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DIDLAKE REVIEWS KIWANIS HISTORY

TED DIDLAKE PRESENTS CLUB
HISTORY AT DINNER HELD AT
PRINCE WILLIAM HOTEL

The history of the Manassas Kiwanis Club from the time of its organization nineteen years ago was presented by Ted Didlake at last Friday's meeting at the Prince William Hotel.

As a result of efforts led by Raymond Ratcliffe, the local club was organized at the Parish Hall on October 17, 1924, with a large delegation from the Alexandria club in attendance. With Mr. Ratcliffe as president and Jim Bradford as secretary, the club started off on that date with the following 37 charter members: David Arrington, Winfield Athey, Hill Brown, Arthur Boatwright, Jim Bradford, Terry Curtis, George Cocke, Ed Conner, Ted Didlake, Harry Davis, Stuart Gibson, Dick Hynson, L. F. Hough, Fred Hynson, Robert Hutchison, Al Hooff, C. R. C. Johnson, Charlie Lynn, Percival Lewis, Jack Leachman, Tom Lion, Bill Lloyd, James Larkin, Bill Leachman, Charles McDonald, Luther Moser, Elmer Metz, Dr. Emlin Marsteller, E. C. Nash, Lynn Robertson, Raymond Ratcliffe, Eli Swavely, Harry Saunders, Ernest Trusler, O. D. Waters, W. N. Wenrich and Bruce Whitmore. Ten of the men in the original group are still active members, nine are deceased and six have moved from the county. The club has never had a larger active membership than at present.

There have been eighteen presidents in the order named: Raymond Ratcliffe, 1924, 1925 and 1926; Eli Swavely, 1927; Fred Hynson, 1928; Ted Didlake, 1929; Robert Hutchison, 1930; Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, 1931; Al Hooff, 1932; Dick Hynson, 1933; O. D. Waters, 1934; Hunton Tiffany, 1935; Dick Hynson, 1936; Jim Bradford, 1937; Bill Lloyd, 1938; Ed Conner, 1939; David Arrington, 1940; Frank Sigman, 1941; Ernest Trusler, 1942, and Worth Peters, 1943.

The club has had six secretaries during its existence. Jim Bradford served from its organization until January 1, 1927, and was followed by Dick Haydon who served two years. Haydon was succeeded by Frank Sigman who served two years until January 1, 1931. Jim Bradford then served five more years until January 1, 1936, and was followed by Frank Sigman in 1937, 1938 and 1939. Bucky Harris served in 1941 and was succeeded by Dick Graham. Jack Royer, the present secretary, followed Graham who entered the army as a chaplain in 1943.

The time given to Mr. Didlake did not permit his reviewing the enterprises and undertakings to which the club has given its support. Assistance to underprivileged children has been one of its outstanding services. Kiwanis is one of the organizations of Prince William County that has stood together and maintained its activities for nearly twenty years.

NATIVE OF CATHARPIN PROSPERS IN MARYLAND

From the October 6 issue of "The Enterprise" of Chestertown, Maryland, we note that Mr. James G. Metcalf has purchased the Metcalf Brothers properties there in a transaction which is referred to as one of the largest transactions in the history of the community, the sale price being \$95,000.00.

Mr. Metcalf was born and raised at "Oakwood," at Catharpin, in Prince William County, and recently married Miss Lillian L. Leachman, daughter of the late John P. Leachman.

ARMY-NAVY QUALIFYING TEST

The Army-Navy Qualifying Test will be administered at 9:00 A. M. on Tuesday, November 9th, in the first year high school room of the Nokesville School. The examination will begin promptly at nine o'clock. Candidates should arrive at the examination room between 8:45 and 8:55. Candidates will please notify the principal several days in advance of the examination date.

A PRISONER IN GERMANY

Among fifteen Virginians who are prisoners in Germany the name of a Prince William man appears in the list released this week by the War Department. He is Staff Sergeant Peter A. Katsarelis, son of Mrs. Pellegria B. Katsarelis, of Quantico.



W. Roy Breg

TO SPEAK ON ALLIED YOUTH TO SPEAK AT NOKESVILLE

W. Roy Breg, executive secretary of Allied Youth, is scheduled to speak in the assembly at Nokesville High School October 25, at 11:30 a. m.

Mr. Breg is scheduled to speak at the morning worship services of the Valley and Nokesville Churches of the Brethren at ten and eleven o'clock respectively Sunday morning, October 24. He will speak at the Bealeton High School at 4:45, 7:00 and 8:00 p. m. to those attending the Eastern Virginia Youth Round Table Conference of the Church of the Brethren. It is also hoped that arrangements can be made for Mr. Breg to speak to the students of the Calverton, Manassas and Fairfax High Schools on Monday, October 25.

