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TEACHERS CONFER AT RICHMOND

Governor Price Pledges Aid to Public Schools.

Governor Price and other administrators and educators inspired and advised delegates and other teachers from the Prince William County Teachers Association who attended the annual convention of the Virginia Education Association during the Thanksgiving holidays from November 20-23 at Richmond.

Delegates from the Prince William County Teacher's Association were Mr. Worth Peters, chairman; Miss Margaret Powell of Quantico, and Mr. Montgomery Johnston of Occoquan. Those who also attended were Mr. R. C. Haydon, Miss Sue Evelyn Irons and Miss Jane Lybrook of Dumfries, and Miss Pauline Brown, of Occoquan.

Governor Price told delegates at the Virginia Education Association convention that he planned to give the schools first consideration in making up the next biennial budget. This would, he said, include recommendation to the General Assembly "the establishment of an actuarially sound plan for the retirement of teachers", and that the new budget would include funds to increase the state's contribution per teacher salary until to \$720 a year by the fiscal year 1943-44.

The convention was opened Wednesday night, November 20, with a speech by Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, editor, Richmond News Leader, who discussed "The Educator's Approach to War". In his talk, he told the teachers of Virginia's children that "war is the denial of reason but if we go into it we must not deny our own reason". While setting the theme for the convention, Dr. Freeman said, we must accept the nation's plans for protection but that we must see the equities in war, that we must do away with hate, and that we must have no delusions about war and its costs. "War is Hell", Dr. Freeman emphasized.

At one of the many sectional meetings which Prince William County teachers attended, Dr. Gerald S. Craig of Columbia University told of the importance of science in our schools today. Dr. Craig said that unfortunately the scientific method was something that is put on, like an apron, upon entering the laboratory, and still more unfortunately, was taken off when leaving the laboratory. He said that the scientific method must be applied to all our life, to our economics, government, and community life. Physical science, he continued, has progressed faster than Social science. As a result, we have an age of gadgets and an age of chaos rather than an age of science.

Of particular interest was the Health, Physical Education and Recreation meeting on Friday afternoon, November 23, led by Dr. N. P. Neilson, executive secretary, National Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, since one of the special objectives of Prince William County teachers this year is the setting up of an adequate program of Health and Physical Education in the county. In Dr. Neilson's speech, which was broadcast over WMBG, he said that the United States is a nation of sit-downers and lie-downers. He said that modern inventions and convenient transportation had increased the amount of leisure time and decreased physical activity. This leisure, said Mr. Neilson, was spent sitting down at the movies, at cards, as spectators at football games; or lying down reading. The results, he pointed out, are indigestion or sluggishness for which we take cigarettes, alcohol, aspirin, or habit-forming soft-drinks; all of which make us further unfit physically. Dr. Neilson emphasized that we must have vigorous activities, that there was "no short cut to physical fitness".

As the conclusion for his radio address, Dr. Neilson discussed Bill H. R. 10606 which has been presented to Congress for the promotion of the Physical Welfare of our nation by grants to states totaling \$100,000,000 annually to obtain the services of physical training experts, to provide playground and physical education equipment, and to provide summer camps for the further physical development of the youth of our nation.

Dr. Neilson pointed out that in the last war one-third of the draftees examined were found physically un-

SPECIAL T. B. WORK DONE IN THIS COUNTY

Some of the preventative work that your Seal Sale money has done: Cod liver oil \$123.00, Ex-ray \$182.00, milk \$194.90, Dental clinic \$60.00, hot lunches \$25.00.

Cod liver oil has doubled in cost, be generous in buying Christmas Seals.

MILLS BROWN IS NUMBER ONE

Volunteers To Become First Prince William Selectee

Mr. Mills Brown of Quantico was formally inducted into the armed forces of the United States this morning as the first man in Prince William County to be called under the Selective Service Law.

Quite a number of distinguished citizens of the County assembled at the Selective Service Board headquarters in the Prince William Courthouse to honor Mr. Brown and extend congratulations.

From Quantico came the Mayor, Hon. J. H. Moncure, and there were also present Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. W. T. Brown, and his grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Mills of Topeka, Kansas.

The young man who has gained this distinction volunteered for service and successfully passed the physical examination. He would not have been reached by the regular procedure of the Selective Service Board for some time.

