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REVISED METHODS TO BE STUDIED

Interesting Problems Being Set Up for Every Teacher in State.

On Saturday, Professor R. C. Haydon, Miss Beatrix Clark, Mrs. Grace Hite and Professor E. Worth Peters journeyed to Fredericksburg to attend a very important meeting at Fredericksburg State Teachers College which was presided over by Dr. Sydney B. Hall, state superintendent of public education.

The meeting is one of series being held all over the State for the purpose of getting the work under way to revise the entire school curriculum of the State. The system under which the graded schools are operating was put into effect in 1922 and for the high schools in 1924. Dr. Hall's plan is to establish centers at prominent places, possibly such as Fredericksburg, Farmville, Harrisonburg and others where certain specific problems will be dealt with by all the teachers in that area, and suggestions received at each center as to the changes which would be beneficial in some particular phase of the whole program. The teachers will be asked to put into effect some of the changes which they propose, and to report their findings as rapidly as possible.

Year after next (32-33) will see a revised plan offered by a committee of experts which have gone over all the reactions reported from each center of study over the state. The final effects of this plan will be studied and the complete revision of the curriculum offered for the term 1933-34.

The idea is to apply to education exactly the same principles as are applied to any progressive science or industry and to eliminate any feature that has become obsolete. This plan was not followed when the present system was put into effect.

Miss Clark has already had one group meeting of the graded school teachers and will hold another before the first term ends. On January 9, Professor Haydon will meet all the high school faculties.

GREENWICH SCHOOL GETS BIBLE AND FLAG

O. F. A. No. 33, Greenwich Council, presented flag and bible to Greenwich School last Thursday night. Nearly a hundred persons attended the ceremonies over which Deputy George Baker presided, making the address of presentation. Miss Helen Dunkley, principal of the school, accepted the gifts with an appropriate address and remarks of thanks.

A delegation of Council No. 15 accompanied Deputy Baker to the exercises.

HOADLY

Mr. and Mrs. Banky Cornell are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born last Tuesday. The mother and baby are doing fine.

Mrs. Andrew Chapura of Plia, Pa., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chapura for the past week.

Mrs. Betty Carter and son, Tilman, are visiting at the home of Mr. E. P. Davies for the past week.

Mrs. Lida Amkite has moved to Alesia, Va., for the winter months. Mr. Vernon Hicks of Quantico, Va., was the week-end guest at the home of Mr. Steve Chapura.

Mrs. M. F. Davis was a Alesia visitor during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phel of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dean and son, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. Genson, all of Alesia, Va., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Coddington of Quantico were visitors at the home of Mrs. Smith during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Donaldson of Washington, D. C., were visitors at the home of Mrs. Donaldson, sister of Miss Della Fairfax.

Miss Mary Chapura who underwent an operation at Emergency Hospital in Washington is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Addison were visitors at the home of Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. Emma Hampton.

Miss Viola Williams was a Alesia visitor during the past week.

Mr. L. Hoy of Alesia was a visitor at Hoadly during the past week.

MR. J. P. LYON MUCH BETTER

Mr. J. P. Lyon will return to his home here on Sunday or Monday from the hospital where he has been seriously ill. His friends are glad that he is so much better and will enjoy Christmas with them.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Trinity Episcopal Church at midnight Xmas Eve and again on Xmas morning at 10 a.m.

APPOINTED ON FOUR COMMITTEES

Representative H. W. Smith Receives Important Committee Assignments.



Hon. Howard W. Smith, member of Congress from this district, has received marked distinction in his assignments to committees in the House of Representatives for the Seventy-second Congress.

The Ways and Means Committee has designated him to serve on four important committees. Among them is the committee on the District of Columbia, which has charge of all legislation in the House pertaining to the city of Washington. This appointment offers a wide field of opportunity to serve the Northern Virginia area as it is affected by the growth and development of the neighboring city.

Judge Smith's other committee assignments are the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, which has to do with the public buildings and parks of Washington, the Committee on Civil Service which deals with the many legislative problems affecting employment under the Civil Service of the government, and the Committee on Elections, which passes on contested election cases of members of Congress.

CATHARPIN

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley of Maryland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alvey last week.

Mrs. Mary Pattie Briggs, Miss Claudia Pattie and Mr. Jack Johnson of Washington were Sunday guests at Bell Farm.

