

School Week Depicts Democracy In Action

By JOEL AUSTIN

"Democracy in Action"—that's the theme of the 1951 observance of Public Schools Week which began throughout the state yesterday.

Officially designated by Governor Allan Shivers and both houses of the state legislature, Public Schools Week has been set aside in order that all citizens of Texas may see the great progress being made in our educational system.

Hundreds of Public Schools Week committees, named in nearly every city and town in Texas, are promoting interest in the program as outlined by the governor and in the joint resolution adopted by the Texas House and Senate.

"Objective of the theme is to acquaint all people with the programs and accomplishments of the public educational system," said John McKee, secretary of the State Committee for Public Schools Week.

"The little red school house which was the symbol of public education a century ago has expanded into a network of elementary and high schools, junior colleges and senior colleges," Governor Shivers said in his proclamation.

Hundreds of Schools Take Part

Within the state this week, hundreds of public schools will take part in this program which turns the spotlight toward the activities of schools which contribute to their education and understanding of democracy.

Parents will receive an invitation from their children to come and see the public schools in action anytime this week. Parties and displays from group projects will be the featured attractions for the parents.

Announcing plans for the week-long observance, J. W. Edgar, State Commissioner of Education, said, "May I express the hope that, during this designated week, local school officials will take the opportunity, through school visitation programs, advisory groups, etc., to bring the program of the public schools to the attention of the community."

Citizens Should Keep Acquainted

In a resolution prepared for Public Schools Week, the State Board of Education, headed by R. B. Anderson, went on record as saying, "We, the members of the State Board of Education, believe a sound educational system requires the thinking of all the people, and every citizen should keep himself continually acquainted with changing educational problems by making frequent visits to his schools."

The combined Houses of the Legislature of Texas, in a joint resolution passed February 1, said in their statement: "We urge every citizen to visit a public school during this period to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of our educational system."

College Station participation in Public School Week gets in swing today with a full chain of events on tap for the March 4-10 program at A&M Consolidated High School, Elementary School and Lincoln School.

Included in the week's activities will be displays of handicraft by the students, programs honoring visiting parents at an Open House Tuesday night, and performances by students before civic groups and radio audiences.

Open House is scheduled at A&M Consolidated Schools tomorrow night, with the doors of all home rooms slated to open at 7 p.m. Shortly after 8 p.m., the visiting parents, students, and friends will gather in the auditorium to hear Dr. C. C. French, dean of A&M, speak on influence of public schools on American democracy.

Les Richardson, superintendent of A&M Consolidated

Schools, said visitation by the parents in the classrooms will be emphasized this week. Students have prepared several hundred lapel or shoulder pin tags for tagging all visitors. The tags read: "I have been back to school this week. Have you?"

All grades in the elementary school have taken a single phase to develop from a ten point plan for "What Democracy Means." Included in this list are Discovering art, Working with our hands, Science in action, Learning responsibility, and many others.

Children Apply Knowledge

The children have applied the knowledge gained from these phases of learning democracy in the public schools toward projects which they will have on display in rooms this week.

English teachers in the high school have assigned themes for students on the school week theme, "Democracy in Action." Wilson-Bearre Company at the North Gate is sponsoring a contest for these themes. Two prizes of \$2.50 each will be awarded winners in the senior and junior high school divisions respectively.

Also receiving assignments for papers on Public School Week were the teachers who prepared essays, themes, and editorials which will be posted for inspection by visitors in the schools this week.

Schedule Kiwanis Program

At the Kiwanis Club luncheon Tuesday noon, representatives from the local schools will present a program featuring Public School Week. Superintendent Richardson said talent from either the faculty, student body, or both will be used on the program.

Arrangements are being made today to hold a radio broadcast over one of the local stations with information about College Station Schools and the school recognition week to be included on the program. Richardson said he had not completed final details in getting the program scheduled.

