# Our Shared Story









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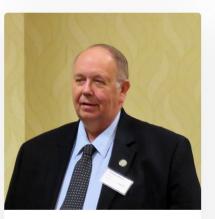
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Why we do what we do

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# **"Older persons** are our greatest resource of energy, talent and wisdom."

# **May 10, 1954** VISION STATEMENT

"All retired school personnel will be safe, productive, informed and financially secure in retirement."

### About VRTA

#### What VRTA Endeavors to Do

- To promote the general welfare of retired educational personnel;
- To act for the membership in areas of vital interest;
- To cooperate with NRTA Division of the AARP and other associations of retired people;
- To provide the means of the interchange of information, ideas, and opinions;
- To assist district and local units of VRTA in their activities; and
- To encourage the utilization of the talents, skills, judgment, and experience of retired educations through participation in meaningful community, area, and statewide service activities.

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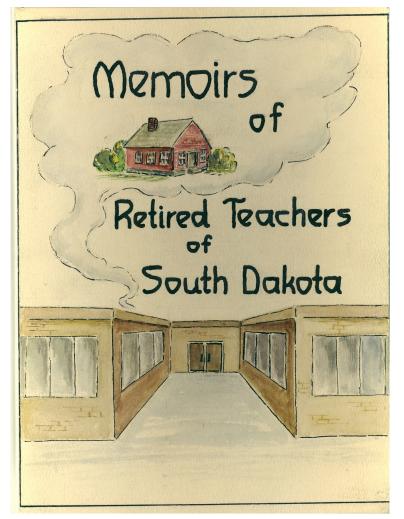
#### MISSION STATEMENT

"To be the voice, resource and connection for all retired school personnel."

# "The Dignity They Deserve"



### Membership Relevance Engagement Build Community



#### RETIRED TEACHERS

I'd heard this group had organized... I knew they were about... But what they did on meeting nights, I never had found out. So I joined "em, one fine evening, On an open invitation... To learn some more about them... And I got this education:

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Next...there came discussions, Of pensions...plans...and hopes, And other kinds of business, That was 'way beyond my scope. I listened...rather vaguely...but When they took a break for lunch... I them and there decided, I could learn to like this bunch!!

# Ethel Percy Andrus, Ph.D.



### The Wisdom of ETHEL PERCY ANDRUS



PRESENTING THE PHILOSOPHY, WISDOM, AND PRACTICAL IDEALISM OF THE FOUNDER OF NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

# 1881-1967

1st volunteer President NRTA + AARP

Founding editor NRTA Journal Modern Maturity

"Dr." Maiden name

### Born: 1881 San Francisco







### Died: 1967 Long Beach, CA







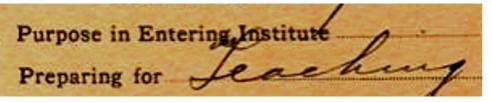


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## 8. Purpose in Entering Institute \_\_\_\_\_ Preparing for Teaching



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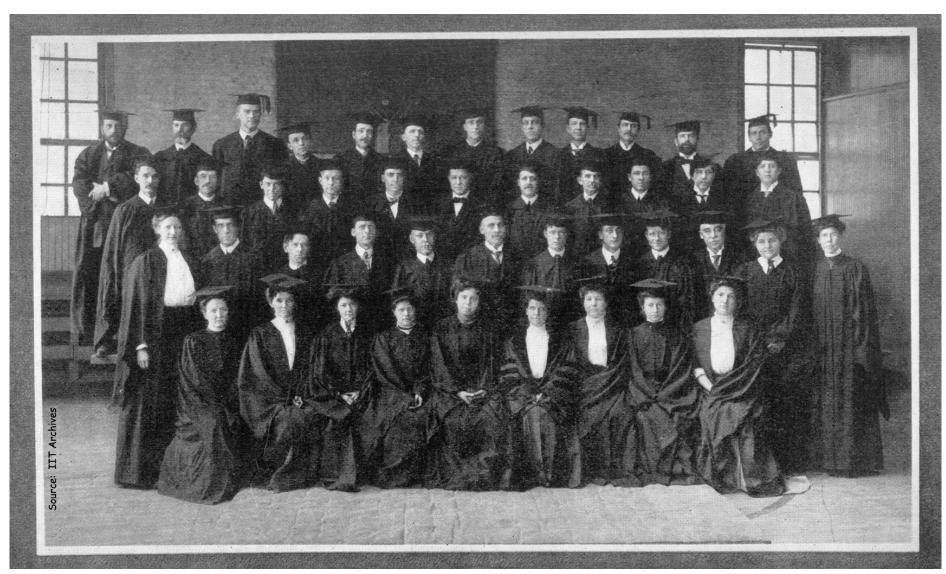
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### University of Chicago Ph.B. (1903)



