

Jan. 18, 1950

The December meeting of the Northern Virginia Visiting Teachers, postponed from the 11th because of bad weather, was held on Monday, the 18th, at the Coffee Shop in Leesassas.

The meeting was opened with the group singing Christmas Carols. Then the chairman read part of the Christmas story from Luke and pointed out that we as visiting teachers may use these words as a guide.

Roll call showed the following members present:

Cady	Grove
Embrey	Van Anden
Harris	Worrell
Hatch	Maiden
Stockton	Higdon
Sutherland	White
Payne	

The minutes were read and, after several corrections, were approved. The secretary noted that mention of our luncheon guests, Miss Ossie Tipton, acting elementary supervisor for Prince William, and Miss Phyllis Naylor, exchange teacher from England, was omitted.

The treasurer's report was given.

Mr. Barnett, who was to have been our guest speaker on the 11th, was the only one who came to the meeting.

The committee on the V. T. Welfare Fund reported. Dr. Maiden brought each member a copy of a booklet containing a list of community resources for Arlington County and of the report of the April 1950 Forum on Children and Youth which was held in Arlington. Judge Brown, of the Arlington Juvenile Court, has plans for an emergency welfare fund of \$500 to \$1000 which will be handled by the court. He pointed out Chapt. 383-Acts of Assembly-1950 which gives the right to place a child under the care and protection of juvenile court. This eliminates the necessity of having him declared a delinquent. Family service of Northern Virginia, Inc. will be established by Jan. 2.

Miss Van Anden brought out that School Boards cannot use funds for welfare.

Mr. Worrell recommended that all community organizations work together and that the V. T. act as a clearing house.

The committee recommended that no fund be made available to the V. T. as such to administer, but that the V. T. encourage the establishment of such a fund in his area to be administered by an emergency community agency.

Mrs. Hatch and Miss Payne were appointed as a Welfare Committee to send cards or notes to absent or sick members.

Dr. Maiden was appointed special reporter to give and receive information on current trends.

Mrs. Higdon, chairman of the program committee, presented a revised copy of the program and asked each group to give her their topic for discussion.

Mr. Peters, superintendent of Prince William County schools, was Miss Payne's luncheon guest.

Suggestions to be made to the Program Committee for the State meeting were:

1. Have as a speaker a supervisor of V.T's. from a state, which has an outstanding record.

2. Have an exhibit of books which will be helpful to V.T's.

A committee was appointed to study procedure and planning for the V.E.A. meeting. The members of this Public Relations Committee, which is asked to report at the next meeting and to the president, the chairman of the program committee, and the state Dept., are:

Sutherland  
Harris  
Embrey

The nominating committee has asked for nominees for state officers.

Correspondence was read.

Time and place of meeting was settled. We will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Coffee Shop in Manassas at 10 A. M. The next meeting will be on January 17th.

Members of the State Dept. are to be asked to our next meeting. Some of the problems we will want discussed were listed.

1. Study monthly report. (Bring a blank copy and one that has been filled in.)
2. What can we do with/for 14 and 16 year olds who want to quit?
3. What can we do with "unteachables"?
4. Vocational rehabilitation

This group wishes to go on record as commending and complimenting the committee on the revised edition of the V.T. handbook.

At our next meeting Miss Van Anden and Miss Grove will present "Problems of Children-Defining and Dealing with Them".

The group was asked to talk to their guidance directors and find out the nature of their problems. Each member is to let his superintendent know how he feels about the state V. T. conference.

Superintendents are to be invited to the January meeting.

Miss Sutherland, a member of the state Public Relations Committee, discussed with us some of the things that came out of a meeting she attended in Richmond.

The meeting was turned over to the program chairman who presented Miss Payne and Mrs. White. For their topic, "Dating-Big Business of Youth" they presented an article from the December 1950 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine entitled If Your son or Daughter is Going Steady. This was followed by a general discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther P. White  
Secretary