Posters and displays, depicting Public School Week have been placed at the Memorial Student Center on the campus, Madeley's Pharmacy at the South Gate, and Waldrops at the North Gate.

The displays feature the various phases of work and activities at the schools of College Station.

Shivers Proclaims Week for Schools

WHEREAS, AS WE take inventory of our blessings and our accomplishments in this, our 104th year of Statehood, we view with satisfaction the progress that has been made in education, the basis of which is our public school system; and,

Whereas, The little red school house which was the symbol of public education a century ago extended into a network of elementary and high schools, junior colleges, and state colleges; and,

Whereas, It has been a great cooperative venture. Both state and local governments have made their contributions. We like to believe that through their joint efforts the opportunities afforded our children for a sound basic education are not excelled anywhere. If we are justified in this conclusion, it is only because our citizens have shown a personal interest in education and because public-spirited men and women have been willing to devote their lives to the teaching of our youth; and,

Whereas, It is of paramount importance that this civic interest be strengthened and that those in the teaching profession be supported and encouraged in their efforts. One of the best ways of accomplishing these results is for each citizen to know the public school system. The best way to know it is to keep in constant touch with it; and,

Therefore, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of March 4 to March 10, 1951, as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas, and urge every citizen to visit a public school during this period to become personally acquainted with the programs and accomplishments of our educational system.

Allan Shivers
Governor of Texas

Library Fund Benefit Slated By Study Club

Homemade pies, cakes, cookies and preserves are included in the more than twenty prizes to be given at the library benefit card party March 10. The party is sponsored by the Campus Study Club and will be held at A&M Consolidated High School.

Mrs. Royce LeRoy is chairman for the card party which is being given as part of Public School Week. Mrs. LeRoy's assistants are Mrs. S. A. Lynch, Mrs. Otis Miller and Mrs. Clinton S. Walker. Proceeds from the card party, from a square dance and a book review, will be used to buy books for the Consolidated and Lincoln School libraries.