Mr. Brown is the son of a medical officer stationed at the Quantico Marine Barracks, and already has had considerable military training, having belonged to the R. O. T. C. for three years at the University of California. He was born May 16, 1916. The induction formalities were presided over by Hon. C. C. Cloe, chairman of the Prince William Selective Service Board, who spoke eloquently, but briefly, and extended his personal congratulations.

Other speakers included Hon. Harry Davis, Mayor of Manassas, Hon. J. Hunt Moncure, Mayor of Quantico, Hon. Wm. Hill Brown, jr., Commonwealth's Attorney of Prince William, Rev. John DeChant, representing the American Legion, and Mr. E. G. Parrish, Local Commander of the American Legion, Col. Robert Hutchison, Government Agent of the local Selective Service Board.

Many other prominent citizens and officials of the County were present, including Prof. R. C. Haydon, superintendent of schools; Mr. Robert Weir, commissioner of Revenue; Sheriff John Kerlin, Dr. Stewart McBryde, local selective service physician, Dr. George B. Cocke, Mr. W. F. Cocke, town manager of Manassas, and others who had come either officially or personally to honor Mr. Brown, who made the most favorable impression upon all present as a young man of the finest personality, modest demeanor and splendid capabilities.

Following the ceremony Mr. Brown received the congratulations of every person present, wishing him God-speed and a happy return.

NEAR FATAL ACCIDENT

Russell Polen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Polen and local high school student, had a near fatal accident while hunting in the undergrowth near his home on Saturday.

He was working his way through the brush at the time, and was using his gun to hold the low branches back when a twig caught in the trigger and discharged the load directly into his left forearm.

The shot tore away the tendons and flesh, breaking the bone but luckily missing the vital artery.

Young Polen was rushed to a Washington Hospital where he is resting quietly and should return home in a few days.

Kiwanis Christmas Fund benefit. Pitts Theatre, December 5 and 6. Buy your ticket from a member of the club.

Fit for service. As a result, Physical Education began to be included in most schools after 1917. Since that time American citizens have come to a more thorough realization of the value of physical fitness. He quoted President Roosevelt, who said that our citizens were soft and that they should be tough.

AID THE NATIONAL DEFENSE BY PURCHASING AND USING CHRISTMAS SEALS



FUTURE FARMERS CLUB GETS IN FULL SWING

The Future Farmers Club of Prince William County met Monday night, Nov. 25. A very interesting meeting was had, with Ralph Rollins of Bristow, presiding.

Mr. R. C. Haydon, superintendent of schools gave a very interesting talk. He spoke on the many advantages that the farm boy and the farm people have to-day over those who lived on the farm, 25 years ago. He also gave us a thorough explanation of the auto mechanics and woodwork course held by the government in connection with the National Defense Program; for those wishing to enroll in this county between the ages of 18-26. He urges that the Future Farmer Boys take advantage of this opportunity in order to prepare ourselves for the future.

The following objectives were adopted for the coming year.

1. Hold regular monthly meetings and at some period during the year sponsor a series of discussions on agricultural topics.
2. Conduct a program of farm mechanics during year taking advantages of opportunity afforded by school shop.
3. Each member to conduct at least one farm enterprise with a complete and accurate set of records and improved practices applied during year.
4. Conduct all meetings according to rules of parliamentary procedures.
5. Serve refreshments at each regular meeting.
6. Take a farm tour, camping trip or a trip of similar nature sometime during the year.
7. Cooperate with County F. F. A. Chapters in making their program more functional.
8. Each member strive for 100 per cent attendance record.
9. Have outside speakers to speak to the organization on topics of interest at frequent intervals.
10. Sponsor a public program.
11. Each member to invite a guest to each regular meeting.
12. Conduct a recreational program including the sports.

Those boys wishing to join the Future Farmers Club do so at once. Any boy who is not a member and wants information concerning the club, see Mr. Beamer, Mr. Fishpaw or Billy Harpine.

NAVY RECRUITING NEWS

Navy Recruiting representatives from the United States Navy Recruiting Station, Room 503 Parcel Post Building, Richmond, Virginia, will be at the Post Office Building, Fredericksburg, Virginia, from Monday, December 2, 1940, through Wednesday, December 4, 1940, for the purpose of examining young men for enlistment in the Navy and to furnish information concerning the Navy. The Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 permits the enlistment of men in the Navy up to the time they receive orders to report for training under that Act. Young men between the ages of 17 and 18 years of age now being enlisted in the Navy to serve until they reach their 21st birthday.

