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OLDER WORKERS ARE ENCOURAGED

Employment Service Outlines Current Situation

There are certain groups of applicants which present special problems to the Virginia State Employment Service in its endeavor to place them in suitable employment where they will be a credit to themselves and an asset to their employers.

Typical of such groups are young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21, migratory farm workers, and those in the over 40 age group.

This article deals with this latter group, unemployed workers over 40 years of age. The placement of these workers in jobs with private industry is a difficult problem especially in the semi-skilled and unskilled occupations. This situation has in many cases assumed such a degree of severity that men in this age group are finding it next to impossible to find a job.

Census experts tell us that due to the decrease in birth rate during the past generation, the average age of the people of this country is increasing—that fewer young and more old are including our population than was formerly the case. If the percentage of those people over 40 years of age is increasing, it is self-evident that the economic welfare of this group is of prime concern not only to these people themselves but to the country as a whole. Any such policy as "through at 40," if continued, would mean disaster to all of us.

Unthinking acceptance of the idea that workers of 40 or over are less desirable than younger workers creates a serious situation. Unemployment mounting with age means that it is increasingly difficult for older workers who lose their jobs to secure new ones. Yet there are workers who, during the middle years of life, are saddled with heavy responsibilities and their lack of employment means both deprivation and added burdens for the young.

The Virginia State Employment Service believes that one of the best means of attacking this problem is the dissemination of data in support of the theory that it is better economics to employ older workers than to support them with public funds in morale-shattering idleness. We do not wish to enlist sympathy for older workers, but merely point out that they have certain characteristics and qualifications which are of value to employers.

Many employers have found that older employees offer seasoned experience, judgement, dependability, maturity, and loyalty. They exhibit a tendency to receive and execute orders willingly and in many cases are more stable and reliable than young men.

In connection with the ability of men over 40, it might be well to point out that America was discovered by a man who sailed westward at the age of 47. The United States has had but one president younger than 45, and no president younger than 43. One of our greatest automobile manufacturers has made a public statement to the effect that if all the experience and judgment of men over 50 were taken out of the world, there would not be enough left to run it.

Certainly when such a highly developed and highly specialized industry as automobile manufacturing recognized the worth of the worker of 40 years or more, others should have no fear in hiring them.

The Virginia State Employment Service does not wish to convey the impression that the young man is to be considered a poor risk. It realizes that industry must young men coming along continually for replacements. However, the Employment Service does feel that the belief that men of 40 are not to be considered as good risks, is unfair.

The Virginia State Employment Service is primarily established for the person seeking work and for the employer seeking workers. If you belong to either group, contact the local Employment Office at 301 King Street, in Alexandria, telephone Alexandria 4224. The Alexandria office serves the employers and workers of Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William Counties. Offices are also located in Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Front Royal and Winchester.

FIRST BOOK REVIEW APPEARS THIS WEEK

With this issue, The Journal begins the printing of a series of weekly book reviews by students of the third and fourth year classes of the Osbourn High School, Manassas, under the general heading, "I Like This Book."

To the writer of the best book review printed during the present school session, Clarence Wagener will award the W. C. Wagener Memorial Prize—\$10 worth of books and a Certificate of Achievement.

Each review will deal with a book intended for adult reading; and every book reviewed will be available on loan at the Ruffner-Carnegie Library.

The judges for the contest are: Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, Father Widmer and Mr. O. D. Waters.

LADIES NIGHT AT KIWANIS CLUB

Make Merry With Unique Contests

The usual happy crowd gathered for Kiwanis' Ladies' Night at the high school on Friday evening. The generous turkey spread properly used in the ceremonies.

When everyone had supped bountifully, Rev. Graham took over as quiz master. Five ladies and five gentlemen strove for honors. Both did very well. High scorers were Mrs. Kitty Arrington and C. M. Harris.

The "window" dressing contest was won by O. D. Waters after a hectic scramble. Close behind him were G. R. Ratcliffe and E. R. Conner. (My, how they made those soft little "odds-and-ends" stretch and overstretch.)

In the anagram contest, Mrs. Arrington again rung up as winner, having all but one (It is rumored that even the quiz master fell down on that also.)

Special music was given by Messrs. Douglas Fife, with the accordion, and Bill Crouch, with the banjo. Mrs. Kitty Baker presided at the piano and Miss Rose Ratcliffe led the group singing.

The list of members and guests is as follows.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Ledman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Trusler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carl Kincheloe, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sharrett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Sigman, Mr. and Mrs. Conner Kincheloe, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hooff, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sudd, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Clark, Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Graham, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Marsteller, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill Brown, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Hunton Tiffany.