# Andrus, Ethel Percy, SB'03 (1955) "Useful Citizen Award"

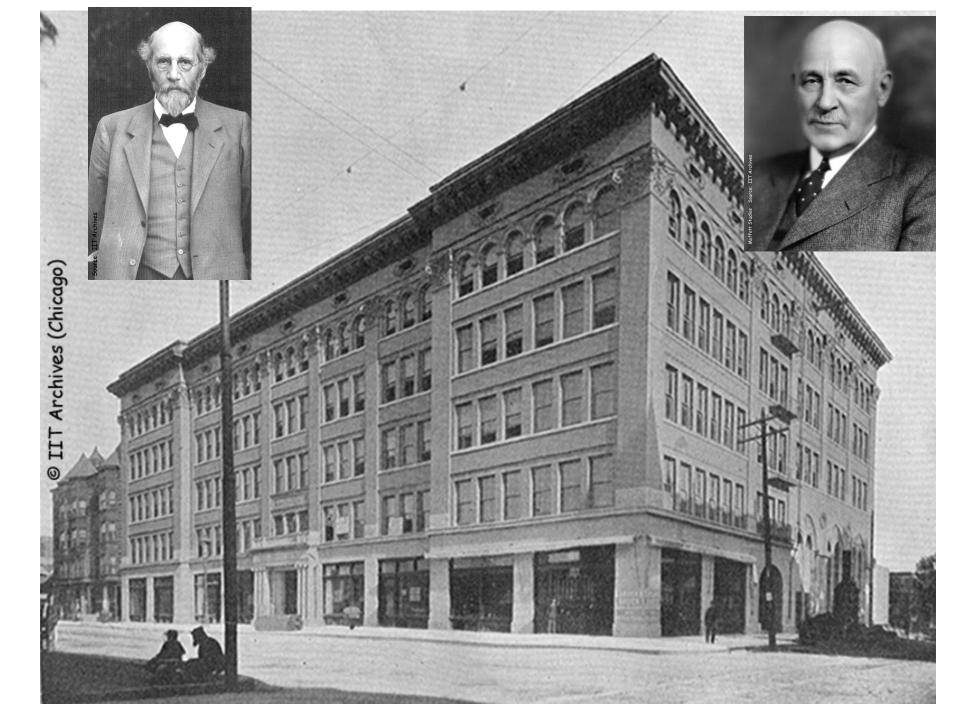
# Lewis Faculty (1903–1910)





### Jane Addams Hull Settlement House





14 12 South Boulevan Cak Park, march 31, 190 Dear Director Carman: lue want to remind you that our play will be given Saturday evening, april second, at a quarter past eight, at the Commons. We shall be very much disappointed if you don't come, for I know that my people are much more anxious to have your critician Eand Dr. Lewis's than the ap probation of the audience. Sincerely. E. P. andres.

