HISTORY
1915 to 1936
MARYLAND CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

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AIMS AND PURPOSES

To raise the standards of home life. To develop wiser, better-trained parenthood.

To give young people, ignorant of the proper care and training of children, opportunities to learn this, that they may better perform the duties of parenthood.

To bring into closer relations the home and the school, that parent and teacher may cooperate intelligently in the education of the child.

To surround the childhood of the whole world with that loving, wise care in the impressionable years of life, that will develop good citizens, instead of lawbreakers and criminals.

To carry the mother-love and mother-thought into all that concerns or touches childhood in the Home, Church, School, State or Legislation.

To interest men and women to cooperate in the work of purer, truer homes, in the belief that, to accomplish the best results, men and women must work together.

To secure such Legislation as will ensure that children of tender years may have the fullest protection and wisest care.

To arouse the whole community to a sense of its duty and responsibility to the blameless dependent and neglected children, because there is no philanthropy which will so speedily reduce the expense of institutions for correction and reform.

The work of the Congress is civic in its broadest and highest sense, and every man or woman who is interested in the aims of the Congress is cordially invited to become a member and aid in the organized effort for a higher, nobler national life, which can only be obtained through the individual homes.
MARYLAND BRANCH
OF THE
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOTHERS
1915 --- 1936

Mrs. Edward A. Robinson, President
1915 --- 1917

"The Mothers' Congress of Maryland" held its first meeting on February 18, 1915 in the Arundell Club Hall, Eager and Chase Streets, Baltimore, Md.

The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Maryland branch of "The National Congress of Mothers". A second meeting was held in the Young Men's Christian Association, February 23, 1915 with Mrs. Edward A. Robinson, presiding. Mrs. Wm. F. Thatcher of Washington, D. C. represented the national organization. Dr. Mary Sherwood of Baltimore told of the development of the Babies' Milk Fund in Baltimore. Mrs. Arthur B. Kinsolving spoke on the question of better motion pictures. Three hundred and fifty members were enrolled and temporary officers appointed. The remaining one hundred and fifty members necessary to form a state branch were secured and the following officers elected:

Mrs. Edward A. Robinson, President,
Mrs. Calvin F. Troupe, Vice-President,
Mrs. Charles R. Gantz, Cor. Sec.,
Mrs. Alexander P. Knapp, Treasurer,
Mrs. Richard Woodward, Rec. Sec.,
Mrs. E. S. Mitchell, State Organizer.

The third general meeting was held April 16th, 1915, in the "City Club," Munsey Building. Mrs. Morris Carey of Baltimore and Mrs. Frederic Schoff of Philadelphia, National President, were the speakers. The Mother's Pension Bill having been granted in twenty-two States, was discussed, and Mrs. Schoff made an earnest
plea for the interest of the fathers in the movement.

In the fall of 1916 the meetings were resumed at the Belvedere Hotel.

Regular meetings of the organization followed and clubs organized in Anne Arundel and Carroll Counties, the State group adopting the method of study classes recommended by the National, using as their text book "Parents and their Problems" issued by the National.

"Child Welfare Circles" were formed under Mrs. Edward A. Robinson, to study "Parents and their Problems." Following is the list of members in this pioneer movement.

