progress made to date.

Sharing the speaking honors with Miss LaMay will be Mrs. Gordon Hallstrom of Evanston, who is president of the fund for Perceptually Handicapped Children.

Both Mrs. Hallstrom and Miss LaMay were present at the public meeting last spring with representatives of the Board of Education when the perceptually handicapped room for Wheeling was still an idea, hope, and plan.

Mrs. William Farr, president of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, stated: "Many members of our organization from Wheeling are planning to attend this meeting. The perceptually handicapped children's program is near and dear to our club and Wheeling's class is the first and only one in the 7th district. One purpose of this meeting will be to inform other communities and school districts of the success Wheeling has had with such a plan."

Independent February 22, 1960

Miss Le May Speaks at Junior Women's Club

Miss Katherine LeMay, teacher of perceptually handicapped children, in Wheeling's Mark Twain School, was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Seventh District Junior Woman's Club in the Mt. Prospect Village Hall on January 28. The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club is a member of the Seventh District Juniors, Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs, and the education of perceptually handicapped children is a permanent philanthropic project of the Wheeling Juniors. Miss LeMay and Wheeling were in the limelight, inasmuch as Wheeling has the only school room for perceptually handicapped children in the entire 7th district.

Many educators and parents of perceptually handicapped children were present to hear the guest speakers. In addition to Miss LeMay, the other speakers were Mrs. Gordon Hallstrom, president of the fund for perceptually handicapped children, and Mrs. Robert Hartman, a trained clinical psychologist from Evanston Hospital.

This meeting, presided over by Mrs. Myron Hartley, district director, proved to be important for the parents of perceptually handicapped children who were able to meet with Miss LeMay, Mrs. Hallstrom and Mrs. Hartman and get pointers on how to handle their own children.

Educators were anxious to learn of Miss LeMay's work and progress with these children, as other school districts are contemplating starting an educational program for these children when they can get qualified teachers in this specialized field. Wheeling is indeed fortunate to have had Miss LeMay on their teaching staff. Miss LeMay had all the training for this type of teaching many years ago, and when the program for perceptually handicapped children was instituted, Miss LeMay was ready to take over.

Dear Mrs. Bobalko,

I was very interested in the recent article in the paper about brain injury which you mentioned.

I have such a child and I live in Mt. Prospect. Next door there is another boy who has just been found to have brain damage.

Young, the child next door is due to start school next year. My little boy, however, was not until the 1st of February 1960 (the article is a few days from the time I wrote you).

Yours sincerely,
Katherine LeMay



FUND FOR PERCEPTUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, INC.

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March 31, 1959

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Dear Mrs. Duke:

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club is to be congratulated! The public educational program promoted by your club these past few months has been successful in stressing the need for a special type program within the public school system for the multiply handicapped child. This need exists all over the nation, and is swiftly being recognized throughout our state and many others.

Your School Board and Mrs. Tins, Director of Special Education, also are to be highly com- mended for the initiative they have taken in planning a classroom for the child with perceptual handicaps. Many hours were spent by them gathering and studying information relative to existing programs in our state, and research being conducted by universities throughout the country. With the establishment of this classroom, other school districts will be motivated to help the child with severe learning and behavior problems and will incorporate classrooms within their own districts, and another large group of handicapped children with tremendous potential will begin rehabilitation, and have a chance of becoming happy, productive citizens.

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club is ful- filling the purposes of the Illinois Federation of Junior Woman's Clubs. They not only alert the citizens to the needs of their community, but

follow through by cooperating with the civic officials,
to provide enrichment for the community.

The Board of Directors and members of the Fund for
Perceptually Handicapped Children were indeed happy to
learn of the successful efforts of the Wheeling Junior
Woman's Club.

Cordially yours,

THE FUND FOR PERCEPTUALLY
HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, INC.

Mary Jeanne Hallstrom
(Mrs. Gordon Hallstrom)
President

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MARION C. OMIATEK
Principal

February 25, 1960

Mrs. William Farr
60 East Jeffery Avenue
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farr:

It was generous of the Junior Woman's Club to devote so much of their time and energy in helping me organize our room for the multiply handicapped children. The interest of the club and its representation at special meetings helped immeasurably in informing the public of the needs of these children. It was your consistent support that convinced our Board of Education that a special program was needed for these children.

Thank you also for the monetary donation that helped equip the room after it had been established by board action. I have been told that your group wishes to aid the program further by setting aside funds for an annual donation to purchase special equipment. However, a more pressing need at present is the establishment of a scholarship fund to aid teachers in getting the technical training necessary to teach multiply handicapped children.

I certainly appreciate your generous support and cooperation. We feel that much has been accomplished in the brief time our special room has been in operation and with more adequate quarters being provided for next year we are anticipating even greater success.

Very sincerely yours,

Mildred A. Tins
Director of Special Education

MAT:hpm



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF ILLINOIS

JOSEPH F. FANTA

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 9TH DISTRICT
2156 WEST WAVELAND AVENUE
CHICAGO 18, ILLINOIS



February 25, 1960

Miss Georgia Bobalko
706 N. Wayne Place
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Miss Bobalko:

Let me take this opportunity to commend you, the School Board, the Administrative Officers, and the Wheeling Junior Womens Club on the fine job you have performed in doing the Community and the State a wonderful thing in providing Multiply Classroom for handicapped children in the Mark Twain School of Wheeling. It is people like you that deserve much of the credit for the welfare of human beings. As you know, I am vitally interested myself in the program of mentally retarded children in this State.

Once again let me thank you and wish you all the good luck in the world with your new program.

Yours very yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph F. Fanta".

Joseph F. Fanta
State Representative-9th District

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The second annual Community Christmas project, organized and directed by the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, brought Christmas to 18 Wheeling families, more than 120 people.

Together the Wheeling Junior Woman's club, the Chamber of Commerce, the P.T.A., the Meadowbrook Women's Club, the Meadowbrook Property Owners' Association, several Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops and interested individuals contributed funds for a Christmas dinner as well as canned goods and staples, clothing, toys and trees. Although, individually some of these organizations had selected a family or two for whom to provide the "makings" of Christmas in previous years, they found in the past two years, having been joined in a combined effort, they were able to brighten the holidays for 4 times as many people.

In 1958 the Wheeling Junior Woman's club obtained a list of the needy families in Wheeling and the surrounding area from the school nurse and the Wheeling Township Welfare Agency. The list was an overwhelming 16 families, many of whom were migrant workers. Finding it impossible to provide for this number, and not wishing to exclude any families, the Juniors enlisted the aid of other community organizations. Upon hearing of the number of families and the extent of their poverty, representatives from the community organizations were amazed. One such person recounted how often his organization had "trouble finding a needy family which had not already been taken care of during the holidays". They were willing and happy to join into a community effort to provide for the many families they had not even known existed in the outlying areas of their town.

Again in 1959 the Wheeling Juniors enlisted the support of community groups to bring Christmas into 18 homes. Under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Kiffel, Philanthropy chairman of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, a continuing clothing drive was instituted. These clothes were sorted into sizes, again sorted for suitability for Christmas gifts to the families, with the remainder turned over to the School Nurse for distribution throughout the year, at the time of need. Those clothing items selected as gifts were pressed, boxed and gift-wrapped to await distribution at Christmas.

Toys, too, were carefully selected from among those received as a result of a pre-season toy drive conducted by the P.T.A. The toys were selected according to age and suitability by members of the P.T.A. and woman's club, who then gift-wrapped the toys for their small recipients.

With funds from the Chamber of Commerce, the Meadowbrook Women's Club, the Wheeling Jaycees and the Meadowbrook Property Owners' Ass'n, perishable food items for the holiday were purchased and boxed for each family. Each family also received boxes filled with staples and canned goods as a result of the joint drives carried on by the P.T.A. and the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club.

Christmas trees were obtained from an individual businessman interested in the Community project. These, too, were distributed to the families when Santa Claus' helpers delivered the holiday treats.

Once again Community cooperation stepped in where individual organizations feared to tread. If happiness was not prevalent through the community on Christmas day, it was not for lack of the physical elements of the holiday for they had been provided by the Community in the "true spirit of Christmas".

Community Christmas Project

FOOD AND CLOTHING FOR NEEDY



Independent
December 24, 1958

Workers sorting the masses of clothes and food for the needy are; l. to r. Mrs. J. Wleder, Mr. Wm. Galow, and Mrs. Jean Stavros; directly behind Mrs. Wleder is Mrs. Betty Arnold sorting clothes.

Herald January 15, 1959

Praise Holiday Work of Groups

A tardy word of thanks should be given to those organizations in Wheeling which brought Christmas into 15 homes. Joining forces with the Wheeling Junior Woman's club were the PTA, the chamber of commerce, the Jaycees and the Meadowbrook Property owners.

For the first time these organizations, which usually send one or two baskets of food to needy families in the area, combined their efforts. The Junior Woman's club contributed a collection of clothing and canned goods; the PTA sent letters home with students of the schools requesting canned goods or clothing for the project; the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees and the M.P.O.A. made monetary contributions for the purchase of perishable food items.

MRS. WILLIAM FARR, philanthropy chairman of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club, along with Mrs. G. L. Duke, president of the same organization, purchased the perishable foods and appreciated the cooperation and assistance of the Jewel food store in the mass shopping expedition. In the base-

ment of the Wheeling school, the canned goods and clothing were being processed and packed into boxes for each of the families. Mrs. Edwin Arnold, president of the PTA, Mrs. James Weider, Mrs. Gerald Kiffel, Mrs. Alex Couris, Mrs. Kathleen Anderson, David Paisley, Robert Goodow, representative of the Jaycees, and Len Abrahamson president of the M.P.O.A., assisted in the sorting and delivery.

Organizations of Wheeling Join To Help Needy

Independent December 24, 1958

Several of the different organizations in Wheeling joined forces in the common cause of helping the needy families in the Wheeling area. Prior to this year many of these groups had similar programs on a lesser scale.

Together the Chamber of Commerce, Parent Teachers Association, Jaycees, Wheeling Junior Women's Club, Meadowbrook Property Owners Association and many other individuals pooled their resources and energies in order to fill Christmas baskets for those who would have otherwise gone without.

Saturday, December 20th, was the climax to these efforts when all of the goods collected were sorted out at the Wheeling School and prepared for distribution. Besides cash donations of some of the organizations, many canned food goods were collected through the schools and the organizations themselves. Usable clothing was stacked high at the school and the volunteer workers went over the lists sorting out to size and requirements of the benefactors of this project.

Through the co-operation of the schools and the Village Police a list was prepared of the people in our community who were in need of aid. Fifteen families were finally decided upon as those most in need.

When all the money collected had been spent on food and clothing and toys sorted, fifteen boxes were packed and delivered to the homes of

those who would have had nothing during this wretched season. Since so many had contributed to the project there was more than one box per family especially in the cases where there were a large number of children.

According to Mrs. James Wieder of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club who led this project, many thanks must also be given to the Jewel Store in Wheeling who were exceedingly co-operative with the group.

Each of these fifteen families who were chosen received not only a basket of food that included a Christmas Ham and many food items, but also boxes of clothing for the entire family and toys and games for the kids.

We in Wheeling can be well proud of the work these organizations did to make Christmas a little happier for some; speaking for the rest of Wheeling I would like to say, "Thank goodness for the likes of you".

CONTRIBUTORS:

Wheeling Junior Woman's Club	Canned food collection; shopping for perishables; organization; delivery
P.T.A.	Letters home to parents collecting clothing, toys, canned food. Helped in sorting, packing and delivering.
Junior Chamber of Commerce	\$50.00 and help in sorting, packing and delivering.
Chamber of Commerce	\$50.00
Meadowbrook Property Owners' Association	\$25 (?) and help in sorting, packing and delivering.

FAMILIES PROVIDED FOR:

Truelsons - Wolf road (2 baskets of perishables) girls 7, 10 and 12 boys 13 and 14	
Salizars - Clesen's farm girls 2, 3 and 7 boys 6 and 10	Kastners - 2350 E. Golf Road, DesPlaines girl, Lucille, size 10 7 month-old baby Eli, boy, 5 years old size 6 to 8
Mecklenburgs-1606 E. Palatine Road girl 8 boys 15 and 10	Roesners babies 1 and 2½ boys 6, 8 and 13
DeLeSestra family was provided for by teachers	
Hagels - 366 S. Leslie boys 8 months and 3 girl 2	Jaacks - Wille Street sent no clothing food and tree were taken over
Zygalskis - trailer on farm off Hintz rd. 2 pre-school girls	Barry family - 6th and Strong Streets 10 children infant girl among them
Darby boy 8 years old girl 12 "	Kassels - 300 Maureen Drive
Martenaz - next door to Barry's in converted garage	Walker - Dundee and Arlington Hgts rd. just food sent
Migrant workers - about 40 people - 2 baskets of food, supply of canned goods and left over clothing and toys	

Food Baskets

a smoked ham (talked to butcher; he halved large hams and gave us a small price cut)
avg. weight 5 to 7 pounds

10# bag of white potatoes	celery
3# bag of oranges	carrots
3# bag of apples	lettuce
dozen eggs (got a price)	bread
half gallon milk	margarine
Christmas cookies	split peas

left over trick or treat candy put in stockings

Suggestions:- Select families as early as possible. Use as sources for your selection Jean Stavros, school nurse, and Dorothy Larkin of Wheeling Township Aid headed by Gilbert Klehm, Telephone Clearbrook 3-0151. Mrs. Larkin's home phone CL 3-5484.

Clothing could be collected in latter part of November. A request might be made that clothing be sized by donors. Wherever possible renovate clothing and toys, wrapping them as gifts to be put under trees.

Last year the trees from the school classrooms were almost too dry to be taken to the families. It might be possible to contact a tree dealer and make arrangements for his left over trees to be given to the families.

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

DISTRICT No. 21, COOK COUNTY

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Principal

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133 S. Wille Ave.
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MARION C. OMIATEK
Principal

September 16, 1959

Wheeling Junior Woman's Club
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear President:

I would like to thank you and every member of the Junior Woman's Group for all the help you have given me in the past two years while I have been school nurse. In a fast growing community such as ours with so little in the way of organized community resources your group has been one resource I felt was only a telephone call away.

Each year your philanthropy chairman and president have contacted me in order to to leave their name and phone number with offers to assist wherever and however the need would arise. In the past it has included some of the equipment I use in vision screening when our school board could not afford such an expenditure, securing a warm jacket or shoes for a child whose family could not afford them, an extra bed for a family of five who had been sharing one, food for some families, even a SOS for transportation for a mother who needed a ride to the hospital to visit her dying daughter.

Although many of our school children and their families felt there was truly a Christian "Santa Claus" after the past two seasons and their bountiful gifts of food, clothes, and toys, I think your plan to have clothes available during the year especially when the seasons and weather changes this year will be very much appreciated. When it is freezing cold and snowing and a child is still in tattered gym shoes and a thin unlined jacket it will be wonderful to give you a call and know he can come to school properly clothed the next day and not have to wait until Christmas.

Thank you for keeping in touch with me and I will be looking forward to your help and assistance as we go into another school year.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Stavros, School Nurse District #21

October 20, 1959.

To the members of the Wheeling P.T.A.

Last Christmas you went into the homes of 16 families in the Wheeling area. These were homes in which Christmas would have been a meagre occasion without your generosity. But your contribution of clothing, toys and workers to the first Community Christmas project made it possible, in conjunction with the contributions of other organizations, to bring the physical elements of a happy Christmas to 16 families.

Baskets of canned goods, the perishable foods of a Christmas dinner, toys, clothing and Christmas trees were taken to 16 families. The names of these families in unfortunate circumstances were brought to our attention by Mrs. Stavros, the school nurse, and a representative of the Wheeling Township Welfare agency.

Working together 5 civic groups provided "Christmas" for 16 families, some 90 people. In past years these organizations, separately, were only able to help one-quarter of that number. This, in itself, has been an inspiration for the continuation of the Community Christmas Project.

Since you will wish to be a part of the project again this year, and as an early start would be preferable to last year's Christmas rush, would you choose your representative at the next meeting so we can meet together soon.

Sincerely,

Mary Kiffel (Mrs. Gerald)
Wheeling Junior Women's Club Philanthropy
Chairman

Copy of the letter sent out to Wheeling
Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, P.T.A.,
Meadowbrook Women's club, Meadowbrook
Property Owners' Ass'n requesting cooperation
with the Community Christmas Project.



BULGING BAGS, resulting from a Wheeling Junior Woman's club clothing drive, line the table of the collection station. Old, but still used last week goes to the Save the Children Federation, to local needy

families, and to patients at Cook County hospital. At left is Mrs. William Farr, philanthropy chairman, and at right is Mrs. William Wells, ways and means chairman.

Jr. Women To Collect Used Clothes

Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25, have been designated as "Used Clothing Collection" days by the Wheeling Junior Woman's club. On these days, between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, used (but not worn-out) clothing will be accepted in the Wheeling school basement.

Many families in this area living under adverse conditions; are in desperate need of clothing, especially for their school age children. The Wheeling Junior Woman's club also will send clothing to the "Save the Children" federation, a national organization supplying aid in this country to destitute Southern mountain areas, Indian reservations, and children in all parts of the world. Woman patients in Chicago State hospital are also in need of clothing, especially underwear, a committee spokesman said this week.

