

December 17, 1952

On the above date the Northern Virginia Group of Visiting Teachers held their

regular meeting in the Loudoun Community Center in Leesburg.

The morning session was devoted to the fourth and final of the series of in service training classes.

In the summation of the course Dr. Indorf referred to the basic drives of life as desire for experience, desire for recognition, and desire for mastery; that all neurotic tendencies with accompanying characteristic behavior patterns are the result of these thwarted drives or desires; if these drives were not satisfied in normal outlets, frustrations and tensions result which force release through abnormal, anti-social life patterns.

A period was given to discussion of the solution of problems presented by group members, relative to which Dr. Indorf offered the following guides especially on problems relating to sex:

1. Accept all references and inquiries relative to sex as a part of normal child development.
2. Avoid placing taboos on sex, sex relations and implications.
3. Avoid negative emphasis in relation to sex matters.
4. Correct adjustment must avoid negative reaction on child's part.
5. The child must be freed from any guilt complex in relation to sex.
6. Adults should realize that they are often guilty of that which they condemn in children and that often such condemnation is only a projection of their guilty feeling.

In conclusion Dr. Indorf presented a most interesting and enlightening film entitled "School for Parents" made for the N. B. C. Television, in which he participated as chief consultant to the parent in education and behavior. Though unheard the picture was an excellent production of its kind and received the acclaim of the group. The group expressed their whole hearted appreciation to Dr. Indorf for his most interesting and challenging series of lectures.

The afternoon session convened at 2 P. M. Following lunch at the Laurel Brigade Inn. The session was opened with devotionals by Mr. Norrell using as his topic excerpts from "The Prophet".

Mrs. Corkey of the Handley High School and Miss Wynnie Sutherland, supervisor of Secondary Education, Fairfax High School were welcomed as special guests. Due to limited time the group voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The following communications were read: From Mr. Dowell Howard to Miss Wynnie B. Sutherland in appreciation of the invitation to attend the Visiting Section of the VVA; From Mr. Davis T. Paschall in reply to a special invitation to attend December Regional Meetings; from Miss Nugler, Education Director of the Mental Hygiene Society to Miss Sutherland requesting time on the program to argue the visiting teacher personnel of teaching material and films available in the field of Mental Hygiene, which communication the secretary was instructed to forward to Miss Thelma Greenham, state president.

Mrs. Lois Harris, chairman of the program committee, distributed copies of the original tentative program as planned prior to the series of training classes and invited further discussion and additional suggestions relative to programs for the future meetings.

- Following program schedule was decided on as to time, place, speaker and topic:
- January - Wed. 21 st. at 10:00 A. M., at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Manassas, Dr. James Thorpe, Director of the Child Guidance Center, Fairfax County on Techniques of Group Therapy.
 - February - Wed. 18 th. at 10:00 A. M., at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Manassas, Members of the State Department specifying Mr. Sisson, Director of Guidance, on the Relationship of the Visiting Teacher and Guidance Programs in the state.
 - March - No regional meeting, business meeting to be called at the State Conference at Natural Bridge if necessary.
 - April - Wed. 15th. at 10:00 A. M., at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Manassas, a representative of the Educational Division of the Mental Hygiene Society to give previews of several available films and educational materials.
 - May - Wed. 20 th. at 10:00 A. M., at Dickey Ridge near Front Royal, picnic lunch, social meeting and final business session.

Mr. Worrrell, group chairman of the policies committee distributed revised copies of the purposes and policies of the Visiting Teacher program.

Mrs. Rigdon gave a resume of the State Planning Meeting, preparatory to the March conference of Visiting Teachers and Supervisors to be held at Natural Bridge. (Details of this report not recorded in minutes as final reports will be mimeographed and mailed from the State Department.)

The president also commented on proposed revisions of the monthly report form as suggested by the state committee, stating that tentative revised forms would be in the hands of the visiting teachers by Feb. to be used through May, at which time they would be subjected to a final revision, as a result of further individual suggestions.

The following committees were appointed by the president: Professional Library, Valma Copeland; Nominating Committee, Alice Hatch, Esther White, Alice Cady.

Mrs. Alice Hatch reported formulated plans for a new detention home as a result of the meeting of District VI conference of Social Workers held in Fairfax.

The following announcements were made: Meeting of the I. C. E. C. Jan. 27 th. Credit Courses are being offered through the Arlington Child Guidance Clinic by Dr. Philips on 'Problems of Childhood'.

The secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Loudoun Community College for making possible the in service training course.

Mrs. Alice Cady was given a vote of thanks for her splendid arrangement of meetings of the group in Leesburg.

No further business the president declared the meeting adjourned.

Sadie O. Embrey, Sec-treas.,
Northern Virginia Visiting Teachers

Members present:

Lois M. Harris	Louise D. Rigdon
Mary Dean Baccus	Sadie O. Embrey
Valma M. Copeland	Alice L. Cady
Esther P. White	Ernest Worrrell
Alice E. Hatch	Robertta P. Jordan
Harriett R. Gordon	Mildred Lee Grove
	Hazel Van Anden

REGIONAL MEETING - - NORTHERN VIRGINIA VISITING TEACHERS

Minutes

January 22, 1953

On the above date, the Northern Virginia Visiting Teachers held their regional meeting in the Stenwall Jackson Hotel in Manassas.

