

PTA NEWS

World Is Brought to Lincoln School

By Esther Brightman

The world is brought into immediate focus for the children of Lincoln School, Lakewood, for among the pupils are a number who have come from other lands or whose parents were born in far-away places.

In addition to the two children pictured, there are Bok Chan representing China; Nickolas Pasalis, Greece; Margaret Borros, Austria; Hans Baker, Finland; Afad and Muna Shami, Jordan; Don Mayerhofer, Australia; Kenneth Fairbairn, Scotland; Frederick Leube, Germany; Aivars Udris, Latvia; Georgette Constantinescu, Rumania; Pat and Robert Wykoff, Poland; Stewart and Susan Cergol, Yugoslavia, and Paul Greenwood, Canada.

Tomorrow at 1:45 these pupils, in costume, will have special parts in the dedication of the United Nations flag which is being given to the school by Lincoln PTA. At an assembly patterned after United Nations procedures the "security council" will give a child's interpretation of the U.N. and its purpose.

session which follows, the children will display the flags of the countries they represent, state briefly the most significant issues facing those countries today, and tell what the United Nations has done for them.

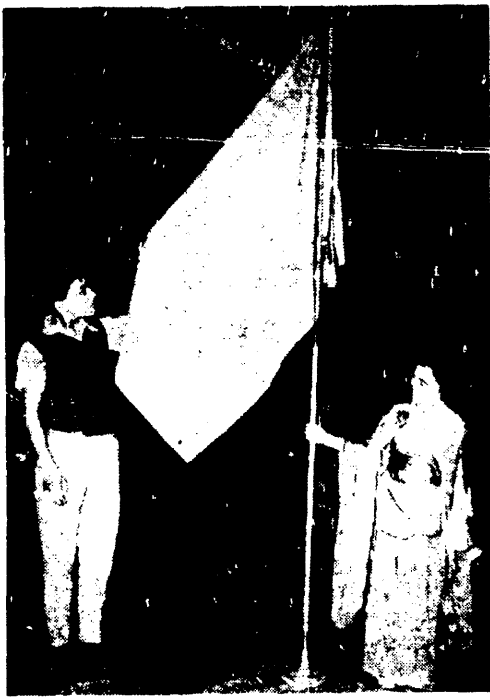
East Area of PTA to Go to School

PTA officers from Bratenahl, Chagrin Falls, Mayfield, Orange, Richmond Heights, Solon and Warrensville will converge on Warrensville Heights High School Wednesday at 9:30 for the all-day spring school of instruction offered by the Cuyahoga East Area PTA Council. The morning business meeting will be followed by "Behavior for the Birds," depicting common and comical mistakes in board meeting procedures.

Mrs. Arthur Mehlman is chairman of the day, afternoon of which will be taken up with conferences for officers and chairmen.

Clevelanders Attend National PTA Meeting

At the national PTA convention in Omaha, Neb., today through Wednesday are local members of the board of managers of the Ohio Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. The list includes Mrs. Donald



AGAINST THE BACKGROUND of the flag of the United States, Basem Salem, from Jordan, and Donna Matsumura, whose parents came from Japan, look at the United Nations flag which is to be presented to Lincoln School in Lakewood by the PTA.

Crockett of Cleveland, first vice president of the Ohio organization; Mrs. Malcolm Heed, Parma Heights, director of North-Lake district; Mrs. Meldrum W. Berkey, Lakewood, chairman of citizenship and international relations; Mrs. N. J. Reiff, Fairview Park, associate editor of the Ohio Parent-Teacher; Mrs.

John Cox, Seville, preschool health chairman, and Mrs. Alfred C. Jones, Brecksville, procedure chairman.

On Milford Program

"The Importance of Making a Will" is to be explained by J. Robert Malloy at the meeting of Milford PTA Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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Comparing Prayers Is Food for Thought

By Elizabeth Kardos

My learned doctor friend, who is a great philosopher, often gives me provocative ideas which are food for thought. He was reared in the Mohammedan faith and became a Christian in his early childhood. His interpretation of the Persian poets and seers fascinates me and whenever I'm in his company I listen and learn.

Recently, we got on the subject of religion and he gave me prayers of four of the outstanding religions of the world. It is interesting to note the similarity in the meanings. I would like to quote each one for you. My friend gave me the Mohammedan one; the other three are on a Virginia motel card under the heading, "Let's All Give Thanks for Every Meal—Every Day."

PROTESTANT: "Bless, O Lord, this food to our use, and us to Thy service, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others, in Jesus' name. Amen."

CATHOLIC: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

JEWISH: "Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary and bless the Lord. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Our God, King of the universe. Who bringest forth bread from the earth."