Barbara Farr, philanthropy chairman of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club, asks that "as you clean your closets this spring, keep in mind those less fortunate than we and bring a bundle to the Wheeling school basement."

g Herald, April 30

Wheeling Herald
April 16, 1959

April 24 or 25.

THURSDAY, APR. 30, 1959

Herald Collect Used Clothing for Area's Needy

April 24 and 25 members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club sorted and packed over 500 pounds of used clothing. The clothing was collected by members of the club and people responding to the article in last week's Herald.

What clothing was appropriate for needy families in the area was sorted and taken to six families in Wheeling.

IN RESPONSE to a request to the Woman's clubs in the 7th district of the Illinois Federation from Cook County hospital, appropriate clothing was sorted and sent for the patients at the hospital.

Sixteen bags, weighing 20 pounds each, were filled with suitable clothes for the Save the Children federation. These clothes will be distributed to destitute families in southern mountain areas, Indian reservations, and wherever children's clothes are needed.

Hera
April 30

Junior Women's Club Collecting Food For Needy

Mrs. Gerald Kiffel, chairman of the Philanthropy committee of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club was happy to report at the meeting held on November 17, that 8 bags of used clothing was collected from members and sent to the "Save the Children Federation", which is a nation-wide organization for the needy. Another two bags were collected and sorted and then presented to Mrs. Jean Stavros, Wheeling School nurse who in turn distributed them to needy children attending Wheeling School.

In a joint project with other civic organizations, the Juniors' under the supervision of the philanthropy committee will collect food items, canned goods such as coffee, fruit and vegetables; puddings and gelatin desserts to fill Christmas baskets for 16 deserving families. These bas-

kets will be distributed locally. Toys in good condition will also be accepted. Deadline for donations is the December 15th meeting.

Another worthwhile undertaking of the group is in association with the American Cancer Society. Three members will conduct a survey in 30 homes in our area, keeping an accurate record of health habits, eating habits and hygiene over a period of six years. The ten families will be presented with written questionnaires periodically; which will then be sealed and kept confidential until their arrival at the American Cancer Society headquarters. The Society hopes this method will enable them to find a few of the answers to the terrible question cancer presents.

Wheeling Independent
November 23, 1959

PTA, Clubwomen Santa's Helpers

Santa's helpers were at work December 3 in the Mark Twain multi-purpose room, as these helpers, ladies from the PTA and Wheeling Junior Woman's club, sorted, packaged, gift-wrapped, and labeled toys. City Christmas project are the PTA, the Jaycees, the Meadowbrook Women's club, the chamber of commerce, and the M.P.O.A., under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Kiffel, philanthropy chairman of the Junior Woman's club. (W

Multitudes of toys were received in a response to a plea made to the school children through the PTA. "The toys and games were in excellent condition," said the project chairman, and, she continued, "will make the less fortunate children to whom they are going very happy Christmas morning."

THE TOYS WERE sorted for age levels and wrapped to be given as Christmas presents to less fortunate families in and around Wheeling. They will be accompan-

December 10, 1959
Herald

Mark Twain P.T.A. Prepares Baskets For Needy

Youngsters at Mark Twain School are joining civic organizations in Wheeling in an effort to make Christmas a happy one for a few needy families in the area. The P.T.A. is sponsoring a two day plea for school children to bring to Mark Twain on December 2 and 3; toys or books in like new condition to be used in

the baskets being prepared for holiday giving. In connection with this drive December 18th has been named "canned goods day". Canned goods of every description will be gratefully accepted by volunteer workers. Mr. A. Bernstein has offered his time and truck for delivery of the finished baskets.

December 3, 1959
Independent



Civic Groups Fill Baskets For Needy

Mrs. William Farr, President of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club, Mrs. Gerald Kiffel, Philanthropy chairman, and Mrs. Donald Koelling, help fill a basket with boxed foods, and canned goods donated by members of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club at their December 15 meeting.

These items plus used clothing and donations from other civic organizations in Wheeling, helped fill approximately twenty baskets. Together, the Chamber of Commerce, Parent Teachers Association, Jaycees, Wheeling Junior Women's Club, Meadowbrook Women's Club, M. P. O. A., several Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, and other civic groups pooled their resources and energies at the Wheeling school gym on December 19 to fill these Christmas baskets and distribute them to the needy families in the Wheeling area. Through these combined efforts, a happy, merry Christmas was brought to many less fortunate.

Independent

December 10, 1959

Wheeling Independence

December 30, 1959

Baskets for Needy Drive Tomorrow

Friday, December 18th has been designated canned goods and staples day for the school children in the Wheeling area. The donated items such as, flour, sugar, canned fruits and vegetables will be packed into baskets for needy families in conjunction with the drive being sponsored by Wheeling Civic organizations and spearheaded by the Wheeling Junior Women's Club under the direction of the Philanthropy Committee whose chairman is Mrs. Gerald Kiffel, 597 S. Wayne Place. Any unspoilable item of food stuff will be accepted gratefully. Boxes for depositing the donations will be provided in each of the schools, Mark Twain, Carl Sandberg, and Wheeling School.



Wheeling Chamber of Commerce

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

January 5, 1960

Mrs. William Farr, President
Wheeling Junior Woman's Club
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farr:

The Wheeling Chamber of Commerce would like to express its thanks to the members of The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club for their work with the Community Christmas project.

Before the Wheeling Juniors instigated the Community Christmas project the Chamber would be able to supply only a few less fortunate families in Wheeling with food and trees at Christmastime. Many times our efforts were duplicated by other groups in the area.

By contributing to the Community Christmas project we feel we are helping to spread Christmas cheer throughout the entire community and to all those needy families living in and around Wheeling.

Sincerely,


Secretary

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce



Wheeling Chamber of Commerce

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

January 21, 1959

To the members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club,

The Chamber of Commerce has traditionally supplied refreshments at the tree burning ceremony each year. When workers were needed to help with the serving this year, a call to the Woman's club was all that was needed.

We of the Chamber have realized that the ladies of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club are always anxious and happy to serve the community, but it is an additional pleasure to know that they are at hand when a fellow organization needs help.

Sincerely,

Wheeling Chamber of Commerce

Marshall Balling

Secretary

Public Relations Schools Can School District

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

SCHOOL CAUCUS PLAN

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Education Committee of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club was invited during the summer of 1959 to participate in a Citizens' Group to work with the Board of Education. The Citizens' Group was initiated for the purpose of better serving the School District with concerted action towards specific goals. Of primary importance was better public relations with the community. In a rapidly expanding community, such as Wheeling, a large percentage of the tax dollar was allocated to the school district. Without public awareness of the needs and expenditures of the school district it would become increasingly difficult to gain support for school programs.

A basic plan of action was outlined for the achievement of several goals, some of which were scheduled to be completed within a year while others were considered as long range projects.

An immediate need seemed to be an assurance that qualified individuals would serve on the Board of Education. A sub-committee of the Citizens' group was organized to initiate a General School Caucus in the district. Several caucus plans of other districts were carefully studied, and by-laws pertinent to the district's problems were drawn up.

A letter was sent to all organizations of a civic-service or educational nature inviting them to send a delegate to the first General Caucus meeting. To further insure a representative cross-section of the school district, the P.T.A. was invited to send 3 delegates from each school and delegates-at-large were elected from a group of interested citizens.

Wheeling has been notorious as a town of diversified interests in regards to community action. The success of the Caucus plan depended on the participation of individual organizations working together towards a mutually beneficial goal.

Publicity releases and other public relations endeavors were of prime importance in gaining the acceptance of such a plan in Wheeling. As in all action, an informed public is an interested public.

At the first General Caucus meeting, a substantial representation of the community at large and of civic organizations was present. The proposed by-laws were accepted and committees appointed. The Spring of 1960 will see 3 candidates endorsed by the General School Caucus for election to the School Board.

As our community continues to grow, the complexities of our school district will intensify. Each succeeding year will see the need for well qualified school board members increasing. The caucus plan, as outlined, will give the assurance that at least one candidate for each vacancy has been well screened and endorsed as being of outstanding ability.

Efficient public relations represented the key to success for the Caucus plan.

The public relations program initiated and carried out by members of the Wheeling Junior Women's club has proven beneficial in many ways. In support of bond issues, money was contributed by the club towards defraying the expense of printing pamphlets and posters. Preceding the referendum all women engaged in telephoning, distributing pamphlets and speaking before civic groups to alert the general public to the vital importance of these issues.

Awakened to the needs of the school district, the community responded by passing school bond issues by an overwhelming majority. The problems of the school district were viewed with new insight. Rather than being looked upon solely as a financial burden, the expenditure of tax money became important as the means to provide the community with better facilities for the education of their children.

The public relations committee continues informing the public through weekly news releases of school projects, school improvements and school board actions, in an effort to maintain the same high level of community support prevalent during issues.

The School Caucus plan and the public relations program developed primarily from the necessity for better schools in the area. As highly rated as the Wheeling schools are, the necessity for improvement and betterment is never lessened, according to school officials. The Caucus plan will supply qualified candidates for the school board, while the public relations program will be effective in providing community support for the ideas of qualified school boards.

School Board Proposes \$300,000 Bond Issue

Independent March 18, 1959

School Bond Referendum Oct. 31

A \$300,000 school bond issue will be put to a referendum Oct. 31. The school bond issue will be used to finance the construction of a new elementary school, an addition to the Mark Twain School and to purchase a tract of land on which the elementary school can be built.

On the 6-acre building site, located to the rear of the Wheeling School off Highland Avenue, will be constructed roadway and parking facilities between both schools. These will eliminate the hazardous drive on the Wheeling School grounds, as well as providing complete and safe access to the new school.

Facilities and classroom space included in plans for the proposed elementary school are outlined in the caption under the rendering. The 7,500 square feet planned as an addition to the Mark Twain School will consist of 6 classrooms, storage facilities and kitchen space adjacent to the multi-purpose room, as well as a teachers' lounge.

Thursday, October 15, 1959

Independent School Board Asks For \$300,000 Bond

On October 31, Wheeling school district residents will be asked to approve a \$300,000 school bond issue to finance the school building program.

The money will be used for a new school to be located in the same approximate vicinity as the existing Wheeling School and for an estimated 6-room addition to Mark Twain. The need for these additional classrooms was clearly pointed up through an analysis of the Projected School Enrollment figures for the next 5 years. These figures indicate that at the Mark Twain school 10 first grades will be entering the school with only 2 fifth grades graduating. The new school in the Wheeling area will accommodate some of the primary grades, leaving the Wheeling School facilities primarily for the upper classes. The growth in the Buffalo Grove area alone will fill the Sandburg school to capacity, so students being transported from other areas to the Sandburg school will be enrolled in the new Wheeling grade school next Fall.

In answer to the question, "Will this bond issue raise taxes?", the answer is a qualitative "No". The only manner under which the taxes could be raised would be if the bonds are sold at a higher rate of interest or at a longer maturity rate since school tax in our area has been at the maximum for a number of years. Even the addition of both a higher interest rate and a longer maturity date on the bonds could do no more than raise taxes less than one cent per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Mr. Kenneth Gill, Superintendent of Schools, in reference to the forthcoming bond issue stated, "I am positive the people of our community will fully cooperate with the school building program, now and in the future, because they are interested in seeing the educational standards of our district maintained."

October, 31 1959
Independent

School Praises Bond Supporters

Acting Wheeling School Supt. William C. Omiatek this week stated he and other school officials "owed a debt of sincere gratitude" to those residents of the school district who worked so hard to insure the success of the bond issue.

Wheeling voters okayed a \$300,000 issue for new school facilities April 11. Those who helped in the promotion of the issue, Omiatek said, included:

—A Citizens committee of Wilma Babalko, transportation; Kenneth Bjertnes, radio and television; and Ruth Wieder, telephone and posters.

—Telephone committee of William Fox, Frances Martin, Mrs.

San Phillip, Evelyn Steinman, Mrs. William Lund, Marie Bjertnes, Barbara Farr, Shirley Rausch, Dorothy Liemetter, Audrae Duke, Mil Lange, Merle Gorey, Barbara Fluger, Sherle Strom, Georgia Brantz, Joyce

Muszyski, and Glorai Tofilon. —Donald Paisley for baby sitting; Mary Henry, and William Tripp for the sound truck.

Omiatek also praised the efforts of all members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club

Wheeling Herald

November 7, 1959

Sample ballot for School Bond issue. Financed and distributed by members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club

VOTE



YES

ON

School Bond Issue

Sat., April 11, 1959

WHAT WILL THE \$300,000 SCHOOL BOND BUY ?

To keep up with the ever constant rise in the number of students, the school district must increase their facilities, make necessary repairs and improvements.

The Sandburg School will be enlarged by six rooms plus a double class room, offices, storage and landscaping.

In accordance to the Fire Marshal's report — (The Wheeling Herald)

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

DISTRICT No. 21, COOK COUNTY

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ERNEST STAVROS, *Secretary*
ROBERT BROWER
ARTHUR BROWN

JACK W. NORRIS
Superintendent
MARION C. OMIATEK
Principal

SETH BUTLER
BLANCHÉ KLOMAN
NELDA PAISLEY

May 11th, 1959

Mrs. G. L. Duke
107 Meadowbrook
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Duke:

On behalf of the Wheeling School Board and the staff and students of the Wheeling School System, I wish to extend to you and the Junior Woman's Club our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation for rythm instruments.

These instruments will provide our children with many hours of educational instruction and enjoyment.

We wish to extend to your group an invitation to visit the school next year to see how much fun the children are having with the rythm instruments you so kindly donated.

Yours very truly,


Marion C. Omiatek,
Acting Superintendent

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THE JUNIOR WOMAN'S club makes their annual donation to the director of special education, Mrs. Mildred Tins, for the braille resource room. Having been a permanent project for the

Wheeling Junior Woman's club for three years, the club has made annual donations to the braille resource room and has aided in the endless task of transcribing text books and work books in braille.

Wheeling Herald
May 14, 1959



THE WHEELING JUNIOR Woman's club presents a check to Marion C. Omiatek, acting superintendent of the Wheeling schools, and John Shaw, who will head the music instruc-

tion program for the Wheeling schools next year. The check will be used to purchase rhythm instruments such as those pictured for the primary grades of the Wheeling schools.

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November 18th, 1959

Mrs. William Farr, President
Junior Woman's Club
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farr:

Please accept our sincere thanks for the efforts of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club in helping to inform the people of Wheeling as to our school building needs. Your cooperation helped to pass our building bond issue by a landslide vote of 8 to 1. We feel that you have performed a great community service in helping the people to understand the need for better school facilities in our community.

We are always very happy for your able assistance in the many endeavors of the school district.

Sincerely yours,

K. F. Gill,
Superintendent

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November 10, 1959

Mrs. George Bobalko
Education Chairman
Wheeling Junior Women's Club
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Bobalko:

As chairman of the Education Committee of the Wheeling Board of Education, I would like to express my thanks to you personally and to the Junior Women's Club of Wheeling for your contribution toward the establishment of a School Board Caucus Committee.

Our community has badly needed a caucus committee for several years. Thanks to the Junior Women's Club and other civic organizations who have worked on the plan for the past year, our goal has finally been realized.

Your organization must be very proud of its numerous contributions toward civic betterment in which it has participated in the past few years. I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few projects that have helped the school district directly. Each year when we have had bond issues for new schools the Junior Women's Club have sent several of their members to serve on the Citizen's School Committee. Last year when we offered a referendum to raise the educational tax rate your members assisted the School Board Publicity Committee in their efforts to pass the tax increase. In addition, your members have been assisting the school district in

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its program for the blind children and its program for the multiple handicapped children for several years.

This year, as in the past, the Junior Women's Club can be proud of their contribution toward our School Board Caucus. Through the realization of this new plan we can expect to elect to the Wheeling School Board the most competent, independent thinking citizens that our community has to offer. What is equally important is the fact that we can expect this caucus to operate successfully with only minor changes to be made for many years.

Sincerely,



Robert Brower
Chairman, Education Committee
School District 21
Wheeling, Illinois

What is School Caucus? Committee Gives Answer

by AUDRAE DUKE

Many questions have arisen about the school caucus since its introduction. The following is a consolidation of the most frequently asked questions along with their answers as prepared by the general committee working on the formation of the school caucus.

What is a school caucus? The school caucus is a community organized meeting of a group of elected citizens for the purpose of selecting candidates of outstanding qualifications for the school board.

While is represented on the school caucus? Everyone is represented through one of the three categories of membership. They are (1) the schools, by PTA membership; (2) organizations in the district that are "primarily of a civic-service and educational nature, community-wide in scope, or are otherwise actively concerned with and engaged in public welfare and improvement," or (3) the community at large, elected at the first caucus meeting.

Why do we need a school in the district? To obtain workable, practical system whereby all residents of the school district can participate in the selection of well qualified citizens as school board candidates.

How many candidates does the caucus select for each school board vacancy? Under the proposed by-laws, the school caucus will select one candidate for each vacancy. The caucus selects a candidate whom, upon extensive investigation, has proven himself ultimately qualified for the position. Electing more

than one candidate would create only an artificial rivalry.

