

The Manassas Journal



Ministers, Social Workers, Consider Rural Community Needs at County Institute Meet

Committee Named Make Plans Further Action

Effort to develop a plan for more effectively for a better community life in Prince William County, about 20 ministers and social workers met with two Extension Service specialists and a rural minister from the area, last week in a Rural Institute held at the Manassas Baptist Church.

L. Hummel, VPI rural sociologist, B. L. Gilley of the Virginia Extension Service, and the Rev. K. Ziegler, pastor of the church of the Brethren, Bridge-Creek, were heard in the institute's session, pointing out needs of the communities. At the afternoon session, representatives of the Manassas County public services joined in a discussion of how those needs might be met by church and community cooperation.

A committee appointed for planning united in the name of Frank D. Cox, agent; the Rev. E. Guthrie, director of Trinity Episcopal Church; and Mrs. Paul Swygert, of the Prince William Council of Churches, to a meeting to make plans for further action.

Mr. Hummel pointed out during morning session how such needs as wide use of the radio, substitution of radio, and moving pictures for other forms of entertainment, and the disappearance of schools, and the weakening of some rural churches, and other forces of urban and change have almost completely eliminated rural communities and churches in the county. At the afternoon session, Mr. Hummel pointed out that the consolidated school has not yet succeeded in bringing adults together into groups.

"Community is gone," Dr. Gilley said, "but the countryside is the best, the easiest, and the most gratifying place to build a community." And he named certain steps in community development, he said, is a consequence and study of community development throughout the county. He said that if county churches and social workers, VPI and the Virginia Extension Service would cooperate in making such a study in the county.

Mr. Gilley discussed the position in rural communities, making special plea for attention to the young group, those from 10 to 20 years old. This group, he said, is largely neglected. The urgent need for these young people is the availability of education. In this connection, he said, "the extension of Virginia is sponsoring a plan to try to organize this youth group."

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Co. Chamber Hears Talk On 'Airfield'

Alfred W. Lewis, member of the aeronautical committee and board of Trade, Washington, D. C., spoke favorably about the possibility of an auxiliary airfield being located here, in a speech before the County Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday.

Mr. Lewis said that Manassas has as much, if not more, to offer than any other area near Washington.

Dr. George B. Cocke, chairman of the Christmas committee, said that his committee is making good progress.

Santa Claus will arrive in Manassas at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, at the Courthouse. A parade will follow, with schools closing at 12:30, for the event. After the parade, children will gather at the school Gymnasium where presents will be given.

Mrs. E. D. Gothwaite has announced that 38 cars and trucks are already scheduled to take part in the parade and that the Linton Hall Band will be in the parade, as well as other units.

Dr. Walker R. Johnson, county health officer, outlined the work of the public health organization. "We are interested in any situation where public health is involved," he explained. "We do not treat individual illnesses. Private doctors do that. But we work in every way at our command to prevent the spread of disease and contagion, and to promote the public health."

E. B. Reading and H. G. Swann of Nokesville, explained the work of the Institute for Veterans in Training. Currently the institute is offering complete farm training, through flight classes, to 30 veterans in the county. Two of the trainees have bought their own farms since beginning study.

Frank D. Cox and Leona M. Kline, county agents, described their work in adult education for better farming and better home-making, the development of leadership through 4-H and home demonstration clubs, and the consultation service which they offer to farmers and rural home-makers.

Eight years and one day ago, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and lit the powder keg of World War II.

Feature of the Week:

Five Women From Chile, India and Philippines To Visit Prince William County As HD Guests

Opportunity to meet and talk with women from Chile, India, and the Philippines will be offered the women of Prince William County in January, when five trainees of the Women's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, are guests of the County Home Demonstration Club.

The occasion is being arranged by Miss Leona M. Kline, county home demonstration agent, and Miss Mary M. Cannon, chief, U.S.D.L. International Division. Details are yet to be planned, but it is probable that the five international guests will arrive in the County January 26, to speak at a county-wide meeting and visit overnight in rural homes before returning to Washington the next day.

PMA Election Appeal Made By Chairman

An appeal to farmers to "make their voices heard" in the forthcoming farmer committee elections was made this week by P. A. Lewis, present chairman of Prince William County PMA county committee.

He referred to the annual election of a committee of three farmers in each of the three communities of this county, to take place Thursday, December 15.

At the same time, a delegate will be chosen to meet with other community delegates the next day to name a county committee of three.

