



KIWANIANS HEAR INSTRUCTIVE TALK

Youth Character Building Is Theme.

The Manassas Kiwanis Club held its regular meeting on Friday night at which time the speaker of the occasion was Prof. R. Worth Peters of the Manassas High School and a member of the club.

Prof. Peters gave an open-handed, broad-minded and thoroughly valuable discussion on character building among the youth of Manassas and the responsibilities entrusted to the faculties of the two schools in the town.

The talk was so good that practically every member of the club congratulated Prof. Peters at the conclusion of the meeting.

Our old friend and member, Prof. J. Powers Pullen, formerly of the agricultural department at Nokesville and Manassas high schools and now an intellectual factor in the school system of southwestern Virginia, was a pleasant guest of the evening.

More discussion of the Christmas distribution of presents and candy to the children in the county took place and the committee reported satisfactory progress.

P-T. A. GROUP HEARS REPORT OF DELEGATE

The regular monthly meeting of the Patrons League of the Manassas High School was held in the dining room of the high school on Thursday, November 21, with an interested group of parents and teachers present.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Robert Newman, Mrs. Wheatley Johnson, vice-president, presided. Committee reports showed great activities along various lines. The ways and means committee reported a substantial sum had been realized from the recent supper. Health work featured the report of that committee and a fund of \$10 was allocated to this committee to assist in furnishing needed articles for the first-aid room in the high school. A \$5.00 membership in the Red Cross was also voted.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, librarian, told of the need for new books to replace those badly worn by the constant use of the students, and an appropriation of \$50.00 was given to this department.

The report from the annual meeting of the Co-operative Education Association, Virginia Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, was given by the delegate, Mrs. W. L. Lloyd.

The theme of the meeting, which was held in Norfolk, Nov. 5-8, was "The Home" and the keynote address given by Dr. Francis P. Gaines of Washington & Lee University, on the evening of November 5, was a most interesting and inspiring one. Dr. Gaines spoke of the forces which are menacing the American home today. He gave as first and most dangerous, that of divorce; secondly, he mentioned selfishness, and evasion of contract on part of parents; thirdly, he spoke of the centrifugal influences which are constantly pulling away from homes.

Dr. Gaines said that "No Boy or Girl is properly prepared for life who does not grow up in an atmosphere of love; and that love is the only permanent authority which can be permanent." He said that home offers the greatest opportunity for the best contributions to be made in this world.

Mrs. Lloyd spoke also of the many conferences and round table discussions on subjects relating to the school and homes such as recreation, health, art, music, and the national and state work of the Parent-Teacher Group.

Present also at the conference was Mrs. B. F. Langworthy of Winnetka, Ill., national president of the P-T. A. Mrs. Langworthy addressed the delegates at the evening session on November 6. She spoke of the home as the heart of America, and told of the many desirable things which go into the making of an ideal home, such as honesty, good health, harmony, thrift, orderliness, hospitality, etc. Mrs. Langworthy said that nothing is so valuable in life as a child's happy memories of home.

Mrs. Langworthy's presence and genial and magnetic personality added greatly to the conference and those who had the privilege of hearing her felt most fortunate indeed.

SHOP EARLY

Postmaster Hawes Davies, jr., has asked the citizens of Manassas and vicinity to start their Christmas shopping and mailing promptly.

He also called attention to the fact that there will be no mail delivery on Christmas Day. Mr. Davies also issues the usual warning about care in wrapping and handling preliminary to posting.

NOVEL ROLL CALL ADOPTED BY U.D.C.

Mrs. Alpaugh Hostess to Confederate Group.

Manassas Chapter, U. D. C., was delightfully entertained on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Luther Alpaugh, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Gildings assisting hostesses.

The president, Miss Speiden, presided, and appointed Mrs. L. L. Lomas, Mrs. W. A. Newman and Mrs. Fred Dowell a committee to arrange for the observance of Lee's birthday.

Letters were read from Mrs. Nottingham, past president of the Virginia division, and Mrs. Forrest, her successor, expressing their regret in being unable to accept the chapter's invitation to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Hutchison, district chairman, gave a glowing account of a chapter meeting she had recently attended at Marshall, accompanied by Mrs. R. L. Byrd and Miss Nolie Nelson. Among other guests of the Piedmont Chapter at Marshall were Miss Mary D. Carter and Mrs. George H. Slater of Upperville, both of whom are prominent in the work of the division. The historical hour was most interesting, containing much local history of Marshall and its vicinity, ending with a most thrilling story of a very narrow escape of Col. Mosby, after being shot in the home of Mrs. Skinner.