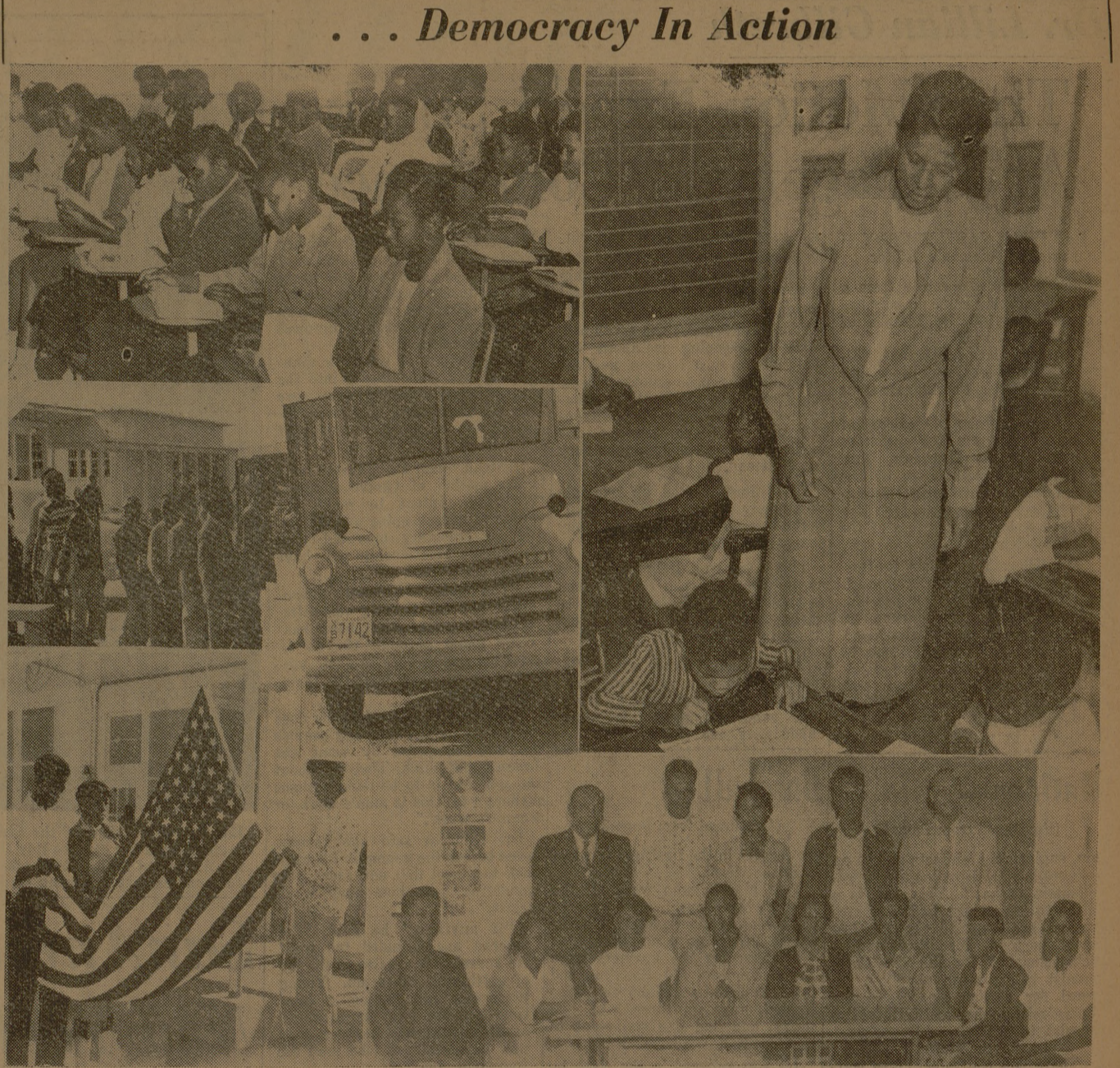
Tickets for all events are being sold this week by Consolidated grade school students. Mrs. T. K. Chamberlain, finance chairman, said tickets are also available at Madeley Pharmacy, Southside Food Market, Shaffer's Book Store, Henry A. Miller Company and Culpepper Realty Company.

Picture Display Of Schools in MSC

A photographic display depicting activities at College Station schools is on show in the promenade lobby of the MSC. This display shows the various phases of student activities at the local school.

It will remain in the case in front of the gift shop and adjacent to the stairway leading to the basement all this week.

The photographs were taken by high school and A&M photographers and mounted for display by a panel of students and teachers. The display may be seen at any hour the MSC is open.



It's Public School Week at Lincoln School and the students are anxious to show their contribution to the theme for the occasion, "Democracy in Action." The classroom scene, top, left, is typical of the daily routine which these junior high stu-

dents go through daily. Student government is also one of the activities emphasized at Lincoln; this group of student leaders, bottom, right, has been elected to carry on student government work as leaders in the school.

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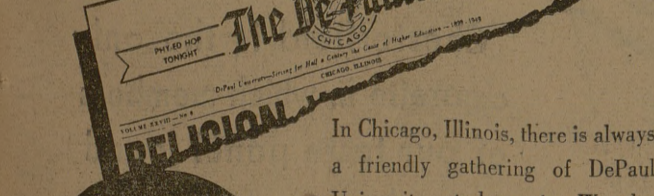
Students, faculty, and patrons of A&M Consolidated High School will hold Open House Tuesday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. in observance of Texas Public School Week. From 7 to 8 p.m. will be visiting

hour, when parents, teachers, and friends will gather in the various rooms to observe displays of student work and to see how the free public school does typify "Democracy in Action."

At 8 p.m. everyone will assemble in the gymnasium where Dr. C. C. French, dean of A&M, will talk on the general theme of the public school and its influence on American Democracy.



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