



The Manassas Journal

WEEK-DAY VISITS TO PARKS URGED

Col. R. A. Gilliam Seeks Wider Use of Recreational Areas

The Virginia State Planning Board reported that the concentration of patronage of the state parks on Sundays left a "large unused potentiality for recreation" that might "return increased social dividends if utilized to capacity" during other days of the week.

In a preliminary report on a survey of attendance at state parks and the swift creek recreational demonstration area in 1938, conducted in cooperation with the National Forest Service, the planning board said the problem of boosting week-day attendance "high best be solved by encouraging youth organizations, charity bodies and social centers to make use of the parks for organized day outings and by encouraging such use, both organized and unorganized, through the help of paid program leadership."

Col. R. A. Gilliam, executive secretary of the conservation commission and chairman of the recreation committee of the planning board, said there was a big opportunity for civic groups and other organizations to take advantage of the park facilities for the benefit of the underprivileged. The chartering of a bus to take a load of children to one of the recreation areas not only would provide them a healthful outing but also would remove them from the time being "from the social and physical hazards of city streets, he declared.

The study showed that of the total 1938 attendance, from 51. to 64.8 percent was in the afternoons and that Sunday's proportion of the total normal weekly attendance was about 60 percent in all parks except fairston near Bassett, where it was 71 percent.

It also disclosed that the attendance is comparatively low until the last week in June and reaches a peak the second or third week in August. It quickly subsides during that time and by the second week in September the season is practically through.

Attendance on July was, generally, considerably higher than on the normal Sunday for that period of the season, but Labor Day visitors numbered somewhat less than the normal Sunday.

The planning board found that from 76.4 to 86.6 percent of the park patrons were 19 years of age or older, although only 58 percent of the state's white population into 23.6 percent were under 19, are in this classification. From 13.4 age group that accounts for 42 percent of the white population.

"Of course," said the report "this means that adults are using the state parks much more in proportion than children are. As pointed out in a 137 study, children are not as mobile as adults and their failure to attend state parks probably results, not from lack of desire, but from lack of opportunity."

Another phase of the survey indicated that the number of day outings per family was greatest in the low income group, although the amount of money spent on such outings was greatest in the high income group.

CLUB TO SPONSOR EVENING OF FUN

Everyone is urged to come to the Nokesville for an evening of entertainment. The Tobacco Tags, a well-liked radio quartet will be there to present a musical program with added comedy.

Anyone who wishes to dress in Halloween costume will be in line for a prize. Prizes will be given for the following groups: Adults—funniest couple, funniest single, most attractive couple; children—funniest, most attractive and most appropriate costume.

The Woman's Club is planning delicious refreshments to be sold during the evening.

HAYMARKET HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a Halloween party in the Haymarket Grade School, October 31, 1939. Various forms of entertainment, such as, bingo, fortunes, a playlet etc., will be given. Refreshments will be on sale.

Come one and all and join the fun. The admission is very small.

PLANS FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE

According to Miss Foster, ex. secretary of Va. T. B. association, parents and teachers who attended the Newport News convention will learn that in 1938 tuberculosis was responsible for the deaths of 1,013 young people in Virginia. Accidents were next, with 930 fatalities. Other diseases proved fatal last year in the following order: Heart disease, 598; pneumonia, 412; cancer, 279; nephritis, 239; and cerebral hemorrhage, 184.

As part of its pre-campaign drive for the annual sale of Christmas Seals, the Association sponsored two regional seal meetings; one at Staunton Tuesday, October 17 and the other at Culpeper on Wednesday. Speakers at the Staunton meeting included Dr. E. C. Drash, professor of surgery at the University of Virginia; Mrs. D. W. Ritenour of Winchester; Mrs. Robert H. Gray, of Lexington; Mrs. George A. Williams of Harrisonburg, and Dr. V. A. Turner of Staunton.

At Culpeper addresses were made by Mrs. Doris D. Tompkins of Alexandria; Mrs. Charles Cake of Arlington; Dr. John H. Bonner of Luray, and Mrs. Norma R. Davies of Arlington.

Miss Foster, and Miss Sula Fleeman, field worker, of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, took part in the programs at both Culpeper and Staunton.