Allied Youth, with headquarters in the National Education Association Building in Washington, D. C., is a national organization interested in alcohol education and alcohol-free recreation for young people. Recognizing that alcohol is a serious problem for young people today, Allied Youth helps them meet the problem through local school units, known as Allied Youth Posts, which are engaged in new and interesting forms of alcohol education and alcohol-free recreation.

In the last several years Mr. Breg has reached 950 high schools and has spoken to hundreds of thousands of high school young people. The response young people make to the program indicates that Allied Youth is meeting a real need in an effective way.

INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL RATIONING BOARD

COUNTRY BUTTER
Country butter is customarily sold as ungraded butter and the maximum retail price for ungraded butter when sold in one pound prints, parchment wrapped, is 44c per pound. A sale of more than two pounds to one customer is considered a sale at wholesale, and the wholesale price is 37c per pound.

CABBAGE
The maximum price of cabbage when sold to Retailers and institutional users in less than carlots or less than trucklots during the months of October and November, is 32c per pound. The maximum retail price will be 2 pounds for .09c.

POTATOES
The October price on Potatoes less than the price for September. Virginia grown U. S. No. 1 potatoes for the month of October is \$2.45 per cwt. f. o. b. country shipping point.

MILK, BUTTER AND BUTTERFAT PRODUCERS ADVISED TO KEEP SALES RECORDS AND RECEIPTS

On October 13, the War Food Administration, announced the direct subsidy rates to be paid dairy farmers for their October, November and December production.

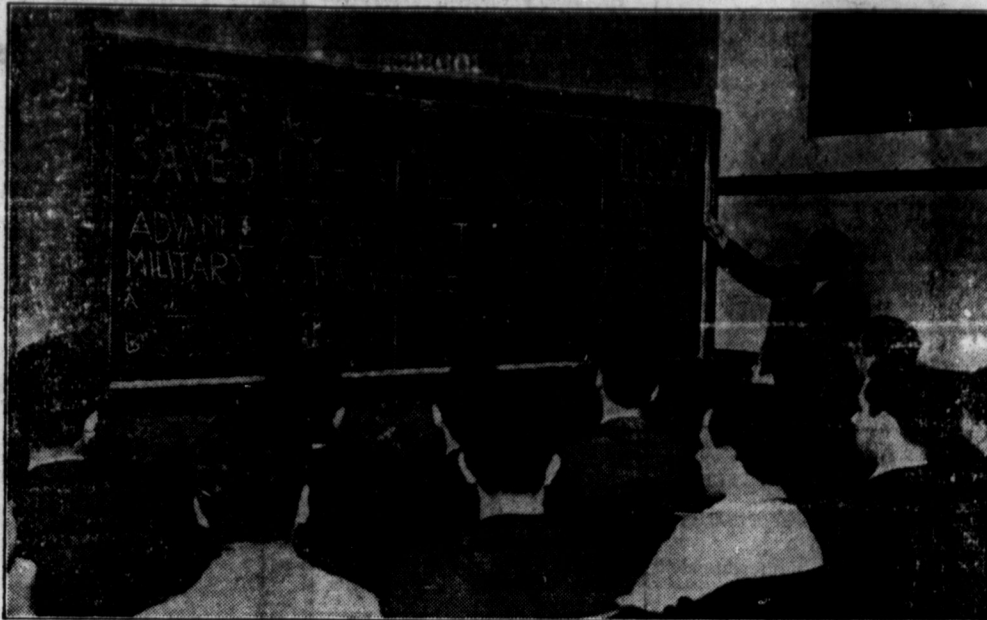
Dairymen in this area will receive 40 cents per hundredweight for milk delivered for sale. Where producers deliver butterfat, the rate in this area is five cents per butterfat pound. Producers who sell butter to consumers, local stores, etc., will be paid 80 per cent of the rate on butterfat since there are approximately four pounds of butterfat in five pounds of butter.

Producers who sell butter will need receipts from buyers to give evidence of the sale. Producer-handlers who retail milk will submit lists of customers and other evidence of sales. Monthly settlement statements from the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association will be ample evidence of sales for Association shippers.