# "Our community is the place where we can be most effective."



# "...Together, my teaching and my volunteer work made for me a very happy and wonderful life..."

# **1962 Autobiography**



### November 25, 1910

A Santa Paula, Cal, nov. 25, 1910. Dear Director Carman: have just heard that if I am fortunate anough to get my application and credentials before the Los Angeles School Board that I may have a chance for appointment. in one of the city high schoole The time before the decision is so brief that I could not write to ask your permission, and I took the liberty of referring to

you, to Dr. Lewis, and Dr. Jones. I hope that you wish me well in my latest venture, and I thank you most heartily for all your past kindnessuts me. yours sincerely. Ethel Perry Andree. H



### Gov. Goodwin Knight General Jimmy Doolittle



### DR. ANDRUS IN 1913

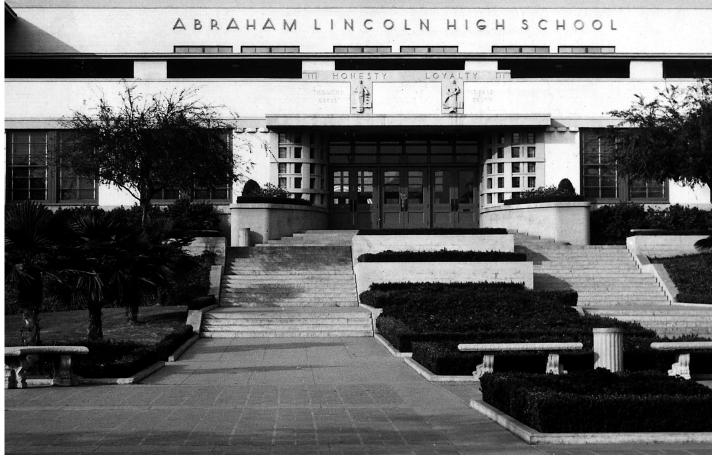
I thought you might be interested in this picture taken in 1913 at Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles. I was a student there and Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus [AARP's Founder] was one of my teachers — a most adorable and proficient one, too. I'm sure you can pick her out as the lady at the far right. I am on her right.

> Alpha Sigfrig Ouray, Colo.



1916 **California's** 1st woman high school principal

### East L.A.



### 1916-1944

### 28 years

## "We were not a community; merely a neighborhood"



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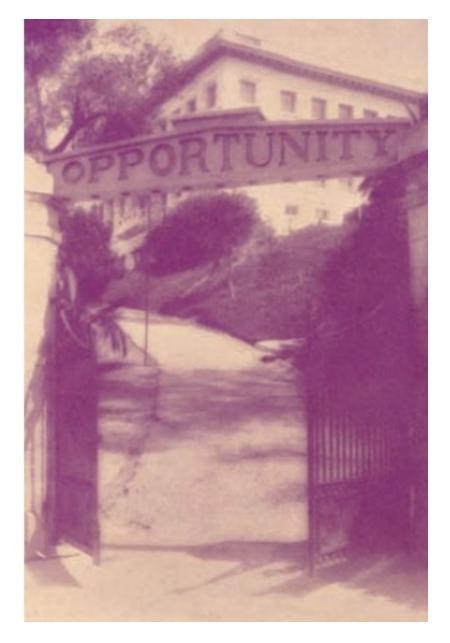
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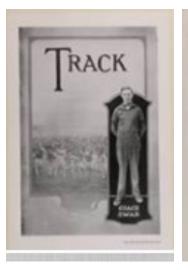


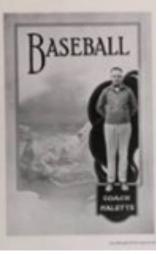


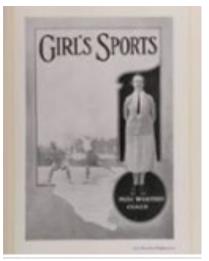


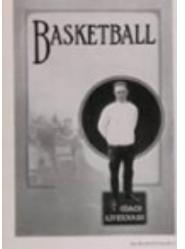
### "We didn't know opportunity had red hair."