Advices Care in Selection Farmers are faced with the necessity of adapting their operations to changing conditions," the chairman said, "and a great deal of this adjustment will be accomplished with the help of federal farm programs which elected farmer committeemen will administer. It's up to the farmer to protect his own interests by electing capable representatives."

Mr. Lewis estimated that there are about 500 farmers in Prince William County who are eligible to vote solely on the basis of having participated in the Agricultural Conservation Program.

Others Eligible In addition, any farmer who was eligible for government price supports through purchase or loan programs, may also vote in the election.

Various polling places are as follows: Brentsville community at McMichael's Service Center, Nokesville; Gainesville community at Gosson's Store, Haymarket, and Manassas and Occoquan communities, PMA office, Courthouse, Manassas.

All polling places are open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

County Coal Supply Low

With the nation's soft coal miners returning to work this week only three days a week, Prince William County coal supplies were adequate to keep people warm, but low.

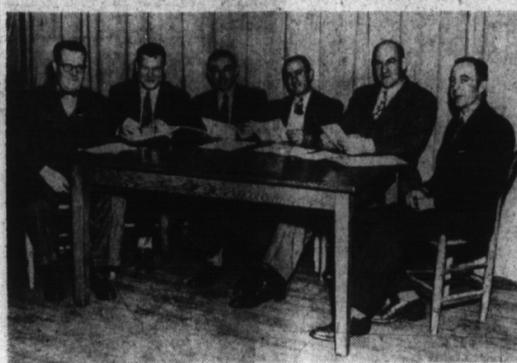
Harry Parrish at the Manassas Ice and Fuel Company reported that they are meeting all orders with enough coal delivered to keep people warm, but are not able to deliver full amounts ordered.

Nine Cars Promised Nine cars of coal are promised to the Manassas company, but Mr. Parrish was unwilling to predict how much coal they would be able to get under the new miners' work plan.

So far, coal prices have not advanced, he said. However, there has been a noticeable conversion to oil heating in the area, and possibly some of this may be attributed to general uncertainty about availability and price of coal.

Weather conditions aid winter wheat, damage corn.

New R. E. A. Co-operative Directors



New directors of the Prince William Electric Cooperative elected at the recent membership meeting held at Osbourn High School are shown in this picture which includes from left to right: W. Hill Brown, Jr., lawyer for the Cooperative; Eusebio Hicks, manager; C. A. Middleton, Charles F. Cornwell, F. S. Van Dorn, president, and William Wheeler, secretary-treasurer. Not shown is W. E. Detwiler, of Clifton, a director and vice-president. Photo Courtesy of Howard Churchill.

Eating Places Must Fulfill State Health Laws By Dec. 31

Tourist camp, hotel, and restaurant owners who have not complied in full with state sanitation laws by December 31 will be refused permits to operate after that date, State Health Commissioner Dr. L. J. Roper announced today.

In issuing the warning to the group which includes also owners of tourist homes and trailer camps, Dr. Roper emphasized that temporary permits for operation of about 900 establishments will expire at the year's end.

Officials Inspect County In Prince William County on September 21, three U. S. Public Health officers, three sanitary officers and Dr. Walter R. Johnson, county health officer, inspected 16 of the 90 eating establishments in the county.

Under the U. S. Public Health system, these establishments had an average score of 65.25. The minimum for any eating place for which a health permit will be issued is 85.

Necessary in Major Items Dr. Johnson has stated that under the policy of the U. S. Department of Health, a score of 85 must be secured in major items of health by restaurants which are to continue operation in 1950.

Those securing less than 85 have been or will be reinspected, Dr. Johnson says, and if they still fail in scoring the minimum required, no temporary permits will be issued. If the establishments still operate, they will be operating in violation of state law.

Have Had Year Dr. Johnson emphasizes the fact that no temporary letters of extension will be granted as in the past. "Either a restaurant operates or it doesn't," he declared, adding that eating establishments have had over a year to make changes, since the stringent new laws governing their sanitation were made public.

Any temporary permits to operate after January 1 will be issued subject to review by the state officials.

Bloodmobile Unit to Visit Quantico Soon

On Dec. 19, the bloodmobile unit of the American Red-Cross will be in Quantico, to receive blood from donors, as a part of the county-wide drive.