The hostesses for the January meeting of the Manassas chapter are Mrs. R. S. Hynson, Mrs. James Dorrell and Mrs. Howard Jamison. This meeting will be held at the hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 7, instead of the first Wednesday, that being New Year's Day. A feature of this meeting will be a roll call, responded to by each member present giving the name of the ancestor under whom she joined, and the name of his company and regiment. Dues will also be received at this time. The chapter decided to subscribe to a five dollar Red Cross membership.

Mrs. Newman, chapter historian, read some very interesting correspondence between herself and Mr. Conrad, assistant to Mr. Eckenrode, in regard to Liberia.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, assisted by little Miss Joan Alpaugh.

ROLL CALL CONCLUDING SUCCESSFULLY

With reports coming in from workers in various sections of the county, the results of the annual Red Cross Roll Call begin to show that much good work has been done, said Rev. John M. DeChant, the Roll Call chairman. From the town of Occoquan comes the report of 27 members. Partial reports from Cherry Hill show 24 members, and from Quantico, 40. The reports of workers at Bristow, Cannon Branch and Manassas, bring the total to date to the figure of 250 memberships. A hurried analysis of the reports showed that 25 of these memberships were for \$5 each four were for \$10 each and one for \$25. Workers said that the contributors showed a great interest in the work of the Red Cross and a fine willingness to give to this splendid organization.

The chairman said that there is still an opportunity for those who have not been canvassed, to send in their memberships. The membership fee is \$1 or more and may be sent to the chairman.

The chairman offered his thanks to the Journal for its fine courtesy and ready co-operation in printing news articles for the Red Cross during the Roll Call campaign. This publicity, he believes, played no small part in the success of the campaign.

ANOTHER OUT-OF-TOWN

The local firemen responded to another call early this week when the newly constructed poultry house of Mr. John Shutlock burned to the ground.

The firemen arrived in time to save other buildings which were seriously in danger of the terrific blaze.

This was the second far out-of-town calls the Fire Department answered in less than two weeks.

SHOPPING CAMPAIGN STARTS

"CONSERVATION OF VIRGINIA'S RESOURCES"

Address of Wilbur C. Hall, Chairman of the Virginia State Commission on Conservation and Development before the State Teachers College, at Harrisonburg, Va., November 13, 1935, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt recently made a distinct contribution toward the solution of the modern problem, of potential far-reaching significance, by the creation of the National Resource Board. The report of this Board was made to the President in November, 1934. The five parts dealing with planning plans, land planning, water planning, mineral policy, and the national mapping plan, are crowded with significant data of deep interest to everyone. The reports may be brought from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington.

Many states have long had various bureaus or divisions for the investigation of their forests, mineral deposits, water supplies, and fish and game. Strangely enough relatively few comprehensive state surveys have been made of natural resources. Even more strange, only 3 states have had an accurate topographic map made of their domains—and accurate contour maps are the essentials basis of all engineering projects and surveys of natural resources, as well as being very useful for other purposes. Numerous states have organized commissions to inventory and aid in the wise use of their natural resources. In Virginia, this organization is the State Commission on Conservation and Development, created in 1926 by action of the General Assembly. It is now composed of five business and professional leaders from different parts of the Commonwealth, a Chairman, and an Executive Secretary. Its divisions include the Forest Service, Geological Survey, History and Archaeology, Parks and Landscape Engineering, State Publicity, and Water Resources and Power.

A State Planning Board was created in 1933. It is making a survey of the elements that enter into a well-ordered plan for the development of the basic resources of the State. Many data are being compiled as a basis for future plans of action. The value of looking forward and of having a complete collection and analysis of the facts upon which to base mature plans for the proper use of all of our natural resources should be obvious.

Conservation is a word that should in this day and age have a significant meaning for every citizen of the United States, and especially for every resident of Virginia. Supremely rich in historical records and traditions, the Old Dominion has been endowed also with a large variety of natural resources. But alas! how general is the ignorance of the kinds, distribution, present values, and future possibilities of these resources. How general too is the lack of an appreciative understanding of the origin of these "gifts of Nature" and of their future duration.

We are not wholly to blame for this lack of knowledge of the "stuff" on which modern civilization is built, for seldom have we been taught many facts about these resources, even within our own State, or of their profound significance. These resources have been largely taken for granted or left to the attention of scientists, engineers, industrialists and others who have been primarily interested in their exploration and exploitation. But "everybody's business is nobody's business," and the results bid fair to become tragic as the generations pass.