Mrs. Edgar Edmonston  Mrs. Louis Goodman
Mrs. C. Ernest Baker  Mrs. Leonard Hecht
Mrs. Edward L. Palmer, Jr.  Mrs. T. R. Hewitt
Mrs. Edward Robinson  Mrs. H. E. Houch
Mrs. J. W. Tottle  Mrs. Augustin Hindley
Mrs. Howard Schwartz  Mrs. Merrill Hopkins
Mrs. Ira Houghton  Mrs. Aubrey E. King
Mrs. Leonard Burbank  Mrs. F. L. Lloyd
Mrs. Percy Bogg  Mrs. J. A. Leutscher
Mrs. Wm. B. Levy  Mrs. Theo. Mottu
Mrs. Joseph T. Lawton, Jr.  Mrs. Arthur McCauley
Mrs. J. Edward Tyler, Jr.  Mrs. E. L. Palmer
Mrs. Ezra Whitman  Mrs. L. A. Pearson
Mrs. Morris Carey  Mrs. H. E. Parkhurst
Mrs. Henry S. T. White  Mrs. E. A. Robinson
Mrs. Wm. T. Lawton, Sr.  Mrs. A. R. Hyatt
Mrs. Woodward  Mrs. Harry Klinefelter
Mrs. Cha. R. Gantz  Mrs. Kiefer
Mrs. J. Henry Baker  Mrs. E. F. Kelly
Mrs. Daniel Base  Mrs. Howard Schwartz
Mrs. Lewis Bacon  Mrs. H. T. Sharp
Mrs. Francis King Carey  Mrs. Wm. R. Shelley
Mrs. Castleberg  Mrs. T. C. Swope
Mrs. Julia Cunningham  Mrs. H. B. S. Smith
Mrs. Selwyn Colburn  Mrs. Howard Sands
Mrs. F. C. Desch  Mrs. Eugene Smith
Mrs. Marshall Duer  Mrs. J. E. Tyler
Mrs. J. E. Duker  Mrs. Tassewell Thomas
Mrs. O. H. Duker  Mrs. H. S. T. White
Mrs. Albert Doty  Mrs. E. E. Whitman
Mrs. K. E. Foster  Mrs. Robert Walker
Mrs. Harry France  Mrs. P. S. Wilson
Miss Irene Vogel  Mrs. F. W. Wagner
Mrs. H. Gardner  Miss Elizabeth Silkensen
Mrs. J. K. Gerard  

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At the annual meeting in May 1917, Mrs. Robinson, by reason of her health, declined re-election and the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Edward A. Robinson, Hon. President.
Mrs. Harry Elkins Parkhurst, President.
Mrs. Robert Moss, First Vice-President.
Mrs. Pearre Wantz, Second Vice-President.
Miss Persis Miller, Third Vice-President.
Mrs. Charles R. Gantz, Fourth Vice-President.
Mrs. Ira Houghton, Fifth Vice-President.
Mrs. J. Cookman Boyd, Rec. Sec.
Mrs. Park L. Wilson, Cor. Sec.
Mrs. Henry E. Sharp, Treasurer.
Mrs. Joel G. Nassauer, Auditor.

MRS. HARRY ELKINS PARKHURST, PRESIDENT

1917 ---- 1929

UNITED SERVICE CLUB

The United States having entered the World War, it was deemed wise that the energy of the organization should be utilized for war purposes. Under the guidance of Mrs. Frederick Schoff and Mrs. William T. Carter of Philadelphia, a Club House had been opened in that City, where men in uniform would have a place for recreation when off duty, and Mrs. Schoff appointed a National Committee known as The Mothers Army and Navy Camp Committee of the N. C. M. and P. T. A., to establish similar clubs in all States having cantonments. Mrs. Harry Elkins Parkhurst of the Maryland Branch was named as the Chairman for the State of Maryland.

During the entire summer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elkins Parkhurst called upon and secured interviews with more than one hundred representative citizens, all of whom pledged their assistance in promoting the movement to meet the local needs of visiting Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.
A strong, advisory board of more than fifty men and women was formed. An Executive Meeting of the Maryland Branch was then called and a public meeting arranged for October 18, at the Hotel "Emerson". Five hundred invitations were mailed to representative men and women in the community. Three hundred and fifty responded, and after a convincing appeal from Mrs. Frederic Schoff of Philadelphia, President of "The National Congress of Mothers", followed by Doctor Charles Wood of Washington and Mr. Fred Johnson representing the War Department Committee on Training Camp Activities, a resolution to support any activity of the Maryland Branch of the N.C.M. and P.T.A. was unanimously passed. As a result of this meeting Miss Emma Marburg and Mrs. Emilie McKim Reed offered assistance in equipping a club house, and in three weeks thereafter the upper floors of the building 204 West Fayette Street (the use of which was donated by Major George W. Hyde) was opened with enthusiastic support. The movement was an immediate success and the opening night found the building crowded with soldiers and sailors, and the fifteen beds which had then been provided, occupied for the night at the nominal charge of twenty-five cents. The need for such a club was so apparent that the enthusiasm of the workers became intense. Immediately Major Hyde offered the use of the adjoining property which was taken over and with the assistance of a large number of women's organizations and many individual donations which were voluntarily offered, was equipped all beds and equipment having been loaned by Miss Marburg. This work was continued until the houses were equipped with recreation rooms, libraries, pool room, dining room and sleeping quarters for eighty men. In order to raise money for the work a melting pot was placed in the window of
the Hennegen-Eates Company, 7 East Baltimore Street, and the public generously contributed their old pieces of gold, silver, tin foil, copper and brass, which articles were sold and a considerable sum of money realized. Other organizations quickly appreciated the success of the activity and offered their co-operation, providing sleeping quarters and installing equipment, until on Saturday of each week we were able to register accommodation for more than seven hundred men. The organizations contributing to this success were:

