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FIGHT POLIO! GIVE TO THE MARCH OF DIMES

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PTA Considers Fundamentals For Schools

Three vital questions involving contemporary concepts of education as opposed to traditional methods and scope will be discussed by the Manassas Parent-Teachers Association at their next meeting, January 18.

The questions, posed by the newly-formed State Commission to Study a Foundation Program in Education, are aimed at defining a necessary program for public school education. The Commission is requesting from all PTA groups in the State an expression of opinion on the issues.

The questions are: (1) What courses are most important for public schools to teach? (2) What are the objectives of public school education and should public schools attempt to train students for all situations that may arise in life, or should they concentrate on narrow, intensive academic training?

Created by the last session of the General Assembly, the Commission will attempt to discover a cross-section of opinion on these questions and submit a report with recommendations to the General Assembly on November 1. The General Assembly is then expected to consider appropriate legislation to facilitate the Commission's recommendations.

Benefit Games To Highlight Polio Fund Drive Here

Two benefit basketball games have been scheduled to highlight the 1951 March of Dimes Campaign in Prince William County, as local chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis began their drive to collect funds to combat polio here.

The crippling disease has been increasing throughout America during recent years and here in Prince William it has increased from nine reported cases in 1949 to 14 last year.

To aid in collection of funds, the Lions Club will operate a booth at the corner of Battle and Center Streets on Saturday, January 27. Volunteers from the Lions Club will man the station and receive contributions.

The basketball games will be played in Osbourn High School gymnasium on January 23 and January 27. All-stars from the Northern Virginia League will meet on the earlier date. Opposing teams will represent the Northern and Southern Divisions of the league and players will come from all twelve teams. The girls' game will begin at 7:30 p. m. with the boys playing following.

County high school basketball stars will meet an all-star team picked from high school facilities in the second benefit game. This will be the third annual game of this sort. Time for the girls game will be 7:30 p. m.

Dr. George B. Coombs is head of the Prince William chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and Reuben B. Hicks is campaign chairman. The Rev. E. Guthrie Brown is chairman of arrangements for the high school game and Curtis Polen is organizing the Northern Virginia League game.

Prince William was one of the few areas to attain its quota in last year's drive and per capita contributions for this county were the fifth highest in the State, according to Hicks. Dr. Coombs stated that he is "very proud of the response the campaign received last year."

A meeting for County March of Dimes workers has been scheduled for January 15 at 1:30 p. m. in the Manassas Town Hall and additional volunteers are asked to attend.

Ritter Heads Masons Here



James W. Ritter, Manassas Town Manager, is shown above being congratulated upon his installation as master of Manassas Lodge. Nelson Thomas of Manassas, outgoing master of the Manassas Masons, is watching, second from the left. Visiting Mason dignitaries are, left to right, Carl Wagner, past grand master of Hiram Lodge, Washington; Thomas; John M. Stewart, past grand master of the Masons of Virginia; Ritter; C. S. Heritage, master of Hiram Lodge; and R. A. Sweetwood, master of Columbia Lodge, Clarendon. The annual dinner meeting and installation of officers was held in the Manassas Lodge last Friday.

Edward Stons Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

Funeral services were held in Terre Haute, Ind., on Tuesday, January 9, for Edward F. Stons, 41, who died of a heart attack at his home on the Old Brentsville Road, near Manassas, on Saturday evening, January 6. He had suffered several minor heart attacks during the past year.

Forced into retirement three years ago because of ill health, Mr. Stons was formerly employed by the Government in Washington. He had also operated a tourist camp on No. 1 Highway, south of Alexandria, prior to moving to the Lake Jackson area in 1938. He was a native of Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. Stons' home at Lake Jackson was destroyed by fire in March, 1948, and he then moved to a home near Brentsville. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen E. Stons of Manassas; a young son, John Peter Stons, also of Manassas, and his mother, Mrs. Bill Yukness of Terre Haute, Ind.

Eight Delinquents Face Induction Jan. 25

The following delinquent registrants for selective service have been ordered to report for induction on January 25.