CONVOCATION AT WARRENTON

Episcopal Clergy and Laymen Hold Session Tuesday

Clergy and laymen of the Piedmont Convocation of Episcopal Churches in the counties of Fauquier, Prince William, Culpeper, Fairfax, Arlington and the city of Alexandria, met in St. James Episcopal Church, Warrenton, Tuesday, October 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Leigh Ribble, rector of Falls Church, Dean of the Convocation, opened the program with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. Ray Huff, head of the District of Columbia Reformatory at Lorton addressed the group at noon on "The Penal System."

Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Bowden entertained the group for luncheon at The Oaks, at 1:00 p.m.

Dean Ribble presided over the re-assembled delegates at a business session at 2:30 p.m., which was followed by an address by Rev. Charles W. Lowery, Jr., Ph. D., who spoke on "German Public Opinion Just Prior to the Outbreak of the War."

A half hour meditation period was held under Rev. Peyton C. Williams after which the convocation closed.

THE MANASSAS GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. H. E. Pickeral and Mrs. Ayleene Guthrie were hostesses on Tuesday afternoon to the Manassas Garden Club. Landscaping the small garden was the subject for consideration, and two members took part in a discussion which had been given over W.R.V.A., by Mrs. Brockenbrough and Mrs. Durham of Richmond.

Chrysanthemums were on display and Mrs. Cooksey told of the first chrysanthemum show, held in Boston in 1868; and of a monument in Toulouse, France, which was erected in honor of this flower.

Mrs. Hutchison gave a report of the District meeting of the Federation recently held in Richmond.

A report sent by Mrs. Paul Cooksey, stated that sixteen dogwood, nine climbing roses, and eighteen Chinese elms, had been purchased and planted outside of town. Also the following had been planted: eighteen lilacs, given by the Garden Section, five evergreens given for the Liberia Marker, by the Memorial Association, and twelve shrubs from the Garden Club members.

An invitation had been received from the Ayr Hill Club at Vienna, inviting this club to their meeting on October 30; at which time Mrs. Dillard from the Alexandria club will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Kyle Lynn was voted in as a club member.

It was decided to hold a plant sale November 10th and 11th, in Dr. Dowell's Drug Store window.

Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Cline, of Midland, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at Mary Washington Hospital Tuesday.

FIRST THINGS FIRST



RED CROSS WORKERS PREPARING FOR DRIVE

Plans are progressing for the annual Roll Call and membership drive for the Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross. New Roll Call workers are being added and a special effort will be made to contact every person in the county in order to increase the amount which will be needed to finance the work of the local and National Red Cross during the coming year.

As an impartial and neutral organization the American Red Cross, as you well know for fifty-eight years has been the nation's expression of mercy, an organization which has carried its strength to the scenes of all forms of human suffering whether in peace or in war. Today, after twenty-one years of peace, Europe's great powers are again at war. Already casualties have mounted into the thousands.

Unconcerned with the origin of this conflict, the American Red Cross already is pursuing the duties set down by the Treaty of Geneva. That obligation, fundamentally, is to relieve human suffering impartially.

Already medical supplies have been sent to Poland. More than 3,700 chapters are taking part in a production program to make garments for the war area. The Prince William County Chapter is working on its quota of these warm garments to be sent to Poland.

We are pledged to help the distressed peoples of all nations. In Spain and China we have aided war-stricken civilians. The assistance has been impartially administered, speedily tendered, generously given. The demands of the future are unknown. America needs the Red Cross today as it has rarely been needed before.

Join through your local chapter, between Armistice Day and November 30th, and help to keep your Red Cross ready to meet any challenge which may come to it. Membership fees may be sent direct to Mr. O. D. Waters, Manassas, Va., Roll Call chairman, or to a local representative in your county. Join and help both your local chapter and the National organization. Fifty cents of each membership goes to National Headquarters and the remainder stays in the county for local work.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADDRESSES MANASSAS P. T. A.

Dr. H. Garnett Snead, new County Health Director, was guest-speaker at the October meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association, held on last Thursday afternoon at Bennett School. In discussing the topic, "Development of the Health of the Child," he spoke of the close connection of the P.T.A., to the Health Department and of the assistance the Association is to the Department.