Dr. C. F. Brower who has been a constant attendant at the bedside of Mrs. Brower for a number of weeks in Washington spent a few days at home last week returning to Clarendon on Friday. Mrs. Brower continues to improve and hopes, if possible, to spend Christmas at home.

Mrs. J. W. Alvey and Mrs. L. L. Lynn were Washington shoppers last week, Mrs. Lynn remaining over a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. Gussie Lynn Webb is visiting her mother, Etta P. Lynn, this week.

Mrs. W. L. Sanders is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Grill, of Auburn, N. Y., at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stephenson of Front Royal were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lynn. Mrs. Stephenson is a sister of Mrs. Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Caldwell attended the funeral services of Mrs. Caldwell's sister in Washington on Saturday of last week.

Quite a number of our citizens from this community were called to Manassas on jury duty last week.

The culvert over Lick branch on the Catharpin-Gainesville road is now completed which is a great improvement over former conditions. The road bed on either side has been straightened thus eliminating two very short curves which have always been a nuisance.

The Rev. Mr. Swecker as usual preached an excellent sermon last Sunday at Sudley on the theme, "Are your lamps going out?" He deplored the great lack of Bible reading among the people and especially in the homes where children are concerned. He advocated a revival of bible study among professing Christians and regular attendance upon public worship



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Lloyd and Robert motored to Penn Hall to bring Miss Rose Ratcliffe and Miss Helen Lloyd back for the holidays.

Mr. Leon Waters of Culpeper and Mr. Chas. Walton Lewis motored to Lafayette College for a visit with Mr. Jack Ratcliffe at the D. K. E. fraternity house. Jack will return with them for the vacation with his parents here.

Preston Lyon will return from William and Mary College for Christmas at home.

BENNETT LEAGUE

The Community League of the Bennett School will meet next Monday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m., in the school. The executive meeting will be held at 2:30.

SWAVELY NOTES

Sunday Vespers, being the last before the holidays, took the form of a Christmas service. Christmas hymns and carols were sung by the choir and the Christmas story was told by Mr. Gill.

School will be closed on Friday morning, and will be re-opened on Monday, Jan. 4.

This evening the Christmas party will be held in the gym. A Christmas play, "A Light upon the Road," will be given and this will be followed by informal dancing.

James Andrews, now of Warren, Ohio, was a week-end visitor at the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline will spend the vacation with Mrs. Fletcher in New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Reeves with Mr. and Mrs. Walker in Philadelphia.

Mr. Leinbach will go to his home in Quakerstown, Pa.

Mrs. A. B. Bugbee of Concord, N. H., is here to spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carpenter.

Mr. Schwartz is spending the Christmas vacation in New York.

KIWANIS WILL PRACTICE CAROLS

Nothing of import took place at the regular meeting of the Club last Friday. Dick Haydon promised the crowd a nice program this week.

After the close of the regular meeting tomorrow night, the music section of the Woman's Club will aid in practicing Xmas carols.

Active preparations for the annual distribution of toys and candy are about complete according to Fred Hynson and Arthur Boatwright.

TURKEY SHOOT

Turkey shoots are more popular this year than usual. All our popular sportsmen are enjoying themselves at this pastime.

MANY SHOPPERS

As Christmas approaches an increasing number of out-of-town shoppers are being welcomed in Manassas.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The December meeting of the Civilian Home Service Committee will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m., at the Parish Hall, Manassas, Va.

All members are requested to attend as arrangements should be made at this meeting for the Christmas-baskets.

This change of date from the "fourth Wednesday" is made because the regular date is so near Christmas Day.



NOKESVILLE GIRLS WIN IN THE EARN-YOUR-OWN-DRESS CONTEST

Goldie Knicely, winner of first place, and Geraldine Shepherd, winner of second place, in the Earn-Your-Own-Dress Contest, are both from Nokesville 4-H Club. Goldie's dress cost sixty-two cents; the money was earned by making a dress, caring for a neighbor's fowls, and assisting her father with some farm work.

Geraldine's dress is a figured pique and cost ninety-four cents. She earned her money by doing laundry work. Both girls are wearing contest dresses.

WILL ATTEND ROAD MEETING

Representative Citizens to Be at Hearing of State Commission.

The meeting at which apportionment of road funds available under the state gas tax will take place Monday forenoon at Culpeper, the headquarters of this road district.