George Williams Lewis, Woodbridge; Lee Segar, Woodbridge; Howard Wayne Call, Nokesville; Burford Powers, Haymarket; Conrad Samuel Armentrout, Manassas; Joseph Allen Fritter, Manassas; Ronald Alex Savage, Quantico; and Robert Lee Rector, Manassas.

Winter Halts Road Work

Construction of a four-lane divided intersection on U. S. Route 211 north of Buckland, where new Route 15 intersects the highway, will be under shutoff orders until better weather. Highway Resident Engineer Richard Worthington said this week.

The eastbound lane of the \$39,000 divided intersection was completed before winter forced a halt in construction. Worthington said that he does not propose to disturb the westbound lane until better weather is reasonably certain, since construction might interfere seriously with traffic in winter weather.

Construction of the new line of U. S. Route 15 from Haymarket to the intersection also cannot be finally completed before early spring. The macadam surface has been laid, but forces will be cleaning up right of way and building shoulders whenever weather permits until about March, the engineer said.

Doctors, Dentists, Vets Under 50 Must Register

DOCTORS - DENTISTS - A new regulation issued by the director of selective service requires all physicians, dentists, and veterinarians under the age of fifty, who are not members of a reserve unit of the armed forces, to register for military service.

Members of these professional groups who have registered previously need not register again. Prince William draft board secretary, Mrs. R. Worth Peters said.

Chief of Navy Chaplains Will Speak This Sunday At Presbyterian Church

Admiral Stanton W. Salsbury, Chief of Naval Chaplains, will be guest minister at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. The service begins at 11 a. m. and the public is invited to attend, members of the Presbyterian congregation said this week.

Chaplain Salsbury, who is a veteran of World War I and II, was serving with the USS Pennsylvania in dry dock at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He narrowly missed death that day when his automobile was strafed by a Japanese plane.

Chaplain Salsbury has served aboard seven naval ships and at various naval bases, including Great Lakes. He was one of the first three faculty members of the Naval Chaplains' School at Norfolk and the first executive officer of the school. He has also served as First District chaplain of the Potomac River Naval Command, chaplain of the Fifth Naval District, Fleet Chaplain of the Atlantic Fleet, and as Assistant Chief of Naval Chaplains.

Armed Forces News

Cadet Paul S. "Bo" Williams of 306 Fairview Avenue, Manassas, was a senior at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., has just received notification from the Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., that he is one of 31 dis-

Jobs Open For Hundreds In Quantico

Direct effects of the Nation's military efforts with a consequent prospect for full employment were felt here this week when job openings at the Quantico Marine Corps Training School for "several hundred" men were announced.

Herbert B. Newell, manager of the Virginia Employment Service, told the Journal that Quantico construction projects together with proposed construction at other nearby military installations will provide jobs for probably as many civilian workmen as are available from this County. He declined to give an exact figure but said "several hundred" jobs were open in Quantico as well as almost that many on other nearby military projects."

The men are believed to be needed for a \$4,000,000 barracks and housing project at the Quantico base. Franklin Trice, Inc., of Richmond was recently awarded the contract.

Representatives of the State Employment Service and the Civil Service Commission will be in the Manassas Town Hall on Monday, January 15, from 2 p. m. until 4 p. m. for the purpose of interviewing applicants, Newell said. He stressed that applicants for the jobs will be interviewed only at the Town Hall.

Applicants in the following classifications will be interviewed: blacksmith, blacksmith helper, carpenter, automobile mechanic, cement finisher, electric welder, electrician helper, crane operator, machinist, machinist helper, pipe-fitter helper, painter, plasterer helper, laborer, plasterer, plasterer helper, refrigeration mechanics, brick mason, brick mason helper, gas welder, and gardener.

Teacher Pay Scales Rank Prince William Near Top

Average teachers' salaries in Prince William County were up \$38 in elementary schools and \$73 in high schools during the 1949-50 school year over the previous one. The State average was an \$85 increase at the elementary school level and a \$30 increase for high school teachers, according to the Virginia Education Association.

Elementary school teachers here received an average of \$2,029, which places Prince William 20th in the State on the elementary salary scale. Prince William high school teachers received an average of \$2,250 which ranks this County 14th from the top. Arlington and Fairfax Counties have the highest teacher pay scale in the State, the VEA report discloses. Arlington elementary teachers average \$2,912 a year and high school teachers there get an average of \$3,228. Fairfax, second highest county, pays its teachers about \$300 less in both categories.