Mrs. Kitty Baker, Mrs. Harry Sanders, Mrs. E. G. Parrish, Mrs. Ayleene Guthrie, Mrs. Maude Kincheloe, Mrs. Dorothy Allen, Mrs. H. E. Pickeral.

Misses Helen Lloyd, Waiser Conner, Rose Ratcliffe, Mildred Roseberry, Hilda Moser, Nancy Marsteller, Fanelle Pickeral, Nancy and Betty Parrish.

Rev. James J. Widmer, Rev. A. S. Gibson, Messrs. C. W. Alpaugh, C. M. Harris, E. R. Conner, D. J. Arrington, R. D. Wharton, P. A. Lewis, W. L. Lloyd, A. H. Roseberry, R. C. Hayden, David Rittenhouse, Gary Allen, Carter L. Crouch, Earl E. Fife.

A special gasoline sale offered through the kindness of two of the club members is advertised elsewhere. It is for the Christmas Fund.

BOX PARTY AT BRADLEY DECEMBER 1

There will be a box party at Bradley Brethren Church the first Friday night in December, beginning at 7:30. We invite old and young. There will be songs and Scripture reading.

Investigations in the automobile industry have revealed the fact that a good proportion of openings in field are filled by older men. Of 75,000 men employed in 14 automobile plants during the production years of 1933-1934, men 40 years or more were given an average of nearly one-half again as many hours of employment during the year as those under 30 years. They earned two thirds more in yearly income than those in their teens and twenties.

The Methodist Ladies annual bazaar was quite a success.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Precincts	William D. Medley	E. R. Conner	W. Hill Brown, Jr.	C. A. Sinclair	R. M. Weir	John P. Kerlin	C. B. Fitzwater	M. J. Shepherd	J. Murray Taylor	C. V. S. Abel	C. B. Roland	W. M. Johnson	G. C. Russell	W. Crow
Aden	47	48	57	57	53	51	40	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brentsville	43	50	55	25	51	35	51	11	0	0	14	0	0	0
Catharpin	13	15	16	16	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dumfries	36	38	43	43	41	46	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	37
Greenwich	23	25	29	28	31	29	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haymarket	50	52	58	56	57	58	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0
Hickory Grove	12	12	15	14	14	16	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0
Hoadly	13	14	13	14	13	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horton's	7	8	10	11	11	11	0	0	0	7	0	0	15	0
Idp't Hill	13	16	17	14	16	14	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Joplin	7	11	12	12	12	11	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
Manassas	147	153	163	160	160	153	0	0	0	0	159	0	0	0
Nokesville	128	136	164	157	162	147	127	77	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occoquan	38	38	41	41	37	37	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0
Potomac	52	54	58	58	56	57	0	0	0	57	0	0	42	0
Token	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Waterfall	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Wellington	7	7	7	8	8	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
TOTAL	660	677	780	736	760	722	234	137	34	107	74	167	53	71

BIBLE IS CENTER OF DISCUSSION

Rare and Interesting Exhibit Held in Book Week

A large group of P.T.A. members and "Friends of the Library" attended the joint meeting of these two groups, held in conjunction with Book Week celebration on last Thursday evening in Manassas High School auditorium. In addition to being the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association this was the occasion of the annual reunion of the "Friends of the Ruffner-Carnegie Library."

After a short business session, Mrs. H. M. MacCall, president of the P.T.A., presented Rev. R. M. Graham, who gave a brief but comprehensive history of the Bible, its sources, and how it was preserved in the various early languages, long before type printing was discovered. At the conclusion of this historical review, he introduced Mr. Channing P. Hayes, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Richmond, who showed a highly entertaining descriptive film, depicting the various methods used in printing and binding the Bible from ancient times to the present day. This film, Mr. Hayes said, is the type used in public school educational work in many sections.

Following this feature a paper was read explaining the purpose of "Friends of the Library," and all those present who had not already enrolled as members of this group were cordially invited to do so.

At the conclusion of this program, which was jointly sponsored by the Manassas Ministerial Association and the Ruffner-Carnegie Library, the really splendid Bible Exhibit, collected and prepared by Librarian E. H. Osbourn and her assistants, was viewed by all those present. This exhibit was attractively displayed in the Library rooms and gave evidence of many hours of painstaking research work. It was truly remarkable in its scope, containing many very early editions, facsimiles, photostat copies of illuminated manuscripts and sample pages from Bibles written in twenty-two different languages.