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PRE-INDUCTION COURSES IN AUTO DRIVING

State Pre-Induction High School Driver Education



A typical high school classroom session of the Pre-Induction Driver Education Course recommended by the Army and urged by State authorities in pre-induction training of military motor vehicle operators. High schools throughout the State are now setting up these courses, which will save the Army vitally needed time and hasten victory.

NAVY CRUISER COMING

The people of Manassas and the surrounding counties will have the opportunity Monday, October 25 of learning more about their new Navy when the super mobile Recruiting Cruiser arrives in Manassas. This new recruiting cruiser of the Navy is scheduled to arrive at 9:00 a. m. and will remain until 1 p. m. on Tuesday. The cruiser, costing the Navy Department approximately \$10,000, and weighing around 8,500 pounds was built in order that the interested applicants for naval service might find out more about Navy life from the people who are now serving with Uncle Sam's men in blue.

Lieutenant (j.g.) Baker W. Armstrong, Officer in Charge of the Cruiser will direct the activities of the personnel stationed aboard. Each night while the Cruiser is on its long journey, that will cover a large portion of the state, movies will be shown to the thousands of people who attend the meetings sponsored by the Navy.

Free booklets and information bulletins will be distributed in Manassas by the Cruiser personnel, and someone will always be on board to answer questions regarding enlistment in the Naval Service. With the present need for skilled construction men in the SEABEES, and 17 years olds for general service, a great deal of time will be devoted to these two branches of the Navy by all hands attached to the Cruiser. Young ladies between the ages of 20 and 36 years who wish to aid their country in its present struggle may receive complete information regarding their enlistment in the WAVES from personnel aboard the Cruiser.

CHIEF FRIX SAYS

In the opinion of Chief Specialist Alton Frix The Navy Recruiter, a boy 17 years old is very wise to volunteer for the Navy while he still has a chance to choose.

It is easier now than ever to qualify for one of the many trade schools, and Chief Frix says thousands of the finest boys in the country are continuing their education at the Navy's expense.

He is in Manassas every Thursday and will be happy to interview any 17 year old boy or their parents.

WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

All Methodism will observe the week of prayer and self-denial October 24-30.

Grace Methodist Church, Manassas, will be open Wednesday between the hours of 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. All members are urged to pause at some convenient time in this day for a period of prayer and meditation in the Church.

All friends of the Church are invited to join in this meditation.

A Retreat will be held on Sunday, October 31 at 11 o'clock at Grace Church.

SAVE ALL FATS

Hunton Tiffany, Co-ordinator of Prince William County Civilian Defense Council, requests that the citizens of this County back our boys at the front by saving all waste fats and delivering it to their meat dealers, for which they will be allowed three cents per pound. It is not necessary to wait until you have a large supply on hand. Take in one or two pounds. The Co-ordinator states that Prince William County has been assigned a monthly quota of 1,350 pounds. In order to fill this quota it is necessary that each housewife see that no waste fats are allowed to go into the drain pipe or garbage can.

Waste fats contain an essential war material—glycerine. Our pre-war source of supply of glycerine from the Pacific areas has been largely cut off, and our need for glycerine is greater than ever. Our supply has not given out yet but it is running low and the stock must be replenished. We are told by the authorities in Washington that if every household saved just one tablespoonful of waste fat every day, all our needs for glycerine would be met. It is urged that each household co-operate in attaining our quota of 1,350 pounds monthly.

T. B. ASSOCIATION TO MEET OCTOBER 25

The Prince William County Tuberculosis Association will hold a meeting at 2 p. m. Monday, October 25, in the local Health Office when Miss Eleanor Gayle Currin, field supervisor from the State Tuberculosis Association, Richmond, will meet with the group for the first time. Miss Currin succeeds Miss Ruth Harris, former field worker who recently resigned to accept another position.

The Rev. John M. DeChant, president of the county association, will preside at the meeting. Plans for the 37th annual Christmas Seal Sale Campaign which will be launched on November 22nd, will be outlined, and semi-annual reports will be given. All members are urged to attend.

HALLOWEEN DANCE AT THE BRENTSVILLE COURT HOUSE

The Brentsville Community League is sponsoring a Halloween Dance in the old Courthouse at Brentsville on Thursday, Oct. 28, with music by a well known orchestra, and everyone is cordially invited.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING IS CANCELLED

The Meeting of the Manassas Garden Club which was scheduled to be held on Oct. 6 was cancelled on account of the illness of the hostess Mrs. Larkin.

The members are requested to send their Bird Conservation Slogans for the State Contest to Mrs. Paul Cooksey.

ANNUAL GIFT MART

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church will hold their Annual Gift Mart Dec. 1 in the Parish Hall, Manassas.