Grand Lodge of Masons
Independent Order of Odd Fellows
Junior Order United American Mechanics
Knights of Pythias
Brown Memorial Church
Central Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
Maryland Society Colonial Dames
Maryland Daughters of the Revolution
Maryland Daughters of the American Revolution
City Teachers’ Training School Alumni
Arundel Club
Council of Jewish Women
Women’s Auxiliary Battery A
Women’s Club of Forest Park
Women’s Club of Roland Park
Govans Improvement Club
Teachers’ Literary Club
Scorosis Club
The Daughters of the Confederacy
The Daughters of the War of 1812
The Sons of the American Revolution.

Through the medium of Mr. George W. Walther an annex was opened at 204 West Franklin Street with canteen, sleeping accommodation and recreation room. The entertainment of the men on Sunday became an acute problem. The New Theatre was offered by the Messrs. Whitehurst through its Manager Mr. Louis De Huff, and with the consent and co-operation of the Police Department, the theatre was opened every Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the United Service Club, free to all men in uniform, the program consisting of films furnished by the theatre a message and prayer by one of
the clergy of the various denominations and a musical program furnished by students of the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Every Sunday evening at the United Service Club, 204–206 W. Franklin Street, from seven to eleven P.M., a concert, under the direction of Miss Lena Steibler, was given by students of the Peabody Conservatory of Music. The United Service Club service was rendered to all men in uniform free of all charges, with the exception of twenty-five cents for those who spent the night, the Club having the volunteer services of representative men and women as hosts and hostesses every day from two until eleven P.M.

By the time the building was ready to be utilized it was discovered that some provision had to be made for a night attendant and as this had not been foreseen on the opening night, one of the members, Harry Elkins Parkhurst, offered to remain in charge.

Every bed was occupied the first night besides all available chairs in the lounging room and library. It immediately became apparent that definite need existed for such a service.

Accordingly, Major Hyde donated the further use of the adjoining building — 206 W. Fayette Street and Miss Marburg equipped the third and fourth floors of the building with beds.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Emilie McKim Reid as Chairman of the House Committee the second floor was furnished as a recreation centre and interested citizens loaned piano and furniture and pool and billiard tables for the purpose. Mrs. Ida B. M. Thomson followed Mrs. Emilie McKim Reid as Chairman of the House Committee, thus rendering very valuable aid.

The Maryland Institute donated hand paintings for the walls.
The Mercantile library donated over four hundred books for the library.

As the use of the club house by the soldiers, sailors and marines increased, and they utilized it as their headquarters when off duty, regular Saturday and Sunday entertainments were arranged. A free breakfast was served on Sunday morning to all overnight guests. This breakfast committee included Mrs. Park L. Wilson, Mrs. Arwine, Mrs. Wm. D. Waxter, Mrs. Waldo Newcomer, Mr. Stanley Carswell - Mr. Elmer Stewart and Mr. Norman Stubbs.

The service offered the men soon generated a desire among other organizations to assist in the work.

The Masons opened a dormitory of fifty beds in the Masonic Temple and also produced a supervised dance on Saturday nights.

The I. O. O. F. opened a dormitory of one hundred and fifty beds.

The Order of United American Mechanics opened two dormitories.

