

The Manassas Journal

DISTINGUISHED VETERAN DIES

Nephew of Davis—Color-Bearer of Jackson—Joins Comrades in Great Beyond.

In the death of Mr. Thomas Archie Thomason, which occurred at his home on Sudley Road, Friday, January 5, Prince William county loses one of her most distinguished citizens.

Mr. Thomason not only held the distinction of being a nephew of Jefferson Davis, erstwhile President of the Confederate States, but of being a color-bearer of Stonewall Jackson. These facts are not generally known as the deceased, being of a quiet and unobtrusive nature, was not given to talking of himself or family.



He was born in Missouri March 23, 1835, being in his eighty-seventh year at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. E. E. Blough officiating, while the body of the old soldier was tenderly borne to its last resting place by his six grandsons, John Woodyard, Chester, Bruce and Ford Stephens, Otho Thomason and Humphrey Speakes.

The deceased is survived by his widow and ten children, Mr. J. F. Thomason, of Baltimore; A. D. Thomason, of Alexandria; E. R. Thomason, of Haymarket; W. T. Thomason and Ashby Thomason, of Manassas; and Mrs. D. H. Holsinger, Mrs. J. S. Speakes, Mrs. E. R. Woodyard, Mrs. M. L. Stephens and Mrs. William Pearson, all of Manassas.

RADIOPHANS ENJOY GAME

Report of Football in California Heard Here.

A number of radiophans in Manassas had the pleasure of "listening in" on a report of the football game between Pennsylvania state and the University of California, played on New Year's day at the latter place.

The game which was called about 3:30 p. m., Pacific time, being 6:30 p. m. here, was reported through station K. D. K. A. at Pittsburgh, played by play, from the football park at Pasadena.

According to the announcer, about 7:30 p. m., eastern time, the sun was just going down in California. This together with the fact that the announcer had a most graphic manner of describing each play, gave his listeners a truly uncanny feeling.

LOWER LOUDOUN AND PRINCE WILLIAM

Mrs. Beasley, of Portsmouth, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Carruthers, of Hickory Grove.

Mrs. P. B. Reid, of Lenah, left Thursday to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Lanham, of Luenette.

Mrs. Carroll Hutchison, teacher of Aldie high school is on the sick list.

Mr. George S. Gulick, of G. W. U., returned to Washington to resume his studies at the university.

Mr. F. M. Reynolds, of Lenah, continues quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Burton brought their infant son from the Loudoun Hospital on Saturday last where it had been for treatment for the past two weeks.

"FEDDING THE CAPITAL"

Washington has a gigantic appetite, as statistics from a Department of Agriculture scientist show. Nearby Virginia and Maryland play a large part in supplying the city's food demand—but just how large a part? Read this intensely interesting article in The Washington Star, Sunday, January 14. Order your copy from news-dealer today.

"THEY WERE FIFTY-FIFTY MEN"

Thieves Enter Cellar of Mr. Martin Lynch on Tuesday Night.

On Tuesday night 11 o'clock, while Mr. Martin Lynch, a young farmer living near town, was reading in his home he heard a slight noise coming from the direction of the barn. Thinking there might be some disturbance among the horses, Mr. Lynch thought it safest to investigate, but finding nothing amiss he returned to his book.

Next morning to his astonishment he found that robbers had visited him during the night and had carried off a large quantity of meat, several bags of potatoes and onions and some canned fruit. The meat he had kept in a building near the house, but the other articles he had stored in the cellar, which leads Mr. Lynch to believe that the robbery was committed by those familiar with the place.

"They were strictly 50-50 men," remarked Mr. Lynch in a recent interview; "they gave me a square deal by leaving about one half of my provisions."

STOCKHOLDERS ELECT DIRECTORS

National Bank of Manassas and Peoples National Bank Hold Annual Meetings.

