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County School News and Notes

Keep in Touch With Your Schools

At his request, R. L. Vetter, Supervisor of School Transportation and Maintenance, has been relieved from his position by the County School Board as of April 30, 1944. Mr. Vetter gave as his reason for requesting the release the fact that he expects to be inducted in the armed service in the near future.

Certificates of credit by the State Department of Education have been received in the office of Superintendent of Schools R. C. Haydon for the Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, Virginia; Occoquan High School, Occoquan, Virginia; Osbourn High School, Manassas, Virginia; Quantico Post High School, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, and the Regional High School, Manassas, Virginia. The statements showed that these high schools met the requirements for accrediting by the State Department of Education in every particular. Certificates of credit have been forwarded to each high school.

Much interest is being exhibited by the various county schools in the prospect of doing more extensive work in Visual Education. Plans are being worked out whereby the individual large schools may have moving picture projectors. The Superintendent's Office has one that can be used by the Elementary supervisor for the small schools and gradually a central film library can be worked out whereby the films may be distributed from the central library to the schools as needed. Definite plans are under way for putting such a program into operation during session 1944-45.

At a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors held March 9, a definite advance in the County Health Program was made when that Board appropriated the money to purchase an X-ray machine for the Health Department. This machine will be available for chest examinations to detect tuberculosis, also for minor fractures, etc.

Surveys are now under way to determine the extent of the enrollment for the Vocational School which will open at Manassas under the War Training Program on June 15.

At an interesting meeting of the Occoquan P.T.A. Thursday, March 9, Dr. Podolnick, of the County Health Department, explained in detail many interesting points about communicable diseases, and protection against them. Many questions were asked and much interest was shown on this part of the program. Among other things, he explained the administering of the Patch Test for detecting infection in reference to tuberculosis, and stated that this test was going to be given in the County schools during the month of April and those showing a positive reaction would be X-rayed May 1. R. C. Haydon, Superintendent of Schools, discussed the added responsibilities of Parents Organizations cooperating with the schools during the war period. He also discussed briefly the results of the recent session of the Legislature in reference to education, and discussed briefly the plans for opening the Vocational School at Manassas June 15.

Information has just been released in reference to the District P.T.A. meeting which will be held in Leesburg April 12. A very interesting program has been arranged and it is hoped that representatives from all of the communities will be present to benefit from this important meeting.

Mrs. Lucy A. Lewis has been appointed Office Assistant in the School Board Office.

FOOD SALE

The senior group of the Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a food sale Saturday, April 8, 1944, at Dowell's Drug Store from 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Junior Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church is having a rummage sale in the Farm Loan office on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Hit Hitler With Bonds

TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

The Service Plaque, with its honor roll which has reached the number of 40 names of young men and women who are serving their country, will be dedicated at Sudley Church on Sunday morning, March 28, at 11 o'clock. All parents and friends are most earnestly requested to be present for this service.

Kiwanis Urge Banner Year

Manassas Club To Observe Week Here

Urging farmers to make 1944 a banner year in the production of crops and livestock, Kiwanis International today announced that its 2,200 clubs throughout the United States and Canada would observe the period from Monday, March 27, to Saturday, April 1, as Victory Farm Week.

During the week, farmers of the two nations will be given Victory Farm plaques to encourage them to meet their record-breaking production quotas in the year ahead.

Officials of the Manassas Kiwanis Club announced that the week will be observed here and farmers will be asked to pledge the continuance of their wholehearted cooperation in the war effort.

"As my contribution to achieving early and complete victory," the farmer will pledge:

1. To produce my farm's maximum of crops;
2. To maintain a Victory Garden for home needs;
3. To participate in salvage programs;
4. To cooperate with war relief agencies;
5. To invest in war bonds and stamps;
6. To do all in my power to win the war.

A majority of the farmers of the United States and Canada already are participating in these various activities and thus will be eligible for Victory Farm plaques. Edgar Parrish, president of the Manassas Kiwanis Club, said:

In observing the week here, Mr. Parrish said that Victory Farm headquarters will be established at some convenient location where farmers may sign the patriotic pledge and receive their plaques.