While viewing this exhibit the guests enjoyed refreshments served by the Social Committee of the P.T.A.

W. C. T. U. RALLY DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

The W. C. T. U. will hold a Rally Day meeting in the Sunday School room of the Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 29th, at 2:30 P.M. The State President, Mrs. Amy C. Weech, will be the speaker. Mrs. Weech is one of the best speakers on Temperance in the State of Virginia. The public is cordially invited.

SCOUT SUPPER AT HAYMARKET

The Boy and Girl Scouts of Haymarket will have a Turkey Supper in the school auditorium on Thursday evening, December 7.

BAPTIST SUPPER AT HAYMARKET

The ladies of Haymarket Baptist Church will have a Turkey and Oyster Supper in the Parish Hall Friday evening, December 1.

RUFFNER-CARNEGIE LIBRARY NOTES

The library wishes to express much appreciation of the generous help given by the Ministerial Association in the Bible Exhibition held last Thursday night at the joint meeting of the P. T. A. and the "Friends of the Library." It is interesting to note in connection with the exhibit that most of the many editions of the Bible shown were from local sources. The copies of the Greek and Hebrew Testaments and of the early edition of the King James Version of the English Bible were from the collection of the Rev. Emory Round.

The copies of the Hebrew Torah, of the Latin Vulgate and its English translation and of the French, German and Italian Bibles were loaned by Father Widmer, and of the Modern Revised Version of the English Bible by Rev. John DeChant who also secured from the Library of Congress the photostat copies of illuminated manuscripts and of pages of the Gutenberg Bible of 1454 (first printed Bible.) The facsimiles of the pages of eight editions of the English Bible and of the Bible in twenty-two different modern languages were obtained by Rev. R. M. Graham from the Richmond Bible House. The library is also most grateful for the gifts from the Ministerial Association of the beautiful facsimiles of the early editions of the English Bible, and also of a much needed Bible dictionary.

A new loan of one-hundred books from the State Library in Richmond, were received this week. This collection will remain here for four months.

On account of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Library Reading Circle under the auspices of the Manassas Womens' Club) will be held on the 5th., Thursday of the month, November 30, at 3:30 p.m.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHERS ORGANIZE

The first meeting of the Northern Virginia Industrial Arts Teachers Association was held in Alexandria on November 11. At this meeting officers for the Association were elected as follows:

President Mr. L. B. Beres, George Washington High School Alexandria, Virginia; vice president Mr. Charles J. Litwin, Manassas High School Manassas, Virginia; secretary-treasurer Mr. H. F. Cooper, George Washington High School, Alexandria, Virginia.

The newly elected officers took office immediately and then made plans for the following year. Mr. Litwin of Manassas proposed a constitution for the association, was approved and adopted. It was also agreed upon that any man who taught Industrial Arts or Trades in Northern Virginia was eligible for membership in the association. Dues were established at \$2.00 annually.

The main purposes of this organization is to promote Industrial Arts in Virginia, to bring before the people the value and objectives of Industrial Arts, to bring to gather the ideas of the men teaching in this field, for the men to improve the Industrial Arts field as well as themselves.

The next meeting will be held at Fairfax High School. A turkey dinner will be served at 5:30 and the business meeting will follow.

COUNTY CLUBS REVIEW ACHIEVEMENTS

Approximately 200 women of Prince William County met at the Parrish Hall November 9th for the Annual Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day.

Miss Maude E. Wallace, Assistant Director, in charge of Home Demonstration Work, who was the guest speaker, challenged each homemaker.

"In view of the economic situation as predicted for 1940 each homemaker should make the following resolves and try hard to see each resolve through the year.

1. Resolve to: Make a money spending plan for the year with the family.
2. Resolve to: Plan well balanced meals.
3. Resolve to: Prepare good meals. Make each bit of food taste its best by cooking it properly to save all food values.
4. Resolve to: Make each meal the happiest time of day. Plan surprises for the family. Plan nice things to talk about. Make your family happy at meal times.
5. Resolve to: Do all work seated when possible. This will help you to be in a happy mood when the family comes home.
6. Resolve to: Keep accurate record of all money spent.

Other features of the program included a panel discussion on "Accomplishments in Prince William County During 1939" led by Miss Alice Webb and participated in by Mrs. Frank Miller, Dumfries, Mrs. Earl Squires, Greenwich, Mrs. L. J. Bowman, Nokesville, Mrs. John Rollins, Wellington, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Woodbridge, Mr. J. W. Beard, County Agent, and Miss Katherine Omohundro, Farm Security Administration.