National Bank of Manassas.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Manassas, held in the directors' room on Tuesday, the following directors were elected: C. E. Nash, E. R. Conner, R. A. Hutchison, H. W. Herring, O. C. Hutchison, Thos. H. Lion, A. S. Robertson, Chas. R. McDonald, R. S. Hynson, Westwood Hutchison, T. O. Latham, O. E. Newman and W. Holmes Robertson.

After the adjournment of the stockholders, the board of directors held a meeting and elected the following officers: Charles R. McDonald, president; Westwood Hutchison, vice-president; and Harry P. Davis, cashier.

At the noon hour the meeting was adjourned and a banquet held at the New Prince William Hotel, which consisted of the following menu: Chicken broth with rice, fried spring chicken, country ham, mashed potatoes, peas, candied sweet potatoes, asparagus on toast, sliced tomatoes with mayonnaise, hot rolls, mince and pumpkin pies, fresh strawberry ice cream, fruit and pound cake and coffee.

Peoples National Bank of Manassas

The stockholders of the Peoples National Bank of Manassas, held their annual meeting at the bank building, on Tuesday morning, January 9, at 11 o'clock, at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. H. Brown, president; G. M. Ratcliffe, vice-president; G. Raymond Ratcliffe, cashier. Directors: Wm. H. Brown, A. A. Hooff, I. E. Cannon, G. M. Ratcliffe, C. A. Sinclair, George D. Baker and J. J. Conner.

GAINESVILLE

Judge Love, of Washington, was the week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. Bella Hite.

Miss Nellie Cave, of the Childrens Hospital, Washington, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Messrs. H. Thornton Davies, Bruce M. Whitmore and J. J. Conner, of Manassas, made a business trip to Gainesville on Tuesday.

Miss Helen Arthur has returned from a visit to New York. Miss Arthur was a member of a luncheon party given by Mrs. J. J. McGlove, at the Ritz Carlton.

Mr. Contee Meredith, of Washington, was a week-end guest at Greenwood farm.

Mr. Homer Hefflin has been confined to his home with an attack of grip.

The League held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. It was decided to raise funds to purchase a victrola for Gainesville school.

Mrs. Homer Hefflin attended the funeral of her only brother, Register Woolf, in Washington on Monday. Mr. Woolf died at Clifton Forge on Thursday last.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their annual celebration of the birthdays of Lee and Jackson at the Parish Hall, on January 19, at 7:30 p. m. A program consisting of music, readings and short talks has been prepared. The public is most cordially invited to attend and to assist the chapter in honoring the memory of our worthy chieftains.

THE JOURNAL'S SPECIAL EDITION

A Copy Published May 19, 1911, is On File in the State Library in Richmond.

Some time ago our townsman, Mr. M. Bruce Whitmore, while seeking information concerning the early history of Manassas, wrote to the state librarian at Richmond. A few days later he received the following reply, which he, in complimentary mood, forthwith passed on to us:

"Richmond, Va., Jan. 5, 1923. "Mr. M. Bruce Whitmore,

"Manassas, Va. "My dear Sir:—Miss Jones, our library organizer, told me when she returned to the library the other day that you were anxious to secure information in reference to Manassas.

"I regret to say that we do not have in the Virginia State Library any history of Prince William county or of Manassas.

"The completest thing that we have is a copy of the special edition (40 pages) of the Manassas Journal for May 19, 1911. We have only one copy of this, however, and cannot allow it to leave the library.

"Very truly yours, "H. R. McILWAINE, State Librarian.

EASTERN COLLEGE NOTES

Eight States Are Now Represented in Student Body.

Special Reporter

On Tuesday last Eastern College Conservatory reopened after the Christmas holidays.

Teachers and students representing Georgia, Mississippi, Michigan, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Illinois are all back in their places much improved by the intermission.

The students are busily engaged preparing for the coming examinations the last of the month which will close the first semester courses. They are also actively engaged in preparing for some inter-collegiate contests in basketball, with the following schedule: Temple College, in Philadelphia, January 20; Martha Washington here, February 3; Lynchburg here, February 2; Bridgewater here, February 10, and the return game with Temple here on February 17.