Clarke Will Be Candidate In August

Senator Andrew W. Clarke, who has represented Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria in the Virginia Senate since 1944, today announced his candidacy for re-election subject to the Democratic Primary.

"Although the primary will not be held until August, I am making my announcement at this time because of the urging of my many friends and supporters," he said. Clarke is one of three Senate representatives on the Redistricting Commission of the General Assembly. The group is charged with the important responsibility of re-aligning not only Senate and House of Delegates districts but also United States Congressional Districts in Virginia.

Regarding his membership on the commission, Clarke declared: "It would appear from the population increase shown by the 1950 Federal census that the present 39th Senatorial District composed of Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria, is entitled to an additional senator."

"It also appears likely that Fairfax, with a population of about 100,000, probably is due for a second delegate."

Senator Clarke is a senior member of the Eighth District delegation in the Senate. Since the beginning of his second term, he has been a member of the Senate Steering Committee. He also is ranking member of the Courts of Justice Committee, and is on the Public Institutions and Education Committee; the Insurance and Banking Committee, and the Privileges and Election Committee. All are major assignments.

Senator Clarke, in addition, is a member of the powerful Finance Committee which controls all legislation carrying appropriations. At the last session, Senator Clarke was co-sponsor of a bill providing a \$45,000,000 appropriation.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. P. Kerlin Observe Golden Anniversary



By MRS. FRED SHEPHERD Sheriff and Mrs. John P. Kerlin were honored at a very lovely reception on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at the home of their son David Kerlin, who lives near Nokesville. Despite inclement weather, more than 130 people came to extend congratulations to the couple. Guests showered Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin with gifts, and many who were unable to attend sent either gifts or flowers.

Serving at the table, on which stood a beautiful golden-colored cake, were Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin's granddaughters, Mrs. Robert Cason, Miss Myrtle McMichael, and Miss Lillian Wolf, and their youngest daughter, Mrs. Harvey Abel of Triangle. Mrs. Gladys McMichael of Hyattsville, Md., and Mrs. Lillie Kerlin of Washington received the gifts. Mrs. Sarah Wolf of Kensington, Md., was in charge of the guest book, and Mrs. David Kerlin and Mrs. Harry Miller received the guests as they arrived.

One of the most important features of the anniversary celebration was the taking of many pictures some of which were pictures of the entire Kerlin family, which numbers 19, including the six grandchildren and the in-laws, all of whom were present for the occasion. The grandsons are Messrs. Richard and Robert Abel, and Lynn Wolf.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Minnie Houghton of Front Royal, sister of Mrs. Kerlin, and her

Tax Rate Increase Due For 1952 School Budget

County taxpayers are facing an increase in the tax rate of about 60 cents per \$100 in 1952 to finance next year's school budget, according to the preliminary budget estimates of Superintendent of Schools Peters.

An increase of about \$150,000 is expected in the 1952 school budget, which Peters will present to the Board of Supervisors in March. This year's budget was \$568,373.36. The additional revenue for schools will be needed to finance the temporary school buildings which Peters recommended to Supervisors last week and for teacher salary increases. In regard to the temporary buildings Peters suggested a pre-fabricated, steel frame building about the size of ordinary classrooms. Between seven and twelve of these units would be needed, he said, at a cost of about \$8,000 each. Other construction costs would raise the total cost of these buildings to about \$100,000. Contemplated teacher salary increases of \$200-\$250 for 175 teachers would total about \$40,000.

Although average life of the temporary buildings is only five years, and special permission must be granted by the State Board of Education for their use, Peters admitted the possibility that they have to be continually replaced and used permanently if the overcrowded conditions in County schools is to be solved.

With possibilities of a Nation-wide sales tax for defense expenditures established this week, prospects for a permanent building construction program for Prince William schools appeared chilly, unless citizens here would be willing to submit to double sales tax.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, long a foe of the sales tax in Virginia, suggested this week that Congress might enact a national one to ease the burden on State taxes.