Among the churches offering dormitories and furnishing Saturday night sleeping quarters and Sunday breakfasts were:

First Presbyterian Church
Park and Madison Avenues

Brown Memorial Church
Park and Lafayette Avenues

Central Presbyterian Church
Butaw Place

The first floor recreation room was furnished by the Daughters of the Revolution under the leadership of Mrs. Frank O'Nion. The canteen was furnished by a special committee including Mrs. Joseph Lawton, Miss Amelia Fowler, Mrs. Henry T. Sharp and Mrs. Blair T. Scott. Meals were served every day.
On Saturday nights a special service was rendered in the canteen by Miss Gladys Whiting, Miss Ethel Wedge, Miss Louise Veasey, Miss Helen Lipscomb, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Day, Miss Hudgins, Mrs. Ida B. M. Thomson, Miss Katharine Thomson and Mr. Clarence Thomson.

To maintain the work of the organization many individuals contributed to its support and success. During the entire period of the World War all coal for heating the clubs was furnished by Richard H. Edmunds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record.

Generous donations of money were received besides personal services rendered by

Mr. Lemuel T. Appold
Mrs. Francis H. Jenoks
Mr. Maurice Cahn
Judge & Mrs. Henry Stockmidge, II
Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Mayo Thom
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Partridge Klots
Mr. & Mrs. Barton Van Ness
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Elkins Parkhurst
Mrs. A. Lane Taneyhill
Miss Elizabeth Gordon
Rev. & Mrs. Murray & daughter
Miss Elizabeth Chew Williams
Mr. and Mrs. J. Crossman Cooper
Mrs. Thomas Wistar
Mrs. D. W. Williamson
Miss A. Wentz
Mrs. S. M. Townsend & husband
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Van Ness
Miss Alice Winder
Mr. & Mrs. H. S. T. White
Miss Marie Webb
Dr. Alice S. Parkhurst
Miss Gertrude Sappington
Mr. & Mrs. J. Cookman Boyd
Mrs. H. J. Supple
Mr. & Mrs. George Radcliffe
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Orne Price
Mr. David S. Pouder
Miss Edith Hoyt Stewart
Mr. Herbert Ogier
Mrs. Ferdinand A. Meyer
Mr. & Mrs. I. Wimbart Mohler
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. E. Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Howard C. Millikan
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. E. McPhail

Mrs. Waldo Neeomber
Mrs. Edward A. Robinson
Members of the Phoenix Club
Mr. & Mrs. Strickland Gillilan
Miss Marian Hopkins & sister
Mr. Theodore Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Scott
Mr. George W. Walther
Ex-Governor & Mrs. Phillip Lee Goldsborough
Miss Ann Huntley Gordon
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Kinsolving
Mr. & Mrs. James Whedbee
Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Amidon
Mrs. James W. Wilson
Mrs. F. A. Torsch
Mr. & Mrs. Barton Van Ness
Mrs. J. G. Welbourne
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lloyd Winder
Mrs. Frank Webb
Dr. Sidney Street
Mrs. Bradley Stellman
Mrs. Calvin F. Troupe
Dr. & Mrs. John Girdwood
Miss Elizabeth Requardt
Mr. & Mrs. Jas. A. Récharson
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Booth Price
Mrs. Reuben Ross Holloway
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Perkins
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Onion
Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Mohler
Mr. & Mrs. F. J. Mosher
Mr. & Mrs. W. Bosley Merryman
Rev. H. P. McCormick
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Brown
Mrs. Edward Arthurs
Mrs. Frank Bennett
Mr. & Mrs. Frank W. Dryden
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Cugle
Mrs. J. K. Boehme
Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Bloodgood
Mr. & Mrs. William G. Belt
Mr. George Veesey Parkhurst
Miss Marie E. Perkins
Miss F. L. Hooper
Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Hyde
Rev. & Mrs. G. Warfield Hobbs
Mr. John G. Johannesen
Mrs. George W. Ijams
Mrs. J. D. Iglehart
Miss Elizabeth Hopkins
Miss Sallie Gibbons
Mrs. J. L. Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Manning I. Parsons
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson S. Poe
Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Gaither
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde M. Friz
Mrs. Edwin F. Abell
Mrs. S. C. Browning
Mrs. C. S. Byrd
Miss Isabel Carswell
Mr. Wm. T. Childs
Mr. Edward Early
Mrs. W. C. Edmonston
Mr. John B. Emory
Mrs. Wm. H. Fedderman
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Pitchett
Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand B. Fookes
Miss Cora Haman
Mrs. Charles W. Hatter
Mrs. John Heflebonar
Mrs. Charles Hsia
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred T. Hoen
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hoskins
Mrs. J. J. Kohler
Dr. & Mrs. John H. Latane
Mrs. D. M. Newbold
Mrs. Lewis Palmer
Mrs. Charles H. Riley
Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Roy
Mr. John T. Staub
Mr. Norman Stubb
Mrs. James B. Farrar
Mrs. Robt. E. Downes
Miss Bertha Bennett
Miss Kathleen Bond
Mr. H. M. Bash
Mrs. Wm. Payne Butler
Miss Florence Bankard
Mrs. L. A. Beck