You young women, who in part hold the education of the rising generation of Virginia's sons and daughters in your hands, have a responsibility to teach well our future citizens about the resources of their native land. The traditional three "R's" merely equip man to work and live better; real knowledge of another "R"—Resources that bring him his livelihood, and also comfort and pleasure and are the warp and woof of the civilization in which he lives, enables him to live and work more intelligently and usefully, and, therefore, more happily. After all, that is the purpose of true conservation.

Virginia is richly endowed with natural resources. Soils are the most fundamental though not of the greatest antiquity. They have been an unrestricted gift of Nature, formed through age-old geologic processes of rock disintegration and decay. But how commonly have they been tilled with little knowledge of their really temporary character and fertility under intensive or improper cultivation. Man has thoughtlessly treated this basic resource with almost criminal negligence. Perhaps, some future generation will wonder in deep perplexity why its intelligent forbears robbed the continent of a virgin resource that came to them as a priceless heritage to be conserved for all time. Not only has the fertility of many soils been seriously impaired, but a loss that is irremediable is the rapid erosion of soils and their wastage into the oceans. Possibly you have sometime been halted at a railroad crossing while an unusually long train slowly passed. Each year the amount of soil carried by the Mississippi River alone into the Gulf would fill enough 50-ton coal cars to make 200 daily trains of 100 cars each! One such train every 7 minutes! Fortunately, the Federal Soil Conservation Service, recently created, is scientifically attacking the problem. Erosion once entrenched is a foe that is hard to overcome and eternal vigilance on all fronts must be the general policy.

(1) Report of the National Conservation Commission, Senate Document No. 876, 60th Congress, 2d Congress, 1909.

(2) Published by the Macmillan Company.

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BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MRS. CLARKE

A birthday dinner was given in the Woman's Club House at Dos Palos, Calif., Nov. 10, celebrating the ninety-first anniversary of Mrs. W. F. Clarke, of Merced, Calif. A feature of the dinner was a huge cake, baked by a granddaughter, and decorated by the chef of the famous Del Monte Hotel.

Besides her children and grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren were present. Quoting from the Dos Palos Star, "Lithe, erect, keen of intellect, 'Grandma' Clarke was one of the liveliest of the guests."

Mrs. Clarke is the eldest sister of the late Mrs. Belle J. Holden, who was well known in this community for her loveliness of character and generous hospitality to all who had the honor of her acquaintance.

BUS CHARTER SEEMS ASSURED

Mr. Ray Hall, secretary, Chamber of Commerce, armed with resolutions passed by the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies, joined a delegation which went to Richmond yesterday preliminary to a hearing relative to granting a charter for a bus line from Washington to Richmond running through Manassas into Fauquier County and down to Fredericksburg. Mr. Hall states that there is no doubt but what the charter will be granted.

THREE BOARD MEMBERS RETIRE

Lindsay Dawson Out After Seven Consecutive Terms.

A touching scene was enacted late this afternoon when the Board of Supervisors had completed all the routine business and was ready to adjourn. It was a bit hard to realize that half of the Board was meeting for the last time in an official capacity. The outgoing members are J. Lindsey Dawson, Occoquan district; Charles C. Lynn of Manassas, and J. W. Merchant of Dumfries district.

Of the three Lindsey Dawson, with nearly thirty years of public service, is in that respect one of the oldest officials in the county. He is credited with the location of the District Home at Manassas and much other beneficial legislation.

His compatriots who have served lesser terms, have also assisted in worth-while legislation. The Journal hopes to have a more complete article concerning the services of these men at an early date, which it will publish as a testimonial to their efforts in behalf of public welfare.

All three gentlemen made graceful little speeches that were well received by the officials and others present.

COMMITTEES FOR KIWANIS CLUB

Agriculture: E. R. Conner, chairman; Albert Roseberry, C. C. Lynn, W. G. Covington.

Attendance: Arthur Boatwright, chairman; Carl Kincheloe, F. G. Sigman.

Business Standards: J. E. Bradford, chairman; W. E. Trusler, D. J. Arrington.

Classification and Membership: G. R. Ratcliffe, chairman; R. A. Hutchison, A. S. Gibson.

Finance: W. L. Lloyd, chairman; G. R. Ratcliffe, L. Ledman.

House: D. J. Arrington, chairman; Edgar Parrish, R. M. Weir.

Inter-club Relations: Hunton Tiffany, chairman; T. E. Didlake, Eli Swavely, Roger Wharton.