Does the caucus system exclude competition? Any citizen meeting the legal requirements can run for office on the school board. The only concern of the caucus is that at least one qualified candidate is found to fill each vacancy.

Is the caucus run by the same people every year? The proposed by-laws include a system whereby membership in the caucus is limited to a maximum of 2 years.

For further information about the school caucus, a supply of the proposed by-laws governing the caucus are available at the office of the superintendent of schools.

Herald
November 12, 19

School Caucus Proposed

Machinery is in motion this week to create a general caucus for the election of members to the board of school district 21.

The stated purpose of such an organization is to nominate "Individuals of outstanding character and ability as candidates" to run in elections of board members held each April. The principle of the caucus and its feasibility were looked into first by a sub-committee of the board of education and a group of citizens.

MEMBERSHIP in a caucus, such as is proposed for the school district, would include three persons representing each of the three schools (this number may be changed), and one from each of the non-political organizations headquartered in the district.

School representatives will be elected at the general PTA meeting Monday, Nov. 23.

Delegates to the caucus will be approved at a January meeting, to be scheduled between the 2nd and 13th. A second meeting, at which a candidate or candidates will be elected, will be held during the last week of February.

Herald
November 26,

Board of Education Gives Report to Wheeling PTA

Wheeling PTA members listened to reports by Board of Education members at the November meeting at Wheeling school. Board members are Mr. Brown, R. Brower, Mrs. Paisley, Mrs. Gazel, and W. Lasley.

Lasley was recently chosen to join the board as a replacement for Mr. Stavros, whose resignation was read at the meeting. Stavros, who had been on the board for

Lasley spoke on the public kindergarten schedule to begin in February, 1960. 300 children have registered for the kindergarten, with a transportation charge of \$5 per child if their parents cannot provide transportation.

The responsibilities of a board member was the subject of a talk by Mrs. Gazel.

MRS. G. DUKE, a PTA member gave a summary of the duties of members of the caucus committee, a group of

citizens who will screen candidates for the school board. One member will be chosen from each active group in Wheeling and three have been chosen from each PTA.

Representing Wheeling school on the caucus committee will be Mr. Frazer, Mr. Klocke, and Mr. Nikimkin; from Mark Twain school, Betty Arnold, R. Rank, and Mrs. Babelko; and from Carl Sandburg school, Mrs. Armstrong, G. Olson, and J. Harrick.

Caucus Committee Of 9 Appointed

PTA delegates to the general school caucus met December 3, and nine persons will act as a steering committee until the caucus is formed. Temporary chairmen were elected to serve until the first general meeting, Jan. 28. They are: Chairman Elic Nekimken, Assistant Chairman Joe Frazer, Credentials Chairman Ronald Rank, Assistant Credentials Chairman Edward Klocke, Publicity Chairman Mrs. George Bobalko, Assistant Publicity Chairman, Jack Herrick, Secretary Mrs. Edwin Arnold.

Letters are being sent to the local organizations asking that they have representatives at the first general meeting of the school caucus. **THE PURPOSE** of the gen-

eral school caucus is to provide for and facilitate the nomination of individuals of outstanding character and ability as candidates for vacancies on the board of education. This can be most effectively accomplished through having all areas of the school district represented on the general caucus committee through one of the three categories of membership: PTA, civic organizations, and delegates-at-large.

The steering committee issued the following statement: "The success of the school caucus committee will be directly dependent upon complete representation of every area of the school district."

Seek Full Community Participation

Avoid Hasty Selection of Delegates to School Caucus.

Delegates of the Parent-Teachers Association to the General School caucus of Wheeling met December 17th at the Wheeling School to discuss further plans for their meeting to be held January 28th.

Organizations qualifying under the proposed by-laws have been invited and credentials are being received by Credentials Chairman, Ronald Rank. Any interested organization who would like to be represented and have not received an invitation to participate in the General Caucus may contact Mr. Rank at LE 7-0873.

The general public is strongly urged to attend the January 28th meeting. Time and place will be announced within the near future. Any citizen of legal age residing in the Wheeling school district has an opportunity to be elected at that meeting as one of five delegates at large.

Nominations for delegates at large may be made by any individual present at the meeting. Each nominee must have consented prior to his or her nomination.

By the three classifications of delegates from the PTA, organizations primarily of a civic service or educational nature, and delegates at large it is hoped to insure complete community participation.

In view of the increasing growth and complexities within the school district a haphazard selection of candidates for these most important offices must be avoided. The Wheeling School Caucus will insure that at least one well qualified candidate will be presented to the voters for each vacancy on the Board of Education.

The caucus was originated by a sub-committee of the Board of Education and citizens.

Wheeling Herald
December 10, 1959

School Caucus Meeting Jan. 28

The first General meeting of the Wheeling School Caucus will be held January 28th at 8 p. m. at the Mark Twain School. Organizations primarily of a civic nature have already been invited to send delegates. Any group not represented at the January meeting will be unable to participate in this year's caucus according to procedure outlined in the proposed by-laws.

The proposed by-laws are the product of much research by the group that originated the caucus plan in Wheeling. By-laws of successful caucus plans in surrounding towns were carefully studied and procedures and rules pertinent to our own school district were compiled by the committee. The resulting by-laws outline a sensible, workable, plan whereby our entire community will profit by the selection of outstanding candidates for vacancies on the board of education.

Members on the current board being fully aware of the problems facing this school district endorse this method of candidate selection. Communities using the caucus plan are among the most progressive in the school systems of Illinois.

Only through the interest of the citizens of this community will this plan be successful in Wheeling.

Wheeling Independent
December 30, 1959

Independent
January 7, 1960

THE WHEELING CAUCUS COMMITTEE

December 9, 1959

This letter is to acquaint you with The General Caucus now being formed in the Wheeling School District. The purpose of The General Caucus meetings is to provide for and facilitate the nomination of individuals of outstanding character and ability as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Education.

In view of the increasing growth and complexities within our school district, we must avoid a haphazard selection of candidates for these most important offices. The caucus will insure that at least one well qualified candidate will be presented to the voters for each office open.

In order to have the district fully represented, we have three categories of membership; The P. T. A., Delegates at Large, and organizations primarily of a civic-service or educational nature. You are being invited as an organization qualifying under the aforesaid and as one actively concerned with and engaged in public welfare and improvement. We would like you to elect or appoint a delegate and an alternate to be present at our meeting to be held January 28th. Your delegate will be informed as to time and place.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed by-laws of the group. If further information is desired, temporary chairman Elic Nekimken may be contacted at LE 7-0842. We would also be happy to send a speaker to address your group if you so desire. We would like one of the enclosed delegate forms returned as soon as possible, not later than January 23rd. The other form should be retained by the delegate and presented by him at the January meeting. Any group not represented at the January meeting will be unable to participate in this year's caucus.

Our success in the caucus plan will be largely dependent upon the participation of organizations such as yours. The caucus has proved a workable, sensible plan in other communities, and in our own community has been highly endorsed by the school administration, members of the school board and active community organizations. Our success will be your success.

Mrs. George Bobalko
Publicity Chairman,
The Wheeling Caucus Committee

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Information letter sent to civic organizations inviting them to send delegates to the first General Caucus meeting

BY-LAWS TO GOVERN THE GENERAL CAUCUS MEETING OF WHEELING CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS, DISTRICT NO. 21

PURPOSE

The purpose of the General Caucus meetings is to provide for and facilitate the nomination of individuals of outstanding character and ability as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Education.

RULES

1. The caucus meeting of the legal voters of Wheeling School District No. 21 shall be called by the General Caucus Committee. The first meeting shall be on a suitable day between January second and January thirteenth, and the second meeting shall be during the last week of February.

2. The membership of the General Caucus meeting shall consist of:

a. Three representatives from each school in the district to be elected at a general PTA meeting to be held in November.

The number of representatives from each school may be changed at the discretion of the caucus group as a whole prior to each annual election. This will help maintain a workable group as the number of schools in the district increases.

b. One representative each from all other non-political organizations whose headquarters are in Wheeling School District No. 21, which are primarily of a civic-service and educational nature, community-wide in scope, or are otherwise actively concerned with and engaged in public welfare and improvement.

Each such representative shall present credentials indicating that he was duly elected by that organization for the purpose of representing it at the Caucus. This representative shall be a resident of School District No. 21.

Delegates recognized by the Caucus Credentials Committee will be approved by show of hands by the General Caucus.

c. Delegates at large shall be elected in the January meeting. Their number will not exceed half the number of delegates elected by the PTA. Each nominee must have consented prior to his or her nomination.

Nominations for delegates at large may be made by any individual present at the meeting. After nominations are closed, delegates will be elected by show of hands of all present at the meeting.

d. No organization not represented at the January meeting of the General Caucus shall be eligible for representation at the February meeting.

3. A Caucus Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) members and three (3) alternates shall be elected at the general meeting in January to serve on the annual Caucus. No delegates shall be eligible to serve for more than two consecutive years. An alternate shall vote only in the absence of a regular member of the Caucus Nominating Committee.

The election shall be by written ballot. Each delegate shall vote for five (5) individuals on one ballot. The five (5) nominees receiving the largest number of votes shall be the five (5) members. The nominees receiving the sixth, seventh, and eighth highest number of votes shall be the alternates. In the event of any tie vote, the order of nomination will govern election to the committee and alternates. The caucus Nominating Committee shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its number.

In the event that there are vacancies in the membership of the Caucus Nominating Committee (including the alternate) so that there are only four (4) members of said committee available, then an additional member shall be selected by the four (4) members by written ballot.

4. The duties of the Caucus Nominating Committee shall be:
 - a. To feel out suitable candidates of outstanding character and ability, and to receive suggested names from all sources.
 - b. To investigate each individual whose name has been submitted to or obtained by the committee.
 - c. To elect by written ballot and present to the General Caucus at its February meeting its recommendations of two individuals for each vacancy on the Boards of Education, after having obtained the consent of each such individual. In order that the Caucus may have the fullest advantage of the work of this committee, it shall report fully and frankly on the fruits of its investigations regarding the names submitted.
 - d. To prepare a brief descriptive statement about each nominee including his qualifications for a position on the school board. Such information must be presented to the Secretary nine (9) days before the February meeting and be mailed by the Secretary to all delegates and alternates not later than seven (7) days before the February meeting.
5. The officers of the General Caucus shall consist of Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, to be elected by ballot at the February meeting, to serve for one year. The Chairman shall not be eligible to succeed himself.
6. The duties of the officers of the General Caucus shall be:
 - a. To determine the exact dates for the two General Caucus meetings for the following year.

- b. To publish in the local newspapers, forty-five (45) days prior to the general caucus meeting in January, an announcement of the dates of the Caucus meetings, the nature of their functions and an invitation for the participation of eligible organizations.
 - c. To notify by first class mail, forty-five (45) days prior to the General Caucus meeting in January, the President of each accredited organization as to the approaching Caucus meetings. The Secretary shall certify to the Caucus the list of organizations to which such notices were sent.
 - d. To obtain from the secretaries of the Boards of Education certifications of the vacancies which are to occur.
 - e. To preside at and conduct the affairs of the January and February meetings following their election.
 - f. To have petition forms in blank ready for signatures at the February meeting for individuals selected by the General Caucus as candidates for the Boards of Education, and to file such petitions with the Secretaries of the Boards of Education in a manner prescribed by law.
 - g. To help arrange for publicity, and generally to carry through the affairs of the Caucus until after the election of the School Board members, after which the newly elected officers shall assume office.
7. A Caucus Credentials Committee consisting of five (5) members shall be selected as follows:
- Two (2) members to be elected by the General Caucus at its final meeting each year.
 - Three (3) members to be appointed by the newly elected Chairmen, one of whom must be a member of the retiring Credentials Committee (after the first year).
8. The duties of the Caucus Credentials Committee shall be:
- a. To pass upon the credentials of the delegates in attendance at the General Caucus and report its recommendations to that organization.
 - b. To pass upon the applications of new additional organizations wishing to be represented in the General Caucus (such applications to be filed with the Caucus Credentials Committee not later than twenty (20) days prior to the January General Caucus meeting), and to report its recommendations regarding such applications to the General Caucus at its January meeting.

- c. To prepare a list of new and additional organizations which have applied for membership in the General Caucus, such list to be presented to the Secretary not later than seven (7) days before the January meeting, and to be mailed by the Secretary to all delegates and alternates not later than five (5) days before the January meeting.
 - d. To recommend deletions from the schedule of approved organizations for appropriate reasons.
9. A Publicity Committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed by the newly elected Chairman of the General Caucus to serve for one year.

The duties of the Publicity Committee shall be to:

- a. Cooperate with the General Officers, and the Nominating Committee in the arranging for and preparation of the publicity material.
 - b. Adopt a program of education of the public regarding the purposes and operations of the Caucus.
10. Functions and Order of Business for general meeting in January:
- a. The meeting shall be called to order by the Chairman or a Vice-Chairman of the General Caucus elected at the February meeting of the General Caucus of the prior year.
 - b. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read by the Secretary elected at the prior General Caucus meeting, or in his absence, by a secretary appointed by the Chairman.
 - c. Report and recommendations by the Credentials Committee.
 - d. Action by show of hands or written ballot on the recommendations of the Credentials Committee.
 - e. Old business.
 - f. A statement by the Secretary of the vacancies occurring on the Boards of Education and the names of present incumbents.
 - g. Nominations for members of the Caucus Nominating Committee.
 - h. Election of delegates at large.
 - i. Election by written ballot of members and alternates of the Caucus Nominating Committee, as outlined in Section 3.
 - j. Other business.
 - k. Adjournment.

- 11. Functions and Order of Business for general meeting In February:
 - a. Meeting shall be called to order by Chairman or a Vice-Chairman.
 - b. Minutes of the previous meeting read by the Secretary.
 - c. Report by the Credentials Committee of those who are eligible to vote at this meeting.
 - d. The selection of individuals as candidates for the Boards of Education, in the following manner.
 - 1. Report of Caucus Nominating Committee.
 - 2. Nominations from the floor by other members of the General Caucus, providing such nominations be accompanied by the written consent of the person so nominated to have his or her name submitted, and by written statement, not to exceed 500 words, of the qualifications of the candidate so nominated.
 - 3. From the nominees thus obtained from the Caucus Nominating Committee and from the floor, the General Caucus shall select by written ballot one individual for each vacancy on the Boards of Education.
 - e. Election by written ballot of Chairman, First Vice-Chairman, Second Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the General Caucus for the succeeding year.
 - f. Election of two people to serve on the Caucus Credentials Committee for the succeeding year.
 - g. Other business
 - h. Adjournment

School Caucus to Meet January 28

The first general meeting of the Wheeling School Caucus committee will be held Janu-

ary 28 at 8 p.m. in the Mark Twain school.

Organizations qualifying under the proposed by-laws have been invited and credentials are being received by Credentials Chairman Ronald Rank. Any interested organization that would like to be represented and has not received an invitation to participate in the caucus committee may contact Rank at LE 7-0873.

Temporary chairman of the caucus committee, Elic Nekimken, strongly urges the general public to attend the January 28 meeting. Any citizen of voting age residing in the Wheeling school district has an opportunity to be elected at that meeting as one of the five delegates-at-large.

NOMINATIONS for delegates-at-large may be made by any individual present at the meeting. Each nominee must have consented prior to his nomination.

Complete community participation is insured under the proposed by-laws specifying

NOMINATIONS for delegates: delegates from the PTA, delegates from each organization primarily of a civic service or educational nature, and delegates-at-large.

The proposed by-laws are the product of the group that originated the caucus plan in Wheeling. By-laws of successful caucus plans in surrounding areas were studied, and procedures and rules pertinent to the school district were compiled by the committee. The resulting by-laws according to Nekimken, outline a simple, workable plan whereby "the entire community will profit by the selection of outstanding candidates for vacancies on the board of education."

Members of the school board, aware of problems facing the school district, endorse this method of candidate selection.

Herald

January 7, 1960

General School Caucus Organized

Credentials are being received from organizations planning to participate in the General School Caucus of Wheeling, said Credentials Chairman Ronald Rank. Among those received are: Wheeling Junior Woman's club, Mrs. Charles Piercy; Wheeling Rotary, Richard Dolgopol; Wheeling Jaycees, Gerald Peterson; Meadowbrook Property Owners' Assn., Harry Thill; Buffalo Grove Women's club, Mrs. Linda O'Grady; Meadowbrook Women's club, Mrs. William Tubman; Wheeling Athletic Assn., Eugene W. Huxhold. Under proposed by-laws, organizations participating must be primarily of a civic service or educational nature. The delegates of these organizations, to-

gether with delegates of the PTA and citizens-at-large, will represent the entire school district on the caucus.

RANK STATED that any organization which has not been contacted and would like to participate can call him at LE 7-0873.

All citizens were urged to attend the first general meeting to be held January 28 at 8 p.m. in Mark Twain school.

Civic organizations and individuals should urge the more qualified citizens of the community to accept the responsibility of board membership, said Ward G. Reeder in his book, The Fundamentals of Public School Education.