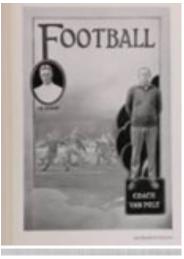




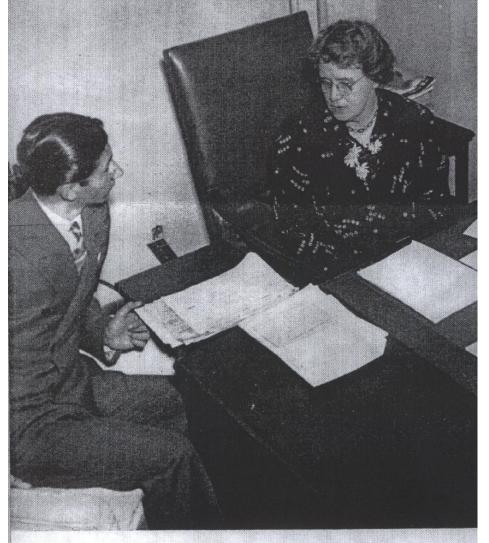








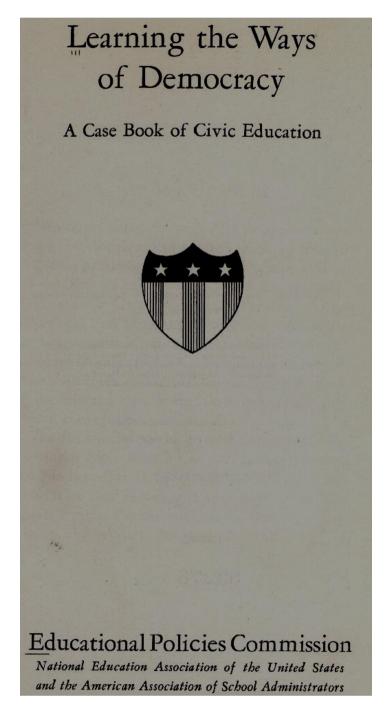


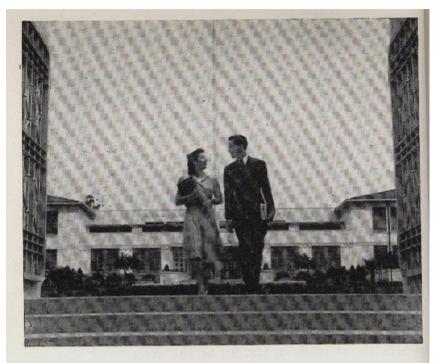


"Eddie Simon, Winter '38 Student Body President, confers with Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, Principal"

**CIVICS!** 

Eddie Simon, W'38 Student Body President, confers with Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, Principal.





CHAPTER 1 The Hallmarks of Democratic Education



Lifelong Learning "Dr." Andrus

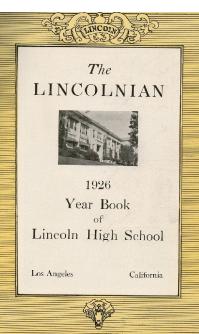
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1930 Ph.D.

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## Diversity + Inclusion

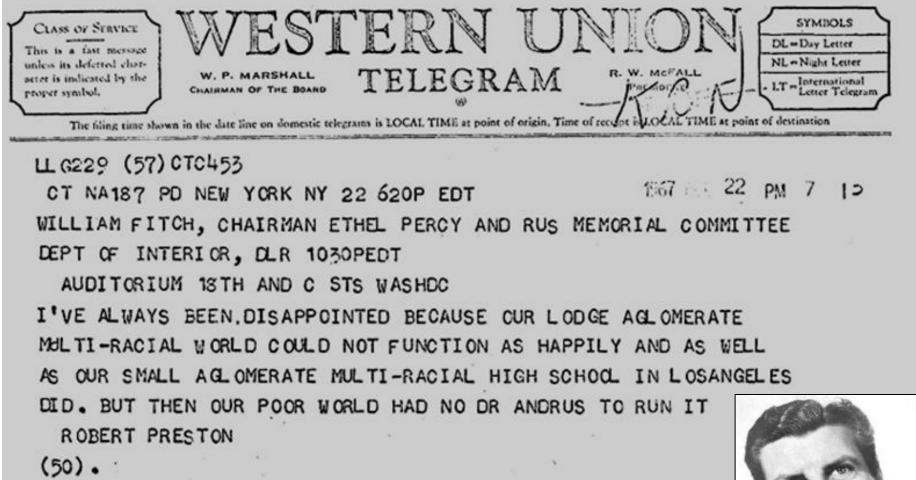


### AMOS SIMPSON

President Jolly Warblers, Member Playcrafters, Boys' Glee Club, School Play, Opera, Athenians.