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Gildra
Mr. & Mrs. James Dubel
Mrs. Henry E. Boyd
Miss Helen G. Corner
Miss Clara B. Benninghaus
Mrs. Emily Dryden Venneerry
Mr. George W. Behlke
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Sipple
Mrs. John R. Hooper
Mrs. Alexander Grenger
Mr. & Mrs. Ray G. Hyde
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. George L. Irvin
Miss Louise Dryden Veassey
Mr. & Mrs. Enock Pratt Hyde
Miss Minnie Meagle
Miss Elizabeth McIver
Mrs. T. Spence Creny
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur P. Shanklin
Mrs. George Corbin Perine
Dr. & Mrs. S. C. Pennington
Dr. & Mrs. Elmer C. Freeman
Miss Elizabeth Albert
Mr. George Browning
Miss Grace Carroll
Mr. & Mrs. George H. Campbell
Mr. & Mrs. J. Cross
Miss Jennie Eddins
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. R. Ellis\n Mrs. R. F. Atkinson
Mrs. Frank C. Fenhagen
Mrs. Edgar Fluharty
Miss Grace Kossett
Mr. & Mrs. C. Bradley Hays
Miss May E. Healy
Mr. Wm. T. Henning
Mrs. Helene Hoffman
Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Hoen
Miss Esther Hunt
Miss R. H. Kilpatrick
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Linthicum
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Norwood
Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Rich
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence W. Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sloan
Mr. Elmer C. Stewart
Mrs. H. C. Swindel
Miss Kate Doggett
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred S. Day
Miss Isabel Bond
Miss Mary J. Barry
Mr. H. Roland Brady
Mrs. Samuel M. Buckman
Mrs. John L. Beatie
Miss L. B. Cooper
Many residents of the city not officially connected with the club rendered valuable service by calling for the men temporarily residing at the club, taking them to services at the churches on Sunday -- and often to dinner in their private homes.

The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Mr. Barton Van Ness, Sr., distributed invitations to visit the club, to all men in uniform arriving at the various railway stations.

A mass meeting, presided over by Ex-Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough, brought forth a generous financial response and an enthusiastic desire on the part of the citizens to aid the prefect of the Service Club.

Additional revenue was received by a large benefit at
Ford's Theatre to hear "Blossom Time" under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Van Ness, Sr.

Although the "Maryland Congress of Mothers" started the work of the Service Club with but fifteen dollars in its treasury, voluntary donations amounted to over thirty thousand dollars.

When the demand for sleeping accommodations exceeded the capacity of the United Service Club and co-operating dormitories, automobile service was arranged to convey the surplus to Strawbridge Parish House of the Methodist Church and dormitory at Friends' School on Park Avenue and Laurens Street.

The net result of the service was that over fifty thousand men were provided with sleeping accommodations during the eighteen months of this activity, and it is conservatively estimated that from three to four hundred thousand were entertained.