Herald

January 21, 1960

School Caucus Meeting Jan. 28

The steering committee of the General School Caucus of Wheeling announces that the first general meeting will be held January 28 at 8 p.m. at the Mark Twain school.

Of the organizations invited, the following delegate credentials have been received by credentials chairman, Ronald Rank. They include:

Mrs. Charles Piercy, Wheeling Junior Woman's club; Gerald Peterson, Jaycees; Richard Z. Dolgopol, Rotary; Meadowbrook Property Owners association, Harry Thill; Linda O. Grady, Buffalo Grove Woman's club; Mrs. William Tubman, Meadowbrook Woman's club; Edward Welflin, Chamber of Commerce; Eugene W. Huxhold, Wheeling Athletic association; and Ken Tatarsky, Buffalo Highlands Home Owners association.

Organizations participating must be primarily of a civic service or educational nature. Any organization wishing to participate may contact Mr. Rank.

The January meeting is the only meeting citizens at large will be able to attend. All citizens of voting age residing in the Wheeling school district are invited. From the citizens group, four delegates at large will be elected. Nomination may be made by any individual present at that meeting. Each nominee must have consented prior to his or her nomination.

Also at that meeting the nomination and election of the caucus nominating committee will be held. It is stressed that any citizen or any organization wishing to participate in this year's caucus must be present at the January 28 meeting.

Copies of the proposed by-laws will be given to all of those in attendance. By-laws of successful caucus plans in surrounding towns were carefully studied and procedures and rules pertinent to our school district were compiled by the committee. The sensible workable plan whereby our entire community will profit by the selection of outstanding candidates for vacancies on the board of education. Only through the interest of the citizens of this community will the school caucus plan be successful in Wheeling.

Herald
January 28, 1960

School Caucus Seeks Nominees

The Nominating committee of the Wheeling general school caucus is still seeking nominees for two regular vacancies and one unexpired term on the school board, according to the committee chairman, Mrs. Betty Arnold.

Persons wishing to run these offices in the April election may contact Mrs. Arnold at her home, 764 Liberty ave., or by telephone, L 7-1252. Names submitted will be reviewed by members of the nominating committee and two names for each vacancy will be turned over to

the general committee for a vote. One candidate for each vacancy will receive the endorsement of the general caucus.

THE NOMINATING committee will present the names to the 224 delegates forming the general body at a meeting set for February 25.

The two regular vacancies upcoming are board seats now occupied by Arthur Brower and Robert Brower. A third post will be filled, formerly occupied by Ernest Stavros.

Herald
February 4, 1960

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February 25th, 1960

Mrs. William Farr, President
Wheeling Junior Women's Club
60 S. Jeffrey Lane
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farr:

This letter of appreciation is belated but sincerely overdue.

Looking back through many years tends to highlight both individual and group contributions that the Junior Women's Club has made to our community - but specifically to the best interests of our school district.

At a time when our school district was in more acute financial status than it is now, the many contributions that your group provided were deeply appreciated by the teachers and the school board - since they often made possible an enlarged or improved curriculum - some of those extras that are sometimes so hard to come by.

On the other hand, how can you estimate the value of many woman spending a full day on the telephone informing parents and the public in general that a vital school election is being held.

The unlimited support that your group has consistently given to help us improve our community and school district fully deserves some kind of special commendation. However, we are in a position to do little more than say thank you - which I would like to do by sending you this letter so that you can pass along our feelings of appreciation.

On behalf of the school board members, who are those most apt to know the extent of your contributions in their behalf, I am taking this opportunity to extend our best wishes for the continued success of the Wheeling Junior Women's Club.

It is hard for me to imagine that any group in any other larger or better organized community could have made a greater impression for good on their community than you have accomplished in Wheeling during the past four years that I have been a member of the school board.

Cordially,

Arthur Brown, President
Board of Education,
School District No. 21

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JUNIOR COTILLION DANCE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Junior Cotillion, a dance instruction program for junior high students in the Wheeling area, was initiated in 1957 by the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. During the past 3 years the Wheeling clubwomen have sponsored the program.

The Junior Cotillion provides a series of 15 hours of ballroom dance instruction for 7th and 8th grade students in the area. A professionally trained dancing teacher conducts the program. This dance instructor theorizes that the ages of 12 and 13 are the period of youth development when poise and self-confidence are most easily acquired.

The dance instruction program was initiated in Wheeling when the lack of recreational facilities for the junior high student was made evident. Reports had been received by the principal of the junior high that students from Wheeling were entering the high school district socially unequipped, when compared to students from other near-by areas.

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club saw the Junior Cotillion as a program in which recreation and social preparation could be effectively combined.

The dance instruction program is intermittently highlighted with social dances at which times club members provide special and appropriate decorations and refreshments. The dances and instruction periods are chaperoned by Wheeling Junior Woman's club members and their husbands.

With the cooperation of the school in offering the use of its facilities to the Cotillion, the P.T.A. in endorsing it and the pupils in proclaiming its worth, the program has met with continued success.

Junior Cotillion

Independent
November 5, 1958

Junior Cotillion Sock Hop

Members of the Junior Cotillion are looking forward eagerly to their first party of the season. The party will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8 - 10 p.m. at the Wheeling School gym.

The dance is to be a "Sock Hop". This means that all participants shall wear decorated bobby sox and a prize will be awarded the wearer of the most originally decorated pair of sox. Decorations for the gym are being done by Mrs. Theodore Bruni and Mrs. Gordon Hein, members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club.

Refreshments will also be served by members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, those serving are Mrs. John Preisler and Mrs. Kenneth Bjertnes. The chaperones present will be Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bjertnes, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bobalko. For further information on the Junior Cotillion call Mrs. Robert Johnson, LE 7-2697.

Friday Deadline For Jr. Cotillion

Friday, Sept. 19 is the deadline for registration for the Wheeling Junior Cotillion. The first lesson will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Wheeling school gym and all or half of the membership dues can be paid at that time.

The Junior Cotillion is a dance club sponsored by the Wheeling Junior Woman's club for seventh and eighth grade students attending any school in Wheeling. The purpose of the club is to teach boys and girls to dance at an age when it is easiest for them to acquire the self-confidence and poise necessary in their later social activities.

Herald
September 18, 1958

THE 15 HOURS of ballroom dance instruction will be given in 10 lessons of 1½ hours each. The class for first year students will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. approximately every third Saturday afternoon. For the second year students the class will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the same afternoons.

There will be 4 dances during the school year with refreshments as well as dance contests with ribbons or trophies awarded to the winning contestants. In May a "Cotillion Cavalcade" will be held at the high school in Arlington Heights for all winners of the dance contests, where they will compete with the winners from Palatine, Arlington Heights, Lady of the Wayside, and River Forest dance clubs. Ray Raynor will be the M.C.

BOTH THE DANCE instruction and dances will be under the supervision of Mrs. Muriel Mills. All dances will be chaperoned by members of Wheeling Junior Woman's club and parents.

For additional information, call Mrs. Robert Johnson at LE 7-2697.

Independent
December 17, 1958

Coke Party Held For Junior Cotillion Members

A coke party was held on November 20 for the members of the Junior Cotillion, in the Wheeling School Gym. Both beginners and advanced classes joined in the first social evening of the Cotillion dance instruction group.

Mrs. Gerald Moore was hostess for the evening and served refreshments provided by the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bjertnes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson chaperoned the coke party, which from all reports was a great success.

WHEELING
PARTYLINE
by
LUCILLE ROESNER
LEhigh 7-0424

Cold, isn't it? Or need I remind you? I was under the impression we were to have a mild winter, guess maybe they meant an early spring. Sounds good anyway.

The cold sure didn't keep any of the members of the Jr. Cotillion away from the "Sno-Ball" which was held in the Wheeling School Gym Saturday evening from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The girls were all dressed up in their party dresses and looked so cute. The boys in suits, white shirts and ties.

The Chaperones at the Jr. Cotillion dance were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bjertnes, Dawn Preisler, Barbara Ault, Pat

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Junior Cotillion

The Junior Cotillion will hold its Christmas Ball on Saturday, December 13. It will be from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. in the Wheeling school gym. Boys are asked to wear coats and ties and girls to wear party dresses.

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club is furnishing chaperones, decorations and refreshments. The chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bjertnes, Mr. and Mrs. John Preisler, Mrs. Al Martin and Mrs. Gloria Tofilon. Christmas decorations are being done by Mrs. Theodore Bruni, Mrs. Gordon Hein and Mrs. Robert Johnson. Punch and Christmas cupcakes will be served at the party.

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December 10, 1958

Jr. Cotillion Dance Slated For Saturday

treasure hunt and two prizes will be awarded for the most treasures collected. Members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club will furnish refreshments of punch and chocolate or marble cake, and will also act as chaperones.

Additional information about the Junior Cotillion dance program can be obtained from Mrs. Robert Johnson, LE 7-2697. (W)

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February 25, 1959

The next Junior Cotillion dance, for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls, will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, from 8 p.m. to 10 in the Wheeling school gym. Casual wear will be the dress for the evening.

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Junior Cotillion

A fun-filled evening is scheduled for the Junior Cotillion dance group this Saturday evening, April 25. The final party of the season will be in a Hawaiian theme with decorations for the gym and refreshments of Hawaiian Punch, sandwiches and cake. The refreshments will be donated by the Wheeling Junior Women's Club, sponsor of the Junior Cotillion.

The dress for the evening will be white shirts and ties for boys and party dresses for girls. Time and place are 8-10:30 p.m. in the Wheeling School Gym. For further information, call Mrs. Robert Johnson, LE 7-2697.

Junior Cotillion

The final party of the year for the Junior Cotillion was held Saturday night, April 25. A good time was had by all who were there to enjoy the Hawaiian surroundings and excellent refreshments. Refreshments were donated by the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club and chaperons were parents of the dancers.

A good membership for next year is anticipated. All seventh and eighth graders should watch this newspaper for the date of registration for next year's Junior Cotillion class.



Junior Cotillion Club Of Wheeling

Registration for the Junior Cotillion Club of Wheeling will be held on September 14, in the Wheeling School Gym from 11:40 am. to 12:35 noon. Membership dues for the 1959-1960 season will be \$12.00 and must be paid at registration. Students of the 7th and 8th grades will be given registration cards to be taken home and if any parent wishes to register their child they should please fill it out and sent it with their child to school on September 14. Registration cards may also be obtained at the Jewel store or the National in Wheeling for any other child in the 7th or 8th grades who is attending other schools in Wheeling or surrounding subdivisions (suburbs) and wishes to join the club.

The Junior Cotillion Classes will meet approximately every Friday evening in the School Gym from 7-8:15 p.m. for the basic or first year classes and 8:30-9:30 p.m. for the advanced or second year members. Besides the classes there will be three Coke Dances and two big parties held during the year, also on Friday evenings. Dance contests will be held during the season and the winning couples will be eligible to dance in the Cotillion Cavalcade which will be held in the Arlington Heights High School Gym on Saturday evening May 21, 1960. The master of ceremonies for the Cotillion Cavalcade will be Dave Hull of NBC Chicago Bandstand. We are hoping that the winning couples will also be able to appear on Chicago Bandstand.

The Junior Cotillion Clubs are under the supervision of Muriel Mills. The Junior Cotillion Club of Wheeling is sponsored by the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club and the sponsoring board for the 1959-60 season is headed by Mrs. Natalie Hoopmann, Youth Chairman of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. The Dance Instructor will be Mrs. Barbara Ault, who has been associated with Mrs. Mills for some years. All classes and dances will be chaperoned by members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club and parents. If any additional information is desired, you may call Mrs. Natalie Hoopmann, LE 7-2815 or Muriel Mills, CL 3-3455.

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October 15, 1959

Junior Cotillion Classes Friday

The first lesson of the Junior Cotillion classes will be held Friday evening at the Wheeling school gym. Beginners class will start at 7 p.m., ending at 8:15 p.m., while the advanced class will start at 8:30 p.m., finishing at 9:30 p.m.

Any seventh and eighth grade students interested in the ballroom dancing instruction and parties may register Friday evening before the classes start. Registering students are requested to bring with them their \$12 membership fee.

Junior Cotillion

The second lesson of the Junior Cotillion classes will be held Friday evening Oct. 16 at the Wheeling School gym. Beginners class will start at 7 p.m., ending at 8:15 p.m., while the advanced class will start at 8:30 p.m., finishing at 9:30 p.m.

Any seventh and eighth grade students interested in the ballroom dancing instruction and parties may still register Friday evening before the classes start. Registering students are requested to bring with them their \$12 membership fee.

The first "Coke party" will be Nov. 20 for the two classes, and begin at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 9:30 p.m.

Chaperones for Oct. 16, will be Mrs. Werner Hoopmann, Youth Chairman, and Mrs. Edwin Ar-

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Grand March of Junior Cotillion Couples at Crystal Ball Dance, January School Gym.

Jr. Cotillion Starts Se With "Crystal Ball"

On January 15 the Junior Cotillion of Wheeling held its first big dance of the year. The Crystal Ball was held in the Wheeling school gym. About 48 seventh and eighth graders spent most of the gala evening dancing the Fox Trot, Waltz, Cha-cha, and Jitterbug. Onlookers regained their youth watching young gentlemen whirl their partners in gay party dresses. Even the floor of the newly

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Jr. Cotillion Friday, Nov. 6

The third lesson for the Jr. Cotillion will be held at the Wheeling School, Friday, Nov. 6. The beginner class will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:30 p.m. The advance class will begin at 8:30 and end at 9:30 p.m.

The chaperons for the evening will be Mrs. Lee Cartwright, Mrs. Sam Pagliaro, and Mrs. Roger Sherman.

The first Coke Party will be held Friday, Nov. 20.

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COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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February 28, 1958

Mrs. George Bobalko
President, Junior Women's Club
706 North Wayne Place
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Bobalko:

I would like to compliment the Junior Woman's Club on the fine activities they are providing for our children through the Junior Cotillion. The Cotillion is developing an appreciation for the dance which ordinarily is not available to the children. In these days of "Rock and Roll" it is important for them to experience the value and enjoyment of the dances which are ever popular.

Most important, you are providing, under a well-supervised and desirable atmosphere, the boy-girl relationship so typical to this age.

You are doing a wonderful job and I express my gratitude for the time you are devoting.

Sincerely,

Marion C. Omiatek
Principal

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Transportation

TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

A transportation survey was conducted by members of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club in cooperation with the newspapers in the village.

Club members interested in acquiring public transportation facilities within the community formed a special Transportation committee to look into the problem. In conversations with businessmen, village officials and individuals the committee were further convinced of the necessity of public transportation in the village. Individuals commented that with public transportation they would no longer have to support a second car; their commuting husbands would not be faced with parking problems at the train stations; non-driving members of the family would not be forced to shop only on weekends; and hurried, harried trips to the train station would not have to be faced each time Mother needed the car.

Home builders in Wheeling felt that public transportation would be an added selling point for their homes and Wheeling businessmen were certain that public transportation would provide a more even distribution of purchasers throughout the week.

Assured that a Wheeling with public transportation would be a better Wheeling, the Transportation committee tackled the problem from the vantage point of the motor coach companies. Several company directors agreed that facts and figures on the expense of such a project could not be accurately estimated without some knowledge as to who, when, where and how often community residents would be using the service.

The Transportation Survey was conducted in an effort to acquire some of the necessary facts. The local papers were impressed with the idea and anxious to cooperate in such a community project. For three consecutive issues of both local papers an article and information blank appeared.

The responses were compiled and analyzed by the Wheeling Junior Woman's club committee on Transportation. Armed with responses to the survey, the committee again contacted transportation companies. The committee was informed that the results of the survey did not warrant regular bus service in the area. A counter-measure proposed by a bus company in close proximity to the Village provided the most minimal service, 4 trips a day, on an undesirable route if the community could guarantee the \$32 per day for a 3-month trial period. Add to this was the fact that the community would have to provide and maintain their own ticket selling facilities.

An insurmountable obstacle confronted the Transportation Committee. No one organization would, or could, guarantee \$2000 for bus service.

The public's appetite for transportation was wetted by the newspaper releases, however. Out of the realization that there was no single organization to sponsor such a project came the first glimmer of a community panacea - an organization of organization - a Community Council.

A transportation survey was proposed. A transportation survey was made. Its results created nothing more tangible than a pile of analysis sheets producing an unsatisfactory fact. But an idea was born.

Wheeling Herald

June 11, 1959

Launch Commuter Survey By Wheeling Clubwomen

In the interest of community development, the Wheeling Junior Woman's club, with the cooperation of this paper, will conduct a survey in the interests of bringing in public transportation to Wheeling.

Such transportation in Wheeling would mean that suburban families would no longer have to be two-car families. No longer would commuters be faced with parking problems at train stations. No longer would spouses have the harried trip to the commuter station with half-dressed and sleepy children. No longer would non-driving family members be shopping only on the weekends.

Public transportation in Wheeling would prove an incentive to home buyers. Wheeling businessmen would benefit from having a more evenly distributed influx of purchasers.

A WHEELING with public transportation would be an improved Wheeling.

Name..... Age.....

Address..... Married.....

I would be interested in a system of public bus transportation because.....

