

## DeKalb History Center

### Ponce de Leon School PTA

**Scope and content:** The Ponce de Leon School Parent Teacher Association collection includes photographs, PTA histories, promotional pamphlets, news clippings, PTA programs and charter and association certificates.

**Provenance:** Gift of Eleanor Knox in 1998, Acc# 1998.28. Mrs. Knox was a former member of the PTA.

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Ponce de Leon School PTA Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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**Size:** One manuscript box and two oversized/scrapbook boxes.

**Organizational History of Ponce de Leon School PTA:** Ponce de Leon School opened on January 12, 1924 with Miss Emmie Davis as principal. It was located west of Decatur on Ponce de Leon Avenue, now the site of the Decatur Post Office. The parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was also started in 1924 and soon earned certification for attained Goals and Achievements from the Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers. During its years of service, the PTA became involved with activities and projects such as an annual carnival, restroom renovation, study group formation and purchases of reference books and athletic equipment. The PTA also raised money through a "penny parade" to install the first radio in any Decatur school. Furthermore, the PTA sponsored other organizations such as the Camp Fire Girls, the First Grade Orchestra and the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

**Description:** This collection of records reflects everyday school life through pictures of in-class activities, group photographs of entire classes, news clippings of accomplishments and interesting experiences and description of activities in the school. Names of students, teachers and PTA members may be found in the PTA histories and promotional pamphlets. A list of past presidents of the PTA and their addresses begins the history scrapbook. Many pictures of students and classroom settings are included in the Ponce de Leon School scrapbook and in folders in the document box. PTA histories include meeting minutes, organizational goals, digests, lists of members and officers and information about extracurricular programs. This collection is an excellent source for specifics about the Ponce de Leon School PTA and for photographs of elementary school life during the period 1923-1958. These scrapbooks are particularly interesting in their depiction of student interactions and learning.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Ponce de Leon School Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) (Decatur, GA)

Subject/Added Entries:       City of Decatur Schools (Decatur, GA)  
                                       Davis, Emmie  
                                       Education, elementary—Georgia—Decatur  
                                       Parents' and teachers' associations—Georgia—Decatur  
                                       Ponce de Leon School (Decatur, GA)

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder Contents</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1	1    News clippings	1928-1930
	2    Photographs	1940-1947
	3    Photographs	1942
	4    Photographs	1953-1954
	5    Promotional Pamphlets	1940-1947
2	Scrapbook	1923-1958
3	Scrapbook	1953-1954