MOHAMMEDAN: "In the name of God, most merciful and giver of mercy, bless this bread and salt."

Also on this unusual card, presented to hungry customers as a pre-dinner time killer, is the following thought entitled, "Don't Live in a Hurry."

"One must stop to listen to music. One must stop to pray. One must stop to understand the great lift all such moments hold for each of us. And the reward for such pauses is a peace of mind and heart that can change an entire world, just as it has many times before."

On the back of the card is a short article, "Food for Thought." There isn't space

Elizabeth Kardos Lectures

Wednesday, 1 p.m. Luncheon, Shaker Heights Neighborhood Guild, at the College Club.

here to print the article in full but it relates that in 1923 an important meeting was held in Chicago with nine of the world's most successful financiers attending. Twenty-five years later four of these envied men had committed suicide, two had served prison terms, one was insane, and two had died bankrupt.

Below is the comment: "All of these men learned well the art of making money, but not one of them learned how to live."

It is indeed, as the title of the article says, food for thought.

Elizabeth Kardos will answer your questions. Please write to her at The Plain Dealer, Cleveland 14, O., enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please do NOT telephone, because a written reply is much more satisfactory.



VIRGINIA BELLAN

Bellan-Meyer Nuptial Plans Being Made

Ohio University students, Virginia Bellan and Richard C. Meyer, are planning to wed Sept. 6.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Bellan, 3998 Elmwood Road, Cleveland Heights, and Mr. Meyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Meyer, 33693 Lake Road, Avon Lake.

PTA Has Its Charms; Bracelets Are Proof

Erna Berkey (Mrs. Meldrum W.) may not wear her heart on her sleeve but she does carry much of her life on her arm. Some half dozen years ago her husband presented her with a "this is your life" charm bracelet to which he and her friends have been adding ever since (now there are three bracelets)—and her PTA activities have helped to fill them.

This spring Mrs. Berkey is turning the bracelet which holds the PTA charms—turning it out of the present and into the past. Her daughter is graduating from high school and she has chosen this time for resigning from PTA activities.

One of her last official acts will be the installation Thursday at 8 p.m. of the new officers of Lakewood High School PTA, a ceremony which follows closely on the heels of her attendance at the national PTA convention in Omaha, Neb., today through Wednesday.

She expects to concentrate on volunteer work at Lutheran Hospital, where she is a member of the Junior Board, and in church work.

Back to the bracelets: A tiny desk, complete with typewriter, represents her first job. Next in line is that typical up-setter of routine, Cupid, followed closely by miniature engagement and wedding rings. A house key with a horseshoe symbolizes the first Berkey home (they now live at 2358 Woodward Avenue, Lakewood) and the arrival of Marcia, their only child, is indicated by a birth certificate including date of birth and weight. The year when "Mel" went into the foundry business is marked by a tiny ladle.

Mrs. Berkey's 18-year membership in the Lakewood Little Theater and her office as the first woman president of the organization are shown by a mummer's mask. An old-fashioned rocking chair reminds her of her charter membership in Lakewood Historical Society and a tiny cross symbolizes her work in Faith Lutheran Church, Lakewood, where she has been president of the Women's Society.

Highlights of her long and active service in PTA can be read in such tiny objects as a world globe (state chairman of international relations); a Bible which opens to show a microscopically small engraving of the Ten Commandments (state chairman of home and family life); the Liberty Bell (state chairman of citizenship); a map of Washington and a cable car (official attendance at national conventions and conferences).

Charmed memories have become tangible gifts from various PTA past presidents' groups in Lakewood—she has held five presidencies. Hayes Elementary School PTA, Harding Junior High School and Lakewood High School (as co-chairman with her husband), and two terms with Lakewood PTA Council. These include a pick from the "Forty-Niners"; an hour glass with real sand from the "Mad Hatters"; a map of Ohio from the "Susques." and a summary from the "Presniks" in the shape of the PTA symbol, the oak tree with a gavel above it.

A miniature "mike" and TV



Mrs. Meldrum W. Berkey

camera mark her first appearances in those media. And there is one bracelet devoted to her sports—tennis, golf, fencing and skating. It would take many more to tell the full story of Mrs. Berkey's interests and offices—Camp Fire Girls, Women's Committee of the West Shore Concert Series, Lakewood Safety Council, and the Lakewood and Cleveland Chapters of the American Red Cross, to name some.

Use light yellow or light brown sugar when you want a pronounced flavor.

Clock Is Memorial
Lakewood High School PTA teacher of Latin and dean of is presenting the school with a girls for 38 years. She was an clock for the L-Room in mem- active member of the PTA for ory of Lucy Helen Kimball, 25 years.

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