The club also is mapping plans for a special meeting to which all farmers in this area will be invited, it was learned. The principal speaker will be a widely known authority on agriculture, club officials indicated.

The weekly meeting of the Manassas Kiwanis Club on Friday evening, March 10, was devoted to a discussion of Victory Gardens. Guest speakers included L. C. Beamer, Vegetable Specialist, and Dr. Edward K. Vaughan, Plant Pathologist, both of V. P. I.

The need for continued production of Victory Gardens to assure an adequate supply of food was emphasized by Mr. Beamer. Mention was made of the incentive offered by storage and conservation facilities being planned for the county including the canning plant now under construction at Nokesville and the frozen food locker plant at Manassas for which applications for lockers are now being taken by the Prince William Electric Cooperative. The use of successive seedings to provide early, mid-season and late gardens was recommended. Dr. Vaughan called attention to the insect and disease identification and control information available through his department.

The social period was used for practice on the Minstrel program to be presented by the Kiwanians at the Manassas High School auditorium on April 14. A new member, Mr. Dennis Baker, was welcomed into the club by Kiwanian Dick Haydon.

It was announced by Secretary Jack Boyer that the local club was leading in 1944 attendance in the Capital District and 100 per cent attendance at all meetings was urged. The importance of every Kiwanian attending the Tuesday and Thursday Minstrel rehearsals was emphasized by Mrs. Vincent Davis, who commended the members on their progress in preparing for the performance which promises to be the outstanding entertainment event of the year.

W. L. Lloyd is visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lloyd, at their home in Richmond.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD



LETTER OF APPRECIATION

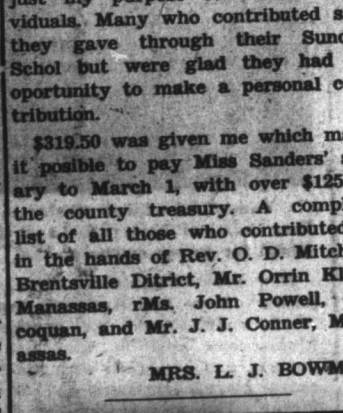
I want to thank the good people for the fine spirit of cooperation they gave me while soliciting funds for Religious Education recently. Our teacher's salary was in arrears and after talking the situation over with the finance committees of Manassas and Occoquan District and others, I spent eleven hours in Manassas, Occoquan, and Brentsville Districts to try to raise some funds. I knew of the fine Christian spirit which had been shown in the past in the Sunday School work, but the people I contacted, and I didn't see half the people I would have liked to, showed an even better spirit of being interested in our Master's work.

In soliciting, I talked over the work with many people. All but three contributed generously. Some I did not even ask, but on finding out my mission they would say, "I want to contribute something."

I only asked for contributions from two Sunday Schools as it was just my purpose to contact individuals. Many who contributed said they gave through their Sunday School but were glad they had an opportunity to make a personal contribution.

\$319.50 was given me which made it possible to pay Miss Sanders' salary to March 1, with over \$125 in the county treasury. A complete list of all those who contributed is in the hands of Rev. O. D. Mitchell, Brentsville District, Mr. Orrin Kline, Manassas, Mrs. John Powell, Occoquan, and Mr. J. J. Conner, Manassas.

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DOVEL FOR STATE CHAIRMAN

Endorsement of the candidacy of I. R. Dovel, Secretary of the Republican State Committee, for State Chairman was announced by the Page County Republican Committee in a pamphlet directed to Republicans of the State. Facts relative to Mr. Dovel and the platform upon which he aspires to build his party in the state are covered in detail.

The pamphlet states that Dovel, now serving his second term as Commonwealth's Attorney of Page County, has long been interested in party affairs and that during 1936 and 1937 served as President of the Young Republican Club of Virginia. He has been Secretary of the Republican State Committee since 1937.