Commonwealth's Attorney Lion, Chairman Lindsey Dawson and other members of the Board of Supervisors, Dr. E. H. Marsteller, Town Manager Cocke, and a number of others will be on hand. The sentiment is somewhat divided among Prince William citizens, some arguing that any funds at all will be acceptable which will bring improvement to some of the present roadways by virtue of encouraging travel over the roadways so treated. Others feel that the State Commission should be left to work out the salvation of the county in its own good way, by surveys and the ultimate permanent improvement of roads so considered.

The fact is that Prince William has received little money as compared with many other Virginia counties. Resentment of this fact will not mend things specially. Mr. Shirley has tried in the main to treat things comprehensively, but the Commission will need a combined and concerted effort along any one line which a county may pursue. These assignments are purely tentative, but they represent considerable study, and the Commission will not upset or change them unless the arguments are sound.

ROMANTIC STAIRWAY

Perhaps it's intentional and perhaps it's just coincidence, but a stairway always seems to play an important part in every picture that Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell have made, ever since that memorable love scene on the long stairs in "7th Heaven."

For their latest vehicle together, "Merely Mary Ann," which comes to the Dixie Theatre next Thursday, a complete replica of a three-story London boarding-house was erected inside the Fox studio—and naturally the floors were connected with with a triple flight of stairs on which many of the scenes were enacted.

Henry King directed the production.

WOOLFENDEN FREE IN BRIEF TRIAL

County Man Acquitted by Jury in Forty Minutes.

After nearly two months of confinement, Walter Woolfenden, Prince William county farmer, faced a jury of his peers on Friday morning last which returned a verdict of not guilty in less than thirty-six hours after it was chosen.

Commonwealth's Attorney Lion, unassisted, conducted the case for the State while Frederick L. Flynn, of Alexandria, assisted by T. E. Dillake, Manassas attorney, defended the accused.

So much has been put in print that a brief statement of facts is all that may be necessary here. The Miller homestead burned down about 2 o'clock on the morning of September 25. That morning Mr. Woolfenden left for Middlesex to visit his fiancée, Miss Mary Carter. He returned Sunday night. In the meantime daily papers on Saturday and the days subsequent were filled with many discussions of the case which was set aside as an accident at first.

Then it leaked out that Mr. Woolfenden has benefited by the terms of the policy which he held on Mr. Miller, and investigators became convinced that he was guilty, especially as he was also held in a chicken case in which he was said to have been wounded.

At the preliminary hearing things looked very dark for the defendant, especially after witnesses testified that the signatures on the policy had been forged, and other confusing evidences as to his whereabouts on the night of the supposed murder.

Thirty-seven witnesses took the stand for the Commonwealth and nearly twenty for the defense. Cross questioning was drawn out in some instances, and the attorneys frequently clashed.

Some criticism was offered for the short time in which the jury came to the decision which was brought in just as the old tower clock struck 12 for Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Woolfenden will remain in jail until the February term of court, possibly to again face the same charges in the matter of deaths of Mrs. Miller and her infant, which charges have not been nolle prosequi. Mr. Lion has made no public statement on this matter as yet, and the investigators are keeping mum as to their future activities.

Members of the jury which freed Woolfenden are as follows: R. B. Gosson, foreman, E. B. Bell, J. W. Ellis, W. R. Free, Jr., F. B. Fearnough, E. S. Hooker, John N. House, B. B. Hoffman, M. B. Leach, A. O. MacLearon, Joseph L. Rollins and Charles J. Gillias.

FREE CLINIC ON JANUARY 4

Open to Everyone over 15 Years of Age.

On Monday, January 4, a free clinic will be held in the office of the County Red Cross Chapter in the Peoples Bank Building, Manassas. This clinic is for anyone in the county, either white or colored, who is over fifteen years of age.

If you are not sure that you are free from any lung trouble, get in touch with your doctor or the County Public Health Nurse. If this is not possible, try to report early to the clinic.

The hours set are: 9:30-12 for white people and 2-4:30 for colored. You are asked to report within these hours.

This clinic is made possible by the County Board of Health and the Prince William County Chapter of the American Red Cross in cooperation with the Tuberculosis Out-Patient Service of the State Board of Health. Incidental expenses are met by the Red Cross Chapter.

Dr. C. W. Scott, specialist from the State Health Department, will make the examinations. If you do not need this examination yourself, but have friends or neighbors who do, urge them to come. Let us have a good clinic, help those suffering from the disease and protect you and your children from contact with Tuberculosis.

M. SABINA NEEL, County Public Health Nurse.