

DEFINITE STEPS TAKEN FOR INDIAN MEMORIAL

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DR. H. B. NORTH HEADS COMMITTEE TO PREPARE PLANS AND SECURE DATA

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200 ATTEND BANQUET

The proposed Indian Memorial park project of the York Conservation society and the National Youth administration was given renewed impetus last evening at a banquet held in the Hotel Yorktowne by the York Conservation society and the officials of the national, state and county NYA. Dr. H. B. North, president of the York city school board, was unanimously selected chairman of a committee to investigate and secure plans leading up to and including the establishment of the proposed York county recreational center. The additional members of the committee are Joe Kindig, Dr. George A. Myers and B. T. Root. The committee members were instructed to prepare plans and secure data on the project and were empowered to call a meeting of the society as soon as they are ready to report.

Nearly 200 persons were gathered in the banquet hall when the president of the Conservation society, Edward S. Brooks, called the meeting to order. After singing "America" and listening to the invocation by the Rev. F. W. Hofmann, dinner was served. Music was furnished during the dinner by an orchestra composed of NYA workers. Seated at the speakers' table were William S. Irwin, adult education superintendent; Mahlon N. Haines, treasurer Conservation society; Harry Z. Wilt, supervisor of county recreation; the Rev. F. W. Hofmann; Wendell Trout, superintendent NYA of York county; Dr. S. L. Gresh, district supervisor of NYA; Miss Sylvia Weckesser, superintendent of city recreation commission; D. L. Bahn, chief of fire patrols of Conservation society; Prof. William F. Wilson, county school superintendent; Dr. H. B. North, president of city school board; Roy Decker, state NYA field superintendent; Isaac C. Sutton, state director of NYA education; Walter S. Cowing, deputy state director NYA; Judge H. C. Niles, H. C. Ulmer and E. S. Brooks, president York County Conservation society. Other prominent workers introduced were Mary E. Myers, superintendent NYA of York county, and John N. Williams, project foreman NYA of York county; Mrs. C. B. Heinly, president of the Garden club, one of the most active units of the Conservation society.

There was a large representation of Rotarians, Lions, Kiwanis, Quota, Exchange, Civic Advancement and other service clubs present.

H. C. Niles, president judge of the York county courts, was the toastmaster for the evening, who was introduced by President Brooks. Mr. Niles states the purpose of the gathering and introduced the speaker of the evening.

Isaac C. Sutton, state director of the NYA, stated that the Conservation society, together with the York County Historical society, would excavate in the region of "Indian Steps" cabin in the near future. "Indian Steps" cabin is the end of the trail of the proposed Memorial park, which the authorities want the state to purchase. The reason for the excavation is to substantiate the records of Indian history. The subject of his address was "Indian History in Pennsylvania." Other speakers were Roy M. Decker, state director NYA, who spoke on "The Indian Memorial Project." He was followed by Walter S. Cowing, deputy state director NYA, who explained why the NYA in this state occupies the foremost position in the country in fulfilling the purpose of the organization. H. C. Ulmer and Mahlon N. Haines also made a few remarks urging persons to join in the work by becoming active members of the Conservation society. All the speakers were enthusiastic for the project.

The feature of the evening was the illustrated address of William L. Finley, field naturalist of the American Nature association, author, writer and photographer of wild life. The speaker illustrated his talk with four reels of motion pictures of animals, birds and wild life. The first was "Streams," showing the great salmon harvest on the Columbia river in the state of Washington, depicting the characteristics of the wily salmon on its journey to spawning grounds, many of which are caught in pools and rushing waters. The second reel depicted "Forests" and their destruction, causing fires and later soil erosion. "Marshlands" was the title of the third reel and "Wild Fowls" was the last picture shown. The pictures and address were educational and were well received.

COMMITTEE HEAD FOR INDIAN PARK

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Dr. H. B. North Is Chosen
Chairman Of County Recreation Project

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BANQUET LAST NIGHT

Dr. H. B. North, president of the York school board, was unanimously appointed chairman of a committee to investigate and make secure all plans leading up to and including the establishment of Indian Memorial Park, the proposed project of the York County Conservation society and the National Youth administration. Mr. North's appointment was made by one hundred and fifty persons gathered at a banquet at the Hotel Yorktowne last evening for the express purpose of creating a county recreation center.

In his address, Isaac Sutton, state director of the NYA, mentioned that the Conservation society, together with the York County Historical society, would excavate in the region of Indian Steps Cabin in the near future. Indian Steps Cabin is the end of the trail of the proposed Memorial Park, which the authorities want the state to purchase. The reason for the excavation is substantiation of the records of Indian history.

Finley On Conservation

The principal speaker of the evening was William L. Finley, field naturalist of the American Nature association, whose interesting il-

lustrated lecture on "Conservation" was eagerly received with very audible response and enthusiasm.

Among the notable guests attending the banquet were William S. Irvin, assistant supervisor of the Adult Education program, WPA; Harry Z. Wilt, project head of the recreational division of WPA; Mahlon N. Haines, treasurer of the Conservation society; Miss Sylvia Weckesser, superintendent of the city recreation commission; Dr. S. L. Gresh, district supervisor of the NYA; Prof. William F. Wilson, superintendent of York county schools; Wendell Trout, local NYA supervisor, and John Williams, chief hiker and trail finder.

The chairman of the meeting was the president of the Conservation society, E. S. Brooks, who introduced the toastmaster, John Henry C. Niles.

Economic Phase

Roy Decker, state NYA field supervisor of rural projects, and connected with the Extension Service of State college, stressed the economic phase of creating a Memorial Park, showing what advantages it would have

to the businesses of York and York county, through visitation by tourists.

During the meeting, prominent notice was given Mrs. C. B. Heinly, president of the Garden club, one of the most active units of the Conservation society. Mahlon Haines made a solicitation speech for membership to the organization.

H. C. Ulmer, executive secretary of the Conservation society, who has been cooperating with Mr. Trout, of NYA, in the promotion of the proposed project, gave several remarks concerning Indian history and introduced Mr. Finley to the assembled gathering.

The other speaker on the program was Walter S. Cowing, deputy state director of NYA for Pennsylvania, who explained why the NYA in this state occupies the foremost position in the country in fulfilling the purposes of its organization. He lauded the record of Isaac Sutton, the state director, in organizing the maintaining the extensive program for the youth of Pennsylvania.