PATCH TESTING SURVEY STARTED

The tuberculosis patch testing survey sponsored by the Prince William County Tuberculosis Association in cooperation with the County Health Department commenced Monday, March 13, at the Manassas High School. The survey will cover a four week period, will include the three thousand school children in the county, and will be the first mass tuberculosis case finding survey to be undertaken in the county.

Dr. Nelson Podolnick, health officer for the Prince William-Fairfax area, will have charge of the tests and readings and will make educational talks and show motion pictures in connection with the work. The schedule as arranged to date is as follows:

- Manassas High School: talk, March 13; patch tests, March 16; readings, March 21; Bennett Graded School will be surveyed with the high school; Occoquan High School and Graded School: talk, March 20, tests, March 23; readings, March 28; Brentsville District High School, Nokesville: talk, March 27; test, March 30; readings, April 4; Regional High School, Manassas, (colored): talk, April 3; tests, April 7; readings, April 11. The survey of colored elementary schools will be announced later.

Plans have been made for an X-ray clinic to be held May 1 for students who show positive reactions to the tests. Miss Eleanor Gayle Curran, field supervisor of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, was in Manassas on Monday and Tuesday to assist the local Association with its work. The survey and clinic will be a part of the 1944 program to prevent and control tuberculosis in the county.

PRICE SURVEY A SUCCESS

The local War Price and Rationing Board conducted an emergency price check on all food stores in Prince William County March 13 and 14. This was not only a local project, but was done throughout the nation. This survey was conducted by the Price Panel members, Price Panel assistants, the chief clerk, the price clerk of the local board and Mr. O. D. Waters, Field Price Officer of the OPA Field Office in Warrenton, Virginia.

The results of this check were most satisfactory due to the splendid cooperation on the part of the merchants. We have reason to feel that the merchants of our county are trying to do their part on the home-front by complying with regulations and helping to hold the line on food prices.

The local board wishes to thank all those who gave so much of their time to make this price program a success. They have accepted their responsibility and have proved they are the soldiers on the home-front.

Minter Field, Army Air Forces Pilot School (Basic) in Bakersfield, California, has reported that 2nd Lieutenant Robert Norton Tyler, formerly of Haymarket, Virginia, has recently taken up his duties at Minter as a flying instructor of Aviation Cadets.

SELECTIONS

On Wednesday morning 104 selectees from Prince William County left Manassas by bus for Richmond where they will be given pre-induction physical examinations. The names of those passing the examinations and called for induction will be announced at a later date.

On Friday night, March 10, a Civilian Defense Pre-induction meeting was held at the Town Hall for the purpose of instructing and informing the prospective inductees and their families as to how to meet adjustment problems which arise when men are called into the service. The group was addressed by C. C. Cloe, Chairman of the Selective Service Board; Mayor Davis, who discussed insurance for servicemen, and Edgar G. Parish, Home Service Chairman of the Prince William County Chapter, American Red Cross, who explained that the Red Cross Field Directors at posts all over the country and the Home Service workers at home stand ready to assist servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families in arranging for furloughs, filing of allotment forms, claim forms, communications and emergency financial assistance.

X-Ray Machine Ordered For Co.

Supervisors Provide Funds For Purchase Of Equipment

The Prince William County Board of Supervisors at the monthly meeting passed a resolution to purchase a chest x-ray machine for the County Health Office and authorized Dr. Nelson Podolnick, Health Officer for the Prince William-Fairfax-Stafford area, to order the new equipment immediately.

A delegation of officers and members of the County Tuberculosis Association attended the meeting and presented a request for a chest x-ray machine to the Board. The Rev. Stanley A. Knupp, chairman of the Association, and Dr. Podolnick explained the need of the apparatus in the county.

The machine will be used for all tuberculosis diagnosis clinics at the Health Office, in the schools, and other places. It is to be a portable type and will cost approximately \$1,325. Dr. Podolnick stated that Prince William is the second county in the State to acquire a chest x-ray machine, Fairfax having been the first county to order one.