HOMEMAKERS HOLD LITERARY DISCUSSION

Mrs. R. C. Haydon and Mrs. B. F. Knox were joint hostesses to the Bethlehem Good Housekeeping Club on Wednesday afternoon of last week, at the home of Mrs. Haydon, on Grant Avenue.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Leesburg, house guest of Mrs. W. S. Athey, and Mrs. Daniel Eutsler were visitors, and Mrs. Mae Dogan, an associate member was also present.

Mrs. Byrd, who presided, welcomed Mrs. Conway Seeley as a new member of the Club.

The life and literary works of George Eliot were discussed by the members in response to roll call, and the name of Evelyn Byrd, daughter of William Byrd, 2nd, of Westover, Va., was chosen for like discussion in December.

Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, reporting for the Library Committee, told of several new additions to the local library, among them being: "The Vanishing Virginian", "Mrs. Miniver", and "Ordeal", by Nevil Shute, a recent gift of Mrs. Clarence Wagner, of Baltimore.

Plans for publishing the "History of Old Prince William", the manuscript of which is now receiving the final corrections, were discussed.

At Mrs. Byrd's invitation the club will meet at her home in December, at which time new officers will be elected and final plans for distributing Christmas baskets will be made. Mrs. Joseph Kincheol introduced Mrs. Daniel Eutsler, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on life among the natives of Alaska, as lived by herself and husband for more than years before coming to make their home in Manassas.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses during the social hour.

C. E. SOCIETY HOLDS SOCIAL GATHERING

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church held a Social in the Sunday School rooms on Wednesday night. Many M. S. V. S. boys attended.

Games of all kinds were played; also instrumental music and the singing of familiar hymns. A guessing contest was featured. Part of a hymn tune was played and the contestants were to identify the hymn and find the number in the hymnal. Delicious refreshments were served. Miss Mary Rinaldue was a general chairman for the affair. These Socials are a monthly feature of the Society. Religious meetings of the organization are held every Sunday night at 6:30. The meetings are open to all.

MRS. DENNIS BAKER HOSTESS TO U. D. C.

The Manassas Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 4, at 2:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Dennis Baker. Mrs. Marshall Douglass will be assistant hostess.

"FIFTH COLUMN" IS DISCUSSED AT KIWANIS CLUB

Active preparations for the children's Christmas have begun in the Manassas Kiwanis Club. Last Friday evening Mr. O. D. Waters announced that some three hundred toys were already definitely awaiting the annual distribution. This week further word came to the effect that Manager Hibbs of the local Pitts Theatre, had arranged for a benefit next Thursday and Friday evenings. It is a Cagney picture and a description of the play is published in another column.

Mr. W. H. Lamb of the local press, was present as the guest of Mr. Ledman. He gave a graphic discussion as to how the alleged Fifth Column is operating the United States and more particularly in the Southern States.

ARMORIES ARE CALLED UNFIT

Inspection Shows Virginia Defenses Need Improvement

Carrying out an inspection authorized by the Governor of Virginia, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, chairman of the State Planning Board, has just made a report in which it is stated that most of Virginia's thirty-four armories are unfit for efficient military training. Only four were found more or less satisfactory, and some were graded very low.

The lowest rating was handed to the Hopewell Armory which was referred to in the report as a "structure hardly deserving the name of an armory". Roanoke also came in for a lambasting.

It was stated that national guard units everywhere gave the most courteous and helpful assistance in making the survey, frankly revealing inadequacies as a means of securing needed public assistance in bringing the various armories up to a standard.

The ratings given the various armories in Virginia are as follows:

Newport News, 95; Portsmouth, 89; Lynchburg, 85; Richmond Howitzers' Armory, 84; Onancock, 83; Martinsville, 82; Danville, 81; Blacksburg, 79; Emporia, 78; Petersburg, 77; Petersburg, 78; Charlottesville, 77; Fredericksburg, 77; Harrisonburg, 74; Blackstone, 70; Hampton, 70; Norfolk Blues' Armory, 69; Chase City, 65; Bedford, 64; Richmond Blues' Armory, 62; Norfolk Princess Anne Road Armory, 61; Wytheville, 59; Altavista, 5; Alexandria, 48; Richmond Grays' Armory, 48; Farmville, 47; Berryville, 46; Roanoke, 45, and Hopewell, 36.