The meeting convened at 10 A. M. Mrs. Lois Harris, program chairman, introduced guest speaker, Dr. James Thorpe, Director of Fairfax Guidance Center who gave a most enlightening talk on Group Therapy.

He familiarized the group with the work of the Fairfax Guidance Clinic relative to personnel, procedure, types of referrals, and availability of services, citing two groups of parents and adolescents now receiving service.

He pointed out the advantages of group as compared to individual therapy, that group therapy was available to all classes regardless of social or economic status; that it made possible services to larger numbers; that it initiated more freedom of expression; that it was available and beneficial to teachers and guidance workers as well as parents and children; that it served both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.

Dr. Thorpe explained the nature of group therapy by citing specific cases, showing how clients reacted to each other and to the therapist, their usual freedom and frankness in discussion thus arriving at basic causes of their problem and by sharing experiences and opinions, administer as well as receive therapy.

Mrs. Harris thanked Dr. Thorpe in behalf of the group for his interesting and instructive lecture.

The afternoon session, devoted to business, was presided over by the president. Mr. Worrell opened the meeting with his usual inspirational devotional, using as his topic "Out of the Heart Come the Issues of Life".

The group voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes since copies were in the hands of each member. Noted correction was the change in the date from Wednesday, January 21st to Thursday, January 22nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The program committee, Lois Harris, Chairman, confirmed by reading the schedule of programs as set up and approved in the December meeting.

The Nominating Committee was requested to report on the slate of officers at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Copies of Dr. Indorf's lecture notes were distributed to the group as requested in previous session.

Copies of the revised constitution were also distributed by the president.

Velma Copeland, Chairman of the Library Committee, requested a clarification of her duties. It was decided that the proposed professional library consist of loaned personal books; that a recommended list of reading material be prepared by members, to be compiled by the chairman for distribution. It was further decided that a brief period on each program be devoted to book reports and reviews.

The group was requested to make a choice of photographs to accompany the write-up of the training class for publication in the V. E. A.

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NEW BUSINESS:

It was requested that each member prepare a list of suggestions for future programs to be submitted to the new program chairman.

It was also decided that a copy of the report of the in-service training class be sent to the N. E. A. for publication.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Northern Virginia Association of Guidance and Personnel Workers will be held in Fairfax High School, Tuesday, February 10th, with Dr. James Thorpe speaking on the topic "Handling the Personality Problems of Students and Employers".

The meeting was declared adjourned by the president.

Respectfully submitted,

Sadie O. Embrey, Sec.

The following members were present:

Lois Harris
Velma M. Copeland
Mary Higgins
Nelson W. Coe, Jr.
Esther P. White
Alice E. Hatch
Harriett R. Gordon

Louise D. Rigdon
Sadie O. Embrey
Alice L. Gady
Ernest Worrall
Roberta P. Jordan
Mildred Lee Grove
Hazel Van Andem
Mary Dean Baccus

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL MEETING OF THE NORTHERN VISITING TEACHERS

Meeting held at the following address on Feb. 18, 1953

On the above date the Visiting Teachers of Northern Virginia held their regular meeting in the Manassas High School. The meeting convened at 10:30. The following guests were introduced and welcomed by the president: Mr. Ralph Nagler, Guidance Director of Warren County High School; Miss Emma Ellmore, Guidance Director of Herndon High School; Miss Martha Realy, Guidance Director of Fairfax High School; Miss Winnie Sutherland and Mr. Craighill Burts, Supervisors of Secondary Education of Fairfax High School; Mrs. Ann Rullman, Guidance Director and Mrs. Elsie Snodgrass, Eight Grade Coordinator of Falls Church High School and Mr. Orange High School.

Mr. Weyrell conducted a most appropriate devotional centering on the topic 'Lives in Contrast'.

Mrs. Lois Harris, Program Chairman, introduced the guest speakers for the State Department, Dr. Francis W. Sisson, Supervisor of Guidance and Miss Virginia Sutton, Assistant Supervisor of Elementary Education.

Miss Sutton complimented the Visiting Teacher Program, expressed her pleasure at being present at this meeting.

Dr. Sisson spoke on the Relationship of the Visiting Teacher and Guidance Program, emphasizing the proper working relationship between all school personnel as essential to ideal solutions of class room problems.

In order to accomplish subideal working relationships the following are necessary:

1. Each member of school personnel must have clear concept of the problem.
2. An understanding and solution of individual problems becomes a matter of working relationship.
3. Recognition of differences of problems in guidance on a secondary and primary level.
4. That referrals not always constitute disciplinary and failing problems but general instructional goals.

Dr. Sisson then opened the meeting for general questions and discussion which centered around the following:

1. Prevention of drop-outs in high school.
2. What measures can be taken to develop non-academic minded child.
3. Extent of teacher responsibility in guidance problems.
4. Importance of development of teacher security in solution of problems.

The president expressed appreciation of the group to Dr. Sisson and Miss Sutton for their presence.

The meeting adjourned for lunch in the Coffee Shop.

The afternoon session was presided over by the president. By vote of the group the reading of minutes were dispensed with.

The group expressed regret at Mrs. Cady's illness, and suggested that individual members send cards.

Mrs. Lois Harris Chairman of Program Committee announced that previews of several available films with a representative for the Virginia Society of Mental Hygiene would constitute program for April Meeting.