

Williams Court News

Kindergarten Teaching Positions—Applications for Kindergarten teachers are now being accepted. Interested persons please dial EXport 79677 and ask for Mr. Ripley. The positions for teachers are for the 1956-57 term of the Williams Court Kindergarten which is in the 13th year of continued service to the Williams Court community.

Civil League—The August meeting of the Williams Court Civic League will be held the second Monday of the month beginning at 7:30 p.m. Vernon Ripley will preside.

Swimming Party—Mrs. J. B. Pace and Mrs. Frances Cooper, counselors of the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of Fairview Heights Baptist Church entertained the girls at the Marford-Marine Swimming pool July 23 at 4 p.m. The next meeting will be held August 12 at the Fairview Heights Baptist Church. The time will be announced later.

Present were Pat and Mary Alice Kay, Sue Scruggs, Ethel Hughes, Peggy Burke-Billy Cooper, Patricia Bruce, Sandra and Bently Pace.

House Party—Counselors of the Barbara Deal G. A.'s of Fairview Heights Baptist Church have entertained the members at a house party at the home of Mrs. L. S. Kay on Battery Park Road. Before retiring for the evening they enjoyed the mission study book, "Beyond the Desert." A study of the Navajo Indians and refreshments. On Wednesday the girls in a group attended the G. A. Rally at South Street Baptist Church.

Enjoying the occasion were: Eileen Kelly, Jean Kelly, Doris Daura and Patricia Riggs, Shirley Hewitt, Anne and Jane Gray, Gay Daniels, Ellen Dixon, Sandra Rhodes, Marilyn Moose, Hazel Jenkins, Barbara Cummings, Brenda Harris, Anita Spears, Judy Howell and the Barbara Deal; Counselors, R. L. Cummings and Mrs. L. O. Harris.

Missionary Society to Meet—The Eva Saunders Circle of the Women's Missionary Society of Fairview Heights Baptist Church will meet Thursday, August 2nd at Mrs. Velma Ryals, 138 Old St. at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. J. O. Nabors is the Circle Leader.

Youth of the Week—Beginning this week, this correspondent will begin a series on the outstanding youth of our community. This week we have chosen Ronnie Ryals as our boy of the week. Born in 1943, Ronnie has lived all his life in Williams Court. Son of Mrs. B. M. Ryals, he is an eighth grade student at Cradock High School. He lives with his mother and brother, Charles, at 138 Old St. Ronnie first became interested in boys' club work four years ago when he joined the Junior Police. He now holds the position of sergeant. Other clubs and offices include treasurer of the Boys Village, a counselor in the Order, Brothers of the Bow, a member of the civil defense unit and a member of the Boys Village drill team. Most important is Ronnie's church work. He is an active member of both the Sunday School and the Fairview Heights Baptist Church which he attends each Sunday. Ronnie really goes all out when helping with the various drives in Williams Court. He helped to make the Cancer Drive, Polio Drive, Heart Fund, Community Chest, Red Cross and Retarded Children's Drive a success this year. Ronnie's big love, a hobby you might say, is camping. Each Saturday night you will find him at the drink stand in the community building selling drinks to the teen-agers at the weekly dances. The proceeds are used to build more buildings at the club site in Deep Creek. It seems that Ronnie's abilities are unlimited. He played a Wise Man in the live Nativity Scene last Christmas and also sang in the Christmas Choir. He still finds time to be a newspaper boy. We could all take heart from this youth of our community who is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Boys Village Organize New Order—Vernon Ripley, founder of Boys Village, spoke to the boys at their meeting held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the community hall. The main thought of his talk was urging the boys to continue the large attendance in order to make the future Indian projects possible. Several talks were made on the new order in the Boys Village, Brothers of the Bow.

Voted as counselors of the new order were Russell Hawman, Charles and Ronnie Ryals, Wayne Atwood, Courtney Williams, Bobby Snow and Maynard Williams. Elected to serve on the dance committee were James Russ, Ronnie Ryals and Courtney Williams.

The boys plan to spend each week end from now until fall, camping in Deep Creek. Present at the meeting were: Eddie Miller, Robert and Earnest Butler, Stanley Ryan, James Louis, Courtney and Maynard Williams, Kelly Dean, Larry Lassiter, Byron Adams, Bruck Gilreath, Richard Warren, Wayne Atwood, Bobby Snow, Russell Hazlman, Ronnie and Charles Ryals, Billy Montague and the director Vernon Ripley.

Youth Dances—Parents are invited to attend the youth dances held each week in the Community hall. The dances are sponsored by the Boy's village members and are properly chaperoned. Admission is \$15c stag and 20c per couple. Boys and girls through the eighth grade in school are invited. The Saturday night dances promise to be a permanent affair. This will bring to a total of more than 1,200 boys and girls who use the community building each week for various activities.

Warning... Anyone in Williams Court or surrounding area caught with air rifles or pellet-guns using the community building windows as targets will be fined \$25 and have their guns taken.

Junior Police... Major Russell Hazlman of Boys Village was invited to speak to the members of Junior Police precinct No. 2 on the new order, "Brothers of the Bow." At the meeting Friday, July 20. Serving on Civil Defense Duty last week were: Dick Hamblin, Richard Dioette, James Lewis, Bruce Gilreath, Byron Adams, Earnest Butler, Robert Butler, Eddie Miller, Mike Seawell, Billy Montague, Louis Thebarge, Ronnie Ryals and Stanley Ryan. Captain Gordon Reamy announced another treasure hunt will be held outside the community hall next week.

The honor roll list for the week ending July 20 included James Leewis, Earnest and Robert Butler, Phil Ripley, Louis Thebarge,

Charles Ryals, Gordon Reamy, Ronnie Ryals, James Lopez, Richard Lopez, Richard Warren, Charles Warren Stanley Ryan, John Atwood, Pete Williams and Bobby Snow. Free movie passes were awarded Warren Price, Ronnie Shelton, Richard Warren, Dick Hamblin and Richard Dioette.

Peaches

Housewives come to the warehouse daily to buy the fresh fruit. The best selling days at the warehouse, Matthews said, are on the weekend.

J. L. Calhoun, a friend of Matthews', conducting reporters on a tour of the orchards, pointed out the different kinds of fruit and the expected ripening date of each.

June to September
The peach season in this area extends usually from about the first part of June through the first of September.

When they start ripening, Matthews added, "they won't wait for you."

The last bumper crop was in 1954, the year before the killing frost. With the exception of last year, the peach crop in this area has been good for the last 10 years. In fact, peaches are the best selling orchard crop in the area, according to Matthews, who also is a large apple grower.

Pickers will begin packing several varieties of apples in the next two weeks. The major apple harvest, however, begins at the close of the peach season.

In some sections, peach growers pick the fruit before it fully ripens and send it to distant markets. Since the major portion of Matthews' market is in the area of his orchard, he waits until the fruit ripens on the tree.

When the peaches are picked green they often are sent through a brushing machine which removes the fuzz. It would be impractical to do this to a ripe peach, Matthews explained, because it would bruise the fruit.

Most people during this stage of the buying season seem to prefer half-bushel size containers. Later when they start purchasing for canning purposes the bushel container will sell best.

Home Owners
Washington—More persons own their own homes in the U.S. than in any other country.



Peach Picking Time

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George Harris, a peach picker at J. C. Matthews' orchard, near Churchland, uses a stepladder to reach the summer fruit.

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