District representatives who may be contacted by persons wishing to donate blood or who need transportation on that day are Mrs. R. Worth Peters, Manassas District; Mrs. Carl Gardner, Haymarket; Mrs. N. N. Free, Nokesville; Howard Morrison, Dumfries; Robert Collins, Bradley Forest; and Reams Renner, Town of Manassas.

Thirteen Helped Recently Thirteen persons have received blood recently from this County's blood bank, with 16 pts being given in the last month, according to Charlton E. Gnad, Blood Donor chairman for Prince William.

Four hundred pints is the goal for the County, and blood donated is credited to this County's blood bank which may be drawn upon by anyone in the County. There is no cost for the blood, only for administering the transfusion.

Requirements which should be followed by donors are that the donor be between 21 and 59, and weigh at least 110 pounds. They should also omit eating fats such as butter and cream, eggs, meats and soups, during a four hour period just prior to donating blood.

Persons between the ages of 18 and 20 may also volunteer as blood donors, providing if their parents or spouse give written consent or if they are members of the armed forces.

'Cinderella' To Be Staged Here Dec. 21

Mrs. Ossie L. Tipton, assistant principal of the Bennett School, announces that arrangements have been completed to bring the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre of New York here to present a stage dramatization of one of the world's best loved fairy tales, "Cinderella," at the Osbourn High School auditorium on December 21.

Clare Tree Major has produced many plays during her 26 years of devoted service to the cause of wholesome stage entertainment for children.

None is more completely satisfying to youngsters of all ages than this fascinating tale of the unhappy little kitchen drudge whose exciting and magical adventures led her to become a princess of the realm.

Enhanced By Settings In Mrs. Major's presentation of the tale so familiar to every boy and girl, the characters and situations of the story are enhanced by imaginative settings, colorful costumes and sparkling dances and music. And, of course, there is comedy, for Mrs. Major knows that no play can be thoroughly pleasing to children unless it offers an outlet for the love of joy and laughter in the youthful heart.

Tickets are available from the Bennett School students at \$1.00 each and went on sale Monday.

Coming Events

The Junior Woman's Club's annual Christmas dance will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, at the Osbourn High School gymnasium.

The Ladies Aid of the Manassas Evangelical United Brethren Church will hold their annual sale at 9 this Saturday at Dowell's Drug Store. Handwork and baked goods will be sold.

A rummage sale and swap shop will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Legion Hall, sponsored by the Junior Department of Grace Methodist Church.

Post 158, of the American Legion meets Monday evening at the Legion Hall.

The Gainesville District School will have their annual Christmas party for children on Thursday afternoon, December 22.

A Christmas dance will be held at the Haymarket School on December 30, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Proceeds will go to the P-TA.

Haymarket P-TA will have its annual turkey and oyster supper beginning at 5 p.m. Friday at the school. Charge for the supper will be \$1.25 for adults and 75c for children.

Monday, the Woodbine 4-H Club will meet at the school at 11. The Dumfries 4-H Club will meet at the school at 1:30.

Vacation Extended

County Schools will close at their usual time, Dec. 22, for the Christmas holidays, and will open again Jan. 3, Worth R. Peters, county superintendent of schools, announces.

At the meeting of the School Board yesterday at Haymarket, the vacation period was extended one day, from Jan. 2, to Jan. 3.

20 Acres Offered For Proposed New County High School

Red Sox Club May Enter New League

President John Parrish and Manager Dallas Posey of the Manassas Red Sox baseball team have been in conference with President Johnny Koplin of the newly formed "Old Dominion League," a league which is well remembered by the old baseball fans of Manassas and vicinity.

These two members of the Red Sox were invited by Johnny Koplin to confer about their being admitted into a league which may easily prove to be a "red hot" league with plenty of rough competition.

Some teams that will probably see action in this league are, Forestville, McLean, Falls Church, Ballston, Randall Motors from Arlington, and George McQuinn's Yankees and probably Uncle Frank Moncreux's Stafford A. C.

The Red Sox may well be in the thick of the battle for the championship, as they are expected to be even stronger than the team of 1949, which almost won the championship of the Rappahannock League.

Played for Championship The Red Sox may be dropping out of the Rappahannock League because of the long distance of travel and also because of a playoff last season with White Oak for the championship of the league, which saw the Red Sox playing against an official who gave them many doubtful decisions.

More information will be given out to the Red Sox fans after officials have attended a meeting of the league to be held around January 10.

Liberty Motors Given 1950 Nash Dealership

Liberty Motors, automobile firm at the northeast corporate limits of Manassas on Rt. 28, was this week appointed dealer in this area for the 1950 Nash models.