MR. GORDON NOW
STATIONED IN RICHMOND

Howard H. Gordon, who for the past four years has been Regional Director of the Farm Security Administration in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina, with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C., has arrived in Richmond to take up his duties on the administrative staff of Southern States Cooperative as Director of Personnel and Public Relations. He is a native of Guilford County, North Carolina.

Mr. Gordon comes to the cooperative with 24 years of experience in agricultural work. After graduating from North Carolina State College in 1919, Mr. Gordon moved to Amelia County where he farmed for five years before going to the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service for a two-year period. Subsequently he joined the staff of the V. P. I. Extension Service as Agricultural Engineer. Since 1934 Mr. Gordon has been connected with the Resettlement Administration which became the Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture. For a year of this time he served as Assistant Director of Rural Rehabilitation in the Washington office.

"Mr. Gordon was regarded as one of the top flight officials in the Farm Security Administration," W. G. Wysor, Richmond, Va., general manager of Southern States Cooperative, said in announcing Mr. Gordon's affiliation with Southern States, "and his name was frequently mentioned as the probable successor to C. B. Baldwin who resigned recently as National Farm Security Administrator to accept President Roosevelt's appointment as Area Director of Economic Operations for Italy. Mr. Gordon is widely known in Virginia both for his work in the Farm Security Administration and in the Extension Service of V. P. I. He will make his headquarters in Richmond."

POT LUCK SUPPER A SUCCESS

Wimodausis Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star held its annual Pot Luck supper in the recreation room of the Masonic Temple, on last Tuesday evening.

STATE SPONSORS PRE-INDUCTION COURSES IN DRIVING

Announcement of pre-induction driver education courses in the high schools throughout the State, to be sponsored by the State Departments of Education and Police and the Division of Motor Vehicles, is made October 11 by the heads of the three departments, Dr. Imbrey S. Lancaster, Major Charles W. Woodson, Jr., and Commissioner Crawley F. Joyner, Jr. Courses will be begun within the next ten days in all high schools where they are desired.

In a joint statement announcing the proposed courses, Dr. Lancaster explained that Army officials have suggested that if basic preparatory training could be given in high schools a major contribution to the war effort would be made, since plans call for every fourth American soldier to be a military transport operator. In an army of ten million men this means that two and one-half million soldiers will be trained in the various types of motor transport duties. The proposed courses for high school students will include both the civilian and military aspects of motor vehicle operation. The military to be taught from an instruction manual developed by the Quartermaster General of the United States Army and furnished to teachers upon request. It covers the military role of the motor vehicle, driver qualifications, motor vehicle construction, elementary driving, map reading, motor marches and special driving techniques. The civilian aspects will be taught from the manual "Man and Motor Car", originally used by the Army for driver training before their own material was assembled.

All high school students who successfully complete the proposed courses and pass the prescribed written examinations will be awarded certificates provided by the Division of Motor Vehicles and issued in duplicate by the schools. One certificate will exempt the student from the written examination required for an operator's driving permit and the other may be presented by the student at any Army induction center when questioned about his special qualifications.

Specialists from the Department of State Police, many of whom have received special Army driver training, will explain the nature and scope of the course to all superintendents and principals of high schools who desire it. Major Woodson expressed his pleasure in cooperating in a program to prepare students for a more useful military role now, and for safer driving in post-war years. Commissioner Joyner said he "had long been of the opinion that pre-driver education in our high schools is the most certain remedy for highway accidents. A material service will be done our boys and girls if, through these courses we now aid the war effort and set a post-war pattern of training."

FINE ARTS TO MEET

The Fine Arts Section of the Woman's Club will meet Tuesday night, October 26, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of the Chairman, Mrs. T. J. Broadus. She will be assisted as co-hostess by Miss Margaret Lynch.

The program for the evening will be given by Mrs. J. M. Hanson whose subject will be "Americans in Music." The members of the Section have been looking forward to hearing this program as it promises to be a very interesting one, and it is hoped that all members of the Section will be present, and also all Club members are invited to attend.

Sgt. James Martin and wife had a fourteen day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doll Martin near Manassas, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mohler of Centerville. The family was very glad to see him. He was given a birthday party by the family. He was accompanied by his sister Mrs. Roy Saddler of Columbus, Ga. His brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Martin of Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Middleman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mohler of Centerville, Mrs. Lawrence Ellis and little son Larry of Centerville, Sgt. Martin and wife left the 17th for Camp Maxey, Tex. We all hope they will be back again real soon.