Kiwanis Education: Eli Swavely, chairman; R. S. Hynson, W. L. Lloyd.

Laws and Regulations, Good Will and Grievance: T. E. Didlake, chairman; W. H. Leachman, A. S. Boatwright.

Music: G. R. Ratcliffe, A. S. Gibson, Bert Mylander.

Program: F. R. Hynson, Ray Hall, E. G. Parrish.

Public Affairs: C. C. Lynn, chairman; Wm. Coker, J. E. Bradford, E. R. Conner.

Publicity: Ray Hall, chairman; Roger Wharton, Bert Mylander, F. R. Hynson.

Reception: L. Ledman, chairman; A. A. Hooff, Frank Sigman.

Underprivileged Children: R. A. Hutchison, chairman; A. A. Hooff, W. H. Leachman, R. S. Hynson, Robt. Weir.

Boys and Girls and Vocational Guidance: Worth Peters, chairman; Walter Sadd, Albert Roseberry, O. D. Waters.

Christmas Entertainment Fund: Walter Sadd, chairman; O. D. Waters, Bob Weir, W. E. Trusler.

Club Historian: O. D. Waters.

Boy Scout: Carl Kincheloe, chairman; A. A. Hooff, Wm. Coker, L. Ledman, Walter Sadd.

CATHOLIC WOMEN HOLD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Bisson on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m.

The club is very anxious to organize some charity work for Christmas and it is very urgent that all members be present at this meeting.

Secretary Hall Active in Promoting Business Project.

Some ten days ago Mr. Ray Hall, secretary of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce, proposed a plan to the merchants of the town to encourage outside trade and to increase the amount of local business generally.

With any profit to himself, Mr. Hall has been busily engaged in promoting this campaign which begins tomorrow and which has been termed "SHOP IN MANASSAS" campaign. This will continue until there will be a public drawing and the Christmas Eve at which time these prizes will be distributed only to those who are there to receive them. Mr. Hall has also busied himself in working up the most attractive lighting scheme possible for the business center of Manassas.

It is believed that when the relative efficiency of buying among the local merchants is demonstrated to the neighboring countryside, that those who have temporarily transferred their purchases elsewhere will return to trade here and that much business will result as a consequence of the effort.

It is a concrete move that has aroused considerable praise for Mr. Hall as a practical evidence of value of business co-operation.

Those who purchase in Manassas tomorrow will receive tickets, stubs of which will be deposited in boxes kept by the respective merchants. On Christmas Eve these boxes will all be dumped into one large container and the mass thoroughly stirred up, and restirred after each drawing is made until ten tickets are taken out. The name of a youngster who will make the drawings has not yet been announced, nor those of any of the judges who will preside. Mr. Hall will be master of ceremonies on this occasion.

It is generally predicted that buying in Manassas this Christmas will run fully 20 per cent ahead of last year if not more. This prospect of increased prosperity has enlivened the business men and they are looking forward to a fruitful season.

NOKESVILLE ASKS SCHOOL PROJECT

Board Approves Idea of Home Economics Cottage.

The County School Board met yesterday with all members present.

Interesting reports were made by W. L. Lloyd and Superintendent R. C. Hayden on the meeting of the Virginia Education Association held in Richmond last week. Mr. Lloyd attended the department of trustees and Mr. Hayden that of the superintendents. Prince-William County was declared a banner county for 1935 in both senior and junior league work.

A committee composed of Mrs. M. J. Shepherd, Mrs. Joe Hale and Mrs. Stultz appeared before the Board in the interest of a home economics cottage at Nokesville High. The Board tentatively approved the project, authorizing the superintendent to confer with the State department in an effort to secure state aid.

The Board decided to mail out all teachers checks so that the same will be received prior to the Christmas holidays.

VIRGINIUS HALDANE COUNCIL

Rev. Virginius Haldane Council died at his home at Clifton Station, Va., Thursday morning, December 5, after a prolonged illness.

The funeral services will be held at the Baptist Church in Fairfax, Va., Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Burial will be in the family lot in Fairfax.

BISHOP TUCKER HERE

Bishop Tucker of the Diocese of Virginia visited Trinity Church Sunday morning at which time Rev. A. S. Gibson presented a class of five as follows: Mrs. Helen Keys, Miss Mary Snyder, Mr. William W. Cookson, jr., Miss Sada Waltz, and Master Shreve Tucker.

Bishop Tucker preached a live sermon on practical Christianity and church loyalty to the large congregation present. Communion was celebrated at which time the new church members took part.