I would use a bus for the following purposes (circle one or more):
commuting to train, where.....

shopping, where....., social calls.

other.....

I would use this service.....times a week, a day. Remarks

To bring a bus service into the village, a survey of interested people must be made. Facts and figures on the number of people who would use the service will serve as an incentive to induce a transportation company to come into the community.

A person interested in living in a community with transportation could cast the decisive vote for bus service by filling in the following blank and mailing it to Box 116, Wheeling, Illinois. Each person who would use the service regularly or occasionally is asked to allow themselves to be counted.

Following blank and mailing it to.....

Study Continued

"What would public transportation mean to you?" has been asked local businessmen, commuters, homemakers, village officials, and teenagers.

A reply typical of local businessmen was, "It would mean a more even distribution of shoppers throughout the week, and, possibly, increased sales."

Housewives' answers varied from "I would be able to shop during the week," to "The hectic morning trips to the commuter station with hubby and fussing children would cease." "I would no longer have that fenced-in feeling, knowing that I can't get out to look in a store window or pick up a loaf of bread during the week," was another popular reply.

THE FEELINGS of commuters as to what transportation would mean to them were perhaps best expressed by, "I wouldn't have to race down to the station and spend an hour looking for a parking place," while teenagers almost unanimously stated, "I would be able to visit with friends

and go a few places."

Village officials said, "It would be an asset to our community."

This question is being asked by the Wheeling Junior Woman's club with the cooperation of the HERALD, to promote transpor-

tation in the community.

The question, "What would public transportation mean to you?" is being asked of each reader and his family.

Herald

June 18, 1959

Urge Residents Aid In Commuter Survey

A spokesman for the Wheeling Junior Woman's club transportation committee urges, "Each person interested in a progressive community with public transportation available to commuters, car-less wives and house-bound teenagers please fill in the following blank."

This will be the last time the blank will appear in the paper and as the transportation committee spokesman states, "This will be your final opportunity to cast your vote for public transportation."

THE BLANKS sent to Box 116.

Wheeling, Illinois, will be used to compile a survey on the need for transportation in Wheeling. It will dictate the kind, types and quality of transportation service in the community. The survey will also be used, according to the committee spokesman, as an inducement to transportation companies and a manner in which the companies may forecast their

Herald
June 25, 1959

Last Opportunity To Cast Vote For Public Transportation

This is the final opportunity to cast your vote for public transportation. It is the last week this survey blank will appear in your paper. If you commuting husbands, car-less wives and house-bound teenagers feel a need for transportation in Wheeling, cast your vote today.

To reiterate, the results of this survey will be taken to transportation companies to show them the facts and figures of just how many people in Wheeling would use their service. With this information they will be able to figure their routes, time schedule, destinations and if it would be a worthwhile venture for them.

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FORM 10-3

(Brentwood Highlands)

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25	1807 Daryl Dr.	5	(Wife & Children)	25
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29	1803 Daryl Dr.	2	(Wife & one child)	29
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Park

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Park Development is a basic premise upon which the Wheeling Junior Woman's club was founded.

There exists an area of land in Wheeling used as a ball diamond and, once a year, for the annual "Wheeling Days" carnival. This land is known as the Chamber of Commerce Park. The Chamber has long cherished the dream of a field house and combined recreational facilities on this land. For many years they have set aside special funds for this purpose. During the summer of 1958 the Chamber thought up a special segment of "Wheeling Days" to attract attention, advance publicity and more people, to be known as the "Keen Teen Contest". The funds collected from the contest to choose the Keen Teen of Wheeling Township were to be set aside for the Chamber of Commerce Park.

When the Wheeling Junior Woman's club was asked to take over the contest and develop it into a tasteful and appealing search for a teenager of outstanding qualifications, 2 ladies of the Wheeling Juniors did so unhesitatingly, in view of its primary objective -- a park in Wheeling.

It was not until the following year that the President of the Illinois Association of Park Districts spoke at a special meeting of the Village Board. His speech revolved around the ease with which a park district could be set up. Special problems of this area were brought to light in this meeting, concerning a Rural Park District to which the most largely populated areas of Wheeling unknowingly belonged. The Rural Park District, it was later found, had been set up in 1950 by a group of township farmers as a protection against being incorporated into an active park district.

From among the audience gathered at the Special board meeting, a Park Steering Committee was appointed whose numbers included the president of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club, the Dunhurst Homeowners president, a representative of the Jaycees, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the president of the School Board.

Their first month's work found the answers to the questions, "Can Wheeling have a park district?", "Should Wheeling have a park district" and "How can Wheeling have a park district?".

The processes of disannexation from the Rural park district and establishment of a new district involved many intricacies and required a great deal of time.

Sources of land to be included under an established park district were discovered to be available which would enable the district to start work immediately on a recreational program. A tentative agreement was effected between the schools and the park district setting up a cooperative recreational facilities at each school. Also the Chamber of Commerce had given definite indications of willingness to turn the Chamber of Commerce Park land over to a public park district.

As soon as groundwork had been laid and a schedule of consecutive steps toward a park district had been derived, the community was called together to hear the logical dequence of events and have them clearly explained. Community cooperation was sought and obtained at this meeting.

A new target date had been set for the park district referendum which soon had to be set aside because of a change in legal counsel, among other things. Soon the psychologically desirable season of the year most accommodating to a

referendum had passed, and the committee was resigned to waiting until the new calendar year for direct action.

The Park district program will be referred to the newly established Community Council as one of the imminent needs of the Community. The steering Committee will be reactivated under the Council Standard and have immediately available to them Community support and labor sources (if the park is decided on as a major project to be endorsed by the majority).

A Community Council would lighten the burden of public information on such a program. A ready made 2-way communication center would be on call to disseminate information as part of their representative duty as council members.

Again the Community Council seems to convey the hopes of another project.



Wheeling Chamber of Commerce

WHEELING, ILLINOIS

September 15, 1958

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club,
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Wheeling Junior Woman's Club members:

Your support of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Keen Teen Contest was much appreciated. Through the efforts of your club and others like you, over \$600 was raised toward the future Chamber of Commerce park. The 10 finalists in the contest for the Keen Teen were awarded purse-size manicure kits with the donation your club contributed towards the prizes.

Even more important, though, was the fact that this contest and its ultimate goal, funds for the park in Wheeling, could not have been such a success without the help of 2 of your club members. Mrs. James Wieder and Mrs. G. L. Duke served on the committee of 6 to turn this idea of a Keen Teen Contest into a reality. The number of hours the two ladies put in on this project and the way in which they turned ideas into practicality are to be commended.

Sincerely,

Secretary
Wheeling Chamber of Commerce

The Wheeling Junior Woman's club actively
supporting community park project
before conception of the pub-
lic park program

The
Inquiring
Reporter



The question: Would you vote for formation of a park district for Wheeling even though it would raise taxes?

The Place: National Tea company, Dunhurst Shopping center.

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MRS. E. A. HOMEYER, housewife, 573 S. Milwaukee ave.

Yes, I have a daughter who's only 15 months old and she wouldn't get much use out of a park right away, but other kids would. I think a park is a good place for kids to keep out of trouble, and it gives them something to do.



I don't know how much it would raise taxes, but it shouldn't be too much. I'm all in favor of it.

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FRANK JONAS, 579 Merle lane, metal spinner and foreman.

I like the idea of a park district, but to me Wheeling is like a big family going over its budget. It seems our town is trying to get ahead too fast, trying to do everything at once.



But if it comes to a vote in April, I'll vote for it—for my kids. I have three—a girl, 15, another one, 9, and a boy, 6 months.

I'll go along with a tax increase.

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MRS. GENE UDEGRAFF, housewife, 573 S. Milwaukee ave.

I have two boys, 2, and 3 months, and there's no place for youngsters to play now. They play in our yard which is quite small. I think



Wheeling Herald
February 12, 1959

To Back Park District

The Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, a member organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, at their February meeting unanimously voted their support to the establishment of a Park District.

The Club's president, Mrs. G. L. Duke, is acting as a representative of the organization at meetings of the newly formed Park District steering committee.

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Map Campaign
For Referendum

At an informal meeting with Attorney Fred Weismann at the G. L. Duke home Saturday, the park district committee discussed preliminaries to a referendum.

Details ironed out, representatives of six community organizations agreed to meet today (Feb. 19) to lay out a campaign.

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Joe Morgan's Column

Volunteer Group to Urge
Formation of Park District

by JOE MORGAN

The volunteer steering committee on parks is planning to propose the formation of a park district in Wheeling at the village election April 21. The committee is contacting various civic organizations in the village this week to seek their cooperation and recommendations for candidates to run for park commissioners.

As the first phase of the overall plan, the proposed park district will include that part of the village of Wheeling not already included in the inactive Wheeling Rural Park district.

THIS IS ABOUT one-half the total village area. Everything south of the Meadowbrook subdivision and west of the north-south quarter-section line about 100 feet east of George rd., will be excluded.

After the first phase, setting up the nucleus of the new district, the second step will be to

dis-annex the other parts of Wheeling from the inactive rural district so they may be combined in the new park district. The intended goal is to incorporate all the territory now within the village limits into one active park district.

THE ONLY STRONG objection to this plan is expected to be the question of taxes. What will it cost? Previously this column gave an estimate of the maximum amount that it could cost. Although the estimated maximum may turn some taxpayers against the project, there is no reason to assume that the proposal park district will be too expensive.

The referendum setting up the park district, under the park district laws and the revenue laws of Illinois, will empower the district to levy a maximum of only 8 cents per \$100 assessed value. For example a house with a market value in the \$15-18,000 bracket

would have an assessed valuation of probably \$5,000. At 08 per cent this gives an annual tax of only \$4, less than the cost of two cartons of cigarettes, or a fifth of poor scotch. There can be no further increase in the levy without having another election.

THERE MAY be other objections, but they can be answered easily. Why pay for parks when we have the forest preserve district so close? We do not need parks as such; what we need are adequate recreation facilities, playgrounds, rather than picnic grounds.

One point in favor of the park district, is a provision of the village subdivision ordinance. This ordinance requires that at least 5 per cent of the total area of all new subdivisions shall be dedicated to parks or schools or other public uses. This will certainly provide some park sites as the town expands. (W)

Joe Morgan's Column

Park District Is Bargain, Deserves Taxpayer Support

By JOE MORGAN

A couple of weeks ago when Tom McShane, then editor of the Wheeling Herald, suggested the formation of a park district in Wheeling, this column stated that a park commission under the village government might be more economical. Analysis of the means of financing parks will show that a park commission in the village will certainly cost very little. The legal limitation on its taxing power would be so outlining, it could provide so little in the way of park facilities, that it wouldn't be worth the effort.

The revenue available for a separately incorporated park district is considerably more. We only get what we pay for, so if we want parks, they will cost us something. Don't be afraid of the cost, or run in fear when someone mentions taxes.

LET'S SEE what it will cost the individual homeowner. Nearly 90 per cent of the homes in Wheeling have assessed valuations for taxing purposes of approximately \$5,000.

A Park commission could levy 6.67 cents tax per \$100 of assessed valuation. This means \$3.34 per household. This would raise less than \$7,000 a year for the parks, based on \$10 million total assessed valuation for the entire village. How much can you do with \$7,000? You might be able to maintain an existing park, but you certainly could not build one.

An incorporated park district, when originally approved by an election, could levy 10 cents per \$100, and if the people vote it in other levies could be made up to a total of 20 cents per \$100. The district would have a bonding power of 2.5 per cent of its assessed valuation. On \$10 million, this would amount to \$250,000.

Of course, bonds have to be paid for and taxes would be levied to pay them and the interest on them. Even if interest

for 20 years doubles the cost of the bonds, the tax levy should not exceed 25 cents per \$100. This levy plus the 20 cent total mentioned before would amount to only \$22.50 per year in taxes on a house assessed at \$5,000.

THIS PROBABLY is the most that a park district could cost you. Actually it should cost much less. Present rates for Arlington Heights is only half this maximum, and the Mount Prospect rate is lower.

Wheeling has over 4,000 children. A dollar or two a month

in taxes for parks will not break the taxpayer but will give these kids a break.

Incidentally, Everett Lewy, attorney for the school board, remarked last week that school district 21 tax levies are not likely to increase since they are already at the maximum legal limit.

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Joe Morgan's Column

Delay of Park District Vote Called 'Good Thing'

By JOE MORGAN

Until this week the Wheeling park steering committee, which is planning the organization of a park district in the village, has assumed that it would be impossible to include those parts of the village now in the Wheeling Rural Park district in the proposed new district.

However, this assumption seems to be false. There is a provision in the Illinois park district code which may permit disannexation of certain areas. The portions of the village concerned qualify under the conditions stated in the code. The area to be disannexed must be on the border and its disannexation must not cut off any other part from the body of the district. Such areas as the greater part of the Dun-

There have been no prior assessments; the rural district has levied no taxes. There is every indication that the governing body of the district will approve. The fact that heavily populated areas like Buffalo Grove and Dunhurst are now in the district may thwart the purpose for which the Wheeling Rural district was formed.

As the villages expand and more homes are built in the district the day will come when these new people will activate the district—and those who formed this park district to prevent being taxed will be petitioning to get out themselves with little hope for success.

RALPH NEUBAUER, president of the Dunhurst Homeown-

committee, I agree with their decision to put off the election for a while. There are a number of good reasons for doing so, besides the new development discussed in this column. One of the brochures provided by the Illinois Park District association to aid the committee in its work lists eight reasons why park referendums fail. Too many of these eight factors would be present if the park election were held April 21. They are:

1. Inadequate planning.
2. Lack of legal guidance.
3. Insufficient "selling" time.
4. Combination of park district referendums with city, village or school elections.
5. Conflict in community needs.
6. Involvement in controversial community issues.

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March 12, 1959

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Park Referendum Campaign Launched

Propose June 27 Data for Voting

Wheeling residents this week began hearing again the knock-knock of petitioners at their doors, this time to set a referendum date for a vote on whether the village shall have a park district.

A park district organization committee meeting, held February 27, determined that such a referendum should be held June 27. Reasons for

selection of that late date, according to committee members, are twofold: "1) It will allow the formation of a park board in time to receive operating funds at the earliest possible time; and 2) it will permit the voters to get all the facts and have their questions answered."

As a first step in informing the electorate, letters, now being processed by the committee, will invite every Wheeling organization to send representatives to a public meeting at the Mark Twain school April 5. Further plans include a wide-scale publicity campaign to "get out the vote."

PREPARATIONS TO establish a park district got under way early in January when the HERALD threw out the question in a series of editorials and comments. At a meeting of the village board February 2, trustees unofficially endorsed the proposal and indicated their support as interested citizens. At this meeting, a committee was hastily formed from the audience to explain the possibilities, a committee whose efforts belie its hurried origins.

A major preliminary task, and one not entirely solved at this time, was to chart the course of organization in the face of an existing, intangible park district whose inactive existence posed serious jurisdictional limitations. The Wheeling Rural Park district, formed some nine years ago by township farmers, set boundaries around what was then most of the unincorporated area of Wheeling township and what is today about 40 per cent of the village's area.

Almost all of Dunhurst Heights is included.

THE WHEELING Rural Park district levies no taxes, for, as officials of the district admit, this was one of the principal reasons for its coming into existence. Yet, loyal to state statute, the ghost park system, without funds, parks, or a recreational program, regularly holds elections every two years — or at least claims to.

Francis E. Kelley of Palatine, attorney for the district, is on record as saying the commissioners of the existing body would not oppose any disannexation by property owners who wished to be included in a new, active district.

Wheeling Herald
March 12, 1959

MEETING PLANNED TO STUDY PARK DISTRICT PLANS

The informal Wheeling Park steering committee has sent letters to most of the civic and social organizations in the village inviting them to send representatives to a public meeting Sunday April 5 at 3 p.m. at the Mark Twain School.

Mr. Robert H. Wiegman, President of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, who is a member of the Morton Grove Park District board, will be at the meeting to explain to the people how and why a park district should be formed.

The park committee will explain the work that has been done so far, and offer several alternative plans for the formation of a park district in Wheeling. The public is invited.

FIRST REPORT ON PARK DISTRICT

At the conclusion of the February 2nd Village Board Meeting several curious Wheelingites were assigned special committee status to find the answers to these three questions: [1] Can we have a park district, [2] Should we have a park district and [3] If "yes", what next?

In less than a month since this special committee was formed, a park district expert was heard and questioned at length, legal advice was obtained, and committee members sifted facts and figures during four meetings.

The committee has been capably assisted on legal questions of park district establishment by Village attorney, Fred Weizman, who tracked down the existing boundaries of the Rural Park District. Petitions for a park district are now being circulated. Subject to final Court approval, a referendum will be placed before the voters on Saturday, June

PARK DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETS TO INFORM PUBLIC

Last Sunday at the Mark Twain School the Park District Committee met to discuss with the public the efforts made and the planning ahead for the creation of a local active Park District.

Mr. Brown of the School Board, and chairman of the committee noted to the scant crowd that the purpose of the gathering was to inform the public of the groups progress and the plans they would be ensuing.

Mrs. Audrey Duke reviewed the past progress of the project from the beginning when the special village board meeting was held to learn the how, what, where and how much to have an active park district.