News from Prince William Communities

Nokesville

By MRS. FRED SHEPHERD The Nokesville Ruritan Club held its January meeting at the Church of the Brethren on Wednesday night. A delicious supper was served by the Junior Women's H. D. Club. Guests for the evening were Commissioner of the Revenue, C. E. Gnaadt, Sgt. Wade Wetzell and Warren Hale. Capt. William F. Hale gave an interesting talk on the National Guard Unit of Prince William County, of which he and Sgt. Wetzell are members. Capt. Hale explained the importance of this unit and urged the young members of the club to give consideration to joining the County National Guard Unit.

The program consisted of a talk by Mr. Hunter Tiffany of Manassas, co-ordinator of the Civilian Defense program for the County. Mr. Tiffany impressed on the members the importance of all civilians giving freely of their time and efforts toward the defense program. The County machinery for putting the program into operation at this time has not been completed.

President Clay Wood is anxious that all committee chairmen meet with Mr. R. T. Gay within the next few weeks and set up objectives for the new year. A record of these meetings will be published in the Journal.

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Triangle

MRS. J. ALFRED ANDERSON Mrs. Virginia Anderson and children visited Mrs. Harvey Abel on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hefflin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born December 26. Mrs. Florence Walker was ill several days last week with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Penley and Mrs. George Randall visited relatives and friends in Congress Heights and Temple Hills on Sunday.

Mr. Frank Randall of Triangle and Miss Margaret Jones of Dumfries were married at the home of the Rev. Herbert S. Reamy Friday evening at six o'clock. Miss Florence Garrett of Fredricksburg has accepted a position with Cloc Motors, local Lincoln and Mercury dealers. Miss Joan Amidon spent the weekend with Miss Frances Sanford in Woodbridge. The District Deputy Grand Master O. J. Lambert of R. E. Lee Lodge No. 221 of Dumfries and staff installed officers at Gulpeper Tuesday night. Anyone having any news items please get in touch with me at this number—76-W-2. I would appreciate it greatly.

Centreville

By NORA GOOD The PTA held its regular meeting Thursday. Mrs. Morgan's fifth graders entertained us with the anniversary of Tom Thumb's Wedding. A committee was appointed to buy some equipment for the playground; Col. Van Dam, Mr. Lemon, and Mrs. Morgan are on the committee for the fashion show, which will be given some time in February.

Ed. M. Smith of the Washington Star was at the school Friday, and entertained the children with his Safety Circus. He awarded the school the Star's safety banner for having no accidents in 1950. The banner was presented to Roy Ennis, Captain of the Patrols. Mr. Mansfield was accompanied by Sergeant Shumate of the Fairfax Police.

Dr. Martz is on the sick list, and Dr. White is at the drug store in his absence. Dave Whitmer is in Arlington hospital with a broken arm; a fallen tree caused the injury. Bernard Wells of Beltsville has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claybourne Wells during the holidays. Mrs. Nora Good visited Mrs. Louise Dye on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coffman are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, born December 22. Continued on Page 5

Haymarket

By MRS. A. H. MEYER The Haymarket Women's Club meeting is postponed from January 2, to January 9, at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. A. Kerr.

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Meyer were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clements, Mr. Frank Heberle, Mr. and Mrs. Heberle, Mrs. Helen Sopp, and Mrs. Katherine Streeter of Erie, Pa. and Mrs. Margaret Pittman, Miss S. Catherine Heberle, and Mr. Philip Smith all of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Katherine Streeter, mother of Mrs. Meyer will spend the balance of the winter visiting friends in Washington and Haymarket.

Sgt. and Mrs. Jay Aucilpough and infant daughter, Gail Lorraine, have returned to their home after spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. T. Hutchison of Leesburg were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fewel Melton on Christmas Day.

Mr. Fred Lewin, William Redd, and Lucie Redd of Staunton, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. David Colner of Waynesboro, Va., visited at the home of Mrs. A. R. G. Bass recently. Mr. and Mrs. James Gillies of Quantico were also present. Continued on Page 4

Advertisement for Hibbles' Inc. located at 115 N. Main St. Manassas, Va. The ad describes their services as "The Most Expert Television and Radio Service Is Provided" and lists various electrical and repair services. It includes the phone number 76-W-2 and a website address.