

Paper A East Northfield, Mass., Aug. 18, 1942

The annual meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association was held on the above date at 3 P. M. at the home of Rev. Mr. W. H. Des Jardins on Heath Lane. The President, Dr. A. L. Berger, called the meeting to order. In the absence of the recording secretary, Mr. Francis J. Jones, Miss Dorothy Bruce was chosen secretary pro tem. The meeting was led in prayer by Dr. J. S. Peacock.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report, given by Mr. Des Jardins, showed that total receipts for the year to date were \$1059.80 and total expenditures were \$437.59, leaving a balance on hand of \$622.24.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read, and appreciation was expressed for the excellent work of Mr. Des Jardins.

The following recommendations of the Executive Committee were read:

1. That the Ridge Tax for 1942-43 be

based on 1% of the assessed valuation of property as heretofore.

2. That the agent for the Ridge for 1942-43 be Rev. Mr. Wm. Liebel and that he be paid the total sum of \$25 in semi-annual payments in advance; if a vacancy occurs, that the Ridge presidents be authorized to appoint a successor.

3. That a committee be appointed to petition the federal government for the delivery of mail along North Lane from June to September inclusive to all residents of Rustic Ridge.

4. That the Association extend a vote of thanks to the town of Northfield for cooperation in taking over the ownership and maintenance of the road extending from North Lane along Rustic Way, etc. to Holly Ave.

It was voted that these recommendations be acted upon serially.

The first recommendation was re-

read. The Rev. Mr. W. Deissler moved that the tax be an equal amount levied on each member of the Association. Dr. J. L. Peacock seconded the motion, and considerable discussion followed, pro and con. The treasurer explained that the average annual cost was approximately \$9.25 per member and that the expenditures this year, \$437.59, were barely covered by the amount actually collected for this year's tax - \$437.70.

Mr. A. G. Moody then ^{proposed} made this amendment to the original recommendation: - namely, that the matter of at least partial equalization of taxes for another year be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration, but that the tax for 1942-43 be as heretofore, on the basis of 1% of the assessed valuation. Seconded and carried unanimously.

It was then moved and seconded

that it be considered the sense of the meeting that the above action be considered a substitute for the previous motion made by Mr. Weisler. Carried.

Recommendation nos. 2⁺³ were accepted.

It was moved and seconded that request for the delivery of mail along the new town road extending from North Lane to Holly Ave. be included in the petition to the federal government. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. A. G. Moody be included with the Executive Committee ^{as Chairman} to implement the above petition. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. A. G. Moody be authorized to secure the signatures to the above petition of such permanent residents of the town of Northfield as he deems advisable. Carried.

Recommendation no. 4 was accepted.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be sent to the trustees of Northfield Seminary, ~~also~~, for their contribution to the improvement of roads in the Pine Grove Addition. Carried.

The reports of the various standing committees were given as follows:

1. Hospitality - Mrs. Harriette Bruce, chairman reported orally on the successful work of this committee.
2. Mosquito - Mrs. Edna Jenkins, chairman reported orally that the original plans for draining the pond had not been possible to carry out. No oil had been laid, but Mr. Desjardins did considerable work, personally, to effect partial drainage of the pond. The rainy season contributed largely to the oversupply of mosquitoes.
3. Milk - Miss Lucy Jackson, chairman, reported orally. No visits had been possible, but reports testifying

To the good condition of both dairies supplying the Ridge were submitted by G. F. Tenney and Thos. Russell.

4. Neighborhood - In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev. Mr. D. O. Cowles paid tribute to those who had died during the year:

an aunt of Rev. Mr. P. B. Holloway.

Miss Duncan, Mr. H. W. Doremus, and Dr. C. C. Woodruff, our former president. Mr. Cowles gave his personal reminiscences of Dr. Woodruff. The members joined in meditation, followed by prayer led by Dr. Wm. H. Bollman.

5. Road. - In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, the report was given by Mr. Des Jardins. The committee reported on the favorable action of the town of Northfield on the petition presented at the annual town meeting in February. Securing easements from all property owners along the road was a task finally carried through success-

fully, and gratitude was expressed for the services of Mr. Berger and Mr. A. G. Moody. The request to the trustees of Northfield Seminary for cooperation in the work of road improvement bore results, also, in the expenditure by them of \$50. for work in the Pine Grove Addition. The work planned by the committee was curtailed by the lack of oil, but a gravel bed was laid on Pine Road and other repairs were made. It was recommended that only emergency repairs be made "for the duration". Special thanks were given to all who contributed to the road fund and to the ladies who conducted social events for the benefit of the fund.

The gratitude of the association was voted to both Mr. Duncan and Mr. Des Jardins for their valuable services on this committee.

c. Waste Removal. - Mrs. C. W. Wright, chairman, reported orally that the

usual number of collections had been provided for.

7. The auditing committee reported through its chairman, Rev. Mr. Philip T. Phelps on the excellent condition of the books.

8. Social - Miss Mabel Livingston, chairman, reported on the success of the two projects, a social and a food sale, already held this year, and announced two more to come: a dramatic reading by Mrs. Wm. Bollin, and a White Elephant Sale.

It was moved and seconded that all the above reports be accepted. Carried.

The report of the Ridge agent was read by the secretary in the absence of Mr. Jide. This report noted that conditions have not been favorable this season for the rental of cottages.

This report was accepted.

Dr. Berger read his report for the year. Reference was made to the long list of accomplishments and improve-

ments gained by the Association ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ past years. The excellent work of various officers and committee members was recognized, and plans for the future benefit of Ridge members were suggested.

Mr. Berger's report was accepted and thanks expressed for his services.

It was moved and seconded that the Neighborhood Committee, previously known as the Condolence Committee should henceforth be called the Committee on Necrology.
Carried.

Mr. Deo Jardius explained that directories of the Ridge prepared by him could be had by all who had contributed \$1.00 to the road fund, or could be purchased for 17¢, the cost. It was voted that all who had contributed through any of the affairs sponsored by the Social Committee should also be entitled to a copy.
Carried.

Attention of members was called to the necessity for caution in driving

up and down North Lane.

Attention was called to the rule of the Association requesting quiet after 10:30 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded that the rules of the Ridge Association be read at every annual meeting. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee be authorized to make any necessary revisions in the rules. Carried.

Miss Lauber offered to mimeograph additional copies of the rules. Her offer was gratefully accepted.

It was voted that copies of the rules be given to the Ridge agent to be distributed to all renters.

It was moved and seconded that the town of Northfield be requested to make such improvements as are necessary to secure greater visibility at the intersection of North Lane and Birnam Road. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the matter of improving the corner by Miss Curtis's cottage at the intersection of West Lane and Rustic Way be referred to the Road Committee. Carried.

The chairman of the nominating committee, Dr. W. D. Anderson, presented the following report: Dr. Peacock presided (see attached sheet.)

The report was accepted and those ~~nominated~~ ^{ated} were unanimously ~~accepted~~ ^{electd}.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Des Jardins.

Mrs. L. B. LaBella invited the Association to meet at her home, Sumar Lodge, in 1943.

During the serving of refreshments, Dr. J. F. Peacock entertained the members with reminiscences of the past twenty-five years on the Ridge. Dr. Berger announced an Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Bruce, Sec. Protea