Mrs. E. W. Thompson spoke on "Our State Federation Program for 1940," and Miss Katherine Omohundro gave a report on "The London Conference."

Dumfries Home Demonstration Club furnished the entertainment in the form of a skit entitled "Moods of the Ages."

Educational exhibits were staged by the clubs as follows:

- Aden: "Ways Home Demonstration Members earn supplementary incomes."
 - Dumfries: "Handicrafts."
 - Greenwich: "The Emergency Shelf for Unexpected Guests."
 - Hickory Grove: "Varieties of Home Canned Foods."
 - Nokesville: "Arrangements for Winter Bouquets."
 - Woodbridge: "Christmas Suggestions Made at Home."
 - Farm Security: "The Home Food Supply."
 - Wellington: "Home Canning."
- Placements of exhibits as judged by Miss Wallace were:
- First: Woodbridge, Greenwich, and Farm Security.
 - Second: Nokesville, Dumfries, and Aden.
 - Third: Hickory Grove and Wellington.

Reverend A. S. Gibson gave the invocation, Mrs. Wallace Dawson presided over the meeting, Mrs. Earnest Spitzer and Mrs. Fred Shepherd had charge of the music and a most delightful luncheon was served at the gymnasium by the Manassas P.T.A.

Don't Forget The Woman's Club Dance In The Haymarket School Auditorium Friday Night, Nov. 24.

APPLE WEEK IS WELL RECEIVED

Every Line Of Effort Made To Market Virginia Crop

Virginia's special effort to aid in the marketing of her 7,500,000 bushel apple crop reaches its climax during the week of November 20—Virginia Apple Week, when some 3,000 retail establishments in the Old Dominion will feature Virginia apples in window and other displays. Thousands of Virginians will be introduced to Virginia apples for the first time, the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce, one of the campaign sponsors, predicted today.

Among cooperators are approximately 2,000 independent retail grocers, either through their associations or working through a group of co-operating produce merchants. More than 650 chain grocery stores in Virginia will blossom forth Monday with special advertising and promotional material on apples, through the cooperation of the Southeastern Chain Store Council, at Norfolk. Chain dress shops, hat stores, drug stores, shoe stores, variety stores and even department stores have prepared special exhibits of apples and apple promotional material and many have ordered apples and will give them away in their stores.

W. S. Campfield, secretary of the Virginia Horticulture Society, stated last night in Staunton that estimates as the quantity of advertising material needed had fallen below demands, due to the splendid and general cooperation of retailers. Thousands of apple cook books have been distributed, as well as other material. The press, radio and all other available mediums of reaching the public have cooperated fully in the movement, he said.

Governor James H. Price this week called on all Virginians to cooperate in the movement that is a vehicle to aid move some 2,000,000 bushels of apples grown for foreign markets, which are now closed. Through the cooperation of the Virginia Education Association, Major Raymond B. Bottom, of Newport News, president of the State Chamber, will present a plea for school cooperation in the solution of the problem on Wednesday before the general assembly of the Virginia Education Association. Already scores of schools are co-varieties of Virginia apples, seasons operating and the difference between when they are good and other information on apples are being taught in many class rooms.

More than state institutions have responded to the request of the Virginia Horticulture Society, backed by letters from the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce and Governor Price, to use Virginia apples in every way this year. Officials of the State Chamber reported that Virginia railroads have responded enthusiastically and that apple dishes are being served on all diners traversing the state—and running into many other states. In addition railroads and other transportation agencies have printed much material for display.

Outstanding assistance has been given the campaign also by hotels, Major Bottom said today. Many are giving apples away, sending them to all guests in their rooms following dinner hour. The Southeastern Chain Store Council, representing thousands of stores throughout the South, has made a special effort on behalf of the Virginia apple campaign, including the major portion of advertising matter, Major Bottom said.

Looking ahead toward the establishment of permanent American markets for Virginia fruit formerly shipped abroad, plans for the future in this field will be discussed December 7 before the Virginia Horticulture Society in annual meeting in Roanoke by Verbon E. Kemp, executive secretary of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. Efforts have been made to place Virginia apples in the South this year, through Virginia Horticulture Society. An extension of this effort in the future is forecast.

NOKESVILLE SUPPER FRIDAY NIGHT

The Nokesville Methodist Church will have a Chicken and Oyster supper in the school auditorium Friday night, November 24, beginning at 6:00, proceeds to be used for parsonage equipment.