### MARL MITANI

Outer Office, Gym Office, Library Office, Alpha, G. A. A., Secretary Globe Trotters, General Science Club, Round Table.





"AARP believes that aging enhances the worth of the individual."

### American Association of Retired Persons its pros and cons

he American Association of Retired Persons is an independent and unique organization—it has been called the fastest growing association in America today—composed of older folk—men and women who at the time when they might be considered shelved are vital, progressive and serviceable.

To paint the picture of AARP we must show you a colorful progress of self-assurance, dedication, effort and purpose. To understand its uniqueness and its strength, you must realize that AARP is not interested in only improving the status of its members, but also in developing and sharing this information with older people everywhere.

To present clearly to the world the picture of AARP and its accomplishments, you must first realize what AARP is; then, what it does; and last, what are the goals it seeks. You must also know the reverse, what AARP is not, what it does not do, and what goals it does not seek. To tell you the story is the purpose of these columns:

WHAT AARP IS AARP is a nongovernmental organization, nonpartisan and WHAT AARP IS NOT AARP is not sponsored by or connected with either any

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#### AARP-ITS PROS AND CONS

nonprofit, accepting all who qualify by age, regardless of sex, color, creed or previous state or country, an organization of mature men and women who voluntarily associate themselves in the interest of self-development and of giving service not only to themselves and to each other but also to all whom they, through their skills and abilities, might benefit.

AARP is an all-inclusive, selfrespecting organization of congenial men and women aged 55 or over, wherever they may be and whether employed or not. Associate membership is open to any interested person under 55.

AARP is unique among organizations of older people in that its members believe that aging is a normal and dignified segment of living with potentiality for growth and service, for maintaining one's independence and earning dignity and respect.

AARP hold conferences biennially in nine areas, and alternating, a biennial nationwide convention; also workshops and leadership training courses to

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governmental agency or any political party or trade union, or religious group. Its finances cannot be expended to the advantage of any individual or group of individuals but only to the improvement or the expansion of the AARP itself and its membership. It does not exploit its members for either political or partisan profit.

AARP is not confined to only those who are retired from a business or profession. Perhaps a better word for the retired in AARP is *refired*, not *retired*.

AARP is an organization of persons who do not regard aging as a pitiful and decadent part of life, with illness, penury and helplessness as its salient features.

AARP holds no meeting to bewail the hardships of old age, nor to formulate pressure programs or stress potential political strength of older folk nor

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### 40 years:

## Youth

## 20 years: The 50+



## 1944: Retired Mother's caregiver

### BUREAU OF WELFARE CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN SECTION



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Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus Principal, Lincoln High School Los Angeles. Cal ifornia

Dear Dr. Andrus:

It is my pleasant duty as Secretary of the Bureau of Welfare-California Teachers Association-Southern Section to inform you that by unanimous ballot at the annual meeting held May 13, 1944, you were elected a long-term member of the Board of Trustees, from August 1, 1944 to July 31, 1947.

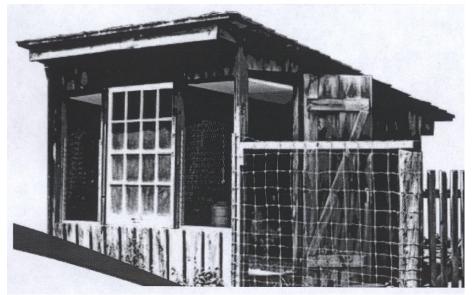
We appreciate your interest in the Welfare program and your willingness to devote the time and effort which membership on the Board of Trustees will require.

Meetings of the Board are held monthly, - usually on the second Saturday, at two o'clock. You will receive notices of meetings from this office.