Frank Thompson and Gilbert A. Ray, both of Prince William County, are partners in Liberty Motors which formerly handled used cars for the past two and a half years. They stated that the 1950 Nash Airflyte cars rank with the best passenger automobiles today and urged the public to come out to their modern showrooms and see the cars on display.

Marriage Licenses

John E. Spring, Jr., Manassas, and Miss M. Colleen Wright, applied December 3, at the County Clerk's office for a marriage license. Miss Lois Mae Woodyard and John David Harris, Jr., of Manassas, applied for a license on Dec. 3.

Proposed School Land Would Be Centrally Located

Twenty acres of land has been offered for the proposed new high school in the southern part of the County by Grover Manderfield and Gilmer Garber, who have offered the land for the school with the only stipulation that the construction of the school must begin not later than November 16, 1952.

At yesterday's meeting of the County School Board at Haymarket, the board, in recognition of the generosity of the gift, named the proposed school Gar-Field, after Mr. Garber and Mr. Manderfield.

The land is almost centrally located in the two districts of Occoquan and Dumfries which it would serve completely and the part of Coles District which is not served by Manassas.

Gar-Field High School would be located at Round Top, south of Neabsco Creek on the west side of U. S. Highway No. 1, about 100 yards off the highway.

Proposed cost of the school is \$471,000 and the expected enrollment is 400, as earlier published in The Journal.

Loan Application Approved

This amount is part of the amount for which authorization for application to the literacy fund for a school building program was made on November 17, at a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board.

Also at yesterday's meeting of the School Board, consideration was given to the probable action of the forthcoming session of the General Assembly on the amount of money that will be made available through State grants.

State Senator Andrew W. Clarke, Fairfax, of this district, was present at the meeting and discussed the probable action of the State Legislature.

Funeral Held For Minister

Funeral services for the Rev. O. D. Embrey, 61, who died Wednesday of last week in an Arlington hospital were held at 2 p.m. November 25, at the Baker Funeral Home.

The Rev. Mr. Dodge, his pastor at Alexandria, conducted the services assisted by the Rev. John E. Edens, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Arnold Duke, of Louisville, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. W. C. Shackleford of Culpeper, Mrs. J. J. Payne of Manassas, and Mrs. Ernest Freeman, of Remington.

Two brothers, Messrs. Edward and William Embrey, of Remington, also survive. Burial was in the family lot in Remington.

Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I am 4 years old, and a very good girl. I would like to have a doll, stove and dishes. Please don't forget my big sisters. DARLENE COLBERT, Manassas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am 1 1/2 years old and I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a rocking chair. Love from BETTY ANNE GRIFFITH, Nokesville.

Dear Santa—Daddy says I have been a bad boy, but mother says I have been fairly good. Please bring me a bicycle so I can run errands and be a good little boy. I am seven years old. Love, Charlie Rogers, Quantico.

Recreation Association Group Tours Battlefield Park Area

R. Jackson Ratcliffe, sponsor of the historical tours for the Manassas Recreation Association, led a group in a tour Sunday of the Battlefield Park pertaining to the First Battle of Manassas.

President Ian H. Ross and Vice President Jack Merchant were included in the group which heard Superintendent James E. Myers explain the museum's electric map and talk about the battlefield itself.

Other Officers Elected

Officers for the Recreation Association which were elected last Tuesday evening also include Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, secretary; Miss Aileen Taylor, treasurer, and members of the board of directors, the Rev. H. E. Hudgins, Roy Lilly, Billy Hayden and Nancy Gilly.

The object of the association as set up in the constitution shall be "to provide a comprehensive recreation program for the benefit of the citizens of Manassas and vicinity. To provide for the supervision, op-

eration and maintenance of any recreation facilities that may be placed under its direction, and to foster good fellowship and promote democratic social relations among its members."

Story Hour Saturday

This week the association met Wednesday at the Methodist Church. The story hour for children from 4 to 10 years of age will be conducted this Saturday by Mrs. H. E. Hudgins. Plans also have been perfected for the organization of a stamp collectors' club which held its first meeting Tuesday at the American Legion hall. All groups are invited to participate in this group.

Other hobby and recreation activities will be promoted and sponsored as quickly as enough persons indicate an interest in and a willingness to help promote them.

Membership in the association may be obtained by making applications to Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, the secretary.