The recreation program held last year was brought up and it was noted how successful it was.

Brown spoke of the plans to disannex the portion of Wheeling [West of the Soo line tracks] from the rural park district and the annexing of this property by the present Wheeling Park District. He noted that the plans were to have a referendum vote on June 27th relative to the issue.

Another member of the committee, Mr. Robert Steinman, related the possibilities of procuring land from a new subdivider that can be used for public use. A figure of 5% was common in this matter. He also noted that if there is no park district, active, this land would not be put to use.

Attending the meeting was village president McIntyre who stated that although the village does not have any money that can be used for parks it can possibly acquire 5% of land on 5 acre parcels from subdividers for this public use. He added that a subdivider cannot be forced to give land, however, when the village annexes some adjoining land they can recommend to the builder that he should give this 5% for public use.

It was also brought out that the village has been aiding the work of this committee whenever possible.

Mr. R. C. Weidman, Morton Grove, a member of his local

Park District and President of the Illinois Park District, attending the meeting pointed out that the tax rate a Park district can levy is 10c per \$100 and that the first money that would be available from a tax would be in 1960. He also related how many problems are involved in the organizing of an active park district and how the funds would be very limited.

Another member of the committee, Mr. Ralph Neubauer, noted that if the assessed value of the area in the proposed district were the \$11,000,000 as predicted the maximum amount of money the park district could obtain through taxes is \$8,800. Without land available for use this money would not be able to go very far.

Mr. McIntyre added that with the business that is planned to enter Wheeling the assessed value would increase approximately another \$12,000,000.

Mr. Neubauer also pointed out that the plans call for getting

the area West of the Soo line tracks disconnected from the rural district they currently belong to.

In order to achieve this disannexation and annexation to the Wheeling Park District it would be necessary to get a majority of the land owners of the area involved to sign petitions requesting the change.

Mr. Aronson, president of the school board, spoke from the floor that the school board has been studying the Park situation however that currently funds are not available for such a move. He noted to the audience and committee some of the advantages in having a park district and how it can function with respect to the schools. Some of the points he mentioned were that the two organizations could work to both their advantages with the possibility of using teachers in the summer time to coordinate activities.

Ray Miller, President of the Chamber of Commerce, noted to the group that the chamber has been engaged in studying the park problem and recommended that the committee attend some of the chamber meetings where the problem can be discussed. He noted that the Chamber may

C-LINE #62038 NON-GLARE TOPPER

Disconnection Petitions Circulated for Park District

Establishment of a Wheeling park district is closer to reality with circulation of petitions to disconnect from the rural park district and to organize a new park district "along realistic lines approximating that of the village."

Concern on the part of many Dunhurst Heights residents toward the rural park district, in which they were included after large hunks of farmland were subdivided, is disappearing as the petitions make the rounds.

Wheeling Village attorney Fred Weiszmann drew up the petition to disconnect at request of village authorities. Attorney Roger Bjorvik consulted with Wheeling rural park district attorney Francis E. Kelly in preparing the petition for Weiszmann, and turned it over to village authorities.

THE PETITION names an area stretching from county line road on the north to the center

of section 15 (south of Hintz rd.), with western boundary the center of section 4 between Buffalo Grove and Schoenbeck roads. This area, plus Wheeling proper, stretching east to the Des Plaines river, will give park district enthusiasts the area desired and needed if a creditable start on recreational facilities can be made.

Statistically minded readers can try to follow this (on foot): west on county line road from east end of sec. 3 to center of sec. 4 (between Buffalo Grove and Schoenbeck rds.); south to Hintz rd.; east to center of east half of sec. 15 (just east of rte. 83); south to center of sec. 15; east to N-S center of sec. 14 (Soo line); north to E-W center of sec. 11 (southern boundary of Wheeling).

THE ADDITION of Wheeling proper to the contemplated new park district would provide an area from these boundaries east to the river. As soon as the disconnection petition is completed, it will be presented to the rural park district for vote by the

commissioners. Their immediate agreement is expected.

Next step in formation of the new park district, with an eye to eventual playground facilities for the children, will be a petition to organize. This petition is already being circulated with proponents expecting agreement from residents so that an election can be called in June.

Herald

April 16, 1959

WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT PROGRESS on the formation of a Wheeling park district with village attorney Fred Weiszmann and rural park district attorney Francis E. Kelly combining efforts to draw up a disconnection petition that will pave the way for future action designed to give recreational facilities to the youngsters of Wheeling and Dunhurst Heights.

Rural park district commissioners Harold Weidner, Albert Nickol, and Donald Ozmun have given assurance they'll agree to the disconnection once it is submitted. Rural park president Martin Meyer, treasurer Norman Runge and secretary Fred Heuer have stated they, too, concur.

Brief history of the rural district includes its formation in 1950 and 1951 with legal notices published in the Arlington Heights Herald. This is the Wheeling township paper read by most of the farmer involved. Since that time, Dunhurst Heights and the Wheeling Herald have come into existence, with some of the farmland originally included in the rural park district now having streets and homes.

Most important in our discussion of the park situation was the need to provide recreation for the kids. We think commendable the willingness of the rural park men to cooperate in order to speed the operation.

Only possible "fly in the ointment" may be many home owners buying on contract rather than mortgages. Most lawyers agree, however, that this technical point of ownership can be worked out to satisfaction of everyone concerned.

And we found the results of those past elections of the rural district right where they belonged — in the files of the district secretary, Fred Heuer. We hope our comments last week did not cause too many gray hairs on the heads of the rural park commissioners.

Herald

April 16, 1959

SPECIAL PARK DISTRICT COMMITTEE
OF WHEELING

Dear Friend and Neighbor:

May we ask that you take a minute or two from your busy schedule and read the enclosed article. We know that you will find it interesting.

Will you be able to join us on April 5 at the Mark Twain school at 3:00 P.M.? This meeting will be extremely important to the community interests demonstrated by your group.

If you cannot attend personally, please appoint one or two representatives to fill in for you.

It will be appreciated if you will return the enclosed post card with the names of those who will attend. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Audrae Duke

(Mrs.) Audrae Duke
Secretary,
Special Park Dist. Comm.

107 Meadowbrook
Wheeling, Illinois

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF WHEELING, Incorporated

The Community Council of Wheeling, Incorporated, was established under the direction of the Wheeling Junior Woman's club.

The need for a Community Council, an organization of organizations, first penetrated public consciousness at the conclusion of the Transportation survey, when it was found that no single community body would be able to finance and support a program of public transportation (were it proven completely desirable and feasible).

Astute individuals had recognized, too, the effect such an organization could have in establishing a park district. Those people integrally involved in the steering committee for the park district recognized the potentials of a community-wide body to discuss, analyze, plan and endorse not only the park district, but other endeavors for community improvement, as well.

To devotees of planned progress for an expanding community, a prime requisite was for the origin of a non-government affiliated planning group to coordinate recreation facilities, court industries looking for a suburban home and perhaps suggest ways in which Wheeling could become a more attractive suburb.

Charitable organizations such as the Scouts, and the chairmen of fund raising drives looked upon the compilation of all drives into one as a necessity for the town. A community chest or any other form of concerted fund raising would have to be born of a community group with extensive participation.

A group of interested individuals met, among whom were representatives from the schools, the P.T.A., the library board, the scouts, the park district steering committee, the newspapers and the Wheeling Junior Woman's club. Each was conversing in a different direction about a nebulous panacea for the community ills. It was through the woman's club representative that the name of "Community Council" was brought into focus. The representative had been aware of the intent and purposes of such a group through the CFWC material and information directed at the State level. The meeting was conclusively in favor of forming a body representative of the entire community and existing only for community improvement.

The details of its organization were delegated to the Wheeling Junior Woman's club, as the Federation had provided information enough to make the clubwomen the most informed local source on such a program.

A letter was prepared and sent to all community organizations along with a self-addressed post card for the name of their representative. This was done to determine the extent of community interest in a Community Council. While the responses were being received, a letter was sent to Dr. Richard Poston of the Community Planning Department, Southern Illinois University, with a copy to the Illinois Community Achievement chairman, requesting information.

Those names were the key that opened the door to a world of knowledge through intelligent and informed sources. Dr. Poston returned the name of Mr. Wade T. Searles, Associate Director, Welfare Planning Department, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, and Mr. Searles, in turn, provided the names of several councils operating in neighboring areas as well as volunteering his own services.

Leaders in those councils suggested by Mr. Searles were contacted and the following check list of information sought: (1) Internal structure of operations, (2) degree of success, (3) reasons for it, (4) diversification of membership, (5) projects undertaken and completed, (6) difficulties arising at time of formation and (7) future difficulties that could be avoided. Each council was requested to send a copy of their by-laws for study by Wheeling.

By the time the response cards were received, the study of community council formation and execution was completed. Eighty-three percent (83%) of the organizations contacted responded in favor of the council, naming representatives.

The community-wide interest in the formation of a community council was the only basis upon which a functioning body could exist.

Motivations of some of the interested organizations are indicative of the potential community spirit dwelling within them. Such groups as church-affiliated social groups for men and women, the Democratic and Republican clubs for men and women and the neighborhood women's groups expressed a desire to join with the community council to contribute, to the extent of the organization's ability, something towards an improved community. These organizations dedicated to fund raising for their churches, or their political parties, could not financially support any project. They could not, as a group, devote their labors to any, besides the project they were primarily organized to support. The Community Council seemed to them an effective way in which to keep abreast of the community, and to see that whatever they could offer the community would be part of a coordinated effort toward community improvement.

The heretofore insignificant organizations were viewed in a new light. Not only could those groups have something to contribute by their very presence and the representative views they offered, but first hand information would be taken back to a segment of people never before reached. A media for community contact had been offered. A new source of community potential had been discovered.

The groups expressing a negative reaction to the council, 17%, were contacted in order to discover their reasons which were looked upon as a barometer of opposition to the Council. The majority of opposition was based on the fear that this group would evolve into a Caucus party for village elections. Although clearly outlined in newspaper releases and spelled out as "non-political" in the by-laws, the community council was viewed with fear as a potential political tool. It was the committee's opinion that these organizations fears could only be dispelled by proof of the council's intent through accomplishment.

Other opposition to the council took the form that it could operate only as an "anti" group -- in a negative manner -- opposing village action.

To these organizations it was explained that an "anti" policy contributes nothing constructive to community improvement, and since that is the basis for its existence, their fears were unfounded.

Mr. Searles was invited to speak at the organizational meeting of the Council on the topic, "The Role of the Community Council in the Community". To, as he expressed it, "get the feel of the community," he arranged a prior meeting with the committee.

The organizational meeting was conducted by a member of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. After Mr. Searles' talk, the assembly was invited to ask their questions. By a unanimous vote of the assembly, the establishment of the Community Council was realized. Temporary officers were elected and a Projects, Public Relations and By-Laws committees set up.

At the first meeting of the Council February 24 the by-laws were approved with minor revisions and a Membership and Nominating Committee formed.

The by-laws committee used as a guide the by-laws of successfully functioning councils in the area along with the by-laws of a council in St. Helens, Oregon. The 10-point purpose of the Community Council of Wheeling, Incorporated, was taken directly from the "Community Councils" pamphlet sent out by the General Federation of Womens' Clubs, as the committee could evolve nothing more suitable or concise than the points therein outlined.

It is the duty of the Membership-Nominating committee before the next meeting to send out application blanks for official membership in the Council. From this list of official members will be drawn the slate of officers to be presented by the Nominating committee.

The Community Council, in its short existence, has:

- (1) discovered a new source of community potential
- (2) reaffirmed the existence of a spirit of community cooperation in 87% of Wheeling
- (3) aroused the public into constructive thinking on community problems.

The Council was built on a strong foundation of accumulated knowledge, of bricks - the representatives of community organizations - mortared by the bond of mutually beneficial goals. So long as a well-constructed brick building shall stand, so long shall the Community Council continue to serve Wheeling.

WHEELING JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Wheeling, Illinois

November 9th, 1959

In unification lies strength - - the strength of purpose - -
the strength of accomplishment.

How can these philosophies affect you? Through the establish-
ment of a COMMUNITY COUNCIL your ORGANIZATION can be the basis of
this strength and your COMMUNITY the recipient of it.

The COMMUNITY COUNCIL will be composed of a representative
from each authorized organization in the community. Meeting to-
gether at regular intervals these representatives will discuss
the problems of the community and arrive at feasible solutions.
Each organization will be kept abreast of the community situation
through its representative and, through its representative, each
organization shall express its views.

The success of such a plan was revealed through the success
of the Wheeling Public Library. Although not founded by a
Community Council, as such, the conception of the library and its
survival throughout the past year has been due to the contribution
of labor and funds by organizations, individuals and businesses.
A large project such as the library can not possibly be carried on
without the approval and cooperation of various community groups.

You can take the first step toward an improved community by
listing your choice of a COMMUNITY COUNCIL representative on the
enclosed post card. Your representative will be contacted in the
near future as to the time and place of the first meeting of the
community council.

Woman's Club
Council Representative

May
June Lane

Buffala Grove Women's Club

La. 7-2053

November 16, 1959.

Dr. Richard Poston,
Community Planning Department,
Southern Illinois University,
Carbondale, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Poston:

Our community is interested in forming a community council. Primary steps (in the form of the enclosed letter sent to all organizations in the area) have been taken already.

I would appreciate receiving some information on existing community councils. If available, would you please send (1) a list of some communities in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago where community councils have been successfully formed; (2) information on the internal structure of successful community councils; (3) a list of any available speakers on the subject in this vicinity; and (4) any other information from which you think Wheeling's community council could profit.

Thank you for your interest in this and other communities in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. L. (Audree) Duke

Enclosure

CC: Mrs. L. A. Clark

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

C A R B O N D A L E

I L L I N O I S

November 28, 1959

Mrs. G. L. Duke
Wheeling Junior Women's Club
107 Meadowbrook Lane
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Duke:

Your letter of November 16, has just arrived as I am hurrying to catch a plane for New York to leave for a study of community development programs overseas. Hence, I hope you will forgive me for not having time at this moment to think out answers to the four very good questions you have raised.

However, I would make these suggestions to you. For information concerning communities in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago where community councils have been successfully formed, I would suggest you contact the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, 123 West Madison Street, Chicago. Also Kenneth Haygood who is either at Community College (the downtown college), University of Chicago, or the Center for the Study of Liberal Education for Adults, 4819 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago. For general information (printed matter) on community councils, I would suggest you write Mrs. Mildred White Wells, Contest Director, Community Achievement Contest, The General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

I hope this will yield the information you are seeking, and that you have a most successful program. Oh yes, another good source of printed information, and possibly films on community councils would be the Chicago Public Library.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Poston
Research Professor

RWP:ja

December 7, 1959.

Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago,
123 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

The Village of Wheeling is working on an attempt towards unification through the formation of a community council. Our express needs are a unity of spirit overcoming a physically divided area, and a master organization through which the many and diversified organizations in town can contribute their efforts to the solution of community problems (lack of recreational facilities, no transportation, etc.).

A letter has been sent out to all the community organizations proposing a community council. The response and interest developed through the suggestion has been overwhelming. In order to further carry through the formation of such a council, I would be greatly interested in contacting the leaders of similar community councils, successfully functioning in nearby areas.

A list of community councils in the northwest area striving towards community improvement and the names of their representatives would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. L. (Audrae) Duke



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Mrs. G. L. Duke
 Wheeling Junior Woman's Club
 107 Meadowbrook Lane
 Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Duke:

Your letter of December 7th to the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, has been referred to me.

There are several Community Councils or organizations similar to Community Council operating in your section of Cook County. I am listing those below with the name of the latest president or chairman. It could be that different persons are now officers of these Councils, but the individuals listed should be able to help you.

C. E. Barthel, Jr., President Crestwood 2-4360
 Community Council for the Northbrook Area, Inc.
 1135 Jeffrey Court
 Northbrook, Illinois

Mrs. Florence Kashian, Acting President Glenview 4-1159
 Glenview Area Community Council
 1043 Queens Road
 Glenview, Illinois

Morris Lapidus, Chairman Orchard 6-9255
 Social Agency Coordinating Committee of Niles Township
 7914 Lincoln Avenue
 Skokie, Illinois

A committee in Arlington Heights is exploring the need for a Community Council in that area at this time.

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Mrs. G. L. Duke
December 10, 1959

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The Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago through its Suburban Program can help you in your development of a Community Council. I spend most of my time helping communities in the northern and western suburbs interested in the programs of Community Councils. I will be glad to meet with you or one of your committees at a mutually convenient time in either Wheeling or in our office.

I am in my office usually every Monday, the balance of the week at irregular times. You can usually reach me at my home about supper time at Woodland 8-8086. Please feel free to call on me for any help that the Welfare Council may give you.

Sincerely,




Wade T. Searles

Associate Director

Area Welfare Planning Department

WTS:hg

December 7, 1959.



Mrs. Mildred White Wells,
Contest Director,
Community Achievement Contest,
General Federation of Women's Clubs,
1734 N. Street, N.W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Wells:

Our community, under the direction of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, is taking the primary steps toward uniting their efforts through a community council. The initial letter we sent out about the community council is receiving an overwhelming response. I am enclosing a copy of the letter for your reference and in hopes that it might be of use to some other clubs attempting unity in their communities.