Cordially,

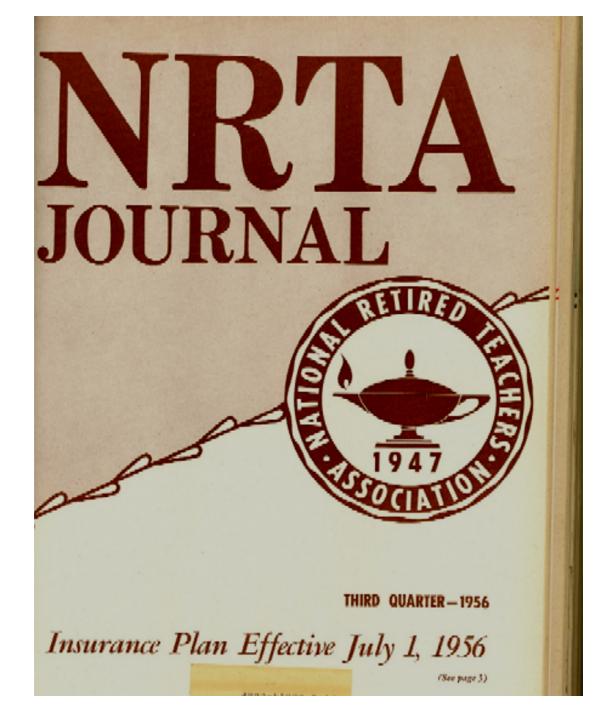
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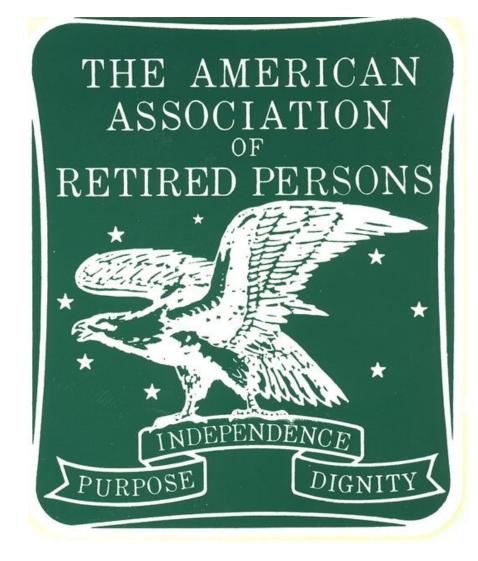
"...It was cold and drizzly when I arrived at the chicken house in which this old woman lived. She had once been a teacher... "She had only her \$40-a-month to live on, and had to make do with that. She dropped from her friends' sight and memory..."







# 1958 – Age 76



## **Strengths/Core Competencies**

- Information + education
- Service / Volunteerism
- Advocacy
- Member benefits + services

## Why we do what we do



#### Intro

The Virginia Retired Teachers Association (VRTA) is a nonprofit organization of retired and current

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### **Important News** about Medicare

Members will be interested in knowing that we have met with the Social Security Administration which would administer the health insurance program, if enacted, and have confirmed with them these facts which are of vital importance to all persons over 65 now holding any type of health or hospital insurance:

No legislation whatever has as yet been enacted:

Z. The House of Representatives has passed, and in May, as we go to press, the Senate is considering, H.R. 6675, which would provide basic hospital insurance and optional supplementary health benefits, but none of these proposals would provide any coverage whatsoever before July 1, 1966. Let us repeat: Regardless of what legislation may be passed, no presently proposed plan would give you any hospital or medical insurance protection during the next 13 months. Therefore, no person or couple 65 or

over should at this time reduce or abandon his own hospital or health insurance on the prospect of this legislation. What its eventual effect may be, after enactment, on need for existing health insurance protection, can

only be safely determined at that time. Meanwhile, the Social Security Ad- Teachers Association - VRTA ministration assures us that, immediately upon enactment of the legislation, ation - VRTA on Facebook if this does occur, we can have complete information from them regarding all aspects of the bill. We will rush this to all our members at the earliest possible moment after the bill is signed - in a special issue, if necessary.

Your Association has great plans afoot. Of course they can't be completed until we know exactly what will develop in the Congress. Building on the foundation of Medicare at the appropriate time, we will explain to our members how they may obtain \*TO-TAL CARE, a complete insurance program embracing health, income and welfare services.

