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YOUR SCHOOLS AND YOU

Fourth in a series of articles bringing you information about your school system. Questions and letters relating to school problems will be welcomed. Please address your inquiries to the Editor and include your name and address.

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Attendance at school is required from the ages of six, according to the laws of the State of Virginia, and the work during the elementary school years, grade 1 through 6, is outlined in detail in the Virginia Course of Study which is issued by the State Board of Education. The teachers in the Fairlington School, under the direction of the principal, Miss Grace Hall, follow this course of study in outlining the work for the year.

The center of interest in grades 1 and 2 is: "Home, School and Community Life"; for grades 3 and 4 "Adaptation of Life to Varied Natural Environments and to Advancing Physical Frontiers"; and for grades 5 and 6 "Effects of Inventions, Discoveries and Machine Production Upon Our Living."

Further subject matter for the clarification of the teaching program is included in the section on characteristics and traits of the child and how the teacher can best develop them, as well as the handling of the academic subject matter. In this instance the program is divided into (1) The Arts; (2) Health and Physical Education, (3) Homemaking, (4) Mathematics, (5) Natural Sciences and (6) Social Sciences and Language Arts.

All 13 of the teachers on the Fairlington staff are college graduates with training in education. Some have special training in music and other subjects.

The Arlington County elementary schools have two grade supervisors who work with the teachers. One, Miss Gertrude Smith, Primary Supervisor for grades 1-3, and Miss Florence Gravitt, Elementary Supervisor for grades 4-6. Both of the supervisors hold Masters Degrees in Education from the George Washington University. Miss Gravitt also attended Harrisburg State Teachers College and both have had courses at the University of Virginia. These two supervisors help in teacher adjustment, improvement in instruction, or in many



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Left to right—Miss Jane Pitkin, Mrs. Edna Donaldson, Miss Grace Hall, Miss Florence Gravitt, Miss Gertrude Smith.

other ways both administrative and otherwise.

In addition to the help of the supervisors the teachers in the elementary schools of Arlington County also have the assistance of a Music and an Art Supervisor. Miss Jane Pitkin, the Elementary Art Supervisor, visits each classroom monthly and works with the children and consults with the teachers. Mrs. Edna Donaldson, Elementary Music Supervisor, also visits the classrooms regularly with special instruction in that field.

Miss Hall, the Principal, is proud of her teaching staff who represent seven different states and bring together the benefits of varied teaching experiences. Miss Hall has both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degree in Education from George Washington University. She has encouraged full participation of the students in school responsibilities, monitors, Student Council, Milk Boys, Cracker Girls; she has developed the lending library; she has encouraged friendship among the teachers by meeting with them regularly each month for tea, dinner, the theatre, or other entertainment.

Fairlington School, despite the rapid

turnover of staff and students, is meeting the challenge of correlating the varied backgrounds of students from all over the world and getting them to work together.

League of Women Voters Conducting Educational Survey

The Arlington-Alexandria League of Women Voters Education Committee is conducting a survey throughout Arlington and Alexandria to determine the reaction of parents to the school systems. The Fairlington League Neighborhood group is represented on this committee by Mrs. Franklin Hall. Mrs. Charles Strain and Mrs. Boyd Schaeffer are also working on the survey, which will be conducted the week of Jan. 21-26. According to Mrs. John Woodworth, Education Chairman, results of the survey will help determine the action of the League in the education field in the future.

The next meeting of the Fairlington League will be Monday evening, Jan. 28, at the home of Mrs. E. Chase, 4824 29th St., S. Anyone interested is invited to attend. U.N.O. is the subject for discussion.

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Prize Letter of the Month

We have enough points and will reluctantly leave Fairlington next month. Having been a pioneer family of 2½ years, it has given us a feeling of pride to see how Fairlington has become established. I know we have formed life-long friendships with our neighbors. No doubt because of sharing the war anxieties with each other and because we were all strangers here. Many friendships began when we did our marketing in Alexandria, changed buses at the Cannon and picked up each others oranges in the tussle. Those were chummy days in spite of the hardships of inconvenience.