Since the Wheeling Juniors will be in the position of directing the course the community council will take, I would appreciate receiving any general information your office might have on the successful formation of other community councils. Of primary interest right now is the internal structure of successful community councils. Any information you might have about this would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. L. (Audrae) Duke

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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
1734 N STREET, N.W. • WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Mrs. Mildred White Wells, Contest Director

December 11, 1959

Mrs. G. L. Duke
107 Meadowbrook Lane
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Duke:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your sending me a copy of the letter which you used for the preliminary organization of your community council. It came at a most opportune time for I had just received a request for help in organizing a council.

Now I hope I can return this help by enclosing a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the St. Helens, Oregon, council. You may remember that three women's clubs in St. Helens won the \$10,000 prize in 1958. By organizing this council and its subsequent community work, they changed the spirit of a divided community to one which went ahead to real achievement and is continuing its work.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of "Twelve Won - Nobody Lost," the story of the national winners in 1956. Read carefully the account of Abbeville, Ala. another \$10,000 winner. This brings out an important point, that the club did not attempt to dominate the council but became just one of the members of the council.

If you would like to have more copies of the pamphlet, "Of Community Councils" and the Community Check List, we will be glad to supply them.

I am so thrilled over what you are doing and hope you will keep me informed of your progress.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred White Wells

Mildred White Wells, Director
Community Achievement Contest



...about

COMMUNITY

COUNCILS

What they are

How they start

What makes them succeed

General Federation of Women's Clubs
1734 N Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.



Note to clubwomen:

The concept of the "community council" is spreading rapidly throughout the United States. And already women's clubs have shown their leadership in making this concept a reality.

The \$10,000 top prizes in both of our recent Community Achievement Contests went to women's clubs that sponsored community councils: the Matrons' Club of Abbeville, Alabama in 1956, and the three federated women's clubs (a joint entry) of St. Helens, Oregon in 1958. These were chosen by the contest judges for outstanding "community achievement" from thousands of your magnificent and worthwhile projects.

This fact alone attests to the great value placed on such councils by the professional community development experts who serve as national judges for the contests.

Indeed, for many years authorities in this field have agreed that, where you find an active community council, you also will find a healthy and creative community — aware of its needs and acting to solve its problems.

More and more of our clubs are asking questions about the function of such councils and the procedures for starting them.

It is in order to implement your interest and to answer your questions that we furnish you with this pamphlet. We hope that it may be for you an introduction to an exciting new pattern of community life.

Mrs. Arthur E. Crom

Chairman, GFWC Community Affairs Department

Chairman, Policy Committee, 1958-1960 Community Achievement Contest



What is a Community Council?

A community council is a voluntary organization, made up of representatives of civic-minded groups, which serves as a coordinating body within the community.

What does it do?

1. It maintains a broad perspective on the needs of the community as a whole.
2. It analyzes the needs of the community through discussion, study and surveys.
3. It provides a forum for ideas on how to meet these needs.
4. It suggests ways in which appropriate organizations can take action cooperatively or separately.
5. It may sponsor action itself when a project is so big that individual organizations cannot handle it.
6. It serves as a clearing house for dates and information about services and volunteer activities in the community.

How does it strengthen a community?

1. It achieves widespread participation of the people in planning and action to meet basic needs.
2. It prevents wasteful overlapping of work by different organizations.
3. It makes member organizations more effective, since all support each other in the job of building a better community life.

Does every community need a Community Council?

- YES — if there are community problems, affecting all citizens, that are not being met.
- if there are many volunteer organizations with similar goals, competing for citizen participation.
 - if the community seems to have lost the sense of "building its own future".

How does a Community Council get started?

A successful community council comes into being when groups and individuals recognize the need for greater coordination and cooperation of planning and action.

Usually, one organization must provide the leadership in establishing such a council. Women's clubs often have taken the initiative in doing so.

There is no cut-and-dried pattern for starting a council. Many have grown from the experience of a community in working together to meet a single, big problem. Some have started as temporary committees, then become permanent councils.

But, to be lasting and effective, a community council must be based on strong, informed support — on the wish of the community itself.

How does a woman's club find out whether the community would support the idea of a Community Council?

1. By learning as much as possible about the function and achievements of community councils.
2. By discussing the idea informally with leading citizens in the community: heads of organizations, elected officials, newspaper editors, etc.
3. By drawing up a list of challenging problems in the community and seeing how formation of a community council could help to solve them.

If the community appears to be receptive, what should be done?

The woman's club can take the initiative in doing the following:

1. Make up a list of civic-minded organizations and individuals to be invited to a first meeting.
2. Prepare a letter, inviting representatives to come to the meeting and stating that purpose of the meeting is to discuss formation of a community council.

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3. If possible, deliver the letters in person, thereby securing an opportunity to "talk up" the community council idea before the actual meeting.
4. Open the meeting with a roll-call of those present, asking each person to name organization he represents.
5. Have the group draw up and/or consider a list of community problems.
6. Lead discussion on how a community council would help to meet these problems.
7. Take a vote to see if the group wishes to go ahead with organization of a community council.
8. Elect a committee on organization and a temporary chairman.
9. Ask all representatives of organizations present to report back to their members and have a person elected or appointed to act as official representative on the council.
10. Set the time and place for the next meeting.

If the community does not seem to be receptive, should the community council idea be dropped?

Not if you feel that there is a real need for such a coordinating body. You may need to:

1. Educate the community to the value of a community council.
2. Wait for the "psychological moment" to take the initiative in proposing such a council.
3. Show by the example of your club in working with the whole community, the effectiveness of coordinated planning and action to meet basic needs.
4. When you enter the Community Achievement Contest, invite organizations to form a committee to help you plan and execute projects for the contest. Such a committee can later become a permanent community council.

FOR MORE SUGGESTIONS →

To find out more about Community Councils:

READ BOOKS:

- "Guide to Community Action" by Mark S. Matthews
Harper & Bros., 1954
- "Democracy is You" by Richard W. Poston
Harper & Bros., 1953
- "The Human Community" by Baker Brownell
Harper & Bros., 1950
- "Making Good Communities Better" by Irwin T. Sanders, University of Kentucky Press, 1953
- "Exploring the Small Community" by Otto G. Hoiberg
University of Nebraska Press, 1955
- "The Community" by Irwin T. Sanders
The Ronald Press Company, 1958
- "Studying your Community" by Roland L. Warren
Russell Sage Foundation, 1955

SEND FOR PAMPHLETS:

- "Coordinating Council" (Reprint of Address)
Write: Kenneth S. Beam, Civic Center, So. Diego, Calif.
- "Organizing a Community Council," Michigan Council on Adult Education, Dept. of Public Instruction, Lansing 2, Michigan

CONSULT AN EXPERT:

- Find out if your state university has a Department of Community Development (usually part of the Extension Division). Invite a member of the staff to come to your community to discuss the subject of community councils, or go to the university to consult with him.
- Find out (write your Governor for information) if your state has a community development board, sponsored either by the state, by public utilities, or some other group. Invite a speaker who can give you facts about community councils.
- If there is a neighboring community where a coordinating council is established, invite a member of that council to come to your town to talk about organization and achievements.

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DON'T

- Focus on any more structural details than are absolutely necessary in the developmental stage. It is better to emphasize community planning and programs with the formalities of organization worked out gradually.
- Worry if the woman's club is submerged in the overall council structure. The sense of achievement in working for overall community betterment through a united group is the prize you are aiming for!

TWO COMMUNITY COUNCILS- And How They Grow

The Pan Council, Abbeville, Alabama

History: In 1955, the Matrons' Club of Abbeville, a federated woman's club, decided that the town needed a centralized planning organization. The club members clearly foresaw what would be accomplished by such a structure. It would:

1. "Unite community strength behind important activities."
2. "Create better understanding between each organization and the community through a study by the central group of the problems of the community as a whole."
3. "Prevent wasteful overlapping of work by different clubs on similar or identical jobs."

However, the idea was too new for Abbeville to accept without some preliminary spadework. The club decided to hold open, monthly meetings during the winter of 1955-1956, with programs especially planned to lay the groundwork for community acceptance of the council idea.

By May, 1956, the club was ready to move forward into direct sponsorship of a community council. It invited every organization in town to send a representative to a meeting. At the meeting, it first proposed 10-minute buzz sessions, so that small groups could decide which community needs to discuss before the larger group. A list of priority problems thus emerged, representing the points of view of all organizations in Abbeville. The plan for a coordinating group was then presented. After discussion, those present voted for immediate establishment of such a group, to study the overall, long-range needs of the community and to make up a program for the future.

As soon as the council became a reality, the Matrons' Club took its place beside other organizations as "just one more member" of the planning group. As a woman's club, it continues to carry on its own program and projects. But as a member of the Pan Council, it now fuses these projects with the overall plans for community development, thus achieving a new wealth of community creativity.

(Matrons' Club of Abbeville: winner of \$10,000 prize in 1955-1956 Community Achievement Contest)

The Community Achievement Council, St. Helens, Oregon

History: The three federated women's clubs of St. Helens decided, in the spring of 1957, to make a joint entry in the GFWC Community Achievement Contest, co-sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Their town had long been divided, with many separate groups and factions that had failed to work cooperatively in meeting basic community needs.

Using the contest as an impetus, the clubwomen called a meeting of civic groups and leaders and asked that all unite in a "Community Achievement Council", to work for the overall improvement of St. Helens during the months of the contest period. The plan was unanimously approved.

A city-wide tour by members of the Council brought to light many sore spots that called for immediate improvement. Different member organizations of the Council volunteered to take the responsibility for adopting these as their projects.

An executive committee of two men and three women provided leadership in guiding and encouraging the 51 member organizations to action.

The Council itself sent letters to state and city departments, local industrial concerns and others, urging immediate steps to improve local conditions that had long been neglected.

During the contest months, the Council was effective as a means to quick action: 1) through individuals who were members, 2) through the organizations represented, and 3) through the prestige of the Council as a whole.

By the end of the contest period, in March 1958, St. Helens had learned the value of the Council in a larger sense. The community has become united in its ability to plan and work together for a better life.

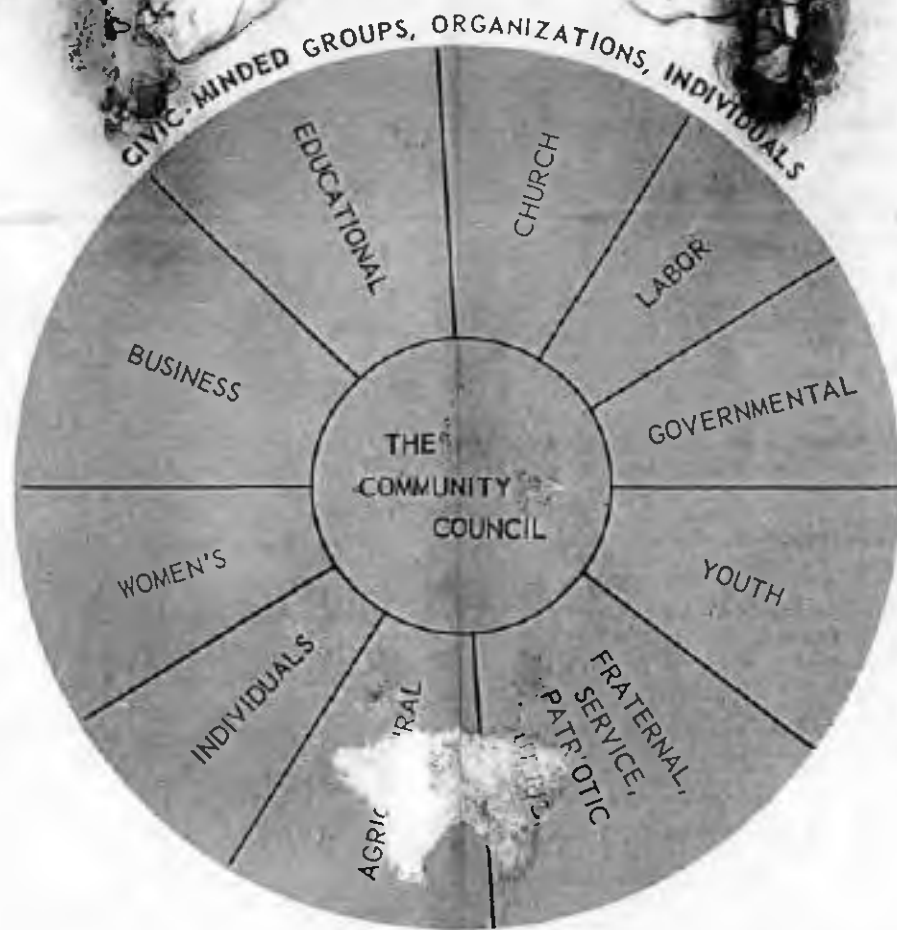
The Community Achievement Council, by popular demand, has become a permanent community council in St. Helens.

(Woman's Club, Jr. Woman's Club and Zenith Club of St. Helens - a joint entry: winner of \$10,000 prize in 1956-1958 Community Achievement Contest)

Some other community councils, established in recent years with the leadership of local GFWC women's clubs:

Brundidge, Alabama	- "Interplanning Council"	Wall Lake, Iowa	- "Community Planning Council"
Delaware City, Delaware	- "Civic Improvement Association"	College Park, Maryland	- "Citizens Advisory Committee"
Tallahossee, Florida	- "Community Service Council"	Ruskin, Nebraska	- "Community Coordinating Council"
Greensboro, Georgia	- "Civic Improvement Group"	Albemarle, North Carolina	- "Community Council"

TYPICAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTA



DO

- Be sure that the council represents a majority of the people in the community.
- Include any group which has a genuine interest in community improvement.
- Hold public meetings at intervals to give all citizens a chance to participate.
- Give youth a place. The council is a training ground for future leadership.
- Get a statement from each organization of its intention to affiliate with the council.

DON'T

- Allow any one faction or group to dominate the council.
- "Freeze" membership. Do keep the council open to new groups, as they indicate interest.
- Allow the council to become "just another organization."

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DO

- Keep the council structure simple and flexible.
- Develop it according to the needs of your own community.
- Elect leaders who have broad vision and a community point of view.
- Rotate officers, so that no individual or group of individuals comes to dominate the council.
- Open membership on committees to anyone in town who indicates real interest.

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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January 4th, 1960

Mrs. William Farr, President
Junior Woman's Club
Wheeling, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farr:

This is to inform you that we will be very happy to attend a meeting concerning the formation of a Community Council in the village of Wheeling.

We feel that this will be a great step forward in this community to help consolidate the many interests of the community in a unified program. The Junior Woman's Club should be complimented on their efforts to form such a council.

We will be very happy to cooperate in every way possible to bring about the formation of this Community Council.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth F. Gill,
Superintendent

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Wheeling
Herald
November 26, 1959
November

Community Council Proposed for Village

Plans were revealed in Wheeling this week to form a new civic group, comprised of representatives of various organizations, for the purpose of discussing community problems and arriving at a unified course of action.

The statement of purpose of the new organization — to be called the Community Council — is: "In unification lies strength — the strength of purpose, the strength of accomplishment."

In a statement sent out by a citizens committee, who are the prime movers of the council idea, the following are the aims of the council:

"SINCE MANY of the community projects necessary to make Wheeling a better place in which to live are projects too cumbersome for any one organization to undertake, the Community Council is proposed. Through it each organization, large or small, can contribute to the welfare of the community.

"The role each organization plays in any Community Council endorsed project will be based on the ability and interest of the group:

"THE SUCCESS of such a plan is revealed through the success of the Wheeling Public Library. Although not founded by a Community Council, as such, the conception of the library and its survival throughout the past year has been due to the contributions of labor and funds by organizations, individuals, and businesses. A large project such as the library cannot be carried on without the approval and cooperation of various community groups."

EACH organization in the community has received a letter asking that the name of their representative be submitted to the Wheeling Junior Woman's club Community Council representative, Mrs. Audrae Duke.

"The success of the organizational response will determine the success of the Community Council and the ultimate success of the community," said a spokesman for the Woman's club.

Wheeling Independent
January 14, 1960
January

Community Council to Hold First Meeting Sunday

The Community Council will hold its first organizational meeting at 3 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Mark Twain School. Guest speaker, Wade T. Searles of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, will talk to the group on the role of the community council. Temporary officers and committees will also be set up at this time.

In order to effectively operate, the community council must fully represent all elements of community life: schools, service and social organizations, churches, youth groups, as well as businessmen's and governmental organizations.

This representative group will serve as a coordinating body within the community, analyse the needs of the community and provide ideas on how to meet these needs.

In addition to the organizations previously listed, the following have indicated their willingness to participate. They are: Jaycees, St. Mark United Church Men's Fellowship, Meadowbrook Property Owners Association, Amvets Auxillary, Royal Neighbors, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, St. Joseph the Worker Church, St. Mark United Church, Republicans Club, Democrats Club, Jaycee Jills and Carl Sandburg School.

Any organization who has not received a letter of invitation may still participate. Interested unaffiliated citizens are also welcome.

