

## ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Elementary Education Department held two very successful sessions under the leadership of Mrs. Lucy Harth Smith, of Lexington. Addresses at the first session, on Thursday afternoon, April 15, included those of Miss M. M. Elliot, of Harrodsburg, who spoke on "Professionalizing the Principalship," Mrs. Theda Van Lowe, of Lexington, who spoke on "The Progressive School," Miss Viola Johnson, who spoke on "Vocational Guidance in Our Schools," and Miss Madeline Parks, who spoke on "A Unit in Shelter." Music was rendered at the first session by the Sixth Grade chorus of the Mary B. Talbert School, of Louisville, under the direction of Miss Eloise Bell.

The Friday session was featured by an address, "The Music of the American Negro" by Mrs. Alzada Buford, of Ohio State University. Prof. Hayes Strider, Mrs. Eliza Elmo, and Miss Julia Keyes, of Lexington, also appeared on this program. During the session, Mrs. Lucy H. Smith, the chairman, made a report on the program of the work of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

The main feature of the Friday morning session was the Annual Spelling Bee of the K.N.E.A. under the directorship of G. H. Brown, of Louisville. The contest of 1937 featured both a written and an oral contest. The written contest was under the supervision of Miss Helen Yancey, of Louisville, and a set

of competent judges. There were twenty-three entrants in the spelling contest from various parts of the state. The contestants finished as follows, the winner being awarded a prize of \$10.00, the second prize being \$5.00, the remaining ones amounts from \$3.00 down to \$1.00 and dictionaries: 1. Christine Carpenter, Woodford County; 2. Madaline Spaulding, Henderson County; 3. Lillian Brown, Lexington; 4. James Edmonds, Barren County; 5. Lucy Thurston, Carroll County; 6. Freddie Shelton, Muhlenburg County; 7. Mary Irene Walker, Perry County; 8. James Taylor, Jessamine County; 9. Mary Wilford, Trigg County; 10. Edna Crowe, Daviess County; 11. Earl W. Roebuck, Bell County; 12. James H. Stafford, Owen County; 13. Ella L. Thomas, Jefferson County; 14. Sadie L. Boatwright, Garrard County; 15. Edna Mae Foley, Maysville; 16. Cornelia Harrison, Louisville; 17. Rudolph Smith, Todd County; 18. Elinora Yates, Mason County; 19. Beatrice Kelly, Kenton County; 20. Irene Welsh, Hardin County; 21. Fannie Leavel, Christian County; 22. Ulysses Parker, Jr., Trenton County; 23. Mae Etta Offutt, Scott County. The Courier-Journal and Louisville Times donated \$10.00 for prizes and eight dictionaries for contestants eleven to eighteen.