(See picture on page 8)

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED FOR N. Y. A. BOYS

The N. Y. A. Virginia Resident Project now occupying the old Swaverly buildings are planning an elaborate Christmas party on the campus on December 20, 1940, at five p. m. Mayor Harry P. Davis has been invited to turn on the lights that will decorate the trees on the campus; also, from the same switch will be lighted a 15-foot sign over the entrance to the campus which will read "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men", and a 10-foot star on the top of the center building.

Immediately following the lighting of the Christmas decorations the entire student body will sing the Christmas carols and the general public are cordially invited to attend and join in the singing.

After the singing Christmas dinner will be served to the youth of the project.

Christmas holidays will begin Saturday, December 21, 1940, at four p. m. and last until six a. m., Thursday, January 2, 1941.

GARDEN SECTION MEETING

The December meeting of the Garden Section of the Manassas Woman's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe on Wednesday, December 11, at 2:30 p. m., instead of December 2.

Mrs. R. C. Haydon and Mrs. E. D. Wislar will be assistant hostesses.

TURKEY SUPPER AT HAYMARKET

There will be a turkey and oyster supper at the Parish Hall in Haymarket, November 29. Given by the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church beginning 4 p. m.

DR COCKE HONORED AT CONVENTION

Named To Board Of Directors Of Va. Telephone Association

Dr. George B. Cocke of Manassas was signally honored last week at the Sixth Annual Convention of the Virginia Independent Telephone Association by being elected a member of their Board of Directors and also as vice president.

Attending the convention which met at Roanoke were the following from the Central Mutual Telephone Company of Prince County: Dr. Cocke, president; Mr. J. A. Vetter, general manager; and Mr. Floyd Vetter, assistant manager.

Of the ninety-one independent telephone companies in Virginia 90 per cent were represented at this convention which directed its chief attention to our present National Defense and emergency.

Such timely matters were considered as speedy communication if and when a crisis should arise and how to prevent sabotage and destruction of vital lines of defense and committees were appointed to formulate plans for the successful co-operation with the national and state governmental agencies and boards assigned to similar problems.

DISCUSSES VIRGINIA HISTORICAL NOVELS

The Fine Arts Section of the Woman's Club of Manassas held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, November 26, in the home of Mrs. Fred Hynson, with Mrs. Ossie Tipton assisting Mrs. Hynson as hostess.

After the business period was concluded, Mrs. C. R. C. Johnson, the speaker of the evening, addressed the club. Her subject was "Virginia Historical Novels". She gave a most interesting talk upon the writers who have used the rich historical background of our State in novels which have become famous, the first part of the seventeenth century to the present time. She paid high tribute to Miss Ellen Glasgow, our most outstanding novelist, and concluded her talk by a delightful reading from the work of Stephen Vincent Benet which was particularly applicable to the affairs of today.

Mrs. Lewis Carper and Mrs. William Lloyd presented an entertaining and original "Musical Romance" in the form of a contest which was enjoyed by every one present.

The meeting was then adjourned and the hostesses served refreshments.

GARDEN CLUB SALE

The Manassas Garden Club will hold a sale in Dr. Dowell's drug store on Friday and Saturday of this week. The sale will begin at 10 a. m., on Friday, and close at 5 p. m. It will begin at the same hour on Saturday, and last until sold out.

Potted plants, charm strings, decorated flower pots, wall brackets, etc., will be on sale.

HUNTING LICENSE FIGURES FOR PRINCE WILLIAM

Hon. L. Ledman, Clerk of the Court, advises us that an informal check of the records, subject to final summation, reveals the following interesting facts:

County licenses issued for hunting and fishing 649, State licenses 215; State licenses to hunt only 118, two day non resident licenses to hunt only 14, two day licenses non resident for fishing only 6, trapping licenses 9, State license to fish only 16, duck hunting stamps 32, license to hunt on National Park land 21.

Mr. Ledman also states that an informal check indicates that the total revenue for July, Aug. and Sept. was \$1058.50 and for October \$215.00.

PLAN OYSTER SUPPER

Daughters of America, Prince William Council No. 45, is planning an oyster supper to be held at the old Brentsville courthouse on the evening of December 11 (Wednesday). Miss Minnie Smith is a general chairman of arrangements.

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