"Grandfather's Clock," a vocal selection by a group of Bennett children, preceded Dr. Snead's talk.

The adoption of the 1939-40 budget and plans for financing the school Dental Clinic were among the main items on the docket for the business session.

Rev. John M. DeChant, president of the Prince William County Co-operative Education Association, gave a detailed and interesting account of the meeting recently held at the Court House and asked the cooperation of the P.T.A., in carrying out the five objectives decided upon at this meeting. He, together with members, also made a plea for assistance in financing and promoting religious education in the schools.

All members were urged to attend the November meeting, which will be held during Book Week on the evening of the 16th, the program at this time consisting of a Bible Exhibit and showing of films, sponsored jointly by the Rufner-Carnegie Library and the Manassas Ministerial Association.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

At Occoquan High School, October 27th beginning at 7:30. New games contest, and fortune telling. Come dressed in costume and help celebrate this big event of the season.

Plenty of ghosts, goblins and witches will also be on the scene. Refreshments of all kinds for sale. Come and help us to make this one of the biggest Halloween party's Occoquan has ever celebrated.

MRS. CARPER TO ENTERTAIN U. D. C. ON WEDNESDAY

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Wednesday, November 1st, at 2:30 P.M., at the home of Mrs. Lewis J. Carper.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The undersigned treasurer of Prince William County will be present at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of receiving payment of 1939 State taxes and local levies:

- Quantico, Monday, October 30, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.
- Dumfries, Tuesday, October 31, from 10:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.
- Joplin, Tuesday, October 31, 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.
- Occoquan, Wednesday, November 1, from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.
- Woodbridge, Wednesday, November 1 from 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
- Headly, Wednesday, November 1, at 3 P.M.
- Haymarket, Thursday, November 2, from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon.

C. A. Sinclair, Treasurer.

YOUNG DEMOCRATIC MEETING NOVEMBER 7th

The Prince William County Young Democratic Club will have its regular meeting on November 7th in the gymnasium. John A. K. Donovan, chairman of the Eighth District, will speak on the "Un-American Situation." Some unusual entertainment has been arranged and refreshments will be served after the meeting. Admittance will be by membership card only.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS TOMORROW

Leesburg High To Invade Local Gridiron

The Manassas High football team is planning take into camp the Leesburg football team on Friday afternoon at 3 p. m.

The Manassas Maulers have been grueling everyday this week in order that they may be in good shape and ready to take over the visitors. Most of the minor injuries of the squad have healed and every one will be ready for action on Friday. Our own Maury Wells says he'll try to be on the side lines rooting for the team.

Coaches Saunders and Litwin have been reviewing the teams with a critical eye. Few changes in the line-up maybe expected. Both coaches agree that each player must earn his position on the first team and must work to hold it.

The entire student body is all enthused about our game Friday and we expect to see the student body yelling for their team in full force.

Last Thursday Coach Litwin held a unique assembly program. It was a bit informal but every one seemed interested. The football squad in uniform displayed a few of our running, passing and trick plays used by the team. Mr. Litwin went on to explain a few fundamentals and technicalities of the game of football. Harry Parrish, William Knox, and Smiley Breeden gave short talks on school spirit, supporting the team, and what to watch for at a game.

We hope that everyone can spare the price of admission and come to the game Friday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. We are all sure that you will get your money's worth. Come on be a real Manassas rooter.

PRINCE WILLIAM BOYS WIN HIGH HONORS

A regrettable conflict made it necessary for two Prince William County boys, Gilbert Rollins and Selwyn Smith, and their coach, Acting County Agent, John Beard to forfeit an extended all-expense trip to the National Dairy Show and Golden Gate Exposition at San Francisco, California, where the two young men would have represented Virginia in the National 4-H Dairy Demonstration Contest this week.

Gilbert and Selwyn made up the Prince William team which led all County teams competing in the annual State 4-H Dairy Demonstration Contest at Richmond in August. Participation in the National Contest would have necessarily meant the postponement of their entering Virginia Polytechnic Institute where both enrolled as Agricultural students in September.