But Eastern does not know defeat in the field of athletics, hence we are looking forward to our victories, hoping that there is no "Waterloo" ahead of us.

WATERFALL

Baltimore, were New Year guests of Miss Sadie Howdershell, of Washington, and Miss Gertrude Smith, of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith.

Mr. Addison L. Bond, of Washington, was the guest of relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald spent the holidays in Washington with Mrs. Ashby Flynn.

Mr. Lee Mayhugh, of Camp Humphries, was the guest of friends here last week.

Misses Florence and Pauline Gosson, of Mt. Atlas, and Mr. Wallace Shumate were in Washington Saturday to see "Pride of Polomar."

Mr. Barton Padgett, who has been living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Clark, for several years, left on Monday for Washington. He expects to accept a position in Baltimore later.

Miss Bertha Hibbs, who spent the Christmas vacation at her home at The Plains, has returned to her school here.

Mrs. W. M. Foley was in Washington Monday to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Register Woolf, of Clifton Forge, who died in that city, Thursday, following an operation.

Miss Frances Kibler, who has been visiting relatives in Washington, has returned to "Poplar Hill."

The W. M. U. of Antioch met on Wednesday afternoon at "Mt. Atlas" the home of Mrs. R. B. Gosson.

Services will be conducted at Antioch Sunday at 11 a. m., and on the preceding Saturday at 3 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. V. H. Council. Members are urged to attend the Saturday meeting.

The County Farmers Union at its December meeting elected the following officers for 1923: R. L. Kane, president; R. L. Lewis, vice-president; J. H. Dodge, secretary-treasurer; and a board of directors consisting of the above officers and F. M. Swartz, S. C. Harley and R. L. Wheeler.

HOUSE RAIDED—WHISKEY SEIZED

Chief Offender Makes Escape As Officers Approach House—Accomplice Arrested.

Prohibition officers are using great diligence in enforcing the law as is evidenced in the numerous raids which have been made throughout the county within the past year. The latest is that of Wednesday, made on the home of Frances Thorn, a colored woman living about a mile and a half east of Manassas, by Constable Bodine, Deputy Sheriff Kerlin and Sergeant Miller, with the result that five gallons of liquor and two barrels of mash were unearthed, but as yet no still has been discovered.

It is alleged that those supposed to be most implicated in the manufacturing of the aforesaid liquor, are the Thorn woman and one Shirley Williams, better known as "Mouse." The latter seeing the approach of the officers at a distance and realizing that their coming boded him no good, made haste to get away, not even stopping for coat or hat.

Unable to give the required bond of \$500, the woman has been lodged in the county jail.

WIDOW OF LATE VETERAN DIES

Mrs. Maggie Keys Passes Away At Home of Her Son in Brentsville.

Mrs. Maggie Keys, widow of the late R. A. Keys, a Confederate veteran, died at the home of her son, Mr. L. F. Keys, in Brentsville, on January 7, after an illness of about a month. Her death was due to the infirmities of age, she being in her 85th year.

The deceased was married to Mr. Robert A. Keys in Alexandria in 1862 from which union was born five children, four sons and one daughter, namely, John T. Keys, J. M. Keys, R. H. Keys and J. F. Keys, all of Brentsville, and Mrs. John Weeks, of Fairfax C. H., all of whom survive her together with seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Cooke at the Union Church at Brentsville, her body being laid to rest in the family burying ground at that place.

The many beautiful flowers were a token of the esteem in which she was held in the neighborhood.

FAIR VIEW

Miss Nora O'Meara, of lower Loudoun, has just returned to her home from a visit in Fairfax.

Mrs. William Bloxham, of near Fair View, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eddie Damude, in Washington.

Mr. John Fairfax, of lower Loudoun, was a Catharpin visitor on Saturday.