**EDUCATION**

Following the armistice, activities of the organization were resumed in educational affairs and much interest shown in the passage of bills effecting childhood. The co-operation of State and National Legislative representatives have been repeatedly sought and in many cases most gratifying results obtained. All organizations in membership are urged to avail themselves of material provided for programs by State and National, and especially to bring with the attention of members of the "Child Welfare Magazine," the official organ which contained most helpful suggestions. National departments and Standing Committees with which Clubs were requested to participate were:
ORGANIZATION AND EFFICIENCY:

Child Welfare Day.
Child-Welfare Magazine (Subscription).
P.-T.A. in Churches.
P.-T.A. in Schools.
Membership.
Press and Publicity.
Literature.

PUBLIC WELFARE:

Better Films.
Country Life.
American Citizenship.
Juvenile Protection.
Legislation.

EDUCATION:

Humane Education.
Kindergarten Extension.
Students' Loan Fund.
School Education.

HOME SERVICE:

Children's Reading
Home Economics

HOME EDUCATION:

Mothers' Child-Study Circles
Recreation and Social Standards
Thrift

HEALTH:

Child Hygiene.
Monogamous Marriage.
Physical Education.
Racial Health.

As Third Vice-President, Mrs. L. W. Farinholt carried on
the extension work of the state being sent by the President to explain
aims and purposes of the organization to groups requesting information.

Mrs. J. J. Forbes Shaw was the first leader of "The Presidents' Council" -- a group of presidents of the various Parent-Teacher
units which met for discussion of ways and means of furthering the
usefulness of the Maryland Congress. One of its achievements was the
securing of a temporary State Headquarters in the St. James Hotel.

Interest was shown in the formation of a Parent-Teacher Association in St. Johns College at Annapolis, Maryland.

Copies of letters from its President, Dr. Enoch B. Garey follow:

"April 21, 1927

"Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Farinholt
4303 Main Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Farinholt:

I want to extend to you a personal and cordial invitation to attend a meeting at St. Johns College to be held May 7th. I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the parents of one of our boys which explains the meeting and its object, also a copy of the program. You will notice that you are occupying an important part of the program and I hope that you will accept the task assigned to you.

I believe with all my heart that much good will result from what we are about to embark upon, and as the President of St. John's College I am very proud to note that it is the first institution of higher learning in the State of Maryland to sponsor a movement so full of possibilities for good.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Enoch B. Gary"

"April 21, 1927

"Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Flora
Cresson, Penna.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Flora:

For sometime I have been concerned regarding the lack of touch between the parents of our students and our faculty at St. John's. The Parent-Teacher Associations in the secondary schools
have provided this valuable connecting link and it has occurred to me that a Parent-Teacher Association could be of similar benefit to our college life. Personally, I am frank to say, that I am not seeing as much of the parents as I want to see nor getting frank expressions from them of our mutual problem of giving to the boys entrusted to us the kind of education and training that they ought to have.

With the view of establishing, through an organization, a workable basis between the parents of students at St. John's and the administration of the college, the faculty extends a cordial invitation to you to attend a meeting in McDowell on Saturday, the 7th day of May, at 11 A.M. We are sending this invitation to the parents and guardians of all boys now attending the college. We are also extending this invitation to the officers of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, hoping that at least their state officers will attend the meeting, with the view of assisting us to form an organization that will be helpful to all concerned.

We are interested in your boy. We are trying to give him the kind of leadership and education that will make him a good citizen, a useful citizen and a good husband and father. We can't do this alone. We need the helpfulness and the counsel of everybody concerned. We are not afraid of criticism. We are looking for the right answer and we know that you will agree with us that if we can meet face to face and speak frankly on all subjects that occur to us concerning the education of this generation, that only good can come from it.

On the day of the meeting, we shall all have lunch in the college dining room. We will make a trip of the campus, visit the classrooms and laboratories and have an opportunity to have a personal word with each of the professors instructing your son, Kenneth. We very much hope that you will be with us.

Very sincerely yours,

EBG:W
(Signed) Enoch B. Garvey

OTHER ACTIVITIES

A most successful Pageant, "Mother Nature's Garden" under the direction of Annie Haines Carpenter, and including a cast of five hundred boys and girls from Baltimore Public Schools having P.T.A.'s in membership, was given at the Fifth Regiment Armory.