Herald January 21, 1960

Clubwomen Sponsor Council's Meeting

The Wheeling Junior Woman's club sponsored the first meeting of the newly formed Wheeling Community Council.

All community organizations were invited to Mark Twain school last Sunday to hear Wade T. Searles of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago speak on "The Role of the Community Council." Searles told representatives of the many achievements in the fields of recreation, safety, welfare, and public transportation that have resulted from community councils similar to the group started in Wheeling.

After a discussion of community problems, acting chairman Mrs. Godfrey L. Duke called for a show of hands to ex-

press interest. The response was unanimous.

DON PAISLEY was elected temporary chairman and Mrs. Duke was elected temporary secretary. The following committees were appointed: By-laws, Art Brown, Mrs. William Hogarth, Mrs. George Bobalko, Ken Gill, Mrs. Robert Holman, Bill Lasley; Publicity, Len Abrahamson, Mrs. Paul Christiansen, Mrs. J. Behm; Projects, Burlingham, Mrs. Jack L. Mrs. James Wieder, and Mrs. Paul Christiansen.

A frequent comment of representatives was that the Community Council should enable citizens to do many things they would not otherwise be able to accomplish individually.

Planning and Action

Community Council To Hold First Meet

The Community Council of Wheeling will hold its first official meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. in a classroom at the Mark Twain school.

At this meeting, the by-laws committee will present a set of proposed by-laws for the approval of the group.

Under the proposed by-laws the Community Council is defined as, "a non-political, non-sectarian organization made up of various community organizations which shall serve as a coordinating body within the community."

THE PROPOSED by-laws further outline a 10-point program as the purpose of the newly formed Community Council which is to,

"Maintain a broad perspective on the needs of the community as a whole;

"Analyze the needs of the community through discussion, study and surveys;

"Provide a forum for ideas on how to meet these needs;

"Suggest ways in which appropriate organizations can take action cooperatively or separately;

"Sponsor action itself when a project is so big that individual organizations cannot handle it;

"Serve as a clearing house for dates and information about services and volunteer activities in the community;

"Provide a two-way communication system to obtain information from, and disseminate it to, the various organizations through their rep-

resentatives;

"Achieve widespread participation of people in planning and action to meet basic needs;

"Prevent wasteful overlapping of work by different organizations;

"Aid in making member organizations more effective through their support of each other in the job of building a better community life."

ALL CLUB representatives present at the organizational meeting of the Community Council are requested to attend this meeting.

Any individuals who might wish to participate in the Council because of their interest in the Community are invited to attend, as well as any organizational representative not previously in attendance.

Herald

February 2, 1960

PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF
THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF WHEELING, Incorporated

NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF WHEELING, Incorporated.

PURPOSE

The Community Council of Wheeling shall be a non-political, non-sectarian organization made up of various community organizations and shall serve as a coordinating body within the community to:

1. Maintain a broad perspective on the needs of the community as a whole.
2. Analyze the needs of the community through discussion, study and surveys.
3. Provide a forum for ideas on how to meet these needs.
4. Suggest ways in which appropriate organizations can take action cooperatively or separately.
5. Sponsor action itself when a project is so big that individual organizations cannot handle it.
6. Serve as a clearing house for dates and information about services and volunteer activities in the community.
7. Provide a two-way communication system to obtain information from and disseminate it to, the various organizations through their representatives.
8. Achieve widespread participation of people in planning and action to meet basic needs.
9. Prevent wasteful overlapping of work by different organizations.
10. Aid in making member organizations more effective through their support of each other in the job of building a better community life.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Organization members: one representative each from all organizations which are civic-service, educational, religious, fraternal or are otherwise actively concerned with, and engaged in, public welfare and improvement.
2. Members-at-large: individuals who wish to participate because of their interest and the contribution they are able to make to their community.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Four officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected at a regular meeting in April for one year or until their successors have been elected.

2. Vacancies in any office shall be filled by a vote of the Executive Board. The person thus chosen shall remain in office until a successor is only elected at the next annual meeting of the Council.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint such committees as are necessary, make and present an annual, written report.
2. The Vice-president shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and service as Dean of Chairmen.
3. The Secretary shall keep permanent records of all the meetings, be custodian of all official records of the organization, and handle all correspondence as directed by the President.
4. The Treasurer shall keep all the financial records and make a financial report at each meeting. The books shall be audited at the end of the fiscal year by a committee appointed by the President.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers of the Council together with the immediate past president and the chairmen of standing committees.
2. Two-thirds of the membership constitute a quorum.
3. Funds for the usual operating expenses can be withdrawn by joint action of the President and Treasurer. Any other expenditures must be authorized by a majority vote of the Council at a regular meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees shall be the Projects, Public Relations, Finance and Membership, their chairmen and members to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. With the approval of the Executive Board the President shall appoint all Special Committees, except the Nominating Committee.
2. A Special Committee shall automatically be dissolved when its report has been accepted by the Executive Board.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. The Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Council members not less than 3 (three) months before the annual election and shall consist of 5 (five) members.
2. The Nominating Committee shall notify members of the nominees at least one month prior to the annual election.

3. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate at the election meeting after which nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominees has been secured.

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Council shall be from May 1 to April 31.

AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regularly scheduled meeting by a 2/3 vote of the organizational members present, providing that copies of the proposed amendments are distributed to said members at an earlier meeting, or mailed to the voting members at least one week in advance of the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

RULES OF ORDER

The Council shall be governed in all matters not covered in these By-laws by Roberts' "Rules of Order, Revised".

Local Reporters Keep Busy with Home, Wor



MOTHER'S LITTLE HELPERS gather 'round when its column writing time in Meadowbrook. "The clack of the typewriter is like the call of the wild," says Paddock Columnist Audrae Duke. "At the first sound, the monsters come running."



"WE'VE BOUTED HER," says 2-year-old Gary. "You make the calls; I'll take notes." Larry, 4, obediently calls the overseas operator. "Sometimes the column runs a little beyond the deadline. These are the reasons," says Audrae.

Meet the Duke—Audrae, that is.

This charming housewife, social lioness, and mother of two is the author of the popular Dialing Meadowbrook column that appears each week in the Wheeling Herald edition of Paddock Publications.

Audrae Duke is one of more than 80 Paddock correspondents and columnists whose neighborhood gossip and chatter fills some 60 pages a week in 13 separate editions. She is one of the tireless part-time writers who cranks out an almost endless stream of local news that runs from trivia to tragedy, from birthday parties to obituaries.

HOW DOES a suburban matron keep up with neighbor-

hood happenings, I try to find more interesting and more unusual items — goofy, or unique parties, dog stories, births, guests from out of town," says Audrae. "There are about a dozen people I call regularly; they give you tips, and then you follow through."

LIKE ANY big-city reporter, the local columnist must rely on her news sources, and sometimes runs the risk of being called a snoop or a busybody. Mrs. Duke's answer:

"You've got to dig to get the story, but at the same time you've got to exercise your scruples. You try to respect people's right to privacy by checking all your information with the people involved. Sometimes there's a party to which the next-door neighbors are not invited. Reporting this could make mortal enemies."

Squeezing out a well-written column each week is a challenge for any active mother and housewife, but with Audrae it's something just short of miraculous. Interested in community projects, she has

plunged whole-heartedly into the Junior Woman's club, of which she is a past president in Wheeling.

With the club, she is active on the library committee, the special education committee, community achievement chairman, representative to the Community Council, has been nominated as assistant director of the Seventh District Junior Woman's club, and handles school board publicity.

Under the special education committee, the club was instrumental in calling attention to the need in the local school system of a program to help the perceptually handicapped child, a program that was adopted a few months ago.

AUDRAE IS also active in her sorority, Theta Upsilon, and serves as stenographer and social secretary to her husband, Godfrey L. Duke, prominent young architect.

The Dukes moved to Meadowbrook almost four years ago, and bought one of the first 12 homes. There wasn't much to write about in those days, says Audrae, but now

with 350 homes occupied "it's a real job to keep up with things."

But keep up she does, as do all the local columnists, reporting the day-to-day penings—the drama of little people—that fill waking hours of the community.

Mrs. James Wieder Honored At Meeting

Mrs. James Wieder of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club was honored at the meeting of the Seventh District Juniors Thursday night, April 23. She totaled 704 service hours for the past year, and was presented a certificate in honor of her outstanding achievement.

Twelve members of the Wheeling Juniors were present at this meeting held at the Field House in Pioneer Park, Arlington Hgts. The club's new president, Mrs. William Farr was introduced to the Seventh District Juniors that evening.

Herald

January 7, 1960

Independent
April 30, 1959

Leading Ladies

Mrs. Robert Strom



The leading lady of the week is Mrs. Robert Strom. In recent months Sherle Strom has devoted a great deal of her time to the new Wheeling Library. As co-chairman of the Library Committee of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club, she directed the volunteer workers in the tremendous task of making and cataloging thousands of books. The bulk of the organizational work was done by members of the Woman's Club as a group and many individuals. The club will continue to maintain the library in the future, so Sherle will be spending additional time in the little white building.

Sherle Strom has been a member of the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club since its beginning. She served as second vice president during the Clubs second year.

The Strom home at 52 E. Jeffery is the scene of a weekly meeting of the cub scouts of Den 8. Sherle became a den mother for them when nine year old son Steve, joined the cub scouts. The eight boys of Den 8 are now busy with Christmas gifts and studying the Golden Rule. Sherle also attends the monthly meeting of Pack 118.

The Stroms are members of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here. Sherle serves as secretary for Sunday School of the church, keep-

ing attendance and collection records. Since she moved here from Chicago three years ago, Sherle has been increasingly active in activities about Wheeling.

Independent
November 26, 1958

Leading Ladies

With the annual membership tea on September 6, the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club is moving into its third year as one of the community's leading organizations. Since its inception in March of 1956, the Club has grown steadily in the number of members and the number of contributions to Wheeling.

Turning back to the beginning of the club's history, a number of familiar names are found as charter members. Among these are Mrs. Arthur Leimetter and Mrs. John Grossman, two women particularly instrumental in the commencement and original growth of the organization.

A former member of the Rogers Park Woman's Club in Chicago, Dorothy Leimetter wished to continue club membership closer to her new home in Wheeling. Learning of her interest, officers of the Federation of Woman's Clubs urged her to begin a Woman's club in Wheeling. The response from Dorothy's immediate friends and neighbors was great, and the club came into being.

On March 13, 1956, just five months after the Leimettters had arrived here, a tea was held at their home at 282 Edgewood Drive. Representatives of the 7th District of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, Mrs. Harvey Strickler, and Mrs. Harriet Imber, were guest speakers, explaining the structure of the Federation to prospective

members. Mrs. John Grossman was chosen as Acting Chairman, presiding until elections were held. With elections, she was elected president. Betty Grossman's leadership during that important first year was a valuable asset. The small group began activities which will continue from year to year, such as their support of the Braille Room of the Wheeling School. They participated in the nationwide annual sale of Halloween candy for the Brain Research Foundation, and outsold clubs triple their size. As part of the Federation, the club made monetary contributions to philanthropies of the 7th District.

In addition to caring for their homes and families, and participation in activities of their new parish, Dorothy and Betty continue to devote much of their time to the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. With the rest of the members, over fifty, they make possible contributions of time and money to the new library, Public Health service, the science film series, reference library, and many other projects which benefit the entire community. The women sum up their idea of service in the following pledge.

"I pledge my loyalty to the Junior Club Women, by doing better than ever before what work I have to do; by being prompt, honest, courteous; by living each day, trying to accomplish something; not merely to exist.

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September 2, 1958

Wheeling Juniors Named State Community Achievement Winner

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Clubwomen from the seventh district of Illinois Federation of Women's clubs will be interested in the report given May 11, at the 65th annual convention held at the Sherman hotel by the Community Achievement contest chairman, Mrs. L. A. Clark of Martinsville.

This is a national contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's clubs and the Sears Roebuck foundation. Winners in each state are judged on the national level, for which a coveted first prize of \$10,000 is given.

FIRST PRIZE winner in Illinois is the Wheeling Junior Women's club. The Wheeling community is a n

area building up rapidly on farm land where taxation for their many needs is opposed by farm interests.

The club of 61 young women was able to overcome these difficulties by securing cooperation and instigating the following: a library district; a class for the perceptually handicapped in the school district; a united community Christmas project; a public relations program in the school district; and helped form a School Caucus Plan; sponsored dance instructions for Junior High students; conducted a transportation survey; participated in a Park District steering committee; and just completed organizing a com-

munity council which includes representatives from all organized groups in Wheeling.

THE Community Achievement contest is judged on the basis of community development which means the general improvement of the quality of the community life as a whole, such as civic unity; interest and responsibility toward solving the problems of a given community; also, improved skills in group decisions and group leadership.

Officers recently elected to serve the seventh district during the 1960-1961 term are: Mrs. C. A. Hendrickson, Arlington Heights, president; Mrs. Harold V. Northway,

Park Ridge, first vice president; Mrs. Arthur P. Murray, Edgebrook, second vice president; Mrs. A. Irving Goux, Chicago, recording secretary; Mrs. William C.

Wilkinson, Park Ridge, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edward Schoessler, Chicago, treasurer; and Mrs. Myron R. Hartley, Mt. Prospect, junior director.

May 22, 1960

Prize Winning Woman's Club



Dr. Howard Y. McClusky, University of Michigan professor, national community achievement contest judge, pauses during inspection of state winning projects of Wheeling Junior Woman's club to chat with Mrs. Orville C. Beattie, (from left), Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs director of junior clubs; Miss Chloe Gifford, General Federation of Women's Clubs president; and Mrs. William Farr, Wheeling club president. May 22, 1960

Compete for Title

The Wheeling Junior Woman's club will compete for a \$10,000 first prize with nine other finalists in the 1959-1960 community achievement contest of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The winning club will be announced June 16, during the federation's annual convention in Washington. Contest co-sponsor is the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. As Illinois winner the Wheeling group won \$1,000.

Projects of its 45 members have included establishment of a village public library district and help in initiating the Wheeling Community

council and classes for perceptually handicapped children.

Contest judges, Richard W. Reuter, executive director of CARE, Howard Y. McClusky, professor of educational psychology at the University of Michigan; and Mrs. Jean Ogden, instructor in the extension division of the University of Virginia, recently inspected the club's projects and conducted a hearing on its achievements.

Portage Park

The Portage Park Woman's club will participate in memorial day ceremonies at 9:30 a. m. Friday in Portage park, Berteau and Long avenues.

Wheeling Jr. Women Given 3 Awards at Annual Confab

Wheeling was well represented at the Illinois Federation of Women's club's annual convention May 11, when 15 Wheeling Junior Woman's club members attended the Junior night banquet at the Sherman hotel, Chicago.

Numerous awards were presented to various junior clubs throughout the state of Illinois for their outstanding achievements in their community. The Wheeling Junior Woman's club received three awards, one a certificate of award for being a 100 per cent club, another which was the most outstanding award of the evening, a sterling silver inscribed bowl, which Mrs. O. C. Beattie, state junior director, presented to Mrs. William Farr, club president, and Mrs. Godfrey L. Duke, community achievement chairman, for winning first place in the state of Illinois in the Community Achievement contest.

EARLIER IN the day, Mrs. Duke had given a resume of the Wheeling club's projects before the convention body. A check in the amount of \$300 was presented to her by Robert C. Peabworth of the Sears Roebuck foundation. Wheeling Junior Woman's club was named state winner in the Community Achievement contest sponsored by the General Federation and the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

The club was recently placed in the top 10 woman's clubs finals in the nation after winning the state title from among 666 entrants.

ANOTHER award for individual accomplishments was presented to Mrs. James Wieder, an active member of the Wheeling Juniors, who received the award of excellence in recognition of outstanding achievement for a member with most service hours, 2,298, of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs.

Following the banquet and presentation of awards, many club members remained in the loop to attend the free premiere of Walt Disney's movie, "Pollyanna" at a Chicago theatre.

Wheeling Juniors who attended the Junior banquet were: Mrs. George Bobalko, Mrs. Kenneth Bjertnes, Mrs.



2,298 SERVICE hours earned for Mrs. James Wieder, right, of Wheeling Junior Woman's club, an award of excellence in recognition of outstanding achievement for having the most service hours of the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. O. C. Beattie, state junior director, made the presentation. (S)



SILVER BOWL for winning first place in the state of Illinois in the national Community Achievement contest, is presented to Wheeling Juniors at banquet of the Illinois Federation of Women's club's annual convention May 11 at the Sherman hotel, Chicago. Accepting the bowl from Mrs. O. C. Beattie, center, are Mrs. Godfrey L. Duke, left, community achievement chairman of the Wheeling club, and Mrs. William Farr, president of the club. (S)

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ONE OF THE top 10 in community achievement, Wheeling Junior Woman's club entertained judges of the national contest at luncheon last Monday and following the program, judges were taken on a tour of the various projects. Sponsored

by Sears Roebuck foundation and the General Federation, three of the judges, pictured here, were Judge Maloney of the General Federation of Women's clubs, and Judge Muller, also of the foundation. Clubs entered, numbers 7,713. (S)