Mr. Dave Kyle has recently accepted a position as guard for the state convicts now working on the Little River pike.

Mr. Raymond O'Meara was a visitor at the home of Mr. John Fairfax on Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Fanceller, who has been quite ill, has recently been conveyed to the Loudoun Hospital, where she is much improved in health. She expects to return to her home within a few days.

ROLL OF HONOR

The following is a roll of honor for Duffries high school for month of December 1922:

First Grade—Alvin Austin, Jack Reid.

Second Grade—Marian Reid.

Third Grade—Archie Keys.

Fourth Grade—Thomas Clarke, Donald Crawford, Bernard Kinchelee, Gilbert Kinchelee, Katherine Merchant, Margaret Keys.

Fifth Grade—Louise Grigsby, Maxine Rison, Aileen McInteer, Ernest Reid, jr.

Sixth Grade—Mary Harrison, Mabel Anderson, Winter Keys, Fewell Watson.

Seventh Grade—Irma King, Iola McInteer.

First Year—Roy Flaylor.

Second Year—Hazel Watson, Emmit Keys, Isabelle Rison, George Waters, Kenneth Kinchelee.

By mistake, Winter Keys and Fewell were left out of November 1922.

THE JOURNAL—\$1.50 the year—and worth the difference—compare!

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

Interesting Program—Rendered at the Home of Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. J. H. Dodge, Secretary. The Presbyterian Missionary Society met January 9, at the home of Mrs. George B. McDonald. The meeting opened with the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee," followed with prayer by Mrs. J. J. Murphy.

Mrs. Hodge selected her devotional discourse from Philippians 13:14, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto the things which are before." Central thoughts, "Forgetting and Reaching Forth."

The topic for the meeting was, "Work among Foreigners" with Mrs. F. R. Saunders as leader. Among the interesting articles read by the members were: "Budget and Boys, not Forgetting Girls;" "What Shall I Give to Missions;" "Little Stories of Chinese Childlife;" "The Church, the Greatest Industry in the World," and "The Perfect Gift Christ our Saviour." The meeting closed with the Doxology.

ANOTHER FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Cora Bonner Porter Dies of Typhoid Fever in Riverside, California, Dec. 28th.

Mrs. Cora Viola Portis, wife of Mr. Charles R. Portis, died on December 28, at a hospital in Hewit, California, after an illness of three weeks, her death being the result of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Portis, who will be remembered here as Miss Cora Bonner, was the eldest daughter of Mrs. Mary Caroline Bonner and the late Luther D. C. Bonner. She was born on February 26, 1879, at what is known as the Goodie farm near Manassas, and spent the early years of her life here, having only moved to Braddock, Va., where her mother still lives in 1912. Two months later she went to Riverside, California, to be with relatives and while there met Mr. Portis to whom she was married March 24, 1917.

The deceased, who was a woman of strong christian character, was a zealous worker in the cause of missions in the Presbyterian Church of which denomination she had been a member since girlhood.

Besides her husband she leaves twin children, Norman Edward and Mary Elizabeth, four years old and Edna Mae, twenty months old; her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Bonner; one sister, Mrs. Norman Evans, of Braddock, and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

BRENTSVILLE

Mrs. Margaret Keys, aged 84 years and nine months, died at the home of her son, Mr. Fatey Keys, last Sunday night. Rev. J. R. Cooke held the funeral services in the Union Church here Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the family burying ground. Her sons, R. H. Keys, J. M. Keys, J. R. Keys and Fatey Keys, who are all residents of this place survive her and one daughter, Mrs. John Weeks, of Fairfax.

Mr. Herman Lam is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Dora Lam was called to Warrenton Monday by the illness of her nephew, Master Richard Gray, jr.

Most of our residents and neighbors are afflicted with an epidemic, called flu-grippe, hardly a family escaping, and a number are under the doctor's care. We hope for their speedy recovery.