We will let you know at the right time and in plenty of time. Meanwhile, make sure you keep your AARP insurance coverage in force. Strengthen it. if at all possible, in the Fall Enrollment. As we have already said, you must never forget that Medicare will provide no benefits, even if it is enacted, until July 1, 1966 at the earliest. \*Service Mark

Virginia Retired Teachers Association - VRTA April 5 at 10:40 AM · 🕥



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### #teachers #retirement





Sending the TV repairman away, the lady of the house explained, "It's okay now. We had put on each other's glasses by mistake."





## **Built Community**



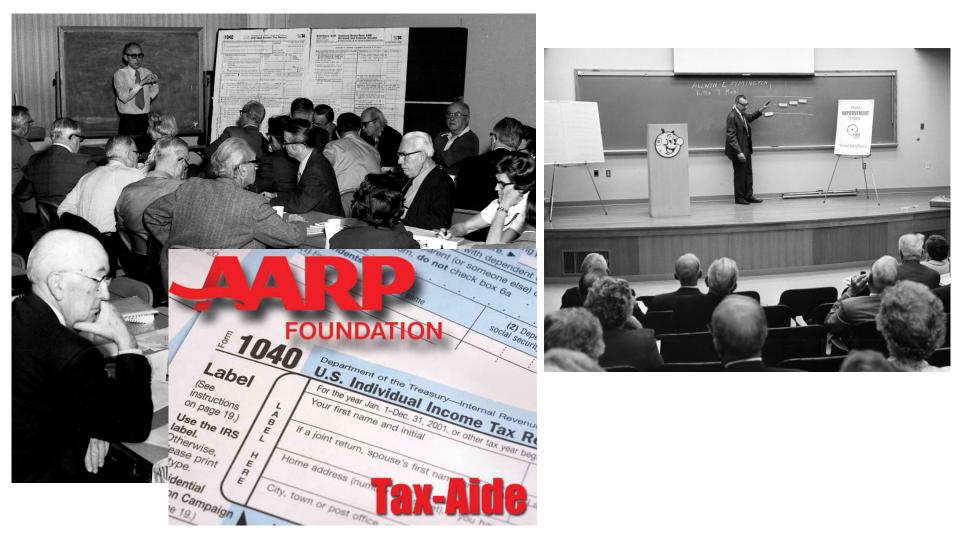




## Motto: To Serve, Not To Be Served



## "Our community is the place where we can be most effective."



### OUR NEW CHAPTERS

of the American Association of Retired Persons offer fresh new opportunities for members to combine their activities for a more abundant life.

### **Units / Districts**

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### 4 Are the means whereby our members can direct their energy into volunteer community service.

to-face contact or methods out mean a grounded because it creates a feeling of belonging to a major, national organization.

Considering these advantages, the possibility of local chapters for American Association of Ratired Persons was discussed last spring by the AARP Board of Directors and the NRTAnational and area officers. A unanimous decision was made in favor of going shead with thapter organization after a favorable response from a large sample poll of AARP members. The next step was to announce the plan through the News Bulletin and ask members to let us maw if they wanted to help organize in their community. The volume of replies was nearly overwherning. This furnished sufficient evilence of the need for local organizations.

Now we are in the process of working with many of the responsive numbers through correspondence, through field trips and through contacts by NRTA officers. As this issue of your MODERN MATURITY was going to yress, 11 chapters were already in operation in many parts of the country Dozens of other community programs for older persons and contribute to their development and expansion.

**3** Enable our members to keep in touch with legislation in their state and community.

4 Are the means whereby our members can direct their energy into volunteer community service.

5 Make it possible for groups of our members to evaluate the overall AARP program and to make suggestions for change, improvement and growth.

There is still a need for chapter organizers in many communities. If you would like to help, and if you have not already advised is of your interest, please write to David Jeffreys, Director of Field Organization, AARF, Suite 419, Dupont Circle Building, Washington 6, D.C. Please tell us something about your background, especially your organizational experience, and your contacts with groups of retired persons in your area.