Hats off to Mrs. Lilly, who spent lots of her time organizing scouting in those early days. And to Mr. DeNeale who gave the check for \$25.00 for equipment to foster scouting that fall. And to the Scout leaders who gave their time and effort so unselfishly to make a better Fairlington for our children. By the way, we of Troop 59 (Mrs. Hammett, leader) had a grand time caroling with Troop 71 (Mrs. Mullin, leader) before Christmas. Even the Daddies who took us in their cars learned "Deck the Halls" before the evening was over.

We remember that first school year when our children rode the buses to all parts of the county, the task Miss Hall had in opening the new school and her patience—with us parents!

We have received great blessings from our church work here. It was fun being block chairman for paper salvage and countless little things that made our stay in Fairlington happy—and so as we leave we just can't help it if we brush away a tear.

Sincerely,

MRS. HENRY BOTTEMILLER,
4408 Thirty-sixth St., S.

Farewell to the Bottemillers . . . and we will send them the Fairlington News at Bertha, Minnesota.

Teen-Age Tempo

Hi all you hep cats of Fairlington. This is the first edition of the "social snoop" bringing you all the goings on of the high school groups here in Fairlington. . . . On December 15th the senior J.R.C. held a Christmas Formal at the Fairlington Ballroom. . . . Everyone was there and were my eyes and ears open. . . . The Ballroom was beautifully decorated and all the girls looked lovely in their formals. . . . Phil Donald was escorted by the president, now a Western fan . . . and Betty Ann was escorted by shy but nice Bruce, also a Western fan this year. . . . Look kids, there's trouble brewing between Ann and Bill. Watch our column for further events. . . . There are loads of new kids that have just moved into Fairlington. We wish you would all come on out and join in the fun at our dances. . . . Nothing much at present except the Regimental Ball has been announced for April 20th. . . . The party at Ann's was swell and well attended. . . . The "Night Before Christmas" brought cheers from all present. . . . The Sunday afternoon "tea dance" at the Woodworths was very nice and the seniors who were there wish to thank the Woodworths very much. . . . Well, cats, it's time to close this column for this time. . . . This is your social snoop signing off. See you next month.

Dolly-Madison P.T.A. Meets February 5th

The Dolly Madison P.T.A. will meet on Tuesday, February 5th, at 8:00 o'clock in the library of the school. The program for the meeting will be a debate on the subject—"Resolved That Universal Military Training Will Benefit Our Youth."

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We have an inventor in our midst, none other than Mr. Irving Austin Goldman, who lives at 3373A S. Wakefield with his wife and children, Gerald and Beverly.

Mr. Goldman has been gaining fame in local and national newspapers for the remarkable success he has had in prosthodontics. Most recent has been the plastic helmet he has designed for little Norman Turner in North Arlington who had been suffering from scaphocephalus, a condition which prevented sufficient bone covering of the brain. Danger of head injury to the chap will be prevented by the protection of this helmet which Mr. Goldman is making from elastic colloidal dental substance. The speed, ingenuity and courage which Dr. Goldman displayed in taking the impression of the Turner boy's head won for him national fame and the deep gratitude of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Turner, who had long been searching for a remedy for this difficulty.

Only dental prosthodontist in Alexandria, Mr. Goldman has also invented an automatic compressed air gun, a ball bearing Life Pen Channel, a multiple press which will make 10 plates at a time, a split flask which will make 6 to 10 gold caps at one time.

Most timely, perhaps, has been Mr. Goldman's success with a "Robot Limb," operated through the palate with an elaborate cord equipment and muscular attachments. The foot he had developed weighs less than 5 lbs. and is ball-bearing operated. The foot adapts itself to changes of ground level, and the hand has flexible fingers with which a typewriter can be used as well as ordinary pens and pencils. In addition the hand, which is almost life-like, is fitted with artificial capillary skin which is almost human, sensitive even to degrees of heat and cold which can be instantly registered on a small gauge on the wrist closely resembling a wrist watch.

Mr. Goldman prepared for this work at the Bodee Dental Institute in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has spent 25 years in medical and dental research specializing in prosthetics. In addition he has done special work in ceramics, removable bridgework and anatomical restorations.