Mrs. A. L. Huffman is nursing the family of her brother, Mr. Sailor Deihl in the Valley View neighborhood.

Mr. John Seymour and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Varner last Sunday.

Miss Hazel Young, who attends high school in Manassas, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Paul Cooksey.

The Clifton Baptist are rejoicing over the fact that their church has become independent of the State Board and self-supporting. The pastor, Rev. Charles H. Fry, has been serving four churches for the past four years, but will now devote all of his time in the Clifton field. At Christmas time the members of the church and his friends presented him with forty dollars, which shows the splendid fellowship that exists between pastor and people.

CULMINATION OF YOUTHFUL LOVE

Love Affair of Popular Young Couple Had Beginning in School Days.

The chief social function of the past week was the wedding of Miss Mabel Ann Lyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lyon, of Washington, and Mr. Douglas H. Lion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Lion, of Manassas, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Lyon on Bristow road in West Manassas, on Sunday afternoon, January 7, at 4 p. m.

The bride, who is a beautiful brunette, was becomingly gowned in gray satin crepe trimmed in silver and rose, with silver hat and slippers to match. Her only ornament a corsage bouquet composed of pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley.

At the first strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson, the bride elect descended the stair at the foot of which she was met by the groom who led her to an improvised altar of banked ferns, before which they stood while Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, pronounced them man and wife.

After the ceremony a two-course luncheon was served, the following guests being present: Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lyon, of Washington; parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lyon, also of Washington, brother and sister-in-law of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Lion, Miss Ethel Lion and Miss Florence Lion, parents, sister and aunt respectively, of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell Bennet, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hynson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lynn Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jamison, Misses Daisie Hill Brown and Dorothy Johnson, Mrs. Stuart Pattie, Mrs. William Leachman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Ratcliffe, Dr. C. R. C. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. W. Fewell Merchant, Miss Mattie Athey and Miss Lanier Moran, all of Manassas.

Later in the evening, the bride having changed to a handsome traveling suit of brown crepe-knit, with accessories to match, left with her husband for their new home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mr. Lion is engaged in the insurance business.

The Journal wishes to join with their many friends in wishing them much happiness in their new life.

MASONIC OFFICERS INSTALLED

Wedding Present Presented to Retiring Worshipful Master.

At a stated communication of Manassas Lodge, No. 182, A. F. & A. M., held on Friday night, January 5, the following officers were installed: C. A. Sinclair, worshipful master; James R. Larkin, senior warden; Geo. B. Cocke, junior warden; W. M. Haydon, senior deacon; R. M. Jenkins, junior deacon; G. Raymond Ratcliffe, treasurer; J. E. Rice, secretary; A. G. McMillian, tiler; A. Stuart Gibson, chaplain; G. Walker Merchant, and G. C. Allen, stewards.

At this meeting J. L. Moser and S. Shipp were raised to the most sublime degree of master masons.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a set of silver salad forks, a delayed wedding present to Mr. M. M. Ellis, retiring worshipful master.

JUNIOR WORKERS REORGANIZE

(Roxie Ennis, Reporter)

The Junior Workers met on January 5, and reorganized with nine members and the following officers; Milton Wells, president; Frances Berryman, vice-president; Christine Berryman, secretary, Roxie Ennis, reporter.

After the singing of the songs, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Old Kentucky Home," "America the Beautiful" and "Brighten the Corner," the program closed with the yells number 4, 11 and 12 to meet again on the first Friday in February.

FARM LOAN OFFICERS ELECTED

The Prince William National Farm Loan Association met in Manassas on Tuesday, January 9; President G. D. Springer; vice-president, W. G. Covington; secretary-treasurer, C. E. C. Johnson. The directors are the above officers and F. Ashby Lewis, J. J. Conner, Henry Slusher and E. E. Cornwell.

The secretary-treasurer reported that the association now numbers one hundred members with loans of \$325,000.