#### Here is the current list of AARP local chapters and their presidents:

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Senior Community Chapter Mr. Charles G. Chamberlin 433 Main Street West Haven, Connecticut Young town, Arizona

## Advocacy



Sen. Estes Kefauver and Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus

High cost of Rx

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#### Dr. Ethel Andrus, Organized Retirees

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sociation in 1947 ant. the American Association of Retired Persons In 1056. The headquarters of both are in

Or, Andrug was educated in Ulinois and California She held a B.S. from Lewis Instifute in Chiežeo and an M.A. and doctorate from the University of Southern California. For 26 (1316-1944) years sho served as principal of a Cali-

She also served as executive scenetary for the American School for Olels, Damaseus, Syria, from 1980 to 1980; seems tary of the California Secondany School Principals Association; member of the board of the National Advisory Council for Accreditation of Nursing Homes, and member of the Advisory Beard of Les Angoles County General Hospi-

When she retired after 41 years of teaching, Dr. Andrits became intructed in associa-Cans for retired persons The two organizations for refleed, which she founded, now have a combined membership of mare than 1 million.

In 1951 she served on the National Advisory Committee for the While House Confercuce on Aging She also was a member of the advisory board of the American Association of Bonles for the Accd. Sho ecited 22 publications and



ETHEL PERCY ANDRES

### Dr. Ethel Andrus, **Organized Retirees**

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for retired persons and the Dr. Andrea was named Nafirst woman to become princip tional Teacher of the Year by pai of a California secondary the International Senior school, died Thursday in Long League in 1964.

Dr. Andrus was a member After a long tracking eareer Lambda Theta. She lived in to her native state of Califor- Long Brach, the western headnia, Dr. Andrus founded the quarters of her organizations National fictized Teachers As for the relited.

## July 13, 1967

THE WHITE HOUSE

### WASHINGTON

September 25, 1967

In Ethel Percy Andrus, humanity had a trusted and untiring friend. She has left us all poorer by her death. But by her enduring accomplishment, she has enriched not only us, but all succeeding generations of Americans.



## Collective voice

- Collective purchasing power
- Collective purpose (ability to do good)

## **Partnership: Volunteers + Staff**









# Teamwork!









# Leadership





## Desert Hot Springs Sentinel August 13, 1959

**"Older persons** are our greatest resource of energy, talent and wisdom."

### LESS THAN 2 CENTS PER WEEK

Yes, for only one dollar per year — less than 2¢ per week you may join thousands of other retired teachers of the nation:

In making it possible to assist retired teachers in gaining a decent retirement salary.

Many of our oldsters worked with fidelity at a small wage. Sometimes their savings and their pitiable pension can no longer maintain them in health, in self-respect and dignity. They have no margin for illness and nursing.

#### DO WE CARE?

In order that the needs of such retirants may be interpreted in a manner that will gain people's interest and sympathy — and support . . .

In order that an active program may be conducted for an adequate salary for all retired teachers . . .

In order that the story may be told in clear simple but dynamic words, by radio, over television, in the pulpit, by the press...

NRTA ASKS YOU

In order that you in your district may be helped in telling your own story.

#### BELONG

BE STRONG

#### YOU CAN'T DO IT ALONE!!

BUT IT CAN'T BE DONE WITHOUT YOUR 2 CENTS PER WEEK

#### AN NRTA LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS A WELCOME GIFT

Do you have a father or mother, a husband or wife, a brother or sister who is a teacher and who would appreciate a Life Membership in the NRTA? Life Members receive a special membership card, an engrossed certificate suitable for framing and hanging on the wall, as well as a lifetime subscription to the NRTA Quarterly.

#### USE THIS APPLICATION TODAY

ALICE REITERMAN, Secretary, NRTA 1445 Pasqualito Drive, San Marino 9, Calif.

Dear Miss Reiterman: Please enroll as a Life Member of the NRTA the person named below. Enclosed find \$15. Kindly send Life Membership certificate, card, and copies of the NRTA publications to the address indicated.

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	T, PLEASE ADD YOUR OWN NAME AND ADDRESS
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### **NRTA Asks You**

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### Belong Be Strong

### You Can't Do It Alone!!

## "It has been wisely said that whatever many may say about the future, it is ours, not only that it may happen to us, but it is in part made by us."

Ethel Percy Andrus, Ph.D.