During the war he was civilian contractor for army work in prosthetics and did diagnostic work for the Coast Guards, and at present is doing diagnos-



Photo by Loeb

Mr. Irving Austen Goldman

tics and design of appliances for many hospitals within a radius of this city.

Mr. Goldman belongs to Alexandria Chapter of B'nai Brith 1555, Mrs. Norma Goldman has done Red Cross work in Fairlington. Gerald, who is 17 years old, is a student at Washington and Lee, where he does sports writing for the school paper as well as sending school sports reviews to the Washington papers; Beverly, 15 years old and a student at Dolly Madison, shows the only family inclination toward her dad's profession. She is interested in art, sculpturing and drawing—all of which are essential in prosthetics.

The field of artificial limbs, which has developed so rapidly since the war, has lead to the organization of a research company in the development of such inventions of which Mr. Goldman is the head. This organization is being capitalized at \$100,000 shares on which will be offered to the public early in 1946. Information regarding this organization, which will be known as the Virginia Artificial Prosthetics and Research Laboratories, Inc., may be secured by writing Mr. Irving Goldman at P. O. Box 789, Alexandria.

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Troop Topics

Cub Scout Pack 120 starts its second year in North Fairlington this month, with Fairlington Methodist Church assuming the sponsorship. A Citizens Committee, which started the Pack, was last year's sponsor.

The Pack Committee, of which Col. C. R. Mathis is chairman, will meet on the third Monday night of every month in the church basement. The Pack will continue to meet on the fourth Monday night in the Fairlington Administration Building assembly room.

The theme for January is Indian-craft. The work of the boys during the month will be exhibited at the Pack meeting.

Members of the new Pack Committee are: Col. Mathis, chairman; Joseph M. Gambatiese, cubmaster; A. T. Mace, assistant cubmaster; W. L. Korzelius, J. U. Zimmerman, Maj. W. B. Draper, H. H. Goodrich, Lieut. H. W. Perkins, C. S. Eisner, Comm. R. T. Simpson, Howard C. Payne and R. A. Golden.

Forty-two Cubs, in seven dens, were registered for 1946. The Fairlington News will carry their names in a future issue.

Troop 117—In November Dr. Charles Celier and his associate, Rover Scout Roger Aabin, the former being the Scout Commissioner for all of France, visited Troop 117. These two men were accompanied by Dean Longfellow, the Field Scout Executive of the National Capital Area Council, and Clarence Offer, Scout Executive National Capital Area Council. The French Scout Commissioner had come to America to observe our Scouting system and had come to our troop to observe a typical troop meeting. Dr. Celier had been in France during the Nazi occupation and told of his narrow escapes from the Gestapo. We were highly honored by his visit.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA meets in the homes of members in Fairlington on the second Thursday of each month at 8 P. M. Thetas interested may call: Mrs. Annette Flugger, 4824 27th Rd., S., TE. 6786, after 7 P. M.; Mrs. H. C. Carroll, 2850 S. Abingdon, TE. 1315; or Mrs. William McMunn, 4620A, TE. 9863.

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Playreaders Program on the Increase—Next Meeting January 23rd

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The next meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. January 23rd, in St. Clement's Episcopal Chapel, Seminary Road. Anyone wishing further information, or to have their names on the mailing list, should call Mrs. James Bugsbee, TE. 6433.

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The Board of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Fairlington School, with their husbands, entertained Dr. and Mrs. Abner Robertson, of Richmond, at dinner at the Laura Lee Tea Room before the meeting of January 14th. Superintendent and Mrs. Fletcher Kemp and Mrs. Bussey of the Arlington County School Board were also guests at the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hudgins and their family have left Fairlington and are now living at 1110 S. Oakcrest Rd. in South Arlington. Mrs. Hudgins gained fame and friends in Fairlington as "Beauty Counselor" representative and she is still "at your service" at her new address.

It was "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Warren Landis of 31st Street at the surprise party given on Friday evening, January 18th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bowen, 4516 S. 36th Street. Guest list included Col. Landis, Com. and Mrs. Bachelder, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eisner, Miss Janice Holsinger, and Lt. and Mrs. Norton.

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