The subject of the demonstration given by the local team was "The Prevention and Control of Common Scours of Dairy Calves." A unique feature of the demonstration was the use of prepared internal digestive organs showing cross sections of the four stomachs of calves and their relation to this widely prevalent calf disorder.

This is the fifth consecutive year for a 4-H team from Prince William to qualify for the honor of representing Virginia in National 4-H Dairy Contests, teams from the County having led in the state competition dairy cattle judging contests at the Virginia State Fair in 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938.

CATLETT LEAGUE TO GIVE PROGRAM AT MANASSAS

The Young People of the Catlett Epworth League of the Catlett M. E. Church, will put on a league program at the Manassas M. E. Church on Sunday, October 29th at 6:45 P.M. The Manassas Young People have invited the Catlett Young People to visit this Church on this date.

VIRGINIA MASONS RECEIVE HONORS

Robert Leachman Invested With High Scottish Rite Rank

A former Manassas boy who at one time served on the Journal was the recipient of distinguished honors by the Supreme Council, Mother Council of the World, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in biennial session in Washington last week.

Robert C. Leachman, son of C. C. Leachman, was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, the investiture taking place Wednesday evening at the Supreme Council Temple on Sixteenth Street, previous to which he and other designates for the same honor from Virginia and Maryland, and among whom was Senator Harry F. Byrd, were entertained at a dinner at the Roosevelt Hotel by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia, Robert S. Crump, 33 degree of Richmond, and the Deputy in Maryland, Rev. Edgar C. Powers, 33 degree, of Baltimore.

Mr. Leachman, now residing in Alexandria, is very active in Masonic work in that city and is at the present time serving his fourth year as secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies there, being also a past presiding officer. He is credited with being the first Mason to receive the 32 degree in the magnificent George Washington National Masonic Memorial Temple, having been the representative candidate of a class of 126 initiated there on October 18, 1929, just 10 years prior to the date when Mr. Leachman received the above-mentioned honor, this being the first Scottish Rite work to be conferred in the Memorial Temple. Local Masons receiving the degrees at that time were J. L. Bushong, J. T. Broadbudd, Fred R. Hynson, C. H. Wine, F. P. Browning, W. D. Taylor, and Walter A. and Luther A. Alpaugh, Charles C. Wenrich, formerly of Manassas, who is an Honorary 33d degree Mason was serving as Master of the Lodge of Perfection that year.

Mr. Leachman began his trade as printer on the Democrat in 1911 under Frank E. Garrison, later serving under D. R. Lewis on the Journal. He entered the Government Printing Office after the War, being transferred from there in 1926 to an official capacity in the printing office at Panama and after two-and-a-half years returned to the G.P.O. In 1935 he entered the Departmental service in editorial work. He is now chief of the printing and reproduction section of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Miss Eugenia Osbourn addressed the club on "Some English Artists and Portrait Painters." As always Miss Osbourn made a charming and witty talk, presenting the outstanding English artists in such a way that they will live more clearly in the memory of her listeners. Through a loan of several books from the Congressional Library in Washington she was able to illustrate to a great extent some of the most famous works of these world renowned men.

Music supreme was given by Mr. Lewis Carper and his violin, accompanied by Mrs. Carper. Their selections were three ever cherished songs—"Danny Boy," "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes" and "The Last Rose of Summer."

MISS EUGENIA ADDRESSES MUSIC-LITERATURE

The Music-Literature Section of the Manassas Woman's Club had one of its largest and most enjoyable meetings on Tuesday evening, October 24th, in the home of Mrs. Thomas J. Broadbudd.

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Miss Sue Ayres reported a most enjoyable and profitable trip to the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington on Saturday, October 14. Mrs. Ossie Tipton, Mrs. Marshall Douglas, Mrs. E. D. Wissler and Mrs. T. J. Broadbudd also made brief remarks about their trip.

The Hostesses, Mrs. Broadbudd and Mrs. E. D. Wissler, served very pleasing refreshments and guests and members of the club enjoyed a very nice evening.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT BUCKHALL TUESDAY

A grand time will be had by all at Buckhall Schoolhouse Tuesday, October 31. The witch and goblins will give prizes and refreshments. Come costumed.