The equipment is considered an important forward step in the prevention and control of tuberculosis in the county. It will enable prompt diagnosis of all suspect cases, will provide a means of holding mass clinics in all parts of the county, will furnish a method of x-raying patients who could not be transported to clinics, and will be available to physicians in their work. Heretofore, x-ray units from the State Department of Health have been obtained for local diagnosis clinics, but due to the shortage of technicians, it is difficult to secure this service when needed. Specialists from the Health Department will be furnished to make the x-ray readings, however. The County Tuberculosis Association in cooperation with the County Health Department has done valuable work in controlling tuberculosis and will be in a position to expand its program considerably with access to the new machine which will be an asset of great worth to the county and the community.

RED CROSS WAR FUND

Volunteer workers in the county are busy with the Red Cross War Fund, and interesting plans for raising money for this worthy cause are reaching the ears of the Publicity Department.

Nokesville has been especially busy during the past week, with benefits being given by both the Women's Club and the Rotary Club, as well as a basket-ball game with proceeds for the War Fund.

Don't wait to be solicited. Send your contribution to Mr. O. D. Waters, chairman of the drive.

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WITH WAR BONDS

Greece Portrayed At Club Meeting

Mrs. Shirley Weber Interestingly Spoke On This Famous Place

A special treat was in store for those attending the Manassas Woman's Club meeting on Monday afternoon, when the Education Committee presented the program. Mrs. Shirley Weber, who had lived in Greece for several years when her husband was doing special library research work in Athens, delighted her audience with a colorful description of her life there and her impression of the people and their customs.

She described Greece as a sort of link between Europe and Asia, rather than as a part of either country. Her vivid portrayal of the ship's landing in drowsy mid-afternoon, the beautiful mountain scenery, the blue waters of the sea, the spacious vineyards, the beautiful buildings, the Parthenon, the priceless museums, the beautiful little squares where delicious outdoor meals are served, all painted a glowing picture of a picturesque country.

Mrs. Weber was most enthusiastic in her praise of the spirit governing the Greek people, who, though so often under domination of a more powerful nation, really never give up their sense of freedom or become subject slaves. On the contrary, while never endowed with the riches enjoyed by countries having larger export trade, the Greeks, as described by the speaker, are a gayety loving people, much interested in higher education, good music, fine architecture, and beautiful and intricate handicraft.

She told of the custom of having the girls at an early age begin work on their trousseaux, each piece a masterpiece of detailed and often very colorful needlework. Mrs. Weber further portrayed them as a people endowed with courage, determination and endless patience, and above all as highly religious, with special ceremonial processions and very rigid fasts preceding Christmas and Easter.

The speaker told briefly of the brave struggle put up by this courageous little country until mechanized German troops forced them into submission, looted their stores, food markets and often their homes. In closing, Mrs. Weber told of the desperate need for clothing, particularly children's clothes, shoes and any warm clothing, and asked that anyone desiring to contribute do so through the Greek Relief Society in New York, or bring clothing to a designated place in this community. A silver offering was taken at this meeting.

An added attraction was the excellent and most interesting exhibit of Greek handicraft, which had been arranged through the efforts of Miss Sue Ayres, with the splendid cooperation of Greek children of Dumfries and Quantico schools.

During the business session, the president, Mrs. Carper, asked that all committee chairmen be prepared to submit a brief report of the year's work at the April meeting.

Plans for continuing the local Service Club, both as a club for service men and as a meeting place for the Girls' Service Organization, were discussed, and members were urged to attend the Town Council meeting on Monday evening, March 20, when this matter will receive further consideration.

The Civic Committee reported a contribution toward the Latin-American Scholarship to be given by the Virginia Federation of Woman's Clubs and to be used at the University of Virginia next year.

Twenty-five dollars was appropriated for the Red Cross War Fund, while donations from other branches of the club, together with the purchase of end tables for the recreation room of Vint Hill Hospital, were also reported as Red Cross contributions.

DON'T FORGET THE CHINESE SUPPER

The Sunday School of Trinity Episcopal Church will have a Chinese supper in the Parish Hall on Thursday, March 23, from 6 to 7 p. m. for the benefit of foreign missions.

Mrs. Paul Cooksey will attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the State Federation of